E. Berniece Berger  Date of Death 1/1/2009

NAPANEE — E. Berniece Berger, 90, of Nappanee, died Thursday, Jan. 1, 1009 at LuAnn Nursing Home at 8:30 a.m. after a short illness.

She is survived by four daughters: Ann (Kenneth) Heckaman of Nappanee, Lynn Whittenberger of Matteson, Ill., Janice (James) Fackler of Syracuse and Margaret Bell of Matteson, Ill.; two sons: Steven (Connie) Berger of Wallingford, Vt. and William Berger of Foraker; a brother, Wendell Fisher of Nappanee; 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009 at Thompson-Lencgacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main St.

Funeral services will take place Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Nappanee United Methodist Church.

Burial will follow at South Union Center Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the LuAnn Nursing Home, Nappanee.

Thomas Allen Lehiy  Date of Death 1/1/2009

PLYMOUTH — Thomas Allen Lehiy, 46, died, following a brief illness, at his residence on Upas Road, Plymouth, at 8:15 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009.

Only 46 years old, Tom lived his life to the fullest and will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

Tom was born in Plymouth on Jan. 12, 1962, the son of Carl and Betty Sickmiller Lehiy. He attended Plymouth High School and graduated with the class of 1981.

He enlisted in the United States Navy after graduation and remained on active duty until 1986. He was a heavy equipment operator for Rock Industries for more than 20 years.

On Sept. 30, 2006, Tom and Karen Allen were married in Hamlet.

Tom loved to fish and bowl and was in a Sunday night bowling league. But mostly, Tom enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

He was a sports fan and spent many hours watching football and attending Plymouth Speedway. He was a member of the V.F.W. and the United States Bowling Association.

Tom is survived by his wife and his mother, both of Plymouth, and by a son, Thomas Allen Lehiy, Jr., in Pennsylvania; and a daughter, Hanna Marie Lehiy, of Plymouth.

A brother, Brian Lehiy and a sister, Patricia Hoover, both of Plymouth, also survive.

Tom was preceded in death by his father and a sister, Darla.

Friends are invited to share their memories of Tom with his family Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009, from 3 to 7 p.m. and after 7 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 5, 2009, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Tom will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 5, 2009, in the funeral home. DeWayne Smith will officiate.

Military graveside honors will be accorded Tom at New Oakhill Cemetery.
Patricia J. Dobrunst  Date of Death 1/2/2009

BREMEN — Patricia J. Dobrunst, 67, of Bremen, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2009 at 2:36 a.m. at the Community Hospital of Bremen.

She is survived by two daughters: Kim (Dan) Miley of Osceola and Kristy (Greg) Williams of Bremen; a son, John Dobrunst of Bremen; seven grandchildren and a brother, Doug Stanifer of Bremen.

Visitation will take place from noon until the time of services Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009 at Mishler Funeral Home, 2030 St. Rd. 331, Bremen.

Funeral services will take place Sunday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home with burial to follow at Bremen Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bremen Girls Softball League.

Electronic condolences may be made to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhome.com .

Norman L. Miller  Date of Death 1/2/2009

Norman L. Miller, 80, died Jan. 2, 2008 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire, Wis., surrounded by his loving family. Norman was born in Argos on March 30, 1928 to Roy and Mojeska Miller. He served in the United States Army from April 30, 1946 to June 25, 1952. He attended the Army Security Agent School, served as a crypto-graphic repairman, and obtained the rank of master sergeant. Norman proudly received a World War II victory medal, Occupation Medal (Japan), Good Conduct Medal and Korean Service Medal with 5 bronze service stars.

After being discharged from the US Army he began his career at ATT as a network operations supervisor for more than 25 years until his retirement. Norman enjoyed his retirement years at his cottage on Little Platte Lake in Honor, Mich. He loved to fish, play Euchre and spend time with his family and friends. Norman loved animals, especially the neighborhood dogs who visited him on a regular basis.

He is survived by his four children: Miles (Jacquee) Miller of London, Ohio, Dana (Dan) Smetana of Eau Claire, Wis., Kent (Shelly) Miller of Walworth, Wis., Ryan Miller of Minneapolis, Minn. And his ex-wife and close friend Connie Miller of Eagan, Minn. He will also be missed by his sister, Melba Jane Kreighbaum of Plymouth, and grandchildren: Heath (Shannon), Blake, Amy, Jennifer, Tierney, Nick, Devin as well as four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his infant child Roy Miller. A private family service will be held in January and a lakeside service will be held for family and close friends on May 16 in Honor, Mich.

Donations may be made to the Animal Welfare League of Benzie County P.O. Box 172 Frankfort, MI 49635.

Stokes, Prock & Mundt Funeral Chapel is serving the family.

Flossie "June" Garn-Sirus  Date of Death 1/3/2009

SOUTH BEND — Flossie "June" Garn-Sirus, 73, of South Bend, Ind. Died Saturday, Jan 3, 2009

She is survived by her husband, William P. Sirus of South Bend; two sons: Billy G. Napier of Las Vegas, Nev. And James G. (Barbara) Napier of Culver, Ind.; two daughters: Susan R. Napier of Culver, Ind. And C. Beatrice (Alan) Wentzel of Kewanna, Ind.; four sisters:Sarah Behnke of
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Culver, Mary Wolverton of Burr Oak, Ind., Wanda Miller of Plymouth, and Margaret Newland of Coldwater, Mich.; 14 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren

Visitation will take place at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2009 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Funeral services will take place at the funeral home Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009 at 11 a.m.

Burial will follow at Burr Oak Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the family in her memory.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.bonineodom.com

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Betty Geane Glentzer Date of Death 1/3/2009

ROCHESTER — Betty Geane Glentzer, 84, of E. 300 S., Rochester, died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009 at 5:18 a.m. at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center Plymouth.

She is survived by her husband, Roy Glentzer; four daughters: Patricia Quier of Rochester, Kitty (Jim) Kelser of Rochester, Tracy S. Lewis of Rochester and Jackie (Bobby) Platz of Mishawaka; a son, David Glentzer of Lacoohee, Fla.; two step-daughters: Loraine Hunter of Rochester and Sue (Jeff) Miller of Hudson, Fla.; a sister, Melva Sanders of Rochester; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will take place Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009 at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St. Rochester from 5 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Funeral services will take place Thursday, Jan. 8, 2009 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Athens-Hoover Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Breast Cancer Research of Indianapolis, the American Cancer Association or the American Heart Association.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com

Cecil Milo Smith Date of Death 1/3/2009

PLYMOUTH - Cecil Milo Smith was with his children and their spouses when he passed away on Jan. 3, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Plymouth. He was born to Ralph and Matilda Smith (both deceased) in Plymouth on Nov. 20, 1922. Cecil was a veteran of WWII having served in Italy and Africa. He married Yolanda Nyers on Dec. 30, 1950 (Yolanda passed away Sept. 7, 1990). Cecil and Yolanda had four children: Marty (Jacqueline) Smith, Susie Smith, Pam (Doug) Edwards and Sandy (Jim) Holderread. They also had eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

On July 20, 1996, Cecil married Donna Goss who survives along with four stepchildren: Betty Uebelhor, Leo (Martha) Goss, Kathy (Kim) Masten and Sharon Reeves. He also had eight step-grandchildren and two step-great grandchildren.

Cecil had three sisters: Lucille (Ed) Kiingerman (both deceased), Marceil (Ron) Dursky, Barbara (Richard) Mynesberge and two brothers; Kermit Smith and Gordon (Donna) Smith (all deceased). He also has numerous nieces and nephews.

Cecil was an avid fisherman and hunter in his younger days. He was a very creative person who painted beautiful landscapes and sunsets; he also wrote excellent poetry. He and Donna shared a passion for travel and enjoyed many wonderful cruises to exotic locations. Cecil had a great
Patricia A. Korba  Date of Death 1/4/2009

ARGOS — Patricia A. Korba, 81, of Argos, formerly of Peru, died at 12:01 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. She was born Nov. 14, 1927 in Peru to Milo and Kathryn (Wahlig) Gable. On Nov. 22, 1951, she married Joseph M. Korba, who preceded her in death Feb. 16, 1996.

She had lived in Argos since 1996 coming from Peru. Patricia was formerly employed at the Peru Foundry as a secretary. She was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru, Daughters of Isabella and Psi Iota Xi sorority.

She is survived by a daughter, Jan (Ted) Chittum of Bourbon; and grandsons: Tyler (Brandi) Chittum of Greenfield and Zachary Chittum of Louisville.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; and an infant daughter, Leesa Korba.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru. Funeral services are Thursday, Jan. 8 at 11 a.m. at St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 W. 5th St., Peru, with Rev. Francis Kilcline officiating. Burial will be at St. Charles Cemetery, Peru.

Memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to Catholic Social Services at South Bend.

Ashley Nichole Swope  Date of Death 1/4/2009

Ashley Nicole Swope, 23, died Sunday, Jan. 4 2009 at the Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center in Defiance, Ohio.

She is survived by her parents, Robert and Lisa Swope of Rochester and Judith Carr Parrott of Defiance Ohio; son, Brandon Lee Swope; brothers: John Swope of Rochester, Robert Bruder of Indianapolis and Chase Swope of Defiance, Ohio; great-grandmother, Alice Swope; grandmothers: Floanna Swope and Beverly Jennings; and grandfather, Louis Pfeiffer, all of Rochester.

Funeral services are Friday, Jan. 9 at 11 a.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8 and an hour prior to services.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Junior/Senior High Youth Group, Rochester, Community Health Professionals, Defiance, Ohio or the Brandon Swope Education Fund, in care of Teachers Credit Union, Rochester.

Henry Carl Buller  Date of Death 1/5/2009

BREMEN — Henry Carl Buller, 88, of Bremen, died at 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5, 2009 at home.

He is survived by a son, Marlowe Jay Buller of Beloit, Wis.; daughters: Marlene Joy (Stan) Gingerich of Goshen and Marva Jean (Marvin) Miller of Argos; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; brother, Melvin C. Buller of Asheville, N.C.; and sister, Adeline Ost of Glendive, Mont.
Visitation is Thursday, Jan. 8 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Nappanee Missionary Church and one hour prior to services Friday. Funeral services are Friday, Jan. 9 at 10:30 a.m. at the church. Burial will be at West Goshen Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorials may be made to Marshall County Hospice.

Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, is in charge of the arrangements.

BREMEN — Henry Carl Buller, 88, of Bremen, died at 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5, 2009 at home.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah; a son, Marlowe Jay Buller of Beloit, Wis.; daughters: Marlene Joy (Stan) Gingerich of Goshen and Marva Jean (Marvin) Miller of Argos; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; brother, Melvin C. Buller of Asheville, N.C.; and sister, Adeline Ost of Glendive, Mont.

Visitation was Thursday, Jan. 8 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Nappanee Missionary Church and one hour prior to services Friday. Funeral services were Friday, Jan. 9 at 10:30 a.m. at the church. Burial was at West Goshen Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorials may be made to Marshall County Hospice.

Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, is in charge of the arrangements.

Jay A. Trowbridge  Date of Death 1/5/2009

BOURBON — Jay A. Trowbridge, 70, a resident of 8150 S.R. 331, Bourbon, passed away unexpectedly Monday, Jan. 5, 2009 at 8:10 a.m. at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Jay was born the son of Judah Trowbridge and Dorothy Ford Trowbridge on April 21, 1938 in Plymouth. He was a lifelong resident of the Bourbon area. He was a retired farmer. He worked for Wal-Mart of Warsaw and was a school bus driver for Triton School Corporation, Bus #9. He loved fishing, traveling, livestock auctions and livestock shows. Jay was a 1956 graduate of Bourbon High School and a member of The Country Church.

Jay was joined in marriage July 19, 1959 to Janet Hall, who survives. He is also survived by his two daughters: Lori Cox and friend Roger Zentz of Argos, Jill (Pete) Thompson of Bourbon; son, Mel Trowbridge of Bourbon; grandchildren: Kelsey Cox and Lori Ann (Ben) Mathew; two great-grandchildren: Carson and Connor Mathew; sister, Jane (Don) Kuhn of Etna Green; and mother-in-law, Thelma Hall of Bourbon.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of Jay’s life will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9 in The Country Church, S.R. 331, Bourbon, with Pastor David Gould officiating.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8 in the church and for one hour before services Friday.

Burial will follow in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bourbon.

Memorial contributions can be made to The Country Church Missions Fund in his memory.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, Bourbon, is in charge of local arrangements.

Anna M. Young  Date of Death 1/5/2009
PLYMOUTH — Anna M. Young, 82, of Plymouth, died at 12:20 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5, 2009 at home.

She is survived by her husband, Howard; children: Connie Jean (Randy) Miller of Claypool and James (Marge) Hawn of Goshen; stepchildren: Jeri (Robert) Chenoweth of Lawrenceburg, Ky., Michael Young of Tippecanoe, Sam (Sue) Young of Inver Grove Heights, Minn. and Laurie Keenan of Bourbon; 14 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; sisters: Margaret Babcock of Atwood and Doris Cox of Noblesville; and a brother, David Secor of Cascade, Md.

There will be no visitation or funeral services. A memorial service will be held at a later date with interment at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bourbon.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, Bourbon, is in charge of the arrangements.

PLYMOUTH — Mrs. Anna M. Young, 82, a resident of 10570 Oriole Lane in Plymouth peacefully entered into rest at 12:20 a.m. Monday, Jan. 5, 2009 in her home.

Anna was born the daughter of Sam Secor and Treva Tucker Secor on Oct. 21, 1926 at Burket. She had been a resident of Bourbon from 1970-1989 when she moved to Plymouth.

She was joined in marriage on July 24, 1970 to Howard Young who survives along with her children: Connie Jean (Randy) Miller of Claypool, James (Marge) Hawn of Goshen; her stepchildren: Jeri (Robert) Chenoweth of Lawrenceburg, Ky., Michael Young of Tippecanoe, Sam (Sue) Young of Inver Grove Hts, Minn. And Laurie Keenan of Bourbon; 14 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two sisters: Margaret Babcock of (Atwood) Warsaw and Doris Cox of Noblesville; and a brother, David Secor of Cascade, Md.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Gordon Secor.

Anna was a homemaker and a long time member of the Bourbon American Legion Auxiliary.

A memorial grave side service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 18 at Pleasant Hill Cemetery at Bourbon.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, Bourbon is in charge of local arrangements.

Tim E., Il Tillotson Date of Death 1/6/2009

BOURBON — Tim E. Tillotson II, 21, of Bourbon, died Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2009 at Northern Indiana Manufacturing, Bourbon.

He is survived by his parents: Tim E. and Tonia Tillotson of Bourbon; sisters: Trish and Tayah Tillotson of Bourbon; brother, Trevor Tillotson of Bourbon; grandparents: Carolyn and Gerald Pike of Culver, Larry and Gerri Staner of Bremen, Velma Tillotson of Bourbon and Eugene Tillotson of Goshen; and great-grandmothers: Esther VanBlaricom of Plymouth and Hazel Staner of Bremen.

Visitation is Monday, Jan. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee, and for one hour prior to services at Bourbon First United Methodist Church Tuesday. Funeral services are Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 2:30 p.m. at the church. Burial will be at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bourbon.

Memorials may be made to the Tim E. Tillotson II Memorial Fund in care of First State Bank, 101 W. Center St., Bourbon, IN 46504.

James Dean Davis Date of Death 1/7/2009

WALKERTON — James Dean Davis, 52, of Walkerton, died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009 at his residence.
He is survived by his mother, Linda G. Davis of North Liberty and two sisters: Robin (Dennis) Ream and Vicki (Steve) Morris, all of Walkerton.

Cremation has taken place per his wishes. A graveside service will be held at a later date at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Nusbaum-Elkin Funeral Home, Walkerton, is in charge of arrangements.

**Deloris Jane Terry  Date of Death 1/7/2009**

MISHAWAKA — Deloris Jane Terry, 76, of Mishawaka, passed away at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2009 in Healthwin Specialized Care Facility, South Bend.

Deloris was born on June 5, 1932 in Cotton Plant, Ark. to Robert and Minnie (Latner) Carter.

She retired from the Elkhart School System and Uniroyal.

Deloris is survived by her children: Curtis Terry of Mishawaka, Mary Jane Kralovansky of Plymouth and Sue Evans of Granger; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one sister, Mary Viau of Florida; and one brother, Henry Carter of Mishawaka.

Deloris was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers: Robert Carter and Bill Carter.

Family and friends may call on Friday, Jan. 9, 2009 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Bubb Funeral Chapel, 3910 N. Main St., Mishawaka, where funeral services will take place on Saturday at 12:30 p.m with visitation also on Saturday from 11:30 a.m. until service time. Rev. David Stauffer will officiate the services with burial to follow at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Osceola.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to American Heart/American Stroke Association, 7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75231.

**Kelly L. Bloom  Date of Death 1/9/2009**

SOUTH BEND — Kelly L. Bloom, age 37, of 62430 Locust Road, South Bend, formerly of Plymouth, passed away on Friday, January 9, 2009, at 6 p.m. at her home.

Kelly was born August 31, 1971, in Plymouth, to Terry R. and Ann (Stockinger) Bloom. She was a graduate of Plymouth High School in the Class of 1989.

She was employed by the Brass Rail Restaurant, in Plymouth. Kelly was a proud aunt and loved spending time with her two nieces, Jia and Lauren.

Kelly is survived by her mother, Ann Bloom of Plymouth; her sister Shari Bloom and her daughter Jia Bloom of Plymouth; and her brother Gale and Christina Bloom and their daughter Lauren Bloom of South Bend. She was preceded in death by her father Terry Bloom.

A time of visiting with Kelly’s family will be on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth, Indiana, 46563.

Funeral services will be on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, at 3:00 p.m., at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, with the Rev. Dennis Wenzel, pastor of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, officiating.

Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial donations may be made, in Kelly’s name, to the charity of the donor’s choice.
Donna Mae (Davis) Goss-Smith  Date of Death 1/9/2009

PLYMOUTH — Donna Mae (Davis) Goss-Smith was surrounded by her children and Pastor Tom Padberg of Hospice in her home when she passed on Jan. 9, 2009. She will be missed and remembered for all she contributed to her communities she worked for and lives she touched.

Donna was born to George E. and Hattie M. (Williams) Davis in Detroit, Mich. She was preceded in death by a brother Jack, and sister Joan Foor of Westland, Mich.

Donna graduated from Cooley High in Detroit in 1952.

On Dec.11,1953, Donna married Leo Goss and shared four children; Betty Uebelhor of Indianapolis, Leo Charles (Martha) Goss of Cleveland, Kathy (Kim) Masten of Mishawaka, and Sharon Goss Reeves (Tom Ricksgers) of Niles. There are eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

In 1979 Donna met Cecil Milo Smith; they eventually married on July 20, 1996. Cecil has four children; Marty (Jackie) Smith, Suzy Smith, Pam (Doug) Edwards, and Sandy (Jim) Holderread. There are eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Donna worked for the St. Joseph County American Red Cross in South Bend for 20 years, retiring in 1996. During her career, Donna worked as a National Disaster service instructor, Director of Disaster, Blood and Community services, worked with and for Veterans benefits services. After retiring she served on the Executive board as Disaster chairman.

Donna graduated from Indiana University with an associate’s degree in General Studies on May 7, 1991.

In 1999, Donna felt compelled to seek part time work at Lindenwood Retreat Center at Ancilla College. Donna loved the job as a Hostess, and working for the book store. She was surrounded by fascinating, delightful people who will miss her energy and unfailing smile. She remained a faithful employee until December of this past year until her health would not allow.

Donna and Cecil were active members at Calvary Lutheran Church in Plymouth. Pastor Steven Resner was very much a spiritual presence in both their lives just prior to their deaths, which occurred just six days apart. He helped all the family members through this Heart wrenching experience. We thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers through this devastating time of losing two wonderful people.

Visitation with the family will be held on Tuesday, January 13th from 10 a.m. until noon at the Calvary Lutheran Church, 1314 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. Services will be held there at noon. Pastor Resner will officiate. Memorial contributions can be made to American Red Cross, and Hospice House of your choice.

The Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Charles B. Miller  Date of Death 1/9/2009

PLMOUTH — Charles B. Miller, 80, of Plymouth, passed away at 11:06 a.m. on Friday, January 9, 2009, at the Hospice House in South Bend.

Charles was born September 10, 1928, in Waukegan, Ill., to Elias and Dona (Wagner) Miller. He was first married to Ester “Duffy” M. Long. Ester passed away on February 7, 1950. On July 1, 1973, Charles and Lucille Long were married.
Charles was self-employed as a painter and wallpaper contractor. He was a member of the Plymouth Moose Lodge #721, American Legion Post #27, and the Plymouth V.F.W. Post #1162 all of Plymouth.

Charles proudly served his country in the United States Navy. He entered the Navy in January of 1946 and received an Honorable Discharge in 1950, after serving in China during the Korean War.

Charles is survived by his wife, Lucille; his daughters, Linda M. Miller and her fiancé Ted of California, Diana S. Miller and her fiancé Mike of Florida, Janet Seamon and her fiancé Lucky of Argos; his son Mark A. Miller and his fiancée Amaryl of California; his brothers, Ralph W. and Marie Miller of Schoorl, Holland and Retired Lt. Col. U.S.A.F. Alan M. and Carol Miller of Kewanna; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his first wife, Ester.

Funeral services, for Charles, will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2009, at 4 p.m. at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, Plymouth, with the Rev. Ron Hensley officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, Saint Joseph, Michigan, at a later date.

A time of visiting with the Miller family will be on Wednesday, January 14, from 2 to 4 p.m., at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, IN, 46563.

The family would like for memorial contributions to be given to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 112 South Center Street, Plymouth, IN, 46563.

Friends and family, are invited to sign the guest book and share memories of Charles with his family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Richard T. Shireman Date of Death 1/9/2009


He worked for the Crawfordsville Police Dept. from 1985 to 1995 and was a Lutheran Pastor from 1999 to 2005. He worked for Operation PAR as part of the Homeless Outreach Team for St. Petersburg, Fla. working in a career he truly enjoyed, where he was able to touch the lives of many. He was a family man and an avid reader, who enjoyed the blues, riding his motorcycle and being with friends.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Doug Strickler; grandparents, George and Helen Towle, John and Glea Shireman and Pauline Shireman.

Survivors include his wife, Kris; sons: George and Dietrich of St. Petersburg, Fla.; parents, Norma and Bill Strickler of Crawfordsville and Reg and Dorothy Shireman of Monticello; in-laws, Don and Mary Alice Bickel of Crawfordsville; brothers: Dave Shireman and Billy Strickler of Crawfordsville, and John (Rebecca) Shireman of Aurora, Ill.; sisters, Cheryl (Doug) Colliver of Martinsville and Judy Strickler of Crawfordsville; brothers-in-law: Jeff (Barb) Bickel and Mark (Missie) Bickel of Crawfordsville; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, Jan. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Pinellas Hope, 5726 126th Ave. N., Clearwater, FL 33760. A memorial service will be held in Crawfordsville at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorial donations be made in honor of Richard Shireman to Catholic Charities, Diocese of St. Petersburg, 1213 16th St. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33705 to assist with the ongoing good works of Pinellas Hope. Visit the family's personalized online Guestbook at www.AndersonMcQueen.com
Karen J. Strang  Date of Death 1/9/2009

NORTH LIBERTY — Karen J. Strang, 69, of North Liberty, passed away on Friday, Jan. 9, 2009 at the Hospice House in South Bend.

Karen was born on Sept. 10, 1939 in Warsaw to the late Paul and Mabel (Davidson) Ward. As the former Karen Ward, she married Robert Strang on March 30, 1956 in Corinth, Miss. Robert and Karen shared 52 years of love and devotion to each other. Her husband Robert and their four children: Robert (Gail) Strang Jr. of Lakeville, John (Bunni) Strang of Bremen, Katherine Strang of Plymouth and Loraine (Herman) Ginther of Plymouth survive Karen.

Karen was a loving and caring grandmother and great-grandmother to nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. One great-grandchild precedes her in death.

Karen is also survived by three sisters, and three brothers: Janice (James) Petty, Pam (James) Fershin both from Granger, Marsha (John) Reed of North Carolina, Kenny Ward of Mishawaka, Roger (Linda) Ward of Carson City, Nev. and Jerry Ward of Mishawaka.

Karen was a part-time bookkeeper for the family business. She enjoyed doing pottery, gardening and woodworking. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother to her family, which she cherished most of all.

The family received friends Monday, Jan. 12 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Bubb Funeral Chapel, 3910 N. Main St. Mishawaka. The funeral service was held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13 at the funeral home with family friend Dan Geldner officiating. Burial followed the service at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Osceola, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Center of Hospice Palliative Care, Inc. 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN 46637.

David Eugene Foust  Date of Death 1/10/2009

PLYMOUTH — David Eugene Foust, 72, of Plymouth, died of a chronic, terminal illness at Culver’s Miller’s Merry Manor nursing home where he received wonderful care.

Dave, as he was known to most, lived his life much as his life ended; with dignity, a great sense of humor, strong of character and faith and with a quiet sense of peacefulness.

Dave was born November 21, 1936, to Alice (Disinger) Foust and Norman Foust and lived most of his growing up years in Kewanna. He met and married his true soulmate, Rita Kathleen (Mohler) Foust, who survives him, on March 23, 1956.

Dave was honorably discharged from the United States Army on October 1, 1961. His patriotism was evident; an American flag was always displayed outside his home.

Surviving are three children; Kathy and husband John Sebby of Lakewood, Colo., Randall (Randy) and Lynda Foust, of Mountain, Wis. and Jennifer (Jenny) and Kevin Wilk of Roselle, Ill. The people to bring him more joy than his children are his 12 surviving grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and their families whom he was known affectionately as “Grandpa Dave”. There is a sister-in-law, Joyce Brooks, and numerous nieces and nephews who have considered him a surrogate father as well.

Dave was a brother to Willard and his wife Sally Foust of Kewanna, IN, who preceed him in death. Surviving brothers are Harold and wife Patricia Foust of Leiters Ford, IN and Marion Foust of Palm Harbor, FL.
Dave worked for 44 years at Dean Foods, beginning his career in Rochester, IN transferring to the corporate offices in Franklin Park, IL and then ending his career once again in Rochester, IN.

Dave’s faith in our Lord Jesus and the saving of souls for heaven was of paramount concern to both Dave and his wife. They were both founding members of Willow Creek Community Church in the Chicago Suburbs. Upon his retirement he served as Sunday School Superintendent and on the Board of Directors at the Winamac Church of the Nazarene. Their move to Plymouth, IN, brought their membership to The First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

David’s “Promotion To Glory” is truly heaven’s gain!

Visitation is at Johnson Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth, on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Service will be held Wednesday, January 14, 2009, at the First United Methodist Church, 400 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth, at 11:00 a.m. with calling one hour prior to services at the church. Military funeral rites will be accorded to Dave by the Plymouth American Legion Post 27 and Plymouth VFW Post 1162.

Memorials can be made to Cancer Society or the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via the funeral home’s website: www.johnson-danielson.com

Beverly Jane Johnston  Date of Death 1/10/2009

ETNA GREEN — Mrs. Beverly Jane Johnston, 72, a resident of 3762 W. Old 30 in Etna Green peacefully entered into rest at 6 p.m., Saturday, January 10, 2009 in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center of Plymouth.

She was born the daughter of Arthur Witham and Lillian Hatfield Witham on May 17, 1936 at Mentone. She had been a resident of the Etna Green, Mentone and Warsaw area all her life.

She is survived by her children; Matt & wife Janet Riewoldt of Etna Green, Chad Riewoldt of Warsaw, Pat & wife Lisa Riewoldt of Bourbon, Jon Riewoldt of Warsaw, Melissa Hulvey of Warsaw and Kim Johnston of Chesterfield, IN. Twelve grandchildren, one great-grandchild, two sisters; Sandy and Al Rovenstine of (Atwood) Warsaw, Betty and Rex Zimpelman of Mentone and a brother, Rex and Frieda Witham of Mentone.

She was preceded in death by her husbands; Robert Riewoldt and DeVor Johnston, a great-grandson; James Mathew Riewoldt, a sister, Pat Stutzman and two brothers, Ned and Curly Witham.

Beverly was a homemaker and a member of the Mentone Church of Christ. She loved spending her past time caring for her children and grandchildren as well as painting pictures.

In honoring her wishes there will be a private funeral service.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, Jan. 13 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home at 115 S. Main St., Bourbon.

A graveside memorial service will be held at a later date with interment in Etna Green Cemetery at Etna Green.

Memorial contributions can be made to The Jill Carpenter Scholarship Fund in her memory.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.
Ronald Earl King  Date of Death 1/10/2009

CULVER — Ronald Earl King, 72, a resident of Culver and Kokomo, died at 11:03 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009, in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend following an ice boating accident on Lake Maxinkuckee. He was born June 10, 1936, in Peru, the son of Cecil V. and Laura Esther (Edwards) King. He married Suzanne Burton, in Kokomo, on Jan. 21, 1961, and she survives.

Ron was a 1954 graduate of Peru High School and a 1959 graduate of GMI as a co-op student with Delco Radio. He earned his master’s degree from Purdue University in 1967. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was employed for 42 years with Delco Electronics, retiring in 1999. His memberships included the First Presbyterian Church in Kokomo, the Purdue 400 Club, and the Y’s Men. He was a regular Red Cross blood donor.

He is survived by his wife, Suzanne; one son, Brian A. King and his wife, Becki, Tipton; two daughters: Karen Alyea and her husband, Mike, Fishers, and Stacy Hildebrand and her husband, Greg, Plymouth; six grandchildren; and one brother, Carl E. King and his wife, Pat, Marion. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of Ron’s life will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church, 2000 W. Jefferson St. Kokomo, with Pastor Jerry VanAuken officiating. Burial will follow in Albright Cemetery with military honors provided by the Kokomo VFW Military Rites Team. The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home, Lincoln Road Chapel, 1315 W. Lincoln Road, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Purdue University for scholarships and/or the Lake Maxinkuckee Association with envelopes available at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be left at www.shirleyandstout.com.

Kenneth W. Sobieck  Date of Death 1/10/2009

GROVERTOWN — Kenneth W. Sobieck died Saturday, Jan. 10, in Starke Memorial Hospital, Knox

He is survived by his wife, Leata Chapman and four children: Dawn Ziaja, Debbie Garcia, Robert Sobieck and John Sobieck; one step-son, Gary Kasper; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brother: Fred Sobieck and Donald Sobieck; one sister: Snookie Tessner.

Graveside services are Monday at noon at Grovertown Cemetery. There will be no visitation. Memorial contributions may be given to the family. Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel is handling arrangements.

Paula Rose Tripaldi  Date of Death 1/10/2009

ROCHESTER — Paula Rose Tripaldi, 62, of Rochester, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

She is survived by sister, Cathy (Patsy) DiBenedetto of Younkers, N.Y.; and cousin, James (Michael) Harrell.

Funeral services are Thursday, Jan. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation one hour prior to her services.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the American Cancer Society.
Paula Jean Binkley  Date of Death 1/11/2009

PLYMOUTH — Paula Jean Binkley, 52, of Plymouth, died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009 at Pilgrim Manor.

She is survived by daughters: Vera Binkley of Plymouth and Mary (Hector) Balboa of Plymouth; son, Michael Pittman of Plymouth; brothers: William (Barbara) Binkley of Plymouth and Donny (Sandy) Binkley of Knox; sisters: Betty (Ron) Skiff of Crown Point and Pam (Jeff) Stetler of Plymouth; mother, Vera Binkley of Knox; and five grandchildren.

Visitation is Wednesday, Jan. 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Braman & Son Memorial Chapel, Knox, with funeral services at 1 p.m. Cremation will take place.

James M., Sr. Meadows  Date of Death 1/11/2009

HAMLET — James M. Meadows Sr., 72, died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009 in the VNA Hospice Center, Valparaiso.

Survivors include: his wife, JoAnn; two daughters: Patricia Ekart of Knox and Donna Meadows of Hamlet; two sons: Robert of Hamlet and James Jr. of Grorgetown; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; three sisters: Betty Siroky of Pompano Beach, Fla., Ann Keltz of Plymouth and Arlene Abiney of LaPorte; two brothers: Lester Jr. of Grorgetown and his twin brother, John of Grovertown.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 1 p.m. Central Time at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Burial will be at the Grovertown Cemetery. Visitation is Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 11 a.m. CST until the time of services at the funeral home. A military honors service will be held at the funeral home after the funeral service. Memorial contributions may be given to the VNA Hospice Center or the family.

Doris M. Grass  Date of Death 1/12/2009

PLYMOUTH — Doris M. Grass, 90, of Plymouth, died Monday, Jan. 12, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

She is survived by daughters: Carol Elaine Haas of Plymouth and Candace Ann (Jay) Yeager of Zionsville; sisters: Helen (Fred) DeMien of St. Charles, Ill., Marilyn “June” (Keith) Miller of Elkhart, Betty DeMien of Macy and Joan (Robert) Tharp of South Bend; and brother, Don (Donnabelle) Pfeiffer of Rochester.

Visitation is Saturday, Jan. 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth. Funeral services are Saturday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Fairmont Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to REAL Services - Meals on Wheels.

Glen Herbert Heflick  Date of Death 1/12/2009

Glen Herbert Heflick died at 12:30 p.m. on Jan. 12, 2009 at his son's home in Granger. Glen was born Feb. 25, 1920 in Plymouth. In 1938 he graduated from Tyner High School.

Three months after the United States entered World War II, Glen Heflick was inducted into the US Army. He served in the 327th Infantry before transferring to the Army Air Force. After classifying as an Expert Aerial Gunner in July 1943, Glen was awaiting reassignment overseas to join other fighter pilots providing cover for bombers flying missions over Europe. His orders, however, sent him to Victoria, Texas to become a flight instructor. He taught basic flight school, aerial gunnery, and combat techniques. His students included men from Turkey and the
Philippine Islands, as well as across the USA.

On Sept. 7, 1942 Glen married Annabelle Dill of Plymouth, who preceded him in death May 28, 2006. Together they raised three sons: Vaughn Roy, Lamonte O, and Barry Ray Heflick. Glen and Annabelle Heflick have six grandchildren: Tiffany Gygy (Watauga, Texas), Tara Berry (Keller, Texas), Andrew Heflick (Rennes, France), Katherine Heflick (Ann Arbor, Mich.), Maiko Heflick (Bloomington), and Hanako Heflick (Osceola). They also have two great-grandchildren: Gus Gygy and Zane Berry (Texas).

Glen and Annabelle Heflick were restaurant owners for much of their careers. They operated the Kitchenette Restaurant in South Bend, the Oak Terrace Grill in Grovertown, the Flavor Spot Restaurant in South Bend, and the Glen 'Burger in Elkhart. Glen managed the Bethel College cafeteria for three years. He later obtained a broker’s license and worked in real estate in South Bend/Mishawaka area.

A memorial gathering will be held in the spring. Those interested in attending may contact Lamonte Heflick, 30862 Janet Street, Granger, IN 46530 to be added to the contact list.

Memorial contributions may be made to New Salem Methodist Church, 52173 Ash Road, Granger, IN 46530 or the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN 46637.

Hartzler-Gutermuth-Inman Funeral Home, 403 W. Franklin St., Elkhart, is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Holm  Date of Death 1/12/2009

HAMLET — Robert “Bob” Holm, 76, died Monday, Jan. 12, 2009 in Goshen Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; children: Steven (Claire) Holm of Portland, Ore., Randall (Barbara) Holm of Clearwater, Fla., Matthew (Tamara) Holm of Greenwood and Julianne (Robert) Havens of Knox; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brothers: Don (Doris) Holm of Leo, Jim (Sue) Holm of Michigan City and Tom (Betty) Holm of Aumsville, Ore.; and sister, Jan Powell of Michigan City.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Jan. 17 at noon CST at St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Hamlet. Burial will be in the Fletcher Cemetery, Hamlet where military graveside services will be conducted. Visitation is Friday, Jan. 16 at the church from 3 to 8 p.m. CST and Saturday one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be given to the church. Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel, is handling arrangements.

Ruth Jane Ketcham  Date of Death 1/12/2009

WALKERTON — Ruth June Ketcham, 82, of Walkerton died Monday, Jan. 12, 2009 in Walkerton.

Survivors include: son, Edward Rans of Knox; daughter, Lucile Dickson of Walkerton; stepsons: John Ketcham of Hamlet, James Ketcham of Culver and Ronald Ketcham of Star City; stepdaughters: Sharon Williams and Marilyn Rowe, both of Plymouth, Linda Townley of Curtis, Mich. and Brenda Thorpe of Knox; brothers: Glen Wagner of Knox and Elmer Wagner of Argos; sister, Lois Scoolman of Plymouth; stepbrother, Leo Losey of LaPorte and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday, Jan. 15 at 2 p.m. Central Time at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Burial will be at the Grovertown Cemetery. Visitation is Thursday from 10 a.m. until the time of services at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.
Cary L. Laramore  Date of Death 1/12/2009

MICHIGAN CITY— Cary L. Laramore, of Michigan City, formerly of Hamlet, died at St. Anthony Memorial Hospital, Michigan City Monday, Jan. 12, 2009.

He is survived by daughter, Lauren Laramore of Stratford, Conn.; sister, Donna (Dr. Pat) Kearney of Galveston, Texas; and best friend, Mary.

Cremation has taken place. A visitation will be held at Rannells Funeral Home in Hamlet Saturday, Jan. 17 from 9 to 11 a.m. CST. A memorial prayer service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday. The family will hold a private burial ceremony at Fletcher Cemetery in Hamlet with full military honors.

Memorials can be made to St. Anthony’s Franciscan Hospice Services, 1225 E. Coolspring Ave., Michigan City, IN 46360.

Dorothy Helen Stahly  Date of Death 1/12/2009

NAPPANEE — Dorothy Helen Stahly, 91, of Nappanee, died at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, 2009 at home.

She is survived by her husband, John Stahly; daughters: Barbara (Jim) Moore of Syracuse and Jill (Bill) Rex of Sarasota, Fla.; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sisters: Eloise (Vern) Meeks and Bertha Parker, both of Nappanee; and brother, Frank Method of Nappanee.

Visitation is Friday, Jan. 16 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee. Funeral services are Saturday, Jan. 17 at 10:30 a.m. at First Brethren Church, Nappanee. Burial will be at Union Center Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Deacon Fund of the First Brethren Church or Goshen General Hospital Care at Home & Hospice Services.

Mona M. Adams  Date of Death 1/13/2009

PLYMOUTH — Mona M. Adams, 81, of Plymouth, died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009 in Miller’s Merry Manor.

She is survived by her daughter, Nila S. (Randy) Holderman of Plymouth; son, David L. (Suzie) Adams of Lakeville; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16 in the Palmer Funeral Home, 314 S. Michigan St. Lakeville. Visitation is from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Friday in the funeral home. Cremation will take place at Southlawn Cremation Services. Burial will take place at a later date at Fair Cemetery. Memorials may be made to House of Prayer, 12450 Plymouth-Goshen Trail, Plymouth, IN 46563.

Hildred “Dale” (Ferchoff) Golumb  Date of Death 1/13/2009

PLYMOUTH — Hildred “Dale” (Ferchoff) Golumb, 88, of Plymouth, formerly of Dolton, Ill. has died. She was the beloved wife of the late Walter Golumb, devoted mother of the late Lynn (Rev. Michael) Dittmer, proud grandmother of Rebecca (Timothy) Taberski and Wendelyn (Charles) Daly, dear great-grandmother of Alexandra, Elizabeth, Zachary and Matthew.

Visitation is Friday, Jan. 16, 2009 at 11 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 1 p.m. C.S.T. at the Thornridge Funeral Home, 15801 S. Cottage Grove Ave., Dolton, IL. Interment will be at Oakland Memory Lanes Cemetery in Dolton, Ill. 708-841-2300
Flossie L. Palmer  Date of Death 1/14/2009

Terre Haute — Flossie L. Palmer, of Terre Haute, passed away at 12:45 PM Wednesday, Jan. 14, in Plymouth, at the home of her daughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband John W. Palmer in 1998.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Georgette and Rodger Rader, grandchildren, Ben and Lynndi Rader, Sara Rader, Nick Rader and great-grandchildren, Maddie and Benjamin, all of Plymouth.

DeBaun Funeral Home, 85 E. Springhill Dr., Terre Hauteis in charge of arrangements.

Visitation will be at DeBaun Springhill Chapel on Monday, Jan 19 from 4-8 p.m.

Catholic funeral services will be held Tuesday, Jan 20 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home, with Father Rick Ginther officiating.

Private burial will be in Roselawn Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that memorial gifts in Flossie’s name be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 112 S. Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563.

R.J. “Ray” Robinson  Date of Death 1/14/2009

GROVERTOWN —R.J. “Ray” Robinson, 73, of Grovertown, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2009 in Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth. Ray was born Jan. 24, 1935 in South Bend to Faye and Dorothy (Valentine) Robinson and lived in the area most of his life. On Dec. 3, 1960 at Hamlet, he was married to Esther Kaslewicz, who survives. Also surviving are: one daughter, Barbara (Randy) Holm of Clearwater, Fla.; two grandsons: Daniel (Rachel) Holm and Aaron Holm, all of Clearwater, Fla.; one great-granddaughter, Virginia; one sister, Delores (Dan) Wilcox of Oshkosh, Wis.; two brothers: Richard (Toni) Robinson of Rantoul, Ill. And Glenn Robinson of Marinette, Wis.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Ray was a U.S. Army veteran and an electrical contractor for many years.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 3 p.m. Central Time at the Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel, with Pastor Kyle Wright officiating. Friends may visit with the family on Sunday from 2 p.m. until the time of services.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Hamlet.

Goldie Pearl Greer  Date of Death 1/15/2009

PLYMOUTH – Goldie Pearl Greer, 84, 2000 Westgate Ave., Plymouth, died, under the loving care of her family and Hospice, at 4:10 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009, at the home of her niece, 11122 Forest Drive.

Goldie was born in Donaldson on April 24, 1924. She was the daughter of John T. and Ada Watkins Gaines.

She graduated from Plymouth High School.

Goldie was first married to Herbert Daley who died in the invasion of Normandy during WWII. She married Frederick Greer on Jan. 6, 1945. Frederick died in 1991.
Goldie retired from United Technology after over 20 years of service.

She was an avid bowler, bowled in mixed leagues and in the Queen Bee League. She enjoyed fishing with Fred and was a great baker, making beautiful wedding cakes for friends and family.

Goldie attended the Shiloh Wesleyan Church and was a former member of the Church of the Nazarene, Plymouth.

Goldie is survived by a sister, Margaurite "Maggie" McHargue, Plymouth, and a brother, John Gaines, also of Plymouth. Several nieces and nephews survive as well.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her two husbands and a son, Randy. Two brothers, Charles and Herbert and four sisters: Maudie, Norma Jean, Minerva and Evalena, have also died.

Friends are invited to share their memories of Goldie with her family Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009, from 2 to 6 p.m. and continue after 7 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 19, 2009 in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, Jan. 19, 2009, at 11 a.m., with calling one hour prior to services, at the Shiloh Wesleyan Church, 10532 4B Road, Plymouth. The Rev. John Perkinson, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Goldie’s memory may be made to the Shiloh Church or to Hospice.

Notes of condolence may be sent to the family through the funeral home’s Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com

**Richard Billy Stepp  Date of Death 1/15/2009**

KOONTZ LAKE — Richard Billy Stepp, 72, of Walkerton (Koontz Lake), died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009 in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He is survived by his wife, Donna; daughter, Rebekah (Rick) McCarty of Plymouth; two granddaughters; sisters: Phyllis Jungles of Medaryville and Helen Banks of Francesville; and brother, Leonard (Mary) Stepp Jr. of Albion.

Funeral services will be Monday, Jan. 19 at 11 a.m. (Eastern Time) at the First Baptist Church of Walkerton. Burial will be at the Westlawn Cemetery, North Liberty. Visitation is Sunday, Jan. 18 from 4 to 8 p.m. EST at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel and Monday at the church one hour prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

**Cuma Catherine Becht  Date of Death 1/16/2009**

ROCHESTER — Cuma Catherine Becht, 75, of Madison St. Rochester, died at her home Friday, Jan. 16, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

She is survived by her husband, Burns S. Becht; a son, Robert (Sarah) Becht and two granddaughters: Edna and Savannah, all of Monticello, Ind.

Visitation will take place from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21 at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St. Rochester.
Harriett Theresa Jeffrey  Date of Death 1/16/2009

KOONTZ LAKE— Harriett Theresa Jeffrey, 96, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2009 in Houston, Texas.

She is survived by Arthur Borrelli, son-in-law; Leona and John Stanger, daughter and son-in-law; Nancy and Ralph Lehmann, daughter and son-in-law; Earl and Sandy Jeffrey, son and daughter-in-law; William and Joyce Jeffrey, son and daughter-in-law; Lucile Jeffrey, daughter-in-law; 14 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 6 at noon (Eastern Time) at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel where friends may call one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Grovertown Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Kidney Foundation, American Heart Association or any charities to which you may advocate.

John P. Raley  Date of Death 1/16/2009

WALKERTON — John P. Raley, 76, of Walkerton passed away Friday, Jan. 16, in LaPorte Hospital, LaPorte.

He is survived by a son, David Raley of Walkerton; two daughters, Shelley George of Walkerton and Diana Jacobowskis of Elmhurst, Ill.; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and one sister, Juanita Barnes of Walkerton.

Visitation will take place Monday, Jan. 19, from 3 p.m. (EST) until the time of services.

Funeral services will be Monday at 9 p.m. (Eastern Time) in Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel.

Casmer W. Sikora  Date of Death 1/16/2009

NORTH JUDSON — Casmer W. Sikora, 79, of LaCrosse, Ind. died Friday, Jan. 16, 2009 at University of Chicago Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy J. Sikora of LaCrosse; two daughters: Kathryn Sikora of LaCrosse and Julie (Don Borcherdng) Hornsby of Westville; two sons: Paul (Lori Sikora of Wanatah and Scott (Casey) Sikora of LaCrosse; a sister, Patricia Hunsley of Wanatah; four brothers: Ed Sikora of South Bend, Joe Sikora of Phoenix, Ariz., Walt Sikora of LaPorte and Gene Sikora of Worth, Ill. And seven grandchildren.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. (CT) Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009 at O'Donnell Funeral Home Inc., 302 Lane St. North Judson, Ind.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at SS Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church, North Judson.

Burial will follow at Saint Jacob’s Cemetery, North Judson.

Jan A., Sr. Dollahan  Date of Death 1/17/2009
KNOX — Jan A. Dollahan Sr., 56, of S. 350 East, Knox, died Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009 at Starke Memorial Hospital, Knox.

He is survived by a son, Jan A. Dollahan Jr. of Knox; four sisters: Connie (Dave) Warren of Walkerton, Ind., Linda Allen of North Judson, Jackie Pugh of Bruce Lake and Marilyn Robinson of Argos and four brothers: Jake (Evelyn) Dollahan of North Judson, Larry Dollahan of Monterey, Albert (Mary Margaret) Dollahan of Vincennes and Tom (Beulah) Dollahan of Walkerton.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009 at Braman & Son Memorial Chapel, 108 S. Main St., Knox.

Funeral services will take place at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009 at the chapel.

Burial will follow at Bass Lake Cemetery, Knox.

June Ruth Bramlet Erwin  Date of Death 1/17/2009

BOURBON — June Ruth Bramlet Erwin (Mrs. William W. Erwin) of Bourbon, died peacefully surrounded by her family, Saturday, Jan. 17 at Memorial Hospital in South Bend. Her lifelong orientation and commitment to service to others shone as a teacher, a community leader and volunteer in Marshall County and far beyond.

With BS and MS degrees from the University of Illinois, this YWCA president, college May Queen and honors student surprised everyone when she married a young farmer in 1948. She came to Indiana in 1949 as the bride of Will Erwin of Bourbon.

June taught English, speech, Spanish and psychology for 15 years in area schools and after retiring, served as a volunteer tutor. She was a fundraiser for and member of the first board of directors for the Marshall-Starke Development Center.

She actively supported the Marshall County Community Foundation, serving as a member of its founding board. Past president of the Bourbon Reading Club and the Marshall County Federation of Clubs, she served well as vice chairman of the Marshall County Young Republicans and as Marshall County vice chairman of the “Eisenhower for President Committee.’

As a member of the United Methodist Church, June served as president of the United Methodist Women for four years, and on the State Board of Hospitals and Homes of the Methodist Church. She taught Sunday school for many years and ran a Cub Scout Den and Campfire group.

Whether donating blood or serving as a member of the Marshall County Red Cross Board of Directors, she actively supported the Red Cross for more than half a century. Other board work included the Marshall County Board of Mental Health, the board of the Bashor Home for Boys in Goshen and the Marshall County United Way boards.

June’s passion for service led her to serve in other ways as well. She taught swimming at the farm pond for many years and acted as a Hospice volunteer in Marshall and Kosciusko counties. Although she never fulfilled a lifetime wish to learn to drive semi-tractor trailers, she did drive an ambulance for the Bourbon EMS.

While in Washington D.C., when her husband served as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, she represented the USDA in the Washington inner-city schools summer program and volunteered at D.C. junior high schools during the school year.

Family and friends still savor memories of her prize-winning, homemade angel food cake and special tomato juice. A gracious, welcoming hostess on the farm, indeed wherever she was, “Mama June” as she was lovingly known to her grandchildren and many others, made warm friends around the world.
She was an avid traveler to the last, an ardent reader and lifelong learner.

She is survived by her husband Will of Bourbon; her daughter Hope Erwin and son-in-law Richard Frank of White Fish Bay, Wisc.; her son James Erwin of Plymouth; daughter-in-law Jacquie Erwin of Culver, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Her two sisters and her son Lewis preceded her in death.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 Tuesday, Jan. 20 in The Bourbon First United Methodist Church, 204 N. Washington, St. Bourbon, Ind., and one hour before services Wednesday.

A celebration of June’s life will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21.

Burial will follow in the Parks Cemetery at Bourbon, Ind.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice or The Bourbon First United Methodist Church in her memory.

Condolences to the family may be sent via e-mail at: deaton-clemensfh@cyberlinkint.com.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

**Roger R. Patterson  Date of Death 1/17/2009**

BREMEN — Roger R. Patterson, 63, of Bremen, died Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009 at 12:13 a.m. at Community Hospital of Bremen.

He is survived by his wife, Janice Patterson of Bremen; son, William (fiancée Sarah Bailey) Patterson of Bremen; stepson, Richard (Lisa) Moren of Bremen; stepdaughters: Susan (Jason) Bass of Shelbyville and Dena Baker; four step-granddaughters; brothers: William (Pat) Patterson of Mishawaka and Robert “Bob” (Leslie) Patterson of Largo; sisters: Marilyn Klann of New Buffalo, Mich., Eleanor (Ed) Gammill of South Bend, twin sister Rita (Charles) Hyde of Etna Green and Carol Bennett of Bremen; and sister-in-law, Barb Patterson of Bourbon.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 22 at the Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen. Burial will be at the Bremen Cemetery with graveside military honors. Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21 at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Marshall County Humane Society.

**Ula Cole  Date of Death 1/18/2009**

ROCHESTER — Ula Cole, 88, of Rochester, died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009 at 6:15 a.m. at Life Care Center, Rochester.

Ula was born March, 24, 1920 to Noah and Maude (Coffee) Rudd in Salyersville, Ky. She married Homer Cole March 29, 1935 in Salyersville and came to Marshall County from West Liberty, Ky.

He was a homemaker and lived in Marshall County for 38 years.

He was preceded in death by her husband Homer in 1980; three sons: J.H. Cole, Kenneth Wayne Cole and Randall Keith Cole; three daughters: Sondra Cole, Leatress Penix and Joyce McGee; five brothers and three sisters.

She is survived by four sons: Darrel W. Cole of Lebanon, Ind., Ron (Doris) Cole of Lebanon, Larry (Virginia) Cole of Albuquerque, N.M. and Phillip (Lori) Cole of Lakeville; two daughters:
Sue (Willie) Castle of Argos and Medrith (Jerry) Lard of Argos; 18 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews; four sisters: Pauline (Sterling) Taylor of Stockbridge, Mich., Edna Penix of Salyersville, Ky., Augustine Castle of Flat Gap Ky. And Barbara (Bert) Daniels of Salyersville and two brothers: Humdon Rudd of Rochester and E.J. (Mary Ellis) Rudd of Salyersville, Ky.

Visitation will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009 at Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St. Argos and at Magoffin County Funeral Home, Salyersville, Ky. Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Funeral services will take place at Magoffin Funeral Home Friday, Jan. 23 at 10 a.m. and burial will follow at the Rudd Family Cemetery in Salyersville, Ky.

Electronic expressions of condolecne may be sent to the family via the Web site: memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com


Velma I. Merrill  Date of Death 1/18/2009

BREMEN — Velma I. Merrill, 81, of Bremen, died at 1:25 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009 at her home. Mrs. Merrill was born on Sept. 26, 1927 in Bremen to the late Willard and Mabel (Smeltzer) Sauer. She has been a lifelong resident. On March 25, 1944 in Woodland, she married Kenneth O. Merrill, who preceded in death on Aug. 4, 1993. Four sisters and two brothers also preceded in death: Carolyn Sanders, Mary Gerhart, Lois Miller, Alma Jean Battles, Vernon Sauer and Floyd Sauer. Mrs. Merrill retired in 1993 after 25 years of employment with Wheelhorse.

Mrs. Merrill is survived by two daughters: Dixie Kertai Howell of Bremen and Donna Cormican (Keith) Roush of Lakeville; one son, Kenneth O. (Dawn Erdelyi) Merrill Jr. of Bremen; 11 grandchildren: Emery Kertai, Wade (Tracy) Kertai, Brad (Danielle) Kertai, Shawn (Tracie) Kertai, Michelle Merrill, Eric Merrill, Glenn Cormican, Denny Cormican, Valarie (Eric) Smith, Keenan Roush and Kent Roush; 25 great-grandchildren; six sisters: Alice Platz of Bremen, Joyce Gaines of Lakeville, Maxine Harter of Bremen, Catherine Bellew of Louisville, Ky., Arlene Jacobs of Mishawaka and Jane Sauer of Kuwait; and two brothers: Robert Sauer and Dale Sauer, both of Lakeville.

Mrs. Merrill loved the outdoors and nature. She enjoyed birds, flowers, and gardening. She was considerably active and a stong-willed person that tried to do everything herself even at 81 years old. She thought the world of all of her family, especially her great-grandchildren. She will be missed.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009 at the Palmer Funeral Home, 314 S. Michigan St., Lakeville. Pastor Darrell Hale will officiate. Graveside services and burial will follow at Bremen Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 3 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the Palmer Funeral Home-Lakeville.

Contributions in memory of Velma I. Merrill may be donated to the American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674 or to the County Line Brethren Church, 69988 U.S. 31 South, Lakeville, IN 46536.

Mildred “Millie” Louise Nesbit  Date of Death 1/18/2009

ROCHESTER — Mildred “Millie” Louise Nesbit, 79, of Rochester, died at 10:38 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009 at St. Vincent’s Hospital, Indianapolis.

She is survived by her husband, Harold Nesbit; daughter, Linda Schmitt of Rochester; sons: Dennis Nesbit and companion Carmie Bickham of Rochester, Michael (Julia) Nesbit of
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Funeral services are Saturday, Jan. 24 at 2 p.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation from 12 to 2 p.m. Burial will be at Russiaville Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County.

Harold D. Schlemmer  Date of Death 1/18/2009

BREMEN — Harold D. Schlemmer, 73, of Bremen, died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009 at the Bremen Health Care Center.

He is survived by his wife, Patsy Schlemmer of Bremen; son, Mike (Barb) Gouker of Plymouth; daughters: Cindy (Dave) Leavell of Plymouth, Pam Gouker of Plymouth, Betsy Gouker Paul of Houston, Texas; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and brothers: Nelson Schlemmer of Mishawaka, Stanley (Mary) of North Liberty, Wayne (Naomi) Schlemmer of South Bend.

Services will be held Thursday, Jan. 22, at 2:30 p.m. at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Bremen. Burial will take place at New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth. Visitation is Wednesday, Jan. 21 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Center for Hospice or to Bremen Health Care Center

Harley Antone Jestus  Date of Death 1/19/2009

ARGOS – Harley Antone Justus, 86, of 17B Road, Argos died in his home under the loving care of his family and Hospice at 1:20 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19, 2009.

Harley was born Sept. 6, 1922 in Switz City to Cecil Justus Sr. and Cressie A. (Fines) Justus. On May 20, 1946 in Linton, he married R. Eleanor Richardson, who survives.

He graduated from Switz City High School in 1940 and Purdue University in 1954. Harley moved to the Argos community in 1964 coming from Wabash. He was a school teacher for a number of years at Switz City, Odon and Montpelier before joining the REMC. He retired as manager of the Marshall County REMC in 1988 after 24 years of service.

He served his country as a sergeant in the U.S Army during WWII receiving an honorable discharge. He was a former member of Maxinkukee IOOF, Culver and attended the Sunrise Chapel of Plymouth.

He is survived by his wife, Eleanor; three daughters: Marsha Davis of Plymouth, Judith C. Justus of Argos and Lea Ann (Tom Sr.) Chamberlin of Plymouth; six grandchildren: Ronda (Doug) Calhoun of Argos, Craig Davis of Argos, Sara (Jason) Hill of Tippecanoe, Rachel Chamberlin of Plymouth, Meredith (Steve) Fick of Plymouth and Tom (Jennifer) Chamberlin of Colorado; seven great-grandchildren: Adam Calhoun, Kari Davis, Ryan Calhoun, Anela Hill, Corey Hill, Addison Fick and Emma Fick; two brothers: Willis D. (Mary Jane) Justus of Mooresville and Cecil (Norma) Justus Jr. of Scottsburg; and sister, Laura M. Fulk of Worthington.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Janet Henico.

Friends may visit with the family Thursday, Jan. 22 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan Street, Argos, and one hour prior to the service.
Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23 at the Sunrise Chapel in Plymouth with Rev. Rustin Krapfl officiating.

Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial contributions in Harley’s memory may be made to The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care Plymouth, Indiana 46563.

Online condolences may be made to the family at: memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Delorse Ann Faith  Date of Death 1/20/2009**

ONTEREY — Delorse Ann Faith, 67, of Monterey, died Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009 at home.

She is survived by brothers: Jasper Tolson of Toto and Ernie Branham of Texas; and sisters: Leatha Faly Tolson of Florida, Irene Branham of Plymouth, Flossie Kreischer of Monterey, Mary Lou Minix of Clay City, Ky., Patty Ayers of North Judson and LaVern Markum of Texas.

Services will be held Saturday, Jan. 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Knox VFW.

Braman & Son Memorial Chapel, Knox, is in charge of the arrangements.

**Sheila M. Fites-Kelley  Date of Death 1/20/2009**

A celebration of life service for Sheila M. Fites-Kelley, Bourbon, and Sarasota, Fla. will be held in the Etna Green Church of Christ, 204 W. Broadway, Etna Green Sunday, May 3 at 2 p.m. with Rev. Dr. Ron Kelley, Sheila's husband, officiating. She died Jan 20 in Sarasota and is the daughter of Pauline Fites of Bourbon. Mrs. Fites-Kelley graduated in 1961 from Tippecanoe High School. Burial will be in Summit Chapel Cemetery.

**Frank Joseph Barracca  Date of Death 1/21/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Frank Joseph Barracca, 56, of Plymouth, died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009 in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

He is survived by his stepdaughter, Heather Jarm of Plymouth; four grandchildren; sister, Ida (Bill) Barr of Chicago, Ill.; and brothers: James M. (Rita C.) Barracca of Hanover Park, Ill. And Joseph Barracca of Benson, Ariz.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009 in the Church of the Heartland, 705 E. Jefferson, Plymouth.

Palmer Funeral Home-Guisinger Chapel and Southlawn Cremation Services assisted the family with arrangements.

PLYMOUTH — Frank Joseph Barracca, 56, of Plymouth, formerly of Chicago, Ill., died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009 in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by a stepdaughter, Heather Jarm; four grandchildren; sister, Ida (Bill) Barr of Chicago, Ill.; brothers: James M. (Rita C.) Barracca of Hanover Park, Ill. And Joseph Barracca of Benson, Ariz..

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

Palmer Funeral Home-Guisinger Chapel and Southlawn Cremation Services are handling the arrangements.
Contributions may be made to Palmer Funeral Home, 3718 S. Michigan St. South Bend, IN 46614.

Russell Bope  Date of Death 1/21/2009

Russell Bope, 71, of Lake of the Woods, Bremen, died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009, at his residence.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly of Lake of the Woods, Bremen; sons: Keith Bope of North Liberty and Rex (Carmen) Bope of South Bend; daughters: Cheryl (Rod) Davis of Lakeville, Monica (Greg) Payne of North Liberty, Tracey Bope of Mishawaka and Ruby Roxanne Bope of North Liberty; stepson: Curtis (Cathy) Whitehead of Wisconsin; stepdaughter, Sherri (Jay) Conrad of Wakarusa; 13 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and brothers: Chuck and Jerry Bope.

Services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1 at the Bremen Cemetery Chapel. Burial will take place at the Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Marshall County, 112 S. Center St. # C, Plymouth, IN 46506 or to the LaPaz American Legion #357 Christmas Basket Fund, c/o 100 Randolph St., LaPaz, IN 46537.

Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen, is in charge of the arrangements.

Phyllis Ann Norman  Date of Death 1/21/2009

ROCHESTER — Phyllis Ann Norman, 73, of Rochester, died at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009 at Our Lady of Peace, Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

She is survived by her husband, Roy Norman; daughters: Linda Andrews of Rochester and Debbie (Tim) Montel of Rochester; sons: Richard (Bonnie) Norman of Rochester and Tim (Robin) Norman of Jamestown, Ohio; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and brothers: Jerry (Sue) Blanchard of Rochester, Bobby (Nancy) VanLue of Rochester and Larry VanLue of Macy.

Visitation is Friday, Jan. 23 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, and one hour prior to services Saturday. Funeral services are Saturday, Jan. 24 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the First Church of God.

Lester Richard Wentzel  Date of Death 1/21/2009

CULVER — Lester Richard Wentzel, 87, of Culver, died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009 in Culver. Lester was born March 17, 1921 to Peter and Amanda Wentzel in Leiters Ford. He graduated from Aubbeenaubbee High School and proudly served his country in World War II. He married the love of his life, OrfaJean Ruth Eskridge on Feb. 26, 1949 in Knox.

He worked 40 years at McCord Corporation in Plymouth, and retired in 1986.

Lester was an avid Chicago Cubs fan who for many years every Fourth of July took his family to a double header at Wrigley Field.

Lester is survived by his wife, OrfaJean; daughter, Patricia (Jim) Krou of Colorado; son, Jonathan (Jane) Wentzel of Plymouth; grandchildren: Lori Krou of Colorado, Jeremy (Stephanie) Wentzel of Plymouth, and Michael (Valerie) Berger Jr. of Plymouth; four great-grandchildren: Axton, Guage, Evalynn, and Peyton; sisters: Betty Weller and Mary Wentzel of Rochester; and brother, Harold Wentzel of Plymouth.
Lester was preceded in death by son, David; sister, Vivian Wentzel; and brother, Colvert Wentzel.

Services will be Saturday, Jan. 24 at 2 p.m. at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver, with visitation Friday, Jan. 23 from 5 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

Memorials may be given to the Bible Baptist Church in Knox.

Condolences may be sent via the obituary page at www.bonineodom.com.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Esther Sue (Leach) Bicknell  Date of Death 1/22/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Esther Sue (Leach) Bicknell, 72, of Plymouth, died Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009 at home.

She is survived by her husband, Richard “Dick” Bicknell; sons: Jeffrey L. (Donna) Leach of Frankfort, Richard A. Bicknell Jr., Rob A. (Nikki) Bicknell and Daniel R. Bicknell, all of Plymouth; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister, Dortha M. Arnold; and brother, Willard R. (Louise) Leach, all of Frankfort.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24 in the Plymouth House of Prayer, 12450 Plymouth-Goshen Trail. Visitation will be held at the church from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. where a reception will follow services. Burial will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the church.

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

**Maxine F. (Huffer) Keyser  Date of Death 1/22/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Maxine F. (Huffer) Keyser, 65, of 900 W. Harrison St., Lot #242, Plymouth, passed away Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009, at 1:58 a.m., at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

Maxine was born on Nov. 13, 1943, in Plymouth, to Melvin and Thelma (Miller) Huffer. Maxine and Larry Keyser were married April 4, 1964. She was a homemaker and the mother of three children. Maxine was a charter member of the Hoosier Old Wheels and a member of Saint Michael Catholic Church, Plymouth.

Maxine is survived by her husband Larry, of 44 years; their daughter, Pam and Charles Vice of Plymouth; their sons, Larry and Susan Keyser of Fultondale, Ala. and Matt and Sara Keyser of Culver; her sister, Barbara Arnold of Leiters Ford; her brothers: Robert R. Huffer of Plymouth and Ronald and Joannie Huffer of Florida; her grandchildren: Nicholas Vice, Storm Vice, Oliver Vice, Joseph Schooler, Cory Keyser, Julie Keyser, Jacob Keyser, and Caitlyn Keyser.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Beverly Jean Hummel.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009, at 2 p.m., at Van Gilder Funeral Home in Plymouth, with the Rev. Father William Kummer officiating. Burial will be in Saint Michael Cemetery, at a later date.

Visitation will be Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, IN 46563.

Friends and family are invited to sign the guest book and share memories with the Keyser family.
Ramona M. Baer  Date of Death 1/23/2009

SOUTH BEND — Ramona M. Baer, 73, of Center Street, Tippecanoe, Ind. died Friday, Jan. 23, 2009 at 6 p.m. at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

She is survived by her husband, Vernon Baer; two sons: David (Carol) Baer of Argos and John (Sue) Baer of Goshen; four grandchildren; two brothers: Lewis (Joan) Timberlake of Michigan City and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Timberlake of Fla.

Visitation services will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27 at the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28 at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in the Tippecanoe Cemetery in Tippecanoe, Ind.

Memorial contributions can be made to The Bourbon Public Library in her memory.

Condolences may be sent to the family via e-mail at: deatonclemensfh@cyberlinkint.com

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Everett W. Ellenwood  Date of Death 1/23/2009

ROCHESTER — Everett W. Ellenwood, 81, of Arrowhead Drive, Rochester, Ind. died Friday, Jan. 23, 2009 at 4:25 p.m. at his home.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy, at home; two sons: David Ellenwood of Palos, Ill. And Daniel (Jeanette) Ellenwood of Cedar Knolls, N.J. and four grandchildren.

Visitation took place Sunday, Jan. 25 from 3 to 3:30 p.m. at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St. Rochester, Ind.

Funeral services took place Sunday at the funeral home at 3:30 p.m.

Burial followed at I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Rochester.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family via goodfamily@rtcol.com

Betty Peabody  Date of Death 1/24/2009

FLORENCE, S.C. — Betty Peabody, 87, formerly of 301 Lewis St., Plymouth, died of natural causes at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009, in Florence, S.C.

Born in Plymouth on Aug. 29, 1921, Betty was the next to youngest of nine children born to Harold and Flora Etta Railsback Steiner. Her father was a popular and well-known auctioneer in Marshall County.

Betty told how after the depression hit, the family moved to the country and had no electricity or water in their home; she did her homework by oil lamp.

She went to Inwood School for three months and then to Linkville School for the sixth grade and spent the seventh grade at LaPaz.

She also attended Washington and Webster Schools and graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1940.
Right after graduation she went to work for Montgomery Ward in the catalog department. She worked 55 hours a week for $25. And thought it was great!

Betty met Cyrus Roy “Butch” Peabody at the roller skating rink. They courted for several years, but waited until “Butch” got home from World War II, and were married on April 7, 1946, in the First United Methodist Church.

After the military service, the Peabody’s lived in O’Fallon, Mo., for 20 years and Betty worked in the Fort Zumwalt School System. They moved back to Plymouth in 1984.

Betty and Butch loved to square dance, both modern and western. While living in the St. Louis area, they belonged to five different square dance clubs and danced at one of them every Sunday night. They belonged to the St. Louis Federation of Square Dancing and were officers of the State Federation. They participated in a number of national square dance festivals.

She loved to pick blueberries and was called by her friends, “The Blueberry Gal.”

Betty was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Post 1162, the Bourbon American Legion and the United Methodist Women, Tyra Constance Guild and the Morning Circle of the First United Methodist Church.

Betty is survived by a daughter, Phyllis (Jack) Cole of Florence, S.C.; and a son, Duane (Kay) Peabody of Laurel, Md. Four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren survive as well, together with a brother, Russell Steiner of Bartow, Fla., and two sisters: Beatrice Faulkner of Niles, Mich., and Julia Whitesell of Rotunda West, Fla.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and Lois Hampton, a sister.

Friends are invited to share memories and celebrate Betty’s life with her family at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009, from 4 to 7 p.m.

Funeral services for Betty, officiated by the Rev. Dr. Dean Fager, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, will be held in the church at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial gifts may be made to the First United Methodist Church in Betty’s memory.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via: www.johnson-danielson.com

Jesse M. Smith  Date of Death 1/24/2009

PLYMOUTH — Jesse M. Smith, 90, of south Michigan Street, Plymouth, Ind. died of natural causes at Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth, Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009.

Jesse was the son of Iris B. and Chloe E. (Brown) Smith. He was born in Akron, Ind. May 27, 1918.

He attended Akron High School.

On Sept. 14, 1940, Jesse and Myrtle V. Aldrich were married in Rochester. Myrtle died in November of 2006.

They had been married for 66 years. Jesse served his country in the United States Army.

A machinist, he lived in Teegarden and worked at Edwards Iron Works in South Bend for 20 years.
years and then, lived and worked in Sebring, Fla. for almost 30 more years.

Jesse was a lifetime member of the VFW and enjoyed wood working and fishing.

Jesse is survived by a daughter, Linda L. (Kenneth) Henry of Lexington, Ky.; two sons: Ronald (Peggy) Smith of Plymouth and Daniel L. (Janet) Smith of Walkerton.; a brother, John D. (Mercedes) Smith, of Spain; a half-sister, Marilyn Johnson of Sebring, Fla.; five grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and his wife, Jesse was preceded in death by an infant brother and Robert E. Smith, a brother.

Friends will be welcomed to celebrate Jesse’s life with his family from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Jesse will be held in the funeral home following visitation at 11 a.m. Tuesday.

The Rev. Robbie Keck, pastor of the Teegarden First Brethren Church, where Jesse was a member, will officiate.

Burial will be next to his wife in the Morris Cemetery, LaPaz.

Memorial gifts in Jesse’s memory may be made to the Teegarden First Brethren Church.

Notes of condolence may be sent to the family via the Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com

Mary E. Thrasher  Date of Death 1/24/2009

WARSAW — Mary E. Thrasher, 79, of Warsaw, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2009 at 1:10 a.m. at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

She is survived by son, Kerry (Ada) Thrasher of Warsaw; daughter, Pamela Chaplin of Warsaw; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brothers: Russell Menzie of Logansport and Kenneth Menzie of Plymouth; and sister, Ethel Coplen of Argos.

Services will be held at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel - Warsaw Wednesday, Jan. 28 at noon. Visitation is two hours prior to the service Wednesday. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Doris Lorene Hittle  Date of Death 1/25/2009

LOGANSPORT — Doris Lorene Hittle, 78, of Smith Street, Logansport, Ind., died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009 at 8:35 a.m. at Chase Center, Logansport due to failing health for the past two years.

She is survived by a son, Randy R. (Kenna) Hittle of Terre Haute, Ind.; two grandsons; two sisters: Anna (Ora-“Bud”) Clemons of Macy, Ind. and Margaret (Virgil) White of Macy and a brother, James (Barbara) Rock of Rochester.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27 and one hour prior to services Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St. Rochester.

Funeral services will take place at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Zion Cemetery, southwest of Culver, Ind.

Memorials may be made in her honor to Southern Care Hospice.
Andrew D. Hartman  Date of Death 1/26/2009

PLYMOUTH — Andrew “Andy” Dustin Hartman, 31, of 16727 West 14th Road, Plymouth, passed away at 9:25 p.m., Monday, Jan. 26, 2009, at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center Emergency Room, Plymouth, from injuries sustained in a farming accident.

Andy was born on Nov. 26, 1977, in Plymouth to Dale Hartman and Eileen (Cooley) Hartman. Andy enjoyed camping with family, outdoor adventures, and helping others. His greatest joy was his new baby daughter, Chayla Lois May Hartman. Andy loved his family and especially enjoyed spending time with his nieces and nephew.

Andy is survived by his mother, Eileen Cooley and her significant other Richard Layne of Bremen; his father, Dale Hartman; Andy’s significant other, Stephanie Johnson; their 4-month-old daughter, Chayla; his sisters: Carrie Hartman of Plymouth, Brenda Savage and her significant other Dave Anderson of Bremen, Emily and Eric Reed of Bremen; his grandmother, Helen Cooley of Hamlet; his aunts and uncles: Karl and Nan Hartman of Plymouth, Art and Toni Hartman of Argos, Becky McKee of Plymouth, Earl Dean and Lucy Cooley of Florida, Ken and Emily Cooley of LaPorte, Beverly and Roy McKee of Battle Ground, Shirley and Myron Brown of Knox, Jerry and Vicki Cooley of Knox, Jimmy Cooley of Hamlet, and Denny and Kathy Cooley of Hamlet; his nephew, James Reed; his nieces: Coral Reed, Sierra Wasiak, Zianna Hummel and Lilyan Reed; and his cousins: Jamie and Beth Hartman of Nappanee, Aaron and Kim Hartman of Bremen, J.J. Hartman of Tennessee, Janette and Marc Walter of LaPaz, Laurine and Dave Ringer, Ann and Jon Crouse, Matt and Tron McKee, Steve and Deana Brown, Mike and April Brown, and Jesse McKee.

Andy was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lloyd and Lois Hartman.

Funeral services for Andy will be held Friday, Jan. 30, 2009, at 2:30 p.m., at VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, Plymouth, with the Rev. Kevin T. Miller officiating.

A time of visiting with the Hartman Family will be Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009, from 4 to 7 p.m., and Friday, Jan. 30, 2009, from noon until the time of the service at 2:30 p.m., at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, IN 46563.

Friends are invited to sign the guest book and share memories with Andy’s family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

Mary Louise Kale  Date of Death 1/26/2009

ROCHESTER — Mary Louise Kale, 79, of Rochester, died at 3:09 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, 2009 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

She is survived by daughters: Beth Foster of Rochester and Sharon (Robert) Helt of Rochester; sons: Donn (Brenda) Kale of Rochester and Thomas (Phyllis) Kale of St. Louis, Mo.; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and brother, Charles F. (Jennie) Green of Warsaw.

Visitation is Thursday, Jan. 29 from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, and one hour prior to the service Friday. Funeral services are Friday, Jan. 30 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Rochester.

Kenneth E. Arvin  Date of Death 1/27/2009

KNOX — Kenneth E. Arvin, 88, of Knox, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009. Kenneth was born Aug. 15, 1920 in Flora to John E. and Florence A. (Cary) Arvin, both deceased. He was a
veteran of WWII having served in the U.S. Navy.

He married Laura Bunton June 20, 1981, she survives. Also surviving are his stepchildren: Penny Singleton of Culver, John Korp of Knox and Dan Korp of Knox; four grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by two brothers.

Visitation is Thursday, Jan. 29 from 4 to 8 p.m. (CDT) at M.C. Smith Funeral Home in Knox. Funeral services are Friday, Jan. 30 at 11 a.m. (CDT) at the funeral home. Interment will take place at Eagle Creek Cemetery.

Jean Ellen Buss  Date of Death 1/27/2009

ELKHART — Jean Ellen Buss, 86, of Elkhart, died at 6:55 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009 at home.

She is survived by her husband, Ward; daughter, Deborah J. Buss of Limon, Colo.; sons: Gary L. (Becky) Buss of Elkhart and Steven R. (Sue) Buss of Elkhart; eight grandchildren; and 14 grandchildren.

Visitation is Friday, Jan. 30 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Wakarusa. Funeral services are Saturday, Jan. 31 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Hope Mausoleum, Rice Cemetery, Elkhart.

Memorials may be made to Jimtown Historical Museum, Jamestown United Methodist Church or Elkhart County Humane Society.

Justin Fretz  Date of Death 1/27/2009

BREMEN — Justin Fretz, 17, of Bremen, died Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2009 in Bremen.

Survivors include his mother, Regina Fretz of Bremen; his father, Jeff Fretz of Bremen; sister, Nicole (fiancé Jason) Fretz of Bremen; paternal grandmother: Phyllis (Gary) Beane of Rochester; paternal grandfather, Larry (Carolyn) Fretz of Etna Green; maternal grandmother, Thelma Quesenberry of Bremen; and maternal great-grandmother, Goldie Clark of Bremen.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31 at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 605 S. Center St., Bremen. Burial will take place at Bremen Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 30 at the Bremen High School Auditorium on Grant Street.

Memorial contributions can be made to the family of Justin Fretz.

The Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Syble M. (Walker) Lawton  Date of Death 1/27/2009

Syble M. (Walker) Lawton, 73, was born Dec. 7, 1935 and married James Lawton Jan. 26, 1957. Together they had five children: Jackie (Tony) Sell of Bourbon, Jo (Ron) Faulkner of Warsaw, Barbara (Eugene) Bishop of Dyersburg, Tenn., Jim (Gwen) Lawton of New Port Richey, Fla. and Paul (Noelle) Lawton of Mankato, Minn.; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings: Quenton (Kathryn) Walker, Wendell (Joy) Walker, Donald Travis (Corrine) Walker and Jan (Jere) Tucker and leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

Syble was preceded in death by her father and her mother, Wes and Grace Walker.

She was a devoted wife and mother, a Chicago area resident since 1952, and a faithful member of the United Pentecostal Church of Harvey. She lived her life with a spirit of kindness and gentleness and love.
Funeral services and burial will be held in Dyersburg Tenn. Arrangements made by Hann Funeral Home, Bridgeview, Ill.

For more information, call 708-496-3344 or visit hannfuneralhome.com.

Virginia Lee McIntyre Fisher  Date of Death 1/28/2009

CULVER — Virginia Lee McIntyre Fisher, 86, of Culver, passed away Jan. 28, 2009 at 9:30 p.m. while in residence at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

Virginia was born in her family home in Logansport on May 1, 1922. She was raised in Logansport and spent her summers on Lake Maxinkuckee. Her grandmother was among the first settlers of the north end of Long Point. Virginia attended Purdue for a year and went on to study window display at the Chicago Art Institute. She married Richard L. Fisher in 1943 and they had five daughters. Virginia was a charter member of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Carmel. She ran the Episcopal Food Bank in downtown Indianapolis for 10 years. Later after making their permanent residence on the South Shore of Lake Maxinkuckee she was instrumental in establishing St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church in Culver. Virginia's love of the lake led to the formation of the Antiquarian and Historical Society. Her dream of creating a Culver Town Park was realized when Heritage Park was established.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Fisher of Culver; daughters: Pamela Fisher of Culver, Priscilla Fisher (George) of Naples, Fla. and Jennifer Fisher Shea (Jamie) of Culver; grandchildren: Nicki Birrell Jentgen (Phil), George Birrell, James Fisher Shea, David Lingle; and two great-grandchildren: Emily Jane Jentgen and Devon Lingle.

She was preceded in death by two daughters: Jenny Lee Fisher, in infancy, and Melissa Fisher Birrell.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 11 a.m. at the Culver Academy Memorial Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church, 515 State St., Culver, IN 46511.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.bonineodom.com.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Jerry J. Reed  Date of Death 1/28/2009

ROCHESTER — Jerry J. Reed, 74, of Rochester, died at 7:20 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009 at home.

He is survived by his wife, Dixie; daughters: Kim Sheehy of Rochester and Brenda (Kurt) Ponto of Akron; and four grandchildren.

Visitation is Saturday, Jan. 31 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Funeral services are Saturday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County.

Larry Shortt  Date of Death 1/28/2009

WALKERTON — Larry Shortt, 65, of Walkerton, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2009 in South Bend. He was born May 26, 1943 in Blough, Pa., Son of the late Leo and Goldie (Ringler) Shortt.
Larry was very proud of his service in the United States Navy for 10 years. Being a grandfather played a large part in his life.

Surviving are two sons: Patrick (Jennifer) Shortt of Walkerton and Jason (Nickie) Shortt of Plymouth; six grandchildren: Benjamin, Victoria, Alyssa, Cristina, Olivia and Lucas Shortt; three sisters: Phyllis Comeno of LaPorte, Jean (Paul) Lohr of Pennsylvania and Maxine Manges of Rolling Prairie; three brothers: Joseph Shortt of Bull Head City, Ariz., David (Ruth) Shortt of Plymouth and Jerry (Virginia) Shortt of Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends will be received from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (CST) Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009 at the Cutler Funeral Home, LaPorte.

Services will be held at Cutler Funeral Home, Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009 at 1 p.m. (CST) with Rev. Hugh Smith officiating.

Interment will follow in the Rolling Prairie Cemetery with full military honors.

Friends may sign the online register book at www.cutlerfuneral.com

**Donald Aukerman  Date of Death 1/29/2009**

OSCEOLA — Donald Aukerman, 73, of Osceola, died Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009 at his residence.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Aukerman of Osceola; two sons: Matthew (Caryl) Aukerman of Albania and Mark (Sheila) Aukerman of Wakarusa; a daughter, Suzanne (Tien) Do of Indianapolis; eight grandchildren; six sisters: Betty (Morris) Briggs of Goshen, Pauline (Floyd) Fulmer of Mishawaka, Lois (Dean) Farrer of Bremen, Jean (Harold) Stillson of Ala., Doris (Carl) Jones of Edwardsburg, Mich. and Carolyn (Glen) Kile of Bremen; three brothers: Dale (Lucinda) Aukerman of South Bend, John Aukerman of Wakarusa and Ronald (Penny) Aukerman of Bremen.

Visitation was Monday, Feb. 2, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Mishler Funeral Home, 2030 St. Rd. 331, Bremen.

Funeral services will take place Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Global Partners P.O. Box 50434, Indianapolis, IN 46520 or to the Center for Hospice.

OSCEOLA — Donald Aukerman, 73, of Osceola, died Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009 at his residence.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Aukerman of Osceola; two sons: Matthew (Caryl) Aukerman of Albania and Mark (Sheila) Aukerman of Wakarusa; a daughter, Suzanne (Tien) Do of Indianapolis; eight grandchildren; six sisters: Betty (Morris) Briggs of Goshen, Pauline (Floyd) Fulmer of Mishawaka, Lois (Dean) Farrer of Bremen, Jean (Harold) Stillson of Ala., Doris (Carl) Jones of Edwardsburg, Mich. And Carolyn (Glen) Kile of Bremen; three brothers: Dale (Lucinda) Aukerman of South Bend, John Aukerman of Wakarusa and Ronald (Penny) Aukerman of Bremen.2333

Visitation will take place Monday, feb. 2, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Mishler Funeral Home, 2030 St. Rd. 331, Bremen.

Funeral services will take place Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.
Emily M. Dotson  Date of Death 1/29/2009

KNOX — Emily M. Dotson, 17, died Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009 in her home.

She is survived by her mother, Kimberly (Roger) Campbell of Ashville, N.C.: sisters: Sandi Dotson and Rebecca Campbell, both of Ashville; her grandmother, Linda (Ken) Flores-Eagle of Knox and brother, Ken Flores Jr. of Knox.

Funeral services will be Monday at the Groce Funeral Home in Ashville.

Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel handled local arrangements.

Annetta M. Johnson  Date of Death 1/29/2009

WABASH — Annetta M. Johnson, 96, of Wabash died at 4 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009 at her home.

She is survived by four sons: Lloyd (Janet) Johnson of South Bend, Frank Johnson, Garrah (Patricia) Johnson and William (Marcia) Johnson all of Wabash; five daughters: Rev. Thomas (Lela) Neff of McConnelsville, Ohio, Mrs. Margaret Dobbs of Destin, Fla., Mrs. Harriet Sloop of Elkhart, June Johnson and Mrs. Tommy (Melba) Custer both of Wabash; 13 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 2 at McDonald Funeral Home, Eddingfield Chapel 231 Falls Ave., Wabash. Burial will be in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery in Wabash County. Visitation was from 9 a.m. until the time of services Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Wabash County Cancer Society, P.O. Box 144, North Manchester, IN 46962.

Kathleen S. Sults  Date of Death 1/30/2009

ARGOS — Kathleen "Kathy" S. Stults, 59 of Gumwood Road, Argos, Ind. died Friday, Jan. 30, 2009 at 3:20 a.m. at Memorial Hospital of South Bend, following a three-year illness.

Kathy was born June 26, 1949 in Argos, to William H. and Donna Belle M. (Stouder) Blackford and went on to lived all of her life in the Argos and Marshall County community.

She and David L. Stults were married Oct. 8, 1967 in Tippecanoe, Ind. She was a branch manager at 1st Source Bank, (Argos branch). She had worked at the bank for 35 years.

She was a member of the Tippecanoe Community Church, Tippecanoe, Ind.; served on the Advisory Board for Walnut Township; was active with the “Old Gold Club” and the Green-Walnut Buyers Group; was active with Green-Walnut Young Farmers 4-H club. She was a graduate of Argos High School class of 1967, and she then attended the Career Academy in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

She is survived by her husband, David L. Stults of Argos, Ind.; three children: David L. Stults Jr. and wife Jennifer of Argos, Ind.; Gayla R. Burger and husband Mark of Bremen, Ind. and Eric W. Stults and wife Stephanie of Middlebury, Ind.: six grandchildren: Samantha and Jessica Stults of
James Richard "Dick" Morgan  

ARGOS — James Richard “Dick” Morgan, 82, a longtime Argos resident, passed away due to natural causes on Saturday evening, Jan. 31, 2009 in the St. Joseph Hospital at Ft. Wayne.

Dick was born March 27, 1926 in Plymouth, the son of Oscar Eugene and Hazel Agnes (Unger) Morgan. He attended the Linkville School.

In 1955 he was eager to serve his country and enlisted in the U.S. AirForce.

Dick was a carpenter by trade and personally raised hogs until an early disability prevented him from doing so.


Dick’s surviving siblings are: Daren (Dorothy) Morgan of Plymouth, Stanley (Dorothy) Morgan of Rochester, Jane Wilson of Greenwood, Mary Ann Orr of Warsaw, Helen Robinson and Barbara (Jake) Elliott both of Tippecanoe, Kay (Bill) Smith and Lois Evans all of Plymouth. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Dick was an active member of the Jordan Baptist Church, he enjoyed square dancing as a member of the Rochester “Swinging Dudes,” was a Master Gardener, he wrote and had published works of poetry, he also enjoyed reading, fishing, listening to Country/Western music and above all time with family.

Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at: memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

James Richard "Dick" Morgan  Date of Death 1/31/2009
In July of 2008, Dick was saddened at the passing of his wife Marvis. Also preceding in death were his parents, three brothers; Lloyd, Wayne Kent, and John Adrian Morgan and a sister; Norma Fillinger.

All are invited to share memories with the family on Wednesday, Feb. 4 from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth where calling will continue after 7 a.m. Thursday in the absence of family. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Jordan Baptist Church, 11447 19th Road Argos with Pastor Thomas Tupps officiating. Calling will occur there one hour prior to services.

Burial will follow in the Jordan Cemetery where military honors will be accorded to him.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Church or the American Cancer Society, 601 W. Edison Road, Mishawaka, IN 46545.


Visitation will take place at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth, Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m.

Funeral services will take place at the Jordan Baptist Church, Argos, Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009 at 11 a.m.

Donnon M. “Don” De Fur  Date of Death 2/1/2009


Don was born Christmas Day, 1932 in Muncie to the late Earl and and Vivian (Cheatham) De Fur.

He was a 1950 graduate of Burris High School, and in 1954 earned his bachelor’s degree from Indiana University. While at I.U. he was a Senior Manager of 1953-54 NCAA National Championship Basketball Team and was a member of Phi Epsilon Kappa Fraternity and the I Men’s Club. Don later furthered his education by attending Ball State University for Graduate Studies.

A significant part of Don’s youth was spent attending summers at Culver Military Academy, where during college he returned to teach sailing.

Don served as a 1st Lieutenant in the United States Army from 1955-1956 during the occupation of Germany.

The majority of his professional career was spent as District Sales Manager for the Oldsmobile Division of G.M., retiring as the Zone Development Manager in 1987.

Don had a passionate personal interest in several farms in Indiana and Missouri, which he owned and managed since 1980.

He attended Emmanuel United Methodist Church. Following his retirement he and his loving wife Elna found great enjoyment in Ballroom Dancing to Big Band Music and wide-spread travel.

Don is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 51 years, Elna (Beyler) De Fur; his children: D. Kyle and wife Dana, Colette De Fur Ritter and husband Rock S.; his greatest pride and joy were his grandchildren: Grant Ritter, Drake Ritter, Cameron De Fur and Clayton De Fur.

Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, 2009 at Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Center – Carmel, 325 E. Carmel Dr. Carmel, IN 46032.
Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009 at the Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Center – Carmel.

Private family burial will follow at New Oak Hill Cemetery in Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Foundation Fighting Blindness-Stargardts Research. 11435 Cronhill Drive Owings Mills, MD 21117.

Don’s family would like to extend a deep gratitude for the many wonderful caregivers who freely gave of themselves to make the difficult journey of his passing bearable.

Those who wish to sign the guest registry and offer thoughts to the family may do so by visiting www.flannerbuchanan.com.

Ruth E. Brant  Date of Death 2/2/2009


She was born on Feb. 12, 1921, in Bowling Green, Indiana, to Etta (Orman) and Skyler Arney. Ruth married Philemon Brant on Nov. 30, 1938. He preceded her in death on Jan.12, 1980.

Mrs. Brant is survived by twin daughters: June (Jerry, deceased) Wiegand and Jean (Joseph) Lowry. She was preceded in death by her brother, Rex Arney. She is also survived by four grandsons: James, Jason (Carla), and Jonathan (Sherri) Wiegand and Brian (Rose) Lowry; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great grandson; and nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Brant loved to make quilts and crochet afghans. She gave many to relatives and friends. She always had tomato plants blooming at her home in Florida.

VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, IN 46563, is handling the arrangements. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 11, 2009, at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Walkerton.

Family and friends are invited to sign the guest book and share memories with the Brant family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.


She was born on Feb. 12, 1921, in Bowling Green, Ind., to Etta (Orman) and Skyler Arney. Ruth married Philemon Brant on Nov. 30, 1938. He preceded her in death on Jan. 12, 1980.

Mrs. Brant is survived by twin daughters, June (Jerry, deceased) Wiegand and Jean (Joseph) Lowry. She was preceded in death by her brother, Rex Arney. She is also survived by four grandsons: James, Jason (Carla), and Jonathan (Sherri) Wiegand and Brian (Rose) Lowry; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great grandson; and nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Brant loved to make quilts and crochet afghans. She gave many to relatives and friends. She always had tomato plants blooming at her home in Florida.

VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, IN, 46563, will be handling the cremation. There will be a graveside service at a later date.

Family and friends are invited to sign the guest book and share memories with the Brant family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.
Shirley L. Carter  Date of Death 2/2/2009


He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; three sons and one daughter: James (Susie) of Traverse City, Mich., Robert (Jane) of Big Rapids, Mich., Valerie (David) Kemble of Kewanna and Jeffrey (Janice) of Mishawaka; and one sister, Phyllis Adams of Argos.

A memorial service will be held at New Song Community Church, 400 N. Kingston, off E. Jefferson, Plymouth, IN at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8.

Memorial donations may be made to the church.

McGann Hay Funeral Home, South Bend, is in charge of the arrangements.

Paul E. Dickson  Date of Death 2/2/2009

CRAWFORDSVILLE — Paul E. Dickson, 83, of Crawfordsville, passed away Monday morning, Feb. 2, 2009 at his home.

Mr. Dickson was a former County Commissioner, he also served on the County Council of Montgomery County and was a precinct committeeman. He was Past Master of the Alamo Masonic Lodge #144 and was a member of the Scottish Rite of South Bend, DAV, American Legion of Waynetown, was Past President of the Montgomery County Board of Realtors and a past member of Kiwanis.

Mr. Dickson was in the Army 3rd Armored Division in World War II. He was shot in Germany and received a Purple Heart.

He was self-employed installing heating systems, then working with gravel and heavy equipment and then received his real-estate license in 1965. He attended school in Mace and New Ross.

Mr. Dickson was born June 25, 1925 in Mace to Waldo F. and Anna Jane Joseph Dickson. He married Oveta Edith Swank on March 1, 1945 in New Richmond. She passed away on Oct. 11, 2008.
Survivors include four daughters: Linda (Mike) Simms of Crawfordsville, Karen (David) Gehrke of Plymouth, Janet (Marvin) Moffett and Donna (Bill) Runkle, both of Lafayette as well as eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters: Doris Bottom, Leah Rohr and Wilma Birge.

Family and friends may pay their respects Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Burkhart Funeral Home, Crawfordsville, with Masonic rites at 8 p.m. Funeral services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. with Chaplain Norris Keirn officiating. Burial with military rites will follow at Waynetown Masonic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Elizabeth Hospice, 1415 Salem St., Suite 202, Lafayette, IN 47904.

Online condolences can be made at www.BurkhartFH.com.

Danny L. Slaybaugh  Date of Death 2/2/2009


He is survived by his mother, Lois M. Slabaugh of Nappanee; sister, Kim (David) Ingle of Nappanee; and brothers: Billy Slabaugh, Jody Slabaugh and Mikel Slabaugh, all of Nappanee.

Funeral services are Thursday, Feb. 5 at 2 p.m. at the Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee, with visitation one hour prior. Cremation will take place.

Burial will be at South Union Cemetery with military graveside services.

Memorials may be made to the Nappanee American Legion.

Jereme Matthew Greene  Date of Death 2/3/2009


He is survived by daughter: Leila Jo Greene; his mother, Jill Greene of Plymouth; and his grandmother, Janice Reese of Bremen.

Services will be held Monday, Feb. 9 at 1 p.m. at Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen. Burial will take place at the Bremen Cemetery. Visitation is from 10 a.m. until time of service Monday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family to be used toward the funeral expenses.

Charles Glen O’Connor  Date of Death 2/3/2009

ROCHESTER — Charles Glen O’Connor, 76, of Rochester, died at 4:57 a.m. Feb. 3, 2009 at Woodlawn Hospital of Rochester after a lengthy illness. He was born Aug. 16, 1932 in Liberty Township, St. Joseph County to William Fay and Lilly Sophia (Reed) O’Connor. He married Betty L. Sumey on Nov. 25, 1994 in Argos.

Charles lived in Fulton County since 1995 moving there from Argos. He was an electrician working with Miller’s Electric.

He graduated from North Liberty High School. Charles served his country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict from March 30, 1953 to Feb. 3, 1955. He was a former member of the American Legion and V.F.W.

He is survived by his wife, Betty L. O’Connor of Rochester; three sons: Charles Ray O’Connor of Gillette, Wyo., Kenneth (Monica) Wells of Costa Rica and Randy Zehner of Pittsburg, Pa.; nine daughters: Debra O’Connor of Angola, Patricia Chee of Albuquerque, N.M., Pauline King of
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Coolidge, Ariz., Diane (William) King of Knox, Barbara (Richard) Carstens of Helensville, Wis., Judy Hovenden of Mentone, Cindy Sumey of Rochester, Louise (Melvin) Lairson of Hillsboro, Texas and Windy Lauderback of Rochester; 24 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and three brothers: Howard (Betty) O’Connor of Bremen, John (Judy) O’Connor of South Bend and Merlyn (Donna) O’Connor of Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Georgegene O’Connor; second wife, Mildred M. O’Connor; two sons: Paul Dale O’Connor and Russell Wells Jr.; great-granddaughter, Marie Carstens; five brothers; and two sisters.

Friends may visit with the family Friday, Feb. 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6 at the funeral home with Chaplin Jason See of Woodlawn Hospital officiating.

Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Family of Charles G. O’Connor; Attn: O’Connor Memorial, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos, IN 46501

Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at: memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Chloe Rowe  Date of Death 2/3/2009

Chloe Rowe, 85, a resident of Mason Health Care Facility and formerly of Tippecanoe, died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009 at 1:30 a.m.

She is survived by her four sons: William Franklin and wife Irene Hartbarger of Mishawaka, Curtis Hartbarger of Tippecanoe, Kernie and wife Karen Rowe of North Manchester and James and wife Brenda Rowe of Columbia City; 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; and sister, Marjorie Bennett of Syracuse.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6 in the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St. Bourbon. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5 in the funeral home. Burial will follow in the Tippecanoe Cemetery.

Eula Mae Stone  Date of Death 2/3/2009

BREMEN — Eula Mae Stone, 83, died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009 in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Survivors include daughters: Rosemary Singleton of Maryland and Malinda (Junior) Hill of Bremen; son, Leonard Stone of Leiters Ford; brother, Bobby Shemwell of Central City, Ky.; sisters: Claudene Stone of Grovertown, Joetta Richards of Powderly, Ky., Dorothy Piper of Kerrville, Texas and Shelby (Ralph) Puckett of Culver; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Feb. 7 at noon (Central Time) at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Burial will be in the Burr Oak Cemetery. Visitation is Friday, Feb. 6 from 4 to 8 p.m. CST and Saturday one hour prior to the service.

Roy Edwin Swanson  Date of Death 2/3/2009

ARGOS — Roy Edwin Swanson, 91, passed away at Miller's Merry Manor in Culver Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009. He resided at 10933 West 17th Rd., Argos, with his wife Dorothy Swanson, who survives.
On March 5, 1917, Roy was born to David and Lydia Swanson of Grovertown. He was a 1936 graduate of Grovertown High School and a 1940 graduate of Purdue University, where he majored in Poultry and Agriculture.

In August of 1940, Roy married his high school sweetheart, Emily Waclaw, who preceded him in death in 1979. They came to Marshall County and resided at 5319 Plymouth-LaPorte Trail, Plymouth, to start farming and to build a poultry hatching business, which eventually became one of the largest poultry operations, in Indiana. Roy worked hard developing his farm and raising and hatching chickens, until 1967, when he began to transform his farmland into a golf course. This eventually became Swan Lake Golf Club and United States Golf Academy, which the Swanson family owned and operated until the business was sold, in 2000.

Roy had a keen interest in construction and enjoyed building. He built several homes, including his own, as well as chicken coops, hatcheries, and all the original buildings for the golf course and the academy. He was instrumental in building the Sunday school wing of the former EUB Church, of which he was a member. He also built the education wing of Grace Baptist Church and went on several mission trips, to Honduras, doing construction work there.

Roy was an avid traveler. His travels took him to all 50 states, in the United States, and all the way around the globe. In 1962, he went on an agricultural tour with Purdue University to Russia, Poland, and several European countries. Some later journeys included trips to the Panama Canal, several Central and South American countries, Israel, Egypt, China, New Zealand, Spain, and his parents' homeland of Sweden.

After the death of his first wife, Emily, Roy married Dorothy Ferguson, of Argos, in 1980. 2009 marks their 29th wedding anniversary.

Roy was an active, dedicated member of Grace Baptist Church for several years. He was a long time Gideon, passing out New Testaments to school children across the state of Indiana. He had a real concern for mission work and spreading the gospel.

Surviving Roy is his loving wife, Dorothy Swanson of Argos; his brother, Norman Swanson of Grovertown; his daughter, Lynette Kross of Plymouth; his daughter, Felicia (Mark) Batman of Plymouth, and their children Luke, Emily, and Matthew; Roy's daughter-in-law, Linda Swanson of Tennessee; his grandson, David (Yoonhae) Swanson and their sons, Noah and Zachary of Fishers, Indiana; his granddaughter, Melinda (James) Krass and their sons, Aiden, Elliot, and Rowan of Nappanee; his stepsons: John (Elaine) Ferguson of Argos and their sons, Eric and Gregg; Jerry (Karen) Ferguson of Wisconsin and their daughter, Jean; and Jim (Rhonda) Ferguson of Argos and their son, Seth.

Roy was preceded in death by his son, Roger Swanson in 2003.

A time of visiting with the family will be Friday, Feb. 6, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, Plymouth.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Feb. 7 at 10:30 a.m. at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, IN 46563, with the Rev. John Branch officiating.

Burial will be in the Swedish Cemetery, Donaldson.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Gideon’s International or to Child’s Evangelism.

Family and friends are invited to sign the guest book and share memories of Roy at www.vangilderfuneral home.com
Debra Kay Wagner  Date of Death 2/3/2009

THORNTOWN — A celebration of the life of Debra Kay Wagner, 51, of Thorntown, will be Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009 at 12 p.m. at the Drury & Leppert Mortuary, 2400 N. Lebanon St., Lebanon. Debra passed away Feb. 3, 2009. She is survived by her best friend and loving husband of 32 years, John R. Wagner.

She was born Nov. 16, 1957 in South Bend. The eldest daughter of DeWayne Creighton Sr. and Janice (Mead) Creighton, who survive. Debra is also survived by her three younger siblings: G. DeWayne Creighton Jr., of Bremen, Kelly Sienicki of Middlebury and Jason Creighton of Zionsville; six nephews and two nieces. Along with John, she was guardian of their nephew, Connor Liam Creighton of Zionsville.

In 1976, she married John, the love of her life and they relocated to Chicago’s Lincoln Park neighborhood, where they began their young married life together, later relocating to Annapolis, Md. in 1986. In 2004, they returned to Indiana to spend more time with family and to enjoy a new home in a peaceful setting of their dreams — along the waterfront of a private water ski lake in rural Boone County.

Debra attended several schools of higher education and subsequently earned degrees in biology and horticulture and was certified as a Montessori teacher. Always seeking new challenges, her career path was diverse — from teaching young children in the Chicago area; various public relations/environmental positions in Maryland government; managing Nancy Hammond Editions, an art gallery in Annapolis — historic district; and serving as a cabin attendant for a private charter jet service. At the time of her death, she was a personal fitness trainer and Master Gardener.

Not until her mid-30s, did she learn to slalom course water ski. She gave “coaching” credit to John for her quickly excelling in the sport. They treasured their summers skiing together. She first entered the local water ski tournaments in Annapolis in 1994 and qualified to compete in the U.S. Nationals the following year. She earned that national prerequisite every subsequent year. Debra still holds the Virginia State record holder in the Women III & IV Slalom Divisions and in the summer of 2003, she tied the published Eastern Regional Record in a tournament at her beloved Lake Holly, where she and John were ski club members for several years before returning to Indiana.

Debra’s involvement in the USA Water Ski Association included her contribution as a volunteer editor of the Easter Region Guidebook for several years and coordinating the Easter Region’s winter meeting in Annapolis. She also served as a tournament-rated boat driver and regular judge for the slalom event, as well as serving as President and Vice President of the Lake Holly Ski Club.

Gardening was her favorite past-time. She also had a passion for water skiing, bird watching, jazz music, oenology, art, automobile racing, her cats and riding her Harley. She enjoyed attending Faith Baptist Church in Lafayette. Her favorite Bible verse was Psalm 34:8 “Oh the taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him.” “On Golden Pond” was her favorite movie, which she frequently re-watched and had most lines memorized!

In 2004, Debra was one of the original founders of the Sugar Creek Art Center in Thorntown, where she volunteered to be Gallery Director for its first three years, worked on several committees and had served on its board of directors since 2004. She was also a member of the Silent Shores Water Ski Club, USA Water Ski Association, Boone County Master Gardeners, Friendly City Garden Club, Sugar Creek Historical Society and a patron of the Hoosier Art Salon.

Memorial contributions may be made to the following non-profit organizations: Faith Baptist Church, 5526 St. Rd. 26 East, Lafayette, IN 47905; or Sugar Creek Art Center, 127 S. Pearl Street, Thorntown, IN 46071 or the Humane Society for Boone County, P.O. Box 708, Lebanon,
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IN 46052.

You are invited to visit the Web site www.druryleppertmortuary.com where you may leave a personal message and sign Debra’s online register book. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Drury & Leppert Mortuary, 2400 N. Lebanon Street, Lebanon.

Robert L. Buss  Date of Death 2/4/2009

GOSHEN — Robert L. Buss, 70, of Goshen, died at 4:56 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009 at Goshen General Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Buss; daughters: Cindy (Jon) Werbianskyj of Goshen and Penny (Denny) Kreager of Columbia City; sons: Mike Buss of Goshen and Scott (Sue) Buss of Wakarusa; 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; brother, James (Sharon) Buss of Nappanee; and sister, Mary Jane (Robert) Pontius.

Visitation is Friday, Feb. 6 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 7 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee. Funeral services are Sunday, Feb. 8 at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at South Union Cemetery, Nappanee.

Memorials may be made to Baugo Church of the Brethren.

Verena E. Shafer  Date of Death 2/4/2009

Verena E. Shafer, 93, of Bremen Health Care, formerly of Nappanee and Wakarusa, died at 1:07 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009 at Bremen Health Care. She was born Dec. 24, 1915 in Bourbon to Adam and Lurena (Miller) Lemler. She married Allen Shafer, who preceded her in death Dec. 16, 1995.

A lifetime area resident, she was a housewife and had worked at CTS in Elkhart and for the Mutschler family in Nappanee. She was a member of the Church of the Brethren in Bremen.

She is survived by nieces and nephews: Rich BonDurant, Terry BonDurant, Melvin Lemler, Larry Pete Lemler, Carolyn Ferro, Dorothy Neff, Beverly Kuhn, Wilma Strevy and Linda Gigous.

She was preceded in death by a brother, John Lemler; sisters: Margaret BonDurant and Martha Lemler; nephew, Dave Lemler; and nieces: Francis Romine and Eillen Welsh.

A memorial service is being planned for a later date. Cremation will take place. Inurnment will be in Sandy Ridge Cemetery, Bourbon Township.

Memorials may be made to the donor’s choice.

Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee, is in charge of the arrangements.

BREMEN — Verena E. Shafer, 93, of Bremen, formerly of Nappanee and Wakarusa, died at 1:07 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009 at Bremen Health Care.

She is survived by nieces and nephews: Rich BonDurant, Terry BonDurant, Melvin Lemler, Larry Pete Lemler, Carolyn Ferro, Dorothy Neff, Beverly Kuhn, Wilma Strevy and Linda Gigous.

Cremation will take place. A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 25 at 10 a.m. at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee. Inurnment will be in Sandy Ridge Cemetery, Bourbon Township.

Memorials may be made to the donor’s choice or The Center for Hospice & Palliative Care.

Leona J. Zechiel  Date of Death 2/5/2009
CULVER — Leona J. Zechiel, 96, a Culver resident all her married life, died at 8 a.m. on Feb 5, 2009 in Miller’s Merry Manor, Culver.

The daughter of Lula and Albert Grosvenor was born in Bourbon Jan. 21, 1913. She graduated with the class of 1931 in Bourbon.

On Oct. 19, 1933, she married Ferris Zechiel at Tipp City, Ohio. He survives at 100 years old.

Leona is also survived by a daughter, Betty (Stan) Reinholt; and a son, Larry (Ruth) Zechiel; five grandchildren: Susan (Marty) Mansfield, Dean (Tina) Zechiel, Jo Zechiel, Ryan (Mindi) Reinholt, and Beth (Rob) Herzog; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Leona was a homemaker, Leona loved to cook, garden, crafts, sew, teach Sunday School, and read her Bible. She was a 50 year member of Culver Homemakers, Marshall County Extension and a member of Community Bible Fellowship Church of God.

Leona was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Carol Ann in 1940; three sisters: Hester Kuhn, Iris Peirson, and Bernice Calvert; five brothers: Arnold, Victor, Leonard, Harvey, and Calvin Grosvenor; also a set of infant twin siblings.

Friends and family are invited to celebrate the life of Leona Zechiel on Sat. Feb. 7, 2009 from 12 to 2 p.m. Rev. Bob Huddlestun and Bob Collier will officiate funeral services at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Burial will follow at Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given in Leona’s memory to the Atlanta Bible College.

Notes of condolence and sharing of memories of Leona Zechiel may be e-mailed to the family at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home Web site obituary page at www.bonineodom.com.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Bridget A. Gourley Date of Death 2/6/2009

HAMLET — Bridget A. Gourley, 48, died Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010 in LaPorte Hospital.

She is survived by brothers: Michael (Barb) Gourley of Woodbridge, Va., Matthew (Barb) Gourley of Hamlet, William Gourley of Valparaiso and Bernard (Lila) Gourley of Stone Mountain, Ga.; and a sister, Margaret Clark of Plymouth.

Visitation will take place at 10 a.m. (CT) Wednesday, Feb. 10 at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to LaPorte County Hospice.

Russell John Pletcher Date of Death 2/6/2009

SOUTH BEND — Russell John Pletcher, residing in South Bend, passed away at 12:15 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, 2009 in his home following a brief illness. He was 96 years old.

He was born Oct. 15, 1912 in Lakeville, the son of Nathan and Cleo Elizabeth (Beam) Pletcher, and moved to South Bend in 1940, coming from Plymouth. In 1934, Russell joined the Civilian Conservation Camp. For the next several years, he moved across the country from Kentucky to Idaho to California, Montana and Utah. He returned to Plymouth in 1937. On June 2, 1940 in Plymouth, he was united in marriage to Vera Belle Sullivan. Together, they enjoyed 61 years of marriage until her passing on June 3, 2001.
It was on South Bend’s south side that he and Vera raised a family of seven children, all who survive him. They are, Carolyn Pletcher of South Bend, Phyllis Jean (Joe) Shelley of South Bend, Beverly Joan (John) Telfer of Fishers, Marcia Jayne (Joseph) Hawkins of Boerne, Texas, Joy Marie Pletcher of South Bend, Larry Lee (Lois) Pletcher of Garland, Texas, and Jack Philip (Denise) Pletcher of Las Vegas, Nev.

Also surviving Russell are two brothers: Willard (Ruth) Pletcher of Argos and Gene Arnold (Leona) Pletcher of South Bend; 13 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren.

Two sisters: Naomi Ruth Crow and Goldie Elizabeth Barlow, and four brothers: Ralph Orlando Pletcher, Clarence David Pletcher, Paul Revere Pletcher, and Charles Frederick Pletcher preceded him in death.

Russell was employed with the Studebaker Corp. for 13 years, and Fabricated Steel for more than nine years. He also had a watch repair service out of his home for many years. He was a member of South Side Church of God, South Bend. Many years ago, he helped to build the Plymouth Church of God.

Memorial services celebrating the life of Russell Pletcher will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, at South Side Church of God, 7351 U.S. 31 South, South Bend. Rev. Randy Kerr, pastor will officiate. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service Saturday at the Church.

Contributions in memory of Mr. Pletcher may be offered to the Church at 7351 U.S. 31 South, South Bend, IN 46614.

The Palmer Funeral Home-Guisinger Chapel 3718 South Michigan St., South Bend is assisting the Pletcher family with arrangements.

SOUTH BEND — Russell John Pletcher, 96, of South Bend, died Friday, Feb. 6, 2009 in his home.

He is survived by daughters: Carolyn Pletcher, Phyllis Jean Shelley, Beverly Joan Telfer, Marcia Jayne Hawkins and Joy Marie Pletcher; sons: Larry Lee Pletcher and Jack Phillip Pletcher; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and brothers: Willard George Pletcher and Gene Arnold Pletcher.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14 in the South Side Church of God, 7351 U.S. 31 South, South Bend. Visitation is one-hour prior to the services in the church.

Palmer Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Lewis “Shot” Youngman Date of Death 2/6/2009

WAUKESHA — Lewis “Shot” Youngman, of Waukesha, passed away Friday, Feb. 6, 2009 at his home.

Lewis was born July 27, 1915 in Tipton County, Ind., the son of John and Blanch (nee Duncan) Youngman. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 71 years, Mary (nee Singrey).

Lewis served in the US Army during World War II. He was a long standing member of the American Legion in Walkerton, Ind. He was a proud Teamster who worked for Express Freight Lines for 30 years.

Lewis was the loving father of Michael (JoAnn) and Charles (Lori) Youngman. He is also survived by family and friends in both Indiana and Wisconsin.

The visitation for Lewis will be held Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009 from 5 until 7 p.m. at the Cesarz, Charapata & Zinnecker Funeral Home, 237 N. Moreland Blvd. Waukesha.
Betty J. Smith (Fields, Nelson) Kachelmeier  Date of Death 2/7/2009

KOKOMO — Betty J. Smith (Fields, Nelson) Kachelmeier, 74, of Kokomo, died at 7:15 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009 in Fairmont Rehab, Kokomo.

She is survived by son-in-law, Leon Sims (companion: Dee Burroughs) of Burr Oak; two grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Betty J. Smith and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17 in Ellers Mortuary, 725 S. Main St. Chapel, Kokomo. Visitation is from 10 a.m. until the time of the service in the mortuary.

A burial of her ashes will be at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be sent to: Rescue Mission 321 West Mulberry Kokomo, IN 46901 or the Kokomo Humane Society 713 North Elizabeth Kokomo, IN 46901.

Kathleen Kukla-Stacy  Date of Death 2/7/2009

KNOX — Kathleen Kukla-Stacy, 49, formerly of Hamlet, died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009 in her home after an illness.

She is survived by her husband, Kenny Stacy; one daughter, Geneva Stacy of Knox; one step-daughter, Heather Stacy of Westville and two sisters: Nancy Rivas and Mary Ann Kukla, both of Knox.

Visitation will take place Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009 from 3 to 8 p.m. (CT) and Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009 after 9 a.m. at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m.

Burial will take place at the Fletcher Cemetery, Hamlet.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Geneva Stacy Trust Fund at First Source Bank.

James F. McLochlin  Date of Death 2/7/2009

SANDY SPRINGS, Ga. — James F. McLochlin, of Sandy Springs, Ga., died Feb. 7, 2009. Mr. McLochlin was born June 22, 1941 in Plymouth, and was the son of Frances McLochlin, Jr., and Velma Sanders McLochlin.

He served in the U.S. Navy for four years and then had a 15 year career with the U.S. Marine Corp where he was on the National Shooting Team winning several Gold Medals.

While he was in Plymouth he owned and operated a locksmith and shoe repair business for 18 years.
Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Carol J. McLochlin; son, James McLochlin; daughter, Carla Starry; six grandchildren; sisters: Helen Bush and Peggy Taylor; brother, David McLochlin; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to National Military Family Association, Inc., 2500 North Van Dorn St., Suite 102, Alexandria, VA 22302-1601.

A memorial service will be Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009 at 11 a.m. at H.M. Patterson and Son, Arlington Chapel, 173 Allen Rd, NE, Sandy Springs, GA 30328.

Michelle Papio Date of Death 2/7/2009

SOUTH BEND — Michele Papio, 52, residing in South Bend, passed away at 5 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, 2009 in her home.

She was born Jan. 12, 1957 in Toledo, Ohio, the daughter of the late Charles L. and Maxine (Golden) Papio. She graduated from Sylvania High School, Toledo.

Michele was employed as environmental services supervisor at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth and formerly worked at Holy Cross Care & Rehabilitation Center, South Bend. She loved working on things with her hands. She had a tremendous love for animals, especially dogs and cats.

She is survived by her two sisters, Carla Papio and Tina Papio both of Toledo, and her brother, Joe Papio also of Toledo. She is also survived by other family members, Jeaniece Bumgardner and Connie Bumgardner of South Bend and their family.

Through a domestic fight that ended in tragedy, the Papio and Bumgardner families will come together to remember Michele’s life.

Family and friends may visit at First Brethren Church, 4909 South Ironwood Drive, South Bend, from 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14. Services celebrating Michele’s life will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Church.

Contributions in memory of Michele may be offered to South Bend Animal Care & Control, 105 South Olive St., South Bend, IN 46619

Palmer Funeral Home-Guisinger Chapel is assisting the family with arrangements.

Dennis M. “Skeeter” Peffley Date of Death 2/7/2009


He is survived by his stepmother, Pauline Peffley of Plymouth; sisters: Bobbie (Dwayne) Zeider of Elkhart, Doris (Roger) Stutsman of Elkhart, Sally Smith of Plymouth and Mary Ann (Marvin) Miller of Plymouth; and brother, Burton A. Johnson of Elkhart.

Elmer M. Beachy Date of Death 2/8/2009

NAPPANEE — Elmer M. Beachy, 89, of Nappanee, died at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009 at Elkhart General Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Alice Beachy; daughters: Rosanna (John Henry) Borkholder of Nappanee, Loretta (Noah) Herscherger of Kokomo and Rachel (Edward) Otto of Kokomo; 11 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; brothers: Daniel (Ada) Beachy of Millersburg, Perry (Ruby) Beachy of Goshen and Mahlon (Clara) Beachy of Utica, Ohio; and sister-in-law, Edna Beachy of Utica, Ohio.
Visitation was after 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9 and is all day Tuesday, Feb. 10 at the Lyle Borkholder residence, 9457 W. 1050 N. Funeral services will be Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ray Kemp residence, 9699 W. 1050 N. Burial will be at Graber Cemetery.

Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee, assisted the family with arrangements

**Betty Bordner  Date of Death 2/8/2009**

BLOOMINGTON — Betty Bordner joined the other angels on Feb. 8, 2009 at the age of 90. She was born to Lloyd Byron and Amee Washington Eherenman on Jan. 27, 1919 in Bourbon.

She was preceded in death in October, 2007 by her husband of 67 years, Wilbur Amaza Bordner to whom she married on Aug. 4, 1940 in Plymouth.

She is survived by three children and their spouses: Bruce (Darla) Bordner of Wakarusa, Mauri (Marie) of Columbia City and Amee (Peter) Yoder of Bloomington. She is also survived by six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Betty graduated from Plymouth High School and Indiana University (R.S. and M.S.) and was a stay-at-home mother before she became an English teacher. Born of musicians, teachers and golfers, her loves were music, gardening, reading, bridge and golf.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Plymouth and St. Mark’s United Methodist Church in Bloomington. In lieu of flowers, gifts would be welcome at either church or Bloomington Hospital Hospice or the Monroe County Public Library. A memorial service will be held in the spring in Plymouth. Allen Funeral Home of Bloomington is handling the arrangements.

**Michael E. Cowger  Date of Death 2/8/2009**

ROCHESTER — Michael E. Cowger, 58, of Rochester, died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009 at 6:05 a.m. at his residence following a lengthy illness. He was born Nov. 26, 1950 in rural Star City to Wilbur “Bud” and Donna (DePoy) Cowger. On June 14, 1969 in Argos, he married Darlene K. Davis.

He lived most of his life in the Marshall and Fulton County area. He worked as a production worker at RBC Precision Products in Bremen.

Michael was an avid deer hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed working in his yard and garden during the summer months. He was a member of the National Rifleman’s Association and Northern Indiana Hunting Club. He attended Argos United Methodist Church, Argos. He was a graduate of Argos High School class of 1968.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene Cowger of Rochester; daughter, Carla (Chris) Decker of Knox; son, Leon Cowger of Kansas City, Mo.; three grandchildren: Matt, Chris, Jarod Decker of Knox; parents, Bud and Donna Cowger of Rochester; two brothers: Kelly Cowger and Tim Cowger of Rochester; and four sisters: Beverly (Joe) Cooley of Talma, Dianna (Danni) Overmyer of Tippecanoe, Twyla (Mike) Hartman of Argos and Melody (Clyde) Avery of Argos.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael E. Cowger Jr. in 1991; four brothers: Keith Lee Cowger, Leon “Buddy” Cowger, Bill Cowger and Terry Cowger; and niece, Donna Marie Cooley.

Friends may visit with the family Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos, and for one hour prior to the services at the church.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009 at the Argos United Methodist Church, 540 N. Michigan St., Argos, with Rev. Ken Walker of the Argos United Methodist Church officiating.
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Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center, c/o Indiana University Foundation, Attn: Thoracic Oncology Program Fund, PO Box 660245, Indianapolis, IN 46266-0245.

Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Joanna M. Hoke  Date of Death 2/8/2009

NAPPANEE — Joanna M. Hoke, 93, of Nappanee, died at 11:35 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009 at her home.

She is survived by son, Stanley (Carol) Hoke of Indianapolis; daughters: Meredyth (Dan) Wollmann of Nappanee and Anita (Andy) Stoner of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and brother, Willard (Jean) Stump of Canton, Ohio.

Visitation is Friday, Feb. 13 from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee, and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church. Funeral services are Saturday, Feb. 14 at 10:30 a.m. at Brethren in Christ Church. Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials may be made to the Nappanee Brethren in Christ Church or Brethren in Christ World Missions.

Dana Lynn Rodgers  Date of Death 2/8/2009

PLYMOUTH — Dana Lynn Rodgers, 47, of Plymouth, died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2009 at home.

She is survived by her mother and stepfather, Shirley (Robert) Troyer of Knox; sisters: Geniene (Wilber) Collins of Plymouth, Colleen Joseph of Bowling Green, Ky. and Jennifer (Robert) Cooper of Morristown; and brothers: Donald (Brenda) Rodgers of Greenfield and Herman Rodgers of Knox.

Visitation is Wednesday, Feb. 11 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Plymouth Baptist Church. A memorial service will be held Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 11 a.m. at the church. Burial will be at Eagle Creek Cemetery, Knox.

Memorials may be made to Plymouth Baptist Church.

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

Violet Irene Overmyer  Date of Death 2/9/2009

ELKHART — Violet Irene Overmyer, 68, of Elkhart, died Monday, Feb. 9, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. at Golden Living Center, Elkhart. She had been ill since November 2008. She was born Jan. 20, 1941 in Culver to Clifford M. and Cornelia L. (Crow) Overmyer.

She grew up and lived in the Marshall County area in 1989 she moved to Knox, and lived in the Binkley Home until she became ill in November.

She had attended Santa Anna United Methodist Church of Argos.

She is survived by sister, Mary L. (Randy) Huber of Syracuse; brother, C. Meril (Dorothy) Overmyer of Argos; 10 nieces and nephews; and many great nieces and nephews.
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She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Lenora K. Voreis.

Friends may visit with the family Friday, Feb. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos. Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13 at the funeral home with Rev. Dr. Dean Fager officiating. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pathfinders; PO Box 431, Plymouth, IN 46563

Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Joseph D. Stachelski  Date of Death 2/9/2009**

WARSAW — Joseph D. Stachelski, 68, of Warsaw, died Monday, Feb. 9, 2009 at 1:17 p.m. at home.

Funeral Services for Joseph Stachelski will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 125 N. Harrison St., Warsaw.

Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw.

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Kenneth Frick  Date of Death 2/10/2009**

LAKEVILLE — Kenneth Frick, 84, of Lakeville, died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009 in his home.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn L. (Rhoade) Frick; two daughters: Connie Kujawski of New Carlisle and Debra Lozier of Mishawaka; son, Randy (Cindy) Frick of Lakeville; five grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13, 2009 in the Palmer Funeral Home-Guisinger Chapel, 3718 S. Michigan St., South Bend. Burial will follow in Southlawn Cemetery, South Bend. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home and one hour prior to the services Friday.

**Wilma E. Rush  Date of Death 2/11/2009**

WAKARUSA — Wilma E. Rush, 86, of Wakarusa, formerly of Nappanee, died at 2:40 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009 at Miller’s Merry Manor, Wakarusa.

She is survived by a son, Gene (Rosemary) Robinson of Nappanee; daughters: Shirley (Jim) Crane of Punta Gorda, Fla. and Cheryl Rush of Elkhart; eight grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Friday, Feb. 13 from 3 to 8 p.m. at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee, and one hour prior to the services Saturday at the church. Funeral services are Saturday, Feb. 14 at 10 a.m. at First Church of God, Nappanee. Burial will be at Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to First Church of God, Alzheimer’s Association or the Center for Hospice & Palliative Care.

**Marilyn Rose Smiley  Date of Death 2/11/2009**

She had lived all of her life in the Argos community. She worked at Kroger in Plymouth from 1962 to 1985 when she retired.

She was a member of the Argos Bible Church, Argos. She and her husband were very active with The Old Gold Club, Argos. She graduated from Tippecanoe High School with the class of 1947.

She is survived by two daughters: Diana (Terry) Ellis of Argos and Patsy (Stephen) Lucas of Byron Center, Mich.; six grandchildren: Cheryl (Jeff) Shoup of Huntington, Tammy (Scott) Tuley of Trafalgar, Craig (Christen) Ellis of Argos, Lona (Adam) VanLoozenoord of Grand Rapids, Mich., Jason (Kori) Ellis of Clayton and Jody (Matt) O’Dell of New Palestine; 10 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two brothers: James P. Moriarty of Argos and Terry L. Moriarty of Plymouth; and sister, Linda (Leonard) Fuller of Wakarusa.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, John Moriarty; and sister, Shirley Knezevich on May 7, 2008.

Friends may visit with the family Friday, Feb. 13 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14 at the Argos Bible Church, 210 S. Maple Ave., Argos with Rev. Phil Platz officiating.

Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Argos Bible Church, 210 S. Maple Ave., Argos, IN 46501 or “Old Gold Club” Attn: Mr. Medich; 500 Yearick Ave., Argos, IN 46501.

Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Marie P. Wagner Date of Death 2/11/2009

PLYMOUTH — Marie P. Wagner, 94, of Plymouth, died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009 at Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth.

She is survived by daughter, Bonnie E. Rock of Plymouth; sons: Dan P. Wagner of Glenwood, Ill. And Robert L. (Marcy) Wagner of Plymouth; sister, Bernice Nipes of Edwardsburg, Mich.; and brother, Matthew Pastuszak of West Chicago, Ill.

Visitation is Friday, Feb. 13 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Funeral services are Saturday, Feb. 14 at 10 a.m. at St. Michael Catholic Church, Plymouth. Burial will be at Patton Cemetery, LaPorte.

Memorials may be made to the Center for Hospice, Boy Scouts of America or St. Michael’s Playground Fund.

Genevieve “Genny” M. Walker Date of Death 2/11/2009

BREMEN — Genevieve “Genny” M. Walker, 81, of Bremen, died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2009 at Community Hospital of Bremen.

She is survived by son, Jeff (Marsha) Welborn of Bremen; daughters: Connie Welborn of Indianapolis and Jill (Allan) Young of Bourbon; stepsons: John Walker of Bremen and Mike
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Walker of Australia; stepdaughters: Karen Wright of Danville and Nancy Walker of Bremen; four grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; four step grandchildren; four step great-grandchildren and brother, Maynard (Louise) Hochstetler of Bremen.

Visitation is Friday, Feb. 13 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen. Funeral services are Saturday, Feb. 14 at 10:30 a.m. at Salem United Methodist Church. Burial will be at Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Community Hospital of Bremen or Salem United Methodist Church.

Paul A. Cripe  Date of Death 2/12/2009

BREMEN — Paul A. Cripe, 97, of Bremen, died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009 at Miller’s Merry Manor, Wakarusa.

He is survived by son, Donald (Carol) Cripe of Bremen; daughter: Marylin Haines of Indianapolis; grandson, Thomas Cripe II of Plymouth and granddaughter Teresa (Tony) Cox of Tippecanoe, both whom he raised as his children; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15 at the Bremen Church of the Brethren. Burial will be at South Union Cemetery, Nappanee. Visitation is from 1 p.m. until time of the service Sunday, Feb. 15 at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Bremen Church of the Brethren.

Frances P. Meloy  Date of Death 2/12/2009

LAKELAND, Fla. — Frances P. Meloy, 89, died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009 due to complications resulting from Alzheimer’s.

Frances was born Aug. 18, 1919 in Argos and went on to marry Watson H. Meloy. She later became the owner of City News Agency.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

She is survived by two sons: Alan Meloy of Lakeland, Fla. And Arthur Meloy of Palm Bay. Fla.; a daughter, Sybil Nixon of Lake Wales, Fla.; a sister, Lois Loht of Golden Colo.; eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Inurnment will be in Lakeland Memorial Gardens.

Lanier Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Helen Peterson  Date of Death 2/12/2009

NEW HAVEN, IN — Helen Peterson, 83, of New Haven, Ind., formerly of Bourbon, died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009 at 11:20 p.m. at Harborside Healthcare.

She is survived by two daughters: Ann (Dennis) Erpelding of Fort Wayne, Ind. and Jackie (Russell) Brown of Pierceton, Ind.; one son, Chris Peterson of Avilla, Ind.; eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Private graveside services will be held with burial to follow at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bourbon, Ind.

Memorials may be made to Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice, 1315 Directors Row, Suite 210, Fort Wayne, IN 46808.
Anita M. Base  Date of Death 2/13/2009


Private family services were held. Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Valley, 14066 W. Waddell Rd., Surprise, AZ 85379. Advantage Maryvale Mortuary, Arizona, was in charge of the arrangements. Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen, was in charge of local arrangements.

Janice P. Henricks  Date of Death 2/13/2009

NORTH JUDSON — Janice P. Henricks, 80, of North Judson, Ind., died Friday, Feb. 13, 2009 in Golden Living Center, Knox, Ind.

She is survived by two sons: Don (Bonita) Henricks of Knox and Leo (Julie) Henricks of North Judson; two daughters: Diana (William) Smith and Janet (Goble) Conley, all of North Judson; three sisters: Alice Lane and Corrine Rooney, both of Florida and Connie Mahoney of LaPorte; two grandsons; four granddaughters; one great-grandson and one great-granddaughter.

Visitation is Monday, Feb. 16, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2009 after 10 a.m. until the time of services at the funeral home.

Funeral services are Tuesday at 11 a.m. (Central Time) at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel with Pastor Michael Boyd officiating.

Burial will follow at the Round Lake Cemetery, Knox.

Gail Annette Miller-Schaeffer  Date of Death 2/14/2009

BASS LAKE — Gail Annette Miller-Schaeffer, 49, of Bass Lake, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009 at home.

She is survived by her husband, Kurt Schaeffer; children: Annette Stevens of Colorado and Travis Stevens of Plymouth; brother, Larry Miller of Valparaiso; one grandson; stepchildren: Samantha and Seth Schaeffer; and one step-grandson.

A memorial service will take place Saturday, Feb. 21 at 4 p.m. (CDT) at the American Legion Post in Wanatah.

M.C. Smith Funeral Home, Knox, is in charge of the arrangements.

William H. Stofer  Date of Death 2/14/2009


Bill earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Michigan. He worked as a Metallurgical Engineer. From 1950-1968 he owned and operated the Western Auto Associate Store in Plymouth with his father. From 1968-1992 Bill worked for R.R. Donnelley & Sons in Warsaw, where he was an Ink Engineer and then Materials Inspection Supervisor.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Stofer of Warsaw; son, Dr. William “Bill” (Jenny) Stofer of Warsaw; one grandson, Harrison Stofer at home in Warsaw; and sister, Elizabeth (David)
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Stewart of Winona Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation is Wednesday, Feb. 18 from 3 to 8 p.m. at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Rd., Warsaw. The funeral service will be Thursday, Feb.19 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Bill Hambright officiating. Interment will at Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice, P.O. Box 1196, Warsaw, IN 46581-1196 or to Hillsdale College, 33 East College St., Hillsdale, MI 49242.

Online condolences may be sent through the funeral home’s Web Site at www.redpathfruthfuneralhome.com

Betty L. Cain  Date of Death 2/15/2009


She is survived by her sons: Joseph B. McCallister of Fresno, Calif. And Tom Cain of Angola; and her daughter, Marjorie Gadbury of Muncie.

A graveside service, will be held Saturday, May 16 at 11 a.m. in New Oak Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Saint Michael School Library.

Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, is handling the arrangements.

Jack D. Hall  Date of Death 2/15/2009

BREMEN — Jack D. Hall, 74, of Bremen, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009 at the Bremen Health Care Center.

He is survived by a son, Stephen (Kelley) Hall of Bremen; two grandchildren; brother, Michael (Sheryl) Hall of Bremen; and sister, Janet (Keith) Lutes of Bremen.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 at Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen. Burial will take place at Bremen Cemetery. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20 at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bremen Auxiliary Police Department.

James E. Lee  Date of Death 2/16/2009

WARSAW — James “Jim” E. Lee, 69, of Warsaw, died at 12:38 a.m. Monday, Feb. 16, 2009 at Kosciusko Community Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Rosalie Lee of Warsaw; daughters: Dawn (Kevin) Harris of Warsaw and Robin (David) Ward of Phoenix, Ariz.; sons: Tim (Cathy) Lee of Mentone and Kim (Julie) Lee of Malta, N.Y.; 16 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; mother, Reah Lee of Warsaw; sister, Jennie (Albert) Earl of Atwood; and brother-in-law, David (Diane) Ryman of Atwood.

Visitation is Friday, Feb. 20 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Harrison Center Church, 965 S. 800 W., Etna Green. Services will be at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20 at the church.

Burial will be at Harrison Center Cemetery, Etna Green.

Memorials may be made to Harrison Center Church, 965 S. 800 W., Etna Green or 4-H
Verna S. Neidigh  Date of Death 2/20/2009

BREMEN — Verna S. Neidigh, 84, of Bremen, passed away Friday, Feb. 20, 2009, at Community Hospital of Bremen.


Verna "Marty" Schlosser Neidigh will be remembered as a loving, inspiring wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, leader and friend. She sought spiritual growth, loved reading and traveling, and was a “people’s person.” Verna was profoundly hard of hearing her entire life. She helped lead the way at the local, state and national level to improve accessibility for people with disabilities by serving as a National Board Member for the Hearing Loss Association of America (formerly known as Self Help for Hard of Hearing), helping lay the foundation and acting as State Coordinator for HLA of Indiana, being actively involved in Fifth Freedom statewide advocacy network, and helping form the Methodist Handicapped Ministries Committee. In 2006 she received the Indiana Governor’s Council Distinguished Leadership Award, symbolizing the culmination of her life’s advocacy work. Verna received a BS in Occupational Therapy from the University of Kansas and a Master of Education from IUSB.

Verna wrote a column, “The Kitchen Window,” in the Bremen Enquirer for many years. She and her mother traveled the world in the mid-’70s. Verna was a member of the Society of Friends South Bend Meeting (Quakers). She was healed of two bouts of stage-four lymphoma in 1974 and 2008. She passed peacefully, succumbing to pneumonia. Her message of love and forgiveness will be her legacy.

She is survived by her husband, Robert J. Neidigh; four children: Dale R. Neidigh of Florida; Sharon M. Neidigh of Ohio; Roberta J. (Carsen) Neidigh-Anthonisen of California and John L. Neidigh of Mississippi. Also surviving are three grandchildren: Marion K., Colleen E. and Haley C., all of California

Verna was preceded by her parents, Walter K. Schlosser, MD, and Marion M. (Pike) Schlosser; two brothers: Daniel B. Schlosser, DVM and Joseph L. Schlosser; and one sister, Bonnie S. Michaud

Visitation was Sunday, February 22, 2009, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Mishler Funeral Home. Funeral services were at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 23, 2009 at Grace United Methodist Church, 323 N. Montgomery, Bremen, IN 46506 with Rev. Bill Garver officiating.

Memorials contributions may be given to Hearing Loss Association of Michiana or to the Bremen Food Pantry.

The Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen assisted the family with arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

Arlyne G. Eley  Date of Death 2/21/2009


A memorial service celebrating her life will be held Sunday, May 3 at the Argos United Methodist Church at 2 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church Community Life Center.
**Hattie M. Baldwin  Date of Death 3/3/2009**

ROCHESTER — Hattie M. Baldwin, 96, of Rochester, died Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at Life Care Center of Rochester.

She is survived by her sons: Wayne Baldwin of Logansport, Junior Baldwin of Rochester, David Baldwin of Merriam, Kan. and Gary Baldwin of Franklin; 13 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; sisters: Agatha Marsh and Thelma Frettinger; and brothers: Charles Moon, Donald Moon and William Moon.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, March 16, 2009 in the First Assembly of God, 1944 Sweetgum Rd., Rochester. Visitation is from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 15 in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester and one hour prior to the service in the church.

Interment will follow the services at Moon Cemetery.

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

**Emma Smith-Compton  Date of Death 3/4/2009**

GLASGOW, Ky. — Emma Smith-Compton, 85, of Glasgow, Ky., formerly of Bremen, died Wednesday, March 4, 2009 in Glasgow, Ky.

She is survived by her husband, Ralph Compton of Glasgow, Ky.; son Robert “Bobby” Smith of South Bend; and four grandchildren.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at the Bremen Cemetery Chapel. Burial will be at the Bremen Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the organization of one’s choice. Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen, is in charge of the arrangements.

**Constance J. Hummel  Date of Death 3/5/2009**

Constance J Hummel, 62, passed away Thursday, March 5, 2009 in Columbia, Mo. Connie was born in Bremen to Paul and Minnie Bennitt on June 13, 1946, and later married Robert Hummel on Aug. 9, 1969. They had two children, Brent and Sheila. Connie is survived by her husband Robert, whom resides in St James, Mo.; Brent his wife Stacey and their children Robbie, Ryan, and Alison residing in Bremen; and Sheila and Jake Bender residing in Chugiak, Alaska. Connie is also survived by several brothers and sisters. Jack and Carolyn Bennitt from Bremen, Robert and Judy Bennitt from Plymouth, Barb and Nick Kintzel from Warsaw, Pam and John Zieger from Bremen and Karen and Joe Dillon from Bremen.

Connie was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Minnie Bennitt from Bremen; and her brother, Kenny Bennitt from Kansas.

A celebration of Connie’s life will be held on March 19 at the Bremen Missionary Church on Elm Road from 2 to 4 p.m.

Parker Funeral Service & Crematory, Columbia, Mo., is in charge of the arrangements.

**Christopher B. Polk  Date of Death 3/5/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Chris was born and raised in San Jose, Calif. though recently resided in Glenwood Springs, Colo. He enlisted in the Navy after high school and served in Operation Desert Shield. Chris took up a passion for snowboarding which led him to teaching the sport. He taught in Yosemite, Calif. and recently in Aspen, Colo. where he was in a fatal accident while snowboarding.
He is survived by his parents, Mark and Jeanette Polk; sisters: Arlene and Jennie Polk; nephew, Brent Ross, all of Plymouth; numerous cousins, relatives, and friends from San Jose, Calif.; friends and coworkers from Buttermilk Resort in Aspen, Colo.

Chris is preceded in death and to be joined in heaven by his grandparents Evelyn and Eulie Polk, Rolland and Jennie Castaneda, and his uncle Roland Castaneda, Jr.

There will be memorial services for him in Aspen, Colo. And San Jose, Calif.

Farnum Holt Funeral Home, Glenwood Springs, Colo., is in charge of the arrangements.

**Buel A. Hoffer  Date of Death 3/6/2009**

NAPPANEE — Buel A. Hoffer, 89, of W. 900 N. Nappanee, died Friday, March 6, 2009 at 2:40 p.m. at Elkhart General Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita Hoffer; sons Timothy Hoffer of Indianapolis and Mark (Bev) Hoffer of Huntington, Ind.; a daughter, Susan (Tim) Herli of Elkhart; six grandchildren; two step-grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place Monday, March 9 from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to funeral services Tuesday at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main St. Nappanee.

Funeral services will take place Tuesday, March 10 at Mt. Tabor Church of God, Nappanee at 11 a.m.

Burial will follow at Stony Point Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Mt. Tabor Church of God.

**Ray D. Manis  Date of Death 3/6/2009**

FRANKLIN — Ray D. Manis, 80, of Franklin, Ind., formerly of Culver, died Friday, March 6, 2009.

He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline (Hudkins) Manis; sons: Patrick (Dawn) Manis of Franklin and Michael (Terry) Manis of Newland, N.C.; a daughter, Kathleen (Joe) Erickson of Franklin; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place at 10 a.m. (CDT) Tuesday, March 10, at M.C. Smith Funeral Home, Knox.

Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Crown Hill Cemetery, Knox.

Memorials may be made to Franklin or Grace United Methodist Church.

**Earl Owen “Hap” Nifong  Date of Death 3/6/2009**

ARGOS — Earl Owen “Hap” Nifong, 85, died at 1:20 a.m. Friday, March 6, 2009, in Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth.

The “Hap” stood for “happy,” and Earl, a lifetime Marshall County resident, a dedicated farmer and family man led a happy and full life. Born Feb. 19, 1924, in Green Township, Earl was the son of Noble Leroy and Cora Alma Stone Nifong. He graduated from Argos High School.

On Dec. 10, 1944, Earl and Fern Opal Neidlinger were married in the Church of the Brethren in
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Plymouth. They started farming on shares at the old Lemert Sale Barn farm north of Plymouth, and learned how to trap for muskrats at the ditch that ran through their farmland.

In 1955, they bought a farm east of Argos. Earl worked in several places: Bendix; Moriarity Buildings; Lone Star Boat Co. of Bremen delivering Boats; Dunlap’s of Plymouth delivering orange juice; Smith-Douglass Fertilizer Warehouse at Argos as manager and was a school bus driver for Argos Community Schools from 1965 to 1977.

Earl was a member of the Church of the Brethren and an honorary member of the FFA. Earl is survived by Fern, his beloved wife, Argos, and by their two daughters and two sons. They are Reta Kaye and Charles Middaugh, Argos; Rose Marie and Tom Feeney, Indianapolis; Devon Earl and Deb Nifong, Argos and Kenny Leroy and Linda Nifong, also of Argos.

Nine grandchildren and their families also survive: Andy (Mandy) Nifong and their children Bailey J. and Owen; Sarah (Earl) Betz and their children Tyler, Payton and Braxton; Emily (Mike) Fishburn and their children Douglas, Coleman, Beau and Stephen; Ryan Nifong and his son Caden; Katie Nifong, all of Argos; Phil (Barb) Middaugh and their children Bailey A. and Rachel; Cheryl Middaugh; John Feeney and Mary Feeney, all of Indianapolis, along with a brother, Burl Nifong, Indianapolis and two sisters, Gladys Snyder and Betty Nolin, both of Argos.

His parents, Noble Leroy and Cora Alma (Stone) Nifong preceded Earl in death. An infant son, Allen Leon; two brothers, Paul and Fred and three sisters: Dorothy Nifong, Wilma Stults and Jennie June Voreis have also died.

Friends are invited to share their memories of Earl and visit with his family from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2009, and after 7 a.m. Wednesday, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth and for one hour prior to the services at the Plymouth Church of the Brethren on Wednesday.

Funeral services, officiated by the Rev. Ruth Yoder, pastor of the Plymouth Church of the Brethren, will be held in the church, 1130 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 11, 2009.

Memorial gifts in Hap’s memory may be made to the Plymouth Church of the Brethren. Messages of condolence to the family may be sent via: www.johnson-danielson.com .

Danny Lee Stahl  Date of Death 3/6/2009

PLYMOUTH — Danny Lee Stahl, 45, a resident of Plymouth, died at 12:35 p.m. Friday, March 6, 2009 in Hospice House of St. Joseph County of natural causes.

He is survived by his wife Dana; his mother, Darlene Stahl of South Bend; his mother-in-law, Iris Gildner of Plymouth; grandmother, Mary Moyer of Hammond, Ind., his step-grandfather, Kenneth Iliff of Argos; sisters: April (Timothy) Davis and Rebecca N. Stahl; brothers: Earl Edward Stahl and Jimmy Joe Stahl all of South Bend; Roberta and Michael Stahl, a half-sister and brother of Chicago and many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Visitation will be held Monday, March 9 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will take place at the funeral home at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 10.

Burial will follow in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Preferred memorial gifts may be given to Danny’s family. Notes of condolence may be sent to the family via the funeral home Web site at www.johnson-danielson.com .
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Esther E. Young  Date of Death 3/7/2009

MONTICELLO — Esther E. Young, 93, of Monticello, formerly of Monon, died Saturday, March 7, 2009 at Monticello Assisted Living Center and Health Care.

Survivors include daughter, Dorla Dumpert of Monon; son, Jerry (Diane) Young of Bremen; brother, Jimmie Berg of Hamlet; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 1:30 (Eastern Time) at Fletcher Cemetery in Hamlet. Visitation is Saturday from 12 to 1 p.m. EST at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude’s Hospital.

Barbara Jean Walker  Date of Death 3/8/2009

PLYMOUTH – Barbara Jean Walker, 77, a resident of 711 Magnetic Parkway, Plymouth, passed away peacefully the morning of Wednesday, March 18, 2009 in the Catherine Kasper Life Center following complications from surgery.

Barbara was born the daughter of Hollis “Holly” Ford Falconbury and Helen Byers (Lepper) Falconbury in Plymouth on Oct. 19, 1931. She was a lifetime resident of Plymouth having graduated from Plymouth High School in 1950.

She married James Paul Walker in South Bend on Feb. 7, 1951, he preceded her in death on April 24, 2005.

Barbara was a devoted Catholic and her faith in God was all encompassing as a member of St. Michael’s Parish in Plymouth.

Her greatest accomplishment in life was her family. She was a devoted, loving and caring wife, mother and grandmother who enjoyed a rousing game of Scrabble.

Survivors include her four children: JoAnn Morrow and Ted Luniewski of Pittsburgh, Pa., Jeanne S. Walker and Alan Ehrich of Chicago, Ill., James W. Walker and John H. Walker both of Plymouth. Two grandchildren; Schuyler Mitchell and Ian Pope, both of Chicago, survive as well.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James; her parents; and a daughter, Janet L. Walker.

Friends are invited to share their memories of Barbara with her family at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2009. A rosary will be prayed at 7:30 p.m. Calling will continue after 7 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 21, 2009, in St. Michael’s Catholic Church, 613 N. Center St., Plymouth. The Rev. Father William Kummer will officiate.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Barbara’s name may be made to St. Michael’s School Playground Fund.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family through the funeral home’s Web site via: www.johnson-danielson.com

Clifford Leiter  Date of Death 3/9/2009

March 9, 2009

BOURBON — Clifford Jay Leiter, 73, of Shaffer Road, Bourbon, Ind. Died Monday, March 9 at
He was born July 27, 1935 to Elmer E. Leiter and Ruth I. (Sarber) Leiter who both preceded him in death. He was married to Evelyn L. Haas Dec. 27, 1955. She survives.

Cliff spent his adult life as a resident of Bourbon. He worked for 33 years as a United States Postal employee. He then restored and rented houses in the area.

Cliff was devoted to his community. He was active in the Bourbon Jaycees and coached little league. He helped found the Bourbon Investment Club. He was a volunteer probation officer and was active with the Boy Scouts.

He spent several years as an EMT. He served for several years on advisory committees for the Bourbon Library and the Triton School Corporation. Recently he served as president of the Bourbon Alumni, was on the Missions Moments Committee of the First United Methodist Church where he attended, and was a current member of the Bourbon Lions Club.

After his retirement, Cliff and Evelyn were able to travel extensively and have spent their last several winters in Apache Junction, Ariz. Cliff also hiked the Appalachian Trail.

Cliff was a devoted family man, active with his children and then his grandchildren, attending all of their activities and programs. He loved watching sports, reading, investing, and golfing and fishing with friends. He also enjoyed his daily visits to the coffee shop. Cliff was muched loved and will be missed.

Surviving are his wife Evelyn; a brother, Dale L. Leiter and wife Suzanne; a son, Michael Jay and wife Karol (Hemig) Leiter; a daughter, Terri Lynne (Leiter) Klotz and husband Lynn and four grandchildren: Adam Michael Klotz, Cameron Jay (CJ) Leiter, Travis Riley Klotz and Ethan Joseph Leiter.

Visitation will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home. 115 S. Main St., Bourbon. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 19 at the First United Methodist Church, Bourbon.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Dorthea I. (Weldy) Penrose  Date of Death 3/9/2009

BREMEN — Dorthea I. (Weldy) Penrose, 74, of Bremen, died at 6:30 a.m. Monday, March 9, 2009 at home.

She is survived by sons: Emmert (Kathleen) Johnson of Woodland and Jason (Debra) Penrose of Bremen; daughters: Teresa (Allan) Young-Barts of Bremen and Michaelie (Steve) Penrose-Forsythe of Bremen; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sisters: Blanche (Joseph) Uriedneck, Treva (John) Slusser and Eva (Cliff) Hawkins, all of Bremen; and brothers: Joseph Charles (Lorraine) Weldy, Arvin Weldy, Marvin (Goldie) Weldy, Cleo (June) Weldy and Clifford Weldy, all of Bremen.

Graveside services will be Thursday, March 12 at 11 a.m. at Fair Cemetery in Lakeville. Memorials may be made to The Center for Hospice & Palliative Care.

Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee, is in charge of the arrangements.

Pauline J. Richardson  Date of Death 3/9/2009

LA PORTE Pauline J. Richardson, 85, of La Porte, died Monday March 9, 2009 at La Porte Hospital in La Porte.
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She is survived by her daughter, Gail (Tim) Mishler of La Porte; son, Gary (Sarah) Richardson of Chesterton; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and sister, Mary Jane Meyers of Elkhart.

Arrangements are being handled by Haverstock Funeral Home, 602 Maple Ave., LaPorte, where the family will receive friends from 12 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 14. Services will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, March 14 at the funeral home. Interment will follow in the Heckman Cemetery, La Porte.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 50 E. 91st St. STE 100 Indianapolis, IN. 46209-4830.

Harold R. Ringer  Date of Death 3/9/2009

LAKEVILLE — Harold R. Ringer, 80, Lakeville, died at his residence Monday, March 9, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.

Harold was born in South Bend on June 14, 1928. He was the son of Ora A. and Inez Dreibelbis Ringer.

Harold and Thelma Jeanne Finney were married in Culver on June 13, 1948. They had lived in Lakeville all of their married life.

He was employed by Studebakers and Acme Filter Service in South Bend for many years.

Harold is survived by his wife and their two sons: Mark (Sheryl) Ringer of Lakeville and Eric Ringer of Mishawaka and one daughter, Joyce (Ray) Beja, Bremen.

A brother, Arthur (Ruth) Ringer, Plymouth and grandchildren: Korrine (John) Britton, Williamstown, N.Y.: Aron Ringer, Ryan (Allison) Ringer both of Greer, S.C., and Derek Ringer of South Bend, Josh Ringer of Bloomington and their mother, Diana.

Great-grandchildren Victoria, Noah and Evangelyn Britton also survive.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers and their wives: Don (Louise) Ringer and Carl (Mary) Ringer.

Friends are invited to share their memories and celebrate the life of Harold with his family on Wednesday, March 11, 2009, from 4 to 8 p.m. and on Thursday, March 12 after 7 a.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Harold will be at the funeral home at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 12, 2009.

The Rev. Dr. Bud Steadman of the Community Baptist Church, South Bend, where Harold attended, will officiate.

Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions in Harold’s memory may be made to the Community Baptist Church or to The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the family via the funeral home’s Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com

Larry E. Stiver  Date of Death 3/9/2009

Larry E. Stiver, age 69, Eastman, Ga., formerly of Akron, died Monday, March 9, 2009, at the Medical Center of Central Georgia in Macon, Ga.
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Funeral services were Wednesday at Gresston Baptist Church with the Rev. Paul Cowles and the Rev. Dahl McDermitt Jr. officiating. Interment followed in Gresston Cemetery.

Mr. Stiver was born in Warsaw, was a Vietnam veteran of the U.S. Navy, a retired U.S. Postal Service employee and a member of Gresston Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Earl Stiver.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Garrett Stiver; daughters, Stacy S. (Eric) Jarrell; son, Garret Stiver; mother, Luetta (Alderfer) Martens, formerly of Richland Center; two sisters, Cheryl Stiver-Munro and Lynette Weston; one brother, Richard Stiver; and four grandchildren, Kristin Mullis, Dawson Jarrell, Slade Jarrell and Marley Jarrell.

The family may be contacted at the Stiver residence, 2228 Cochran Highway, Eastman, Ga.

Cousins Charles and Frances Clevenger of Rochester attended the funeral.

Serving as pallbearers were Thomas Walters, Edward Wallace, Trent Garrett, Ronnie Bowling, Daryl Noles and Cordell Fincher.

Joan Couey was the musician for the funeral service.

Stokes-Sutherland Funeral Home of Eastman handled arrangements.

Olen M. Anglin  Date of Death 3/10/2009

BRADENTON, Fla. — Olen M. Anglin, 85, of Bradenton, Fla., formerly of Nappanee, died at 1:35 a.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at Life Care Center of Sarasota, Fla.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel Mae Anglin; son, Lanny (Kathy) Anglin of Columbus, Ohio; daughter, Judy (Robert) Douglas of Sarasota, Fla.; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and brother, Lowell Anglin of Nappanee.

Visitation is Friday, March 13 from 3 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee, and one hour prior to the service Saturday. Services are Saturday, March 14 at 10:30 a.m. at the Nappanee Missionary Church Chapel. Burial will be at Stony Point Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Nappanee Missionary Church or the Gideons.

Ronald Dale Overmyer  Date of Death 3/10/2009

ROCHESTER — Ronald Dale Overmyer, 79, of Rochester, died at 5:20 a.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at Life Care Center of Rochester.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie; son, Steve Overmyer of Rochester; one grandson; two step great-granddaughters; sister, Virginia Rosenbury of Rochester; and brother, Donald (Marjorie) Overmyer and wife Marjorie of Culver and Arizona. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 13 in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 12 and one hour prior to the service.

Kenneth A. Weinman  Date of Death 3/10/2009

KOONTZ LAKE — Kenneth A. Weinman, 88, died Tuesday, March 10, 2009 in Miller’s Merry Manor, Walkerton.

Survivors include: daughter, Wendy Leigh Block of Edwardsburg, Mich.; three grandchildren; and nephew, Keith Weinman of Colorado.
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Funeral services will be Friday, March 13 at 8 p.m. (Eastern Time) at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel. Burial will be at the Grovertown Cemetery at a later date. Visitation is Friday from 4 p.m. EST until the time of services.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Kidney Foundation.

**Dorothy M. Bickel  Date of Death 3/11/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Dorothy M. Bickel, 78, of Plymouth, died at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at Starke Memorial Hospital, Knox.

She is survived by her husband, Hershel L. "Pete" Bickel of Culver; sons: Richard Bickel of Knox, Michael (Bitha) Bickel of Knox, James (Nancy) Bickel of Monterey and Robert (Marti) Bickel; daughters: Betty (Harry) Busam of Plymouth, Elsie Hughes of Okomogee, Okla. And Patty (Art) Justice of Owasso, Okla.; sister, Lorraine Thomas of Culver; 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Saturday, March 14 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver. Services are Sunday, March 15 at 1 p.m. Burial will be at Burr Oak Cemetery.

**Garnett I. McFarland  Date of Death 3/11/2009**

WINAMAC — Garnett I. McFarland, 91, of Winamac, died Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 1:45 a.m. at Pulaski Health Care Center, Winamac. She was born May 30, 1917 in Fulton to Ross and Orpha (Rouch) Fry. On March 2, 1935, she married Raymond McFarland in the First Christian Church, Winamac. Raymond passed away April 1, 1987.

Garnett was a 1934 graduate of Star City High School. A homemaker, she was a member of the Kewanna Church of Christ. Garnett’s focus was her faith and her family. She loved sewing and to needlepoint.

She is survived by sons: Kenneth (Alma) McFarland of Winamac and Mark (Beth) McFarland of Winamac; daughters: Janet (Jack) Covert of Lake Orion, Mich.; Melody (Thom) Kruger of Plymouth and Bonnie (Maurice) Kopka of Francesville; daughter-in-law, Joyce McFarland (David) Bales of North Judson; 25 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and sister, Marilyn Powlen of Winamac.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter, Karen Shidler Lowry; son, Michael McFarland; brother, Everett Fry; sister, Virginia Fry; and grandsons: Justin Kopka and Jimmie Shidler.

Visitation is Friday, March 13 from 2 to 8 p.m. EDT at Frain Mortuary, Winamac. Services will be Saturday, March 14 at 11 a.m. EDT at Frain Mortuary with Scott Meneely, pastor of the Kewanna Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be at Star City West Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to Pulaski Health Care Center or the American Cancer Society.

Messages of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.frainmortuary.com

**Etta Renae Millice  Date of Death 3/11/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Etta Renae Millice, 62, of Plymouth, died Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

She is survived by daughters: Melissa (Fred) Masten of Walkerton; four grandchildren; mother, Vivian L. Plummer; and brothers: Jimmy (Bev) Plummer of Elkhart, Larry (Candy) Plummer and Ron Plummer of Avon Park, Fla.
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There will be no services.

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

**Robert L., Sr. Whitesell  Date of Death 3/11/2009**

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Robert L. Whitesell Sr., 61, passed away at Hospice House in Cincinnati, Ohio March 11, 2009. He was the adopted son of Floyd and Florence Pike Whitesell. He was born Dec. 16, 1947.

He graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1966.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Carmen; sons: Robert L. Whitesell Jr. of Nevada and Cris of South Bend; daughter, Erin of Elkhart; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sisters: Barbara Ann Weis of Wadesville, Ind. And Katherine “Kathy” Shaffer of Hartford City; aunts: Sharon Bope and Edna Kentz Wagoner, both of Plymouth; and many stepbrothers and stepsisters.

A memorial service will be held in the near future.

Robert Lee Whitesell Sr. passed away after a long battle with Addison’s disease brought on by the pesticide DDT.

He is survived by his wife, Carmen Whitesell; three children: Robert Lee Whitesell Jr., Christopher James Whitesell and daughter, Erin Renee Norris; six grandchildren: Taneilya Beth Whitesell, Zoe Renee Norris, Emily Norris, Madison Norris and Hunter Lee Norris; two great-granddaughters: Alinity Collins and Alexis Collins; two sisters: Barbara Ann (Daryl) Weis and Katherine (Michael) Shaffer; and many half brothers and sisters, and aunts and uncles.

Robert, a native of Plymouth, went out into the world with a curious mind. He loved the internal combustion engine and raced at all local tracks. As a young man, but as a Master Tool and Die Maker soon realized a love for invention: He wanted to change a part of the world in the Natural Gas Industry and still may accomplish this.

A loving husband and good father, he was preceded in death by his birth parents, Ralph Wilcox and Betty Mentzel, who gave him up for adoption to an aunt and uncle, Florence and Floyd Whitesell.

Robert accepted Christ as his personal Savior prior to his passing.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

**Brian L. Johnson  Date of Death 3/12/2009**

Brian L. Johnson, 40, of Clearwater, Fla., formerly of LaPorte, passed away Thursday, March 12, 2009 at the Mease Countryside Hospital in Safety Harbor, Fla. after a lengthy illness. He was born May 26, 1968 in Elkhart to Larry D. and Judith A. (Seidner) Johnson.

Surviving are his mother, Judith A. Johnson and one brother, Randal D. (Toni) Johnson.

He was preceded in death by his father; grandmother and grandfather Seidner; and grandfather Johnson.

He was a very skillful craftsman, loved to travel, was a sailor and enjoyed all water sports. He loved being with his family and his dog, Charlie. He took pride in everything he did. He attended Nappanee Elementary School before moving to LaPorte. After graduating from LaPorte High School, he received his associate degree in business and later received his electronic certificate working as a technician.
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Cremation took place in Clearwater, Fla. And private family services will be held at a later date.

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

Paul McGaughey  Date of Death 3/12/2009

ROCHESTER — Paul McGaughey, 66, of Rochester, died Thursday, March 12, 2009 at Silver Cross Hospital in Joliet, Ill.

He is survived by his wife, Donna at home; his mother, Grace of Lexington, Ky.; daughter, Tina (Robert) Haworth; sons: Kyle McGaughey of Rochester; Todd (Jane) McGaughey of Walkerton; Kevin (Phoebe) McGaughey of Knox and Brian (Kelly) McGaughey of LaPorte; seven grandchildren; sisters: Sue (Dr. Dan) Lambert of Columbus, Ohio and Brenda (Mark) Gutzman of Lexington, Ky.; mother-in-law, Eileen Frey of Logansport; sister-in-law, Debbie Frey of Logansport; and brother-in-law, Randy (Patti) Frey of Indianapolis.

Services will be at noon Sunday, March 15 in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St. Rochester. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 14 and one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made in his name to Camp We Can.

Robert Milton Newberg  Date of Death 3/12/2009

ENID, Okla. — A funeral service for Robert Milton Newberg, 61, of Enid, Okla. will be held at 2 p.m. Friday March 13, 2009 at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church with Rev. Kenneth Wade officiating. Burial will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery, with arrangements by Anderson-Burris Funeral Home. A visitation for family and friends will be on Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Robert was born to Milton Oscar and Dorothy Marie (Piper) Newberg in Plymouth on April 12, 1947, and died on Monday, March 9, 2009 in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Robert graduated in 1965 from West Township High School in Plymouth, and attended Greer College until 1966. On March 12, 1966 he married Theresa Ann Battles in Chicago, Ill. On July 28, 1966 he entered the United States Air Force, and served until July 27, 1970. While he was in the Air Force he learned his trade of Mechanical Contractor. They lived in Wichita, Kan. until April 1974 when they moved to Enid, where he pursued his career in Mechanical Refrigeration, working for Dense Mechanical and Luckinbill, Inc. In 1988 he started Newberg Mechanical which he owned and operated till 2006. He currently was employed by NOC in Tonkawa. Robert was a retired member of the local 344 Plumbers and Pipefitters, and a member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church where he served on the property committee. Robert enjoyed racing, working on automobiles, hunting and fishing with his children and grandchildren. Robert will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife Theresa of the home; two daughters: Jeanette Hutchison of Yukon, and Robin Unruh of Enid; one son, Robert Newberg II and wife Jo of Enid; six grandchildren: Brooke Lynn Hutchison, Brandi Nicole Hutchison, Bethany Marie Hutchison, Andrew Thomas Unruh, Megan Lynn Carson, and Robert Milton Newberg III; his mother, Dorothy Reaker of Plymouth; one brother, Richard Arthur Newberg of Plymouth; two sisters: Alice M. Ruff of Plymouth and Edna E. Miller of East Lansing, Mich.; 13 nieces and nephews; and 12 great-nieces and nephews.

Robert was preceded in death by his father Milton Newberg; and two brothers: Victor Newberg and Jon Newberg.

Memorials may be made through the funeral home to Cimarron Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross. Condolences may be made online at www.andersonburris.com.
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**Helen F. Meeker  Date of Death 3/13/2009**

SEBRING, Fla. — Helen F. Meeker, 88, of Sebring, Fla., formerly of Plymouth, died Friday, March 13.

She is survived by her son, Richard S. Meeker of Gulf Breeze, Fla.; a daughter, Diana Neel of Sebring; and sister, Marian Hileman of Plymouth; along with six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were held in Sebring.

A graveside service and celebration luncheon is being planned for May 22 in Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church, Plymouth, or Habitat for Humanity.

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

**Lillian N. Rodgers  Date of Death 3/13/2009**

KNOX — Lillian N. Rodgers, 93, of Knox, passed away Friday, March 13, 2009 in her home.

Mrs. Rodgers was born Dec. 24, 1915 in Aldine, Ind. to Edward and Nellie (Kaluf) Nulf and lived in the area all of her life. On March 7, 1946 in Knox, she was married to Donald Rodgers who preceded her in death in 1989. She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sons: D. David and Guy Rodgers; two brothers: David and Paul Nulf; and two grandchildren: Brett and Dana Rodgers.

Survivors include: one son, Leslie Rodgers of Knox; one daughter, Lauralee (Audie) Gates of Knox; one brother, Clarence Nulf of LaPorte; 15 grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Rodgers was a tax preparation accountant for Rodgers Tax Service. She was the first woman on the Knox Community School Board, the first woman on the Starke County Election Board, serving many years, the Secretary for Mutual Agents Association of Indiana, Precinct Committeewoman for Washington Township and was a member of Eagle Creek Church of Knox, where she taught Sunday School.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. (Central Time) at Eagle Creek Church of Knox. Burial will be in the Eagle Creek Cemetery. Friends may call Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. CST at the church and Tuesday one hour prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Mission for Haiti, through the church.

Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel, is handling the arrangements.

**Georgia Tunnat  Date of Death 3/13/2009**

NAPPANEE — Georgia Tunnat, 49, of Nappanee, died Friday, March 13, 2009 at home.

She is survived by daughters: Melissa Cheney of Lexington, Ky. And Sarah Tunnat at home; sister, Hazel McIntosh of Jackson, Ky.; and brother, Ruben "Ruby" Noble of Jackson, Ky.

Visitation is Tuesday, March 17 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen. Services are Wednesday, March 18 at 2:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the family toward funeral services.
Liene E. Zuments  Date of Death 3/13/2009

PLYMOUTH — Liene E. Zuments, 98, of Oakhill Avenue, Plymouth, Ind. died Friday, March 13, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth, following a sudden illness.

She is survived by a grandson and two great, grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 11 a.m. at Weston Cemetery, Weston, Ohio.

Burial will follow at the cemetery.
Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com

Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, is in charge of arrangements.

Whitey T.G. Culp  Date of Death 3/14/2009

SOUTH BEND – Whitey T. G. Culp, 32, a resident of Terre Haute the past five years, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday morning, March 14, 2009. He was a former resident of South Bend and Mishawaka.

Whitey was born in Fulda (Hesson County) Germany on July 12, 1976 the son of Frederick L. and Christine E. (Smith) Culp.

Family was most important to Whitey and they knew him to have all the traits of a big bear. He was a carpenter in the building trades.

He is survived by his mother; Christine E. Culp of South Bend, a son; Whitey Frederick Dakota Culp of Valparaiso, three sisters; Carey A. (John P.) Weir of Plymouth, Denise A. Culp of Mishawaka and Ashley A. Culp of South Bend along with two nephews and a niece.

His father preceded him in death.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18 in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth where services will follow at 7 p.m. with Roberta Norris as the celebrant.

Memorial gifts may be made to the family.

Words of condolence may be sent to the family through the funeral home Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com.

John A. Fisher  Date of Death 3/14/2009

NAPPANEE — John A. Fisher, 64, of east Market Street, Nappanee, died Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 9:20 p.m. at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Kay Stutzman; four daughters: Michelle Kae (Kevin) VanderMolin of Melbourne, Fla., Rosanna (Donald) Butler of Goshen, Lisa Rene Fisher of Goshen and Loralie Dawn (Steve) Baxter of Bourbon; three sons: Jerry Albert (Shari) Fisher of Elkhart, Edward J. Fisher of Goshen and Scott Eugene Fisher of Nappanee; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sisters: Georgia Jacquelin Zinkiew, Beverly (Fred) Johnson and Sallee Black, all of Nappanee; three brothers: Randy (Sharon) Fisher of Nappanee, Reggie (Denise) Fisher of Elkhart and Denny (Beth) Fisher of Nappanee.

Visitation will take place Wednesday, March 18 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main St., Nappanee.
Funeral services will take place Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at South Union Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Lance Armstrong "Live Strong" Foundation.

**Walter L. Harley  Date of Death 3/14/2009**

CULVER — Walter L. Harley, 92, of Maple Street, Argos, died Saturday, March 14, 2009 at 5:40 a.m. at Miller’s Merry Manor of Culver, Ind. after a lengthy illness.

He was born Dec. 20, 1916 in Argos, to Wilfred and Ruth (Whisman) Harley. He lived all of his life in the Argos community.

He married Anna Louise Reed, who preceded Dec. 12, 1992, May 10, 1939 in Argos, Ind. He was a self-employed carpenter.

On Dec. 23, 1943 Harley was called to serve his country in the United States Army. Serving with the 89th Division, Company A, 314th Medical Battalion, he was awarded two Bronze Stars. He was Honorably Discharged Dec. 28, 1945 and returned to Argos.

He was a member of the James Lowell Corey, American Legion Post #68, Argos, Ind. and the V.F.W. #1162, Plymouth. He was involved with the Isaac Walton League of Marshall County. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and playing pool.

He is survived by three sons: W. Lynn Harley and wife Barbara of Argos, Ind., John R. Harley and wife Rene of South Bend, Ind. and Frank A. Harley and wife Georgia of Argos; seven grandchildren: Tom Harley and wife Diana of Plymouth, Mike Harley and wife Kelly of Ft. Wayne, Teri Sabanski and husband Mike of Argos, Jodi McCormick and husband Rich of South Bend, Jackie Harrah and husband Bob of South Bend, and Brian and Brad Snyder of Argos; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers: Forrest and Wilmer Harley.

Friends may visit with the family Wednesday, March 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday March 18, at the funeral home with Rev. Robert Rice of the Walnut Church of the Brethren officiating.

Burial will follow at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial contributions may be made to: James Lowell Corey, American Legion Post #68; 120 N. First St., Argos, IN 46501.

Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, Ind.

**Bonnie L. Porter  Date of Death 3/14/2009**

LAPAZ — Bonnie L. Porter, 61, of LaPaz, died Saturday, March 14, 2009 at her home.

She is survived by her three daughters: Michelle (Mike) Ashley of Indianapolis, Nicole (Anthony Biggs) Downey of South Bend and Nanette Lanham of Lapaz; four granddaughters; four sisters: Dian Hershberger of Union, Mich., Becky Leininger of LaPaz, Carol Dove of Plymouth and Gwen.
McGrath of Slidell, La.; and three brothers: Jerry Hummel of Walkerton, Rex Hummel of LaPaz and Wes Hummel of Bremen.

Visitation will take place Tuesday, March 17, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Palmer Funeral Home, 314 S. Michigan St., Lakeville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at the funeral home.

Ronald B Trent  Date of Death 3/14/2009

LECANTO, Fla. — Ronald B. Trent, 51, of Lecanto, Fla., formerly of Culver, passed away Saturday, March 14, 2009 in Hamlet.

Survivors include three sons: Ronald J. of Waterford, Va., Joshua and Jeremy, both of Salyersville, Ky.; four brothers: Jeff (Missy) Trent and Ray Trent, all of North Judson, Kenny Trent and Tom (November) Cole, all of Plymouth; five sisters: Patty Fletcher of Lecanto, Fla., Tina (Mike) Bailey of Plymouth, Tabitha (Don) Higdon of Goshen, Vicki (Doug) Magurean of Knox and Becky Brewer of Culver.

Friends may call Wednesday one hour prior to the service. Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. (CDT) at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel, with the Rev. Paul Bagley officiating.

Burial will be in the Highland Cemetery, North Judson.

Lois J. Clemons  Date of Death 3/15/2009

KNOX — Lois J. Clemons, 55, died Sunday, March 15, 2009 in Porter Hospital, Valparaiso Campus.

Survivors include: one daughter, Erica (Daniel) Tyler of Knox; her mother, Dolores Clemons of Knox; two grandchildren; two sisters: Judy Cook of LaPorte and Janice Salyers of Knox and one brother, Joe (Libby) Clemons of Argos.

Funeral services will be Friday, March 20 at 1 p.m. (Central Time) at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Visitation is Friday from 11 a.m. CST until the time of services. Burial will be in the Eagle Creek Cemetery.

William E. DeHoff  Date of Death 3/15/2009

PORTLAND — William E. DeHoff, 71, of Bluffton, died Sunday, March 15, 2009 at 11:41 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Sonja; sons: Scott (Rita) DeHoff of Craigville and Steve DeHoff of Bluffton; and daughter, Michelle (Dave) Langdon of Plymouth.

Visitation is Wednesday March 18 from 2 to 8 p.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel, Bluffton. Services will take place Thursday, March 19 at 10:30 a.m. at Goodwin Memorial Chapel. Burial will be at the IOOF Cemetery, Pennville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the donor's choice.

Maxine F. Balsley  Date of Death 3/16/2009

BREMEN — Maxine F. Balsley, 76, died March 16, 2009 at her home.

She is survived by her husband, Owen Balsley; sons: Larry (Bev) Balsley Sr. of Bremen and Terry (Donna) Balsley of Bremen; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sisters: Geneva Abbiehl of Mishawaka and Shirley Stine of Bremen; brothers: Paul (Fern) Sherk of
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Bremen, Bill (Dorothy) Sherk of Bremen, Ronnie (Sue) Sherk of Plymouth and Lester Sherk of Mishawaka.

Visitation is Thursday, March 19 from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen. Services are at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Bremen Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Marshall County Hospice, 111 Sunnybrook Ct., South Bend, IN 46637.

Sally A. Jernstrom  Date of Death 3/16/2009

PLYMOUTH — Sally A. Jernstrom, 46, of Jackson Street, Plymouth, passed away at 12:32 a.m., Monday, March 16, 2009, in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Sally was born Dec. 26, 1962, in Plymouth, to Chancey and Marjorie (Jolly) Bright.

Sally was employed at Omega Wire in Bremen. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth and enjoyed bowling on the Sunday bowling league.

Sally is survived by her father, Chancey Bright of Plymouth; her son, Derek Cole Jernstrom of Westville; her brothers, Dave Bright, Michael W. Bright, and Gary L. Bright, all of Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Marjorie Bright, who passed away Jan. 11, 2004.

Funeral services, for Sally, will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 2009 at VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, with the Rev. Dr. E. Dean Fager officiating.

Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

A time of visiting, with the family, will be Wednesday, March 18, 2009, from 4 to 7 p.m. at VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, IN, 46563.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the American Diabetes Association,7301A W. Palmetto Park, Suite 101C, Boca Raton, FL, 33427.

Friends and family are invited to sign the guest book and share memories of Sally with her family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Steven L. Shambarger  Date of Death 3/16/2009

ROCHESTER — Steven L. Shambarger, 60, died Monday, March 16, 2009 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

He is survived by his father, Bob Shambarger of Plymouth; wife, Beth Shambarger; son, Craig and Carrie Shambarger of Whitestown; parents, Louis (Bob) and Betty Russel Shambarger; sister, Judy Sweany, of Rochester; and brother-in-law, Otto and Cindy Sherbondy of Rochester.

Private services will be held at the Good Family Funeral Home in Rochester.

Viola M. Barden  Date of Death 3/17/2009

WALKERTON— Viola M. Barden, 84, of Walkerton, passed away Tuesday, March 17, 2009 in Miller’s Merry Manor, Walkerton. Mrs. Barden was born July 15, 1924 in Walkerton to Herald and Goldie (Faulkner) Hostetler and lived in the area all of her life. On Feb. 17, 1946 in Walkerton she was married to Robert D. Barden, who preceded her in death in 1975. She was also preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Christine Moore; and one brother, Harold Hostetler.
Surviving are her children: Larry D. (Judi) Barden of Evart, Mich., Sandra (Wayne) Rough of Walkerton, Danny (Doris) Barden of Plymouth, Duane (Diana) Barden of Walkerton and Norman R. Barden of Walkerton; one sister, Mary (Leigh Roy) Hahn of Walkerton; 16 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was a former employee of the St. Joseph County Welfare Department in South Bend, and a member of the Walkerton United Methodist Church where she was a member of the Lydia Circle.

Funeral services will be Saturday, March 21 at 10 a.m. (Eastern Time) at Rannells Funeral Home, Koons Lake Chapel, with Pastor Charlene Allen officiating. Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Walkerton. Friends may call Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. EST and Saturday one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be given to The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN 46637.

Darlene Marie Willis  Date of Death 3/17/2009

PLYMOUTH – Darlene Marie Willis, 69 a resident of Plymouth, died at 9:51 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, 2009 in Florida Hospital Zephyrhills, Zephyrhills, Fla.

Darlene was born on Nov. 12, 1939 in Hammond, the daughter of Roy E. and Nola M. Patterson Thorne.

In loving memory of a wife, mother, sister, daughter, aunt and grandmother...

It is not often enough you find a person who so willingly gives of themselves. A person who puts others needs in front of her own without exception. Who encourages personal growth and is first to let them know how proud she is of their successes. Who is always there to comfort when needed. Whose love and devotion to her family has no limits. Her strength and poise touched our hearts. A birthday, anniversary or holiday was never forgotten. She gave a smile as often as most exhale. If we had one last wish, it would be that every person on this planet had the chance to spend the same amount of time we had with her.

I write this in loving memory of our perfect wife, mother, sister, daughter, aunt and grandmother...

She is survived by her husband, Milton R. Willis Jr.; a daughter and son-in-law, Dawn M. and Scott L. Newman; a son, Rick D. Willis; granddaughters: Ashley and Nicole Newman, Kierston Woods, and Kierra Willis; and a grandson, Kiegan Willis.

Also surviving are her mother, Nola M. Thorne; a sister, Diane Simmons; uncle, Arthur Bevan Sr.; aunt and uncle Jimmy and Betty Kemp; cousins: Peggy and Clyde Rector; Arthur (Chip) and Jeri Bevan Jr.; nephew and niece, Chris and Sherry Simmons; and sister-in-laws: Luane DiNova and Charlotte Melton.

Darlene was preceded in death by her father.

Friends are invited to share their memories of Darlene with her family at the Johnson – Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, from 12 to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 22, 2009.

Funeral services for Darlene will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 22, 2009 at 2 p.m., in the funeral home.

Burial will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

In Memory of Darlene please let someone know how special they are and how proud you are of
Letters of condolence may be sent to the family through the funeral home’s Web site via: www.johnson-danielson.com.

**Robert E. Kissinger  Date of Death 3/18/2009**

INDIANAPOLIS — Robert E. Kissinger, 54, formerly of Walkerton, passed away Wednesday, March 18, 2009 in St. Vincent’s Hospital Indianapolis, after a sudden illness. Mr. Kissinger was born Feb. 15, 1955 in Plymouth to Robert F. and Marilyn Jo (Rains) Kissinger and lived in Indianapolis for one year. He was a bakery manager for Marsh Grocery Store.

Survivors include two daughters: Jennifer (David) Dickson of Osceola and Melissa (Chad) Heflin of Kokomo; four grandchildren: Gracie and Richard Heflin and Tyler and Brittany Dickson; four brothers: Ronald (Leona) Kissinger of Walkerton, Thomas Kissinger and Donald Kissinger, both of Koontz Lake and John (Carol) Kissinger of Mishawaka; three sisters: Patricia (Rodney) Hathaway and Joan (Tom) McLochlin, all of Plymouth and Kathy (Tom) Manenti of Missouri and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. (Eastern Time) at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel. Burial will be at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Walkerton. Friends may call Tuesday from 10 a.m. EDT until the time of services.

Memorial contributions may be given to the funeral home.

**Lois Fay Kline  Date of Death 3/18/2009**

ROCHESTER — Lois Fay Kline, 93, of Rochester, died at 12:45 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, 2009 at Hickory Creek at Rochester.

She is survived by a daughter, Linda Trimmer of Peru; a son, James (Bernice) Kline of Sneedville, Tenn.; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 23 at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is from 12 to 2 p.m. Monday, March 23. Interment will follow the service at the Leiters Ford IOOF Cemetery, Leiters Ford.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Argos.

**John D. Cissna  Date of Death 3/19/2009**

ROCHESTER — John D. Cissna, 40, of Rochester, died Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 2:44 p.m.

He is survived by his parents, Rev. Dan Cissna and Alpha Cissna of Rochester; a brother, Mike (Michelle) Cissna of Plymouth; and two sisters: Lisa Clement of Logansport and Patty (David) Caruana of Rockford, Ill.

Visitation will take place Monday, March 23, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, 104 E. Lakeshore Dr. Culver, Ind.

Funeral services will take place Tuesday, March 24 at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial fill follow at Leiters Ford I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Leiters Ford, Ind. Memorials may be given to the Mental Health Association.

**Dale M. Hamilton  Date of Death 3/19/2009**
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Survivors include his daughter, Margaret (James) Jacka of Bristol; one granddaughter; two step-grandsons; two great-grandsons; and three step-great-grandsons.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, March 23 at Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen. Burial will take place at the Bremen Cemetery Mausoleum. Visitation is from 11 a.m. until time of service Monday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Marshall County Humane Society.

Kenneth D. Howard  Date of Death 3/19/2009

ARGOS — Kenneth D. Howard, 54, of Argos, formerly of Akron, died at 1:25 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 2009 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah Howard; daughters: Kendra (Roger) Rife of Rochester, Angela (Brian) Graham of Rochester, Elaina Howard of Rochester, Lesli (Brandon) Miller of North Liberty and Lacey (Eric) Howard of Nappanee; and brothers: Lee Jr. (Linda) Howard of Wabash, Les (Boots) Howard of Nappanee.

Visitation is Monday, March 23 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Services are Tuesday, March 24 at 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Akron Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the donor’s choice.

Michael L. Newcomer  Date of Death 3/19/2009

Michael L. Newcomer, 58, of Bremen HealthCare, formerly of Nappanee, died at 2:50 p.m. Thursday, March 19, 2009 at Community Hospital of Bremen.

He is survived by a daughter, Tina (Brent) Green of Nappanee; son, Daniel (Tina) Newcomer of Nappanee; stepdaughter, Stacie (Tim) Ganshorn Slone of Etna Green; mother, Helen Newcomer of Nappanee; four grandchildren; and brothers: Terry (Mary Sue) Newcomer and Larry (Kay) Newcomer, both of Nappanee.

Visitation is Sunday, March 22 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee. Services are Monday, March 23 at 11 a.m. at Union Center Church of the Brethren. Burial will be at Union Center Cemetery.

Lawrence F. Pozorski  Date of Death 3/19/2009

WARSAW — Lawrence F. Pozorski, 78, of Warsaw, died at 7:48 a.m. Thursday, March 19, 2009 at Veterans Administration Northern Indiana Health Care System, Fort Wayne.

He is survived by his wife, Ardith Pozorski of Warsaw; sons: Tony Pozorski of Warsaw, Paul Pozorski of Hoffman Lake, Mark (Barbara) Pozorski of Warsaw and Karl Pozorski of Warsaw; daughter, Cathrine Pozorski of Romeville; brothers: Ambrose Pozorski of Plymouth and Joseph (Kathleen) Pozorski of Kokomo; sisters: Mary Ann Best of Indianapolis, Evelyn Pozorski of Plymouth and Florence Mathews of Winfield, Kansas; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Monday, March 23 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw. A rosary service will be held at 7:30 at the funeral chapel. Services are Tuesday, March 24 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Warsaw. Burial will be at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw, with military graveside honors by the American Legion Post 49 and VFW
Memorials may be made to the American Legion #49, Nursing Scholarship Fund, 301 N. Buffalo St., Warsaw, IN 46580 or to the K21 Health Foundation, Kosciusko County Cancer Care Fund, 2170 N. Pointe Dr., Warsaw, IN 46582.

Ella Elizabeth Stephens  Date of Death 3/19/2009

PLYMOUTH – A family matriarch who always showed loving concern and gave freely of herself for the benefit of others has received her Heavenly reward. With her family at her side, Ella Elizabeth Stephens age 86, died peacefully at her residence on the evening of Thursday, March 19, 2009 following a short illness. Her pleasant smile and presence will forever be missed.

Ella lived in Plymouth since 1986 coming from East Chicago, Ind., first residing in the McQueen’s Addition and Miller’s Assisted Living since November of 2007.

Born in East Chicago on Dec. 28, 1922, she was the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Feuks) Pandak.

She graduated from Washington High School in East Chicago with the class of 1940.


Ella first took a job with Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company in East Chicago as a secretary for seven years. She then worked for Railway Express for three years until moving to Chicago and starting a family.

She enjoyed being a homemaker and later the times spent traveling with her soul mate; Harry.

She was a former member of the Faith United Church of Christ in Hammond, where she was the first woman elder in the church, she also sang in the choir, was a member of the Ladies Aide Society, treasurer for 14 years and president of the Women’s Guild for one year. After their move to Plymouth, Ella became an immediate and active member of the First United Church of Christ.

She is survived by two daughters: Donna E. Zatkoff of Ogden Dunes, Linda C. and Jim Keister of Plymouth; and six grandchildren: Michael Toth of Honolulu, Hawaii; Kevin Toth of St. Petersburg, Fla.; Marla (Toth) and Halit Berber of Schererville, Eric Rubesha of Plymouth, Laurie Rubesha of Fishers and Brandon Keister of Plymouth; two nieces survive as well.

Ella was preceded in death by her spouse; five brothers: Albert, Elmer, Walter, Franklin, and Ernest; and an infant sister, Ella.

The family will welcome friends to share memories Monday, March 23, 2009 from 3 to 8 p.m. (EDT), and after noon on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth.

Funeral services for Ella will be held Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 1 p.m. (EDT) in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home. The Rev. Ronald Liechty, retired pastor of the First United Church of Christ will officiate.

Burial will follow in Graceland Cemetery, Valparaiso.

Memorial contributions may be given to the First United Church of Christ, 321 N. Center St. Plymouth, IN 46563 or to The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 112 S. Center St., Plymouth.
Karen S. (Schmidt) Pete  Date of Death 3/20/2009

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Karen S. (Schmidt) Pete, 37, of Clearwater, Fla. was called home on March 20, 2009. Karen was full of life and a love that was felt by everyone around her.

Karen’s deepest passions for life included her desire to be a devoted wife and loving mother. She lived a healthy lifestyle and loved athletics. Karen’s professional career included obtaining a bachelor’s degree in business from Indiana University. For the past eight years, Karen worked as an IT Manager for Raymond James. Karen was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and was growing daily in her faith and love for the Lord.

Survivors include her loving husband, Wayne; newborn daughter, Haley Karen; step-daughters: Kayla, Danielle, and Hannah; parents, John and Judy Schmidt of Plymouth; sisters: Helen of Hobart, Lisa Daugherty of Westfield, Rita (Fred) Lemert family of Bourbon, Sharon of South Bend and Gerrie of Plymouth; brothers: John (Loretta) family of Plymouth and James (April) family of Warsaw. Survivors of her extended family include father and mother-in-law, Francis and Bonnie Pete of Largo Fla.; brothers-in-law: Brian (Stacy) family of Florida and Kevin (Robin) family of Florida; and sister-in-law, Tara (Joe) of Florida. Karen was a devoted aunt and leaves five nephews and seven nieces. Karen has numerous other family members and many friends that will miss her dearly.

A memorial service was held at Calvary Baptist Church on Thursday, March 26.

Karen’s love for life will be carried on through her ultimate gift of organ donation.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Haley Karen Pete college fund.

There will be a local memorial service at a later date.

Dean J. Rans  Date of Death 3/20/2009

PORT RICHEY, Fla. — Dean J. Rans, 84, Port Richey, Fla. passed away peacefully on March 20, 2009 surrounded by his loving family and the Gulfside Regional Hospice at his bedside. He was a former Culver resident, moving to Port Richey, Fla. in 1989. He was born on March 9, 1925 in Fulton County to Fred and Lelia Rans. Dean graduated from Aubbeenaubee Township High School and immediately joined the U.S. Army, serving in the Battle of the Bulge during WWII.

He and the former Treva Wynn were married Oct. 23, 1949. They renewed their wedding vows in the family home in Port Richey on Oct. 23, 2008, celebrating 59 years together.

In Culver, Dean and Treva were the former owners of the Corner Tavern and he was also the owner of Rans Auto Sales. For many years he was an avid race car driver.

Dean is survived by his loving wife, Treva; two sons: Terry Rans and wife Beth of Port Richey; Robert Rans and wife Julie of Plymouth; four daughters: Carole Lairson and husband Marion of Portland, Ind., Mary Strobel and husband Donald of Cannonburg, Pa.; Kathy Hensley of Port Richey, and Judy Rans of Port Richey. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren; a brother, Don Rans of Rochester; two brothers-in-law: Charles Wynn of Culver and Bobby Wynn and wife Brenda of Culver and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Christopher Strobel; and a great-grandson, Mathew Stiles.

Private family services were held at the family home on March 22, 2009 with Dean’s grandson.
Daisy M. Sutton  Date of Death 3/20/2009

PLYMOUTH — Daisy M. Sutton, 88, of Plymouth, died Friday, March 20, 2009 at Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth.

She is survived by three daughters: Barbara (Robin) Clutinger of Peru, Ind., Pamela (Ronnie) Stiles of Plymouth and Linda Hartney of Peru, Ind.; two sons: Leslie and Daniel Sutton, both of Plymouth; a sister-in-law, Genevieve Ousnamer of Plymouth, eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place Wednesday, March 25, 2009 from noon to 2 p.m. at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will take place Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Association.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via the Web site, www.johnsondanielson.com.

Elmer “Ronald” Blum  Date of Death 3/21/2009

HAMLET — Elmer "Ronald" Blum, 65, of LaPorte, formerly of Hamlet, died Saturday, March 21, 2009 at home.

Survivors include three sons: Mike (Andrea) Blum of Plymouth, Scott (Michelle) Blum of Auburn and Jody (Kristan) Blum of Mobile, Ala.; one daughter, Sandy (Greg) Galloway of LaPorte; two sisters: Norma Shively of Hamlet and Judy Decker of LaPorte; 13 grandchildren; one great-grandchild and his ex-wife and special friend, Nancy Blum.

Funeral services will be Thursday, March 26 at 11a.m. (Central Time) at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Burial will be at the Fletcher Cemetery, Hamlet. Visitation is Wednesday, March 25 from 4 to 8 p.m. CDT and Thursday one hour prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Hamlet United Methodist Church.

Elizabeth Victoria Wade  Date of Death 3/21/2009

PLYMOUTH — Elizabeth Victoria Wade, 82, a Plymouth resident most of her life, died at 1:35 p.m. Saturday, March 21, 2009 in Pilgrim Manor Nursing Center, Plymouth.

Born in East Chicago, Ind., Elizabeth was the daughter of Nicolas and Elizabeth German Komanick.

Elizabeth, who had been a cheerleader at West High School, graduated in 1944. There were 18 students in her class.

A homemaker who enjoyed being with her children and grandchildren, she had worked part-time at Orr's Flowers in Plymouth. She was a member of the "Jolly Jills."
On Oct. 24, 1948, Elizabeth and Glenn Wade Jr. were married in Plymouth.

Elizabeth is survived by Glenn, her husband of over 60 years; a daughter, Jeannie (Dan) Beam of Warsaw, and their children: Nicole Lancaster and Andrea Gale; two sons: Allen (Becky) Wade of Plymouth, and their children: Michael Wade and Audra Sullivan; Philip Wade of Plymouth, and his daughters: Julie Sanders and Jennelle Wade; 10 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Sylvia (William) Talarita of Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two sisters: Minerva Schoberg and Mary Jean Espich.

Friends are invited to share memories of Elizabeth with her family from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, 2009 at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Memorial services for Elizabeth will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28 at the funeral home, officiated by Pastor Ronnie Sams.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family through the funeral home’s Web site at: www.johnson-danielson.com

Maxine M. Berrier  Date of Death 3/22/2009

PLYMOUTH — Maxine M. Berrier, 90, died March 22, 2009 at 1:15 a.m. in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

She was the born May 5, 1918 the daughter of John E. and Clara A. Stark Davis in Fairmont, Ind. Maxine graduated from Grant County High School in Matthews, Ind. with the class of 1936.

On June 22, 1937 she married G. Matthew Berrier in Marion, Ind.; he preceded her in death on Aug. 11, 1995.

Leaving Hartford City they moved to Plymouth in 1942. Maxine worked at the Marshall County Bank which was later known as First Source Bank, she worked for them 19 years until her retirement in 1980.

She was a member of the Plymouth Wesleyan Church, the Women’s Connection Club, and the Women’s Missionary Club. Maxine also enjoyed volunteering at the Historical Museum, crocheting, word search puzzles, and her grandchildren.

She is survived by two sons: Gilbert Eugene and Dorothy Berrier of Bremen and Jack Lee and Jan Berrier of Lakeville. Four grandchildren: Steven and Robin Berrier of Roanoke, Wayne and Nancy LaFlash of Bremen, Christopher Berrier of Lakeville and Luke Berrier of Indianapolis survive as well along with four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Maxine was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; five sisters: Dorothy Miller, Edith Painter, Kathryn Wilson, Ruth Middleton and Mary Veazey; along with five brothers: Charles Davis, Elby Davis, John Davis and Kenneth Davis.

Friends are invited to share their memories with Maxine’s family from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, 2009, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. Calling will continue one hour prior to the service at the church.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 26, 2009 at 11 a.m. in the Plymouth Wesleyan Church, 11203 S. Michigan, Plymouth. Pastor John Branch will officiate. Interment will be in the
New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions in Maxine’s name may be given to the Plymouth Wesleyan Church Building Fund.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family through the funeral home’s Web site at www.johnson-danielson.com.

**Eleanor K. Chain  Date of Death 3/22/2009**

ROCHESTER — Eleanor K. Chain, 85, Ohio Street, Rochester, died at 5:10 a.m. Sunday, March 22, at Waterford Place Health Care in Kokomo.

Survivors include her daughter, Judy Arnett, Rochester, son, Dennis Chain, Roswell, N.M., eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, sisters Dorothy and husband Preston Landry, Colorado Springs, Colo., Caroll M. Pearson, Oconto, Wisc., and brother Willard E. and wife Betty Guillory, Hammond, La.

Graveside services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tuesday March 24, at Burr Oak Cemetery, Culver, with the Rev. Junior Bose officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the National Kidney Foundation. Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Online condolences may be sent to zimmerman-bros@rtcol.com

**Edwin Eugene Curtis  Date of Death 3/22/2009**


He is survived by Donna Ferrara of Haslet, N.J., Shirley LeStrange of Ossian; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services are Wednesday, March 25 at 2 p.m. at the Bremen Cemetery Chapel with military rites.

The Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen, is in charge of the arrangements.

**Nichole Ann Hochstetler  Date of Death 3/22/2009**

NAPPANEE — Nichole Ann Hochstetler, 19, of Nappanee, died at 7:03 p.m. Sunday, March 22, 2009.

She is survived by parents, Lyle and Karen Hochstetler of Nappanee; sisters: Kayleen Ellen Hochstetler and Diane Ranae Hochstetler, both at home; brothers: Joseph Dean Hochstetler, James Lynn Hochstetler and Jacob Eugene Hochstetler, all at home; and grandparents: Emery and Pauline Yoder of Nappanee and John Henry and Mary Ellen Hochstetler of Middlebury.

Visitation is after 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 24 and all day Wednesday at the family residence, 29172 CR 52, Nappanee. Services are Thursday, March 26 at 9:30 a.m. at the Wilson Yoder residence, 29607 CR 52. Burial will be at the Weldy Cemetery.

Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee, is in charge of the arrangements.

**Margaret Helen Mattern  Date of Death 3/22/2009**


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BREMEM — Margaret Helen Mattern, 86, of Bremen, died Sunday, March 22, 2009 at Community Hospital of Bremen.

She was born Nov. 14, 1922 in Illinois to Alfred and Magnalena (Brick) Specht. She was formerly of Crown Point, Ind. And moved back to the family farm in Bremen in 1956.

Margaret married Theodore Mattern, who preceded her, June 8, 1998. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Dominic's Catholic Church for more than 50 years.

She loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them. She also liked reading and crocheting and helping Theodore on the farm. They were married 50 years.

She is survived by daughters: Nancy (Skip) Sherk of Bremen and Jo Mattern of New York City; a sister, Dorothy (Fred) Slovinsky of Wisc. And brother, Joe Specht of Indiana.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, four sisters and two brothers.

Visitation will take place Tuesday, March 24, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Mishler Funeral Home, 2030 State Road 331, Bremen.

Funeral services and burial will be private.

Memorials may be made to the Bremen Food Pantry or the Community Hospital of Bremen.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com .

Margaret Elizabeth Washburn  Date of Death 3/22/2009

BREMEM — Margaret Elizabeth Washburn, 97, of Bremen, died Sunday, March 22, 2009 at Bremen Health Care Center.

She is survived by daughters: Dori (Neil) Montague of Bremen and Margie (Don) VanGilder of Ft. Wayne; six grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Services are Wednesday, March 25 at 2 p.m. at the Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at the Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the City Church of Nappanee, c/o Nappanee Missionary Church, 70417 S.R. 19, Nappanee, IN 46550.

Gertrude E. Leslie  Date of Death 3/23/2009

Gertrude E. Leslie, 84, Logansport, passed away at 10 p.m. Monday at her residence.

She was born March 4, 1925, in Detroit, Mich., to William Frederick and Avelena (Moses) Deacon. On May 17, 1967, in Niles, Mich., she was married to Emerson C. "Mike" Leslie, who preceded her in death on Sept. 14, 2008.

Gert had been a receptionist for numerous local doctors' offices.

She was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church and a member of the ECW at the church. She enjoyed playing bridge with the local group of ladies as well as playing cards and games with her grandchildren. Gert and Mike had also enjoyed camping and square dancing.

Survivors include two daughters, Gayle Griffith, Atlanta, Ga., and Dayle Maggart and her companion, Harold Heck, Huntsertown; one son, Rick Wilson, Knoxville, Tenn.; three stepsons, Roger (Joyce) Leslie, Charles (Linda) Leslie, and Keith Leslie and his companion, Diane Campbell, all of Logansport; one brother, Ray Morgan, Lavonia, Mich.; one sister, Lorraine
Bergman, Lavonia, Mich.; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Episcopal Church with Father Theodore Neidlinger officiating. Burial will be at Ever-Rest Memorial Park. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Kroeger Funeral Home, 711 E. Market St., Logansport. Memorial contributions may be sent to Trinity Episcopal Church and online condolences may be placed at www.kroegerfuneralhome.com.

Avenell Reatherford  Date of Death 3/23/2009


She is survived by son, Charles Reatherford of Culver; daughter, Linda Campbell of Ottawa, Ill.; sister, Maxine Barker of New Port Richey, Fla.; and one grandson.

Graveside services will be held Friday, March 27 at 1 p.m. at Eagle Creek Cemetery.

Braman & Son Memorial Chapel, Knox, is in charge of the arrangements.

Sarah F. Haldeman Miller  Date of Death 3/24/2009

Sarah F. Haldeman Miller, 85, of North Manchester, formerly of Rochester, died at 11 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at Parkview - Whitley Hospital, Columbia City.

She is survived by a sister, Dolores Srver of North Manchester; brother, Howard H. (Shirley) Haldeman of Eden, Utah; two nieces; and two nephews.

Visitation is Friday, March 27 from 4 to 7 p.m., and one hour prior to the services Saturday at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. The Kappa Delta Phi Sorority will conduct a memorial service Friday at 7 p.m. Services are Saturday, March 28 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to 1st Baptist Church or Peabody Retirement Home.

Delores D. Beauchamp  Date of Death 3/25/2009


She is survived by brothers and sisters: Russell (Lyla) Beauchamp of Knox, Wilson (Sherry) Beauchamp of Grand Island, Fla., Edna (Harry) Hillis of Ora and Linda (Mark) Secor of Plymouth.

Funeral services will be Friday, March 27 at 7 p.m. with visitation starting at 4 p.m. at M.C. Smith Funeral Home, Knox. Interment is private.

Marjorie Mae Bope  Date of Death 3/25/2009

BREMEN — Marjorie Mae Bope, 74, of Bremen, died Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at Community Hospital of Bremen.

She is survived by sons: Edward (Linda) Bope of LaPaz, Jim Bope of Bremen and Lonnie (Pam) Bope of Nappanee; daughter, Tonya (Ben Robbins) of Warsaw; eight grandchildren; one great-granddaughter on the way; and sister-in-law, Carol Heckaman.

Visitation is Friday, March 27 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Bremen Missionary Church. Services are Saturday, March 28 at 10:30 a.m. at the church. Burial will be at Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Marshall County 4-H, Gideons International or Food Bank of
Richard Allen Hollar  Date of Death 3/25/2009

ARGOS — Richard Allen Hollar, 73, of Argos, died Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at 10 a.m. at Life Care Center of Rochester following a three-week illness. He was born Aug. 10, 1935 in Argos to John and Helen (Watkins) Hollar. On Dec. 24, 1981 in Marshall County, he married Delores (Rude) Hollar.

Living all of his life in the Argos community, Richard attended Argos High School. He worked at Bendix Brakes of South Bend, where he retired in 1997.

He is survived by his wife, Delores Hollar; three daughters: Rose (John) Archambeault of Argos, Tena Flynn of Rochester and Sharon Turner of Argos; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; five brothers: Lowell Hollar of Argos, Harvey (Connie) Hollar of South Bend, William "Bill" Hollar of Argos, James (Karen) Hollar of Argos and Carl (Clair) Hollar of Argos; and one sister, Melbea (Kenny) Hammond of Argos.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Donna Jean Treber; and great-granddaughter, Emily Treber.

Friends may visit with the family Friday, March 27 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 28 at the funeral home with Jim Treber officiating. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society; 601 W. Edison, Mishawaka, IN 46545.

Electronic condolences my be sent to the family at: memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

James Alan MacTavish  Date of Death 3/25/2009


Visitation was Saturday, March 28 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Eickhoff, Farrand, Halverson Chapel, Three Rivers where services were held at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment followed in Riverside Cemetery, Three Rivers.

Memorials are being directed to Scidmore Park in Three Rivers.

Arthur E. Wilcox  Date of Death 3/26/2009

PLYMOUTH — Arthur E. Wilcox, 70, of 1126 Warana Drive, Plymouth, passed away at his home surrounded by his family, at 5:50 p.m. Thursday, March 26, 2009, following a courageous battle with cancer since the year of 2002.
Art was born Jan. 28, 1939, in Marshall County, Indiana, to Chester and Leona (Masterson) Wilcox. He proudly served his country in the United States Army. He had been employed at PiRod, Inc., in Plymouth, for 38 years. On Dec. 26, 1973, he and Linda K. Wade were married. He was a member of the Plymouth Moose Lodge #741.

Art is survived by his loving wife, Linda Wilcox of Plymouth; their children: Cindy Spence of Plymouth, David Wilcox of Plymouth, John Milton (and his significant other) Brandi Givens of Plymouth, Amber and Jeremy Daley of Argos, Indiana, and Stefanie Wilcox at home; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and his brother, Edward (Shirley) Wilcox of Argos. Art was preceded in death by his parents, Chester and Leona Wilcox.

Funeral services for Art will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, with the Rev. Denise Anderson officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

A time of visiting with the Wilcox family, will be Monday, March 30, 2009, from 4 to 7 p.m. and Tuesday, March 31, 2009, from noon to 2 p.m., at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, 300 West Madison St., Plymouth, IN, 46563.

The family would like for memorial contributions to be given, in Art's name, to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., 112 S. Center St., Plymouth, IN, 46563.

Friends and family, are invited to sign the guest book and share memories of Art with his family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Linda Mae Dickson  Date of Death 3/27/2009

KNOX — Linda Mae Dickson, 62, passed away Friday, March 27, 2009 in her home.

She was born March 7, 1947 in Knox to Lowell and Florence (Beem) Bradley and lived in the area all of her life. On Feb. 26, 1966 in Hamlet, she was married to Richard Dickson, who survives. Also surviving are two sons: Richard (Kim) Dickson of Winamac and Randy Dickson of Knox; two grandchildren: Baleigh and Brandon; four sisters: Marilyn (David) Hays, Shirley (Robert) Troyer and Rita (Dave) Harley, all of Knox and Carol (Dean) Fasel of San Pierre. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Kenneth Bradley.

Mrs. Dickson was a member of the Eagle Creek Church of Knox. She was a former instructor of cosmetology at Knox Beauty College. She was a livestock auction clerk at many area sale barns, including Stoney Pike and most recently, at Rochester. She was also a former Home Health Care employee at Starke Memorial Hospital in Knox.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. (Central Time) at Eagle Creek Church of Knox with Rev. Ed Hasnerl officiating. Burial will be at the Eagle Creek Cemetery. Friends may call at the church Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. CDT and Tuesday after 10 a.m.until the time of services.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society. Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel is handling arrangements.

Carla S. Enders  Date of Death 3/27/2009

Carla S. Enders, 61, died Friday, March 27, 2009, in the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

Survivors include her parents, Clyde and Fern Sanborn of Bremen; one son, Seth (Keri) Enders of Plymouth; five grandchildren; and three sisters: Wanda (Dave) Lattimer of Argos, Sandra Manooses of Bloomfield and Jo Lovette of White Pigeon, Mich.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, April 17 at the Bremen Cemetery.
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Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Hospice of Marshall County.

The Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen is assisting the family with arrangements.

BREMEN — Carla S. Enders, 61, of Bremen, died Friday, March 27, 2009 at Center for Hospice and Palliative Care. She was born Nov. 13, 1947 in Bremen to Clyde and Fern (Klingerman) Sanborn.

Carla graduated from Bremen High School in 1965. She was an administrative assistant for Bremen Wire (DLS) for 23 years, Bremen Castings for six years and she also worked at Sue’s Auction Service in Lakeville for six years.

She is survived by her parents, Clyde and Fern Sanborn of Bremen; son, Seth (Keri) Enders of Plymouth; five grandchildren: Jordan and Jensyn Enders, Llene, Rylee and Evan Enders; and three sisters: Wanda (Dave) Lattimer of Argos, Sandra Manooses of Bloomfield and Jo Lovette of White Pigeon, Mich.

She was preceded in death by one son, Dane; and two brothers: Roger and Tim Sanborn.

Visitation is Sunday, March 29 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen. Services are Monday, March 30 at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Roger Rohde officiating. Burial will be at Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Hospice of Marshall County.

The Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com

Robert Flaugher  Date of Death 3/27/2009

WALKERTON — Robert Flaugher, 78, died Friday, March 27, 2009 in LaPorte Hospital, LaPorte, Ind.

He is survived by his wife, Cheryl; one daughter, Kathy Ganser of Walkerton; two sons: Michael (Marie) Flaugher of Hubbard, Ohio and Damon (Robin) Flaugher of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers: William (Alice) Flaugher of Grovertown and Richard (Mary) Flaugher of Huntsville, Ala.

Visitation will take place Saturday, April 4 at 10 a.m. (Eastern Time) until the time of services at Walkerton United Methodist Church.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the church.

Cremation has taken place. Burial will be at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Walkerton, following the service, where military graveside services will be conducted.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel is handling arrangements.

Linkin Jet Fornelli  Date of Death 3/27/2009

KNOX — Linkin Jet Fornelli, stillborn son of Keith and Jessica (Quivey) Fornelli of Knox, died Friday, March 27, 2009.

He is survived by a sister, Jordyce Fornelli; maternal grandparents, Jan Quivey (Gerri) of Plymouth and Cindy Quivey of Knox; and paternal grandparents Rick and Betty Fornelli of Knox.

Private graveside services were held Wednesday, April 1 at Round Lake Cemetery.
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M.C. Smith Funeral Home handled arrangements.


AKRON — Warren Eugene "Gene" Montague, 68, of north Maple Street, Akron, Ind., died Friday, March 27, 2009 at 9:50 p.m. at his home.

He is survived by his wife Judy; two daughters: Tammy (James) Bowser of Nappanee and Tina (Tim) Alspaugh of Akron; two sons: Roger (Scarlet) Montague of Akron and Richard Montague of Jacksonville, Fla.; two sisters: Nila (Gene) Davis of Texas and Phyllis Trentham of Texas; two brothers: Neil (Dori) Montague of Bremen and Tom Montague of Schererville, Ind.; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place Tuesday, March 31, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St. Akron, Ind.

Funeral services will take place Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Akron Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County.

Ocie Mann  Date of Death 3/28/2009

PLYMOUTH — Ocie Mann, 46, of Plymouth, died Saturday, March 28, 2009 at home.

He is survived by daughter Shannon Mann of Culver; son Chadwick Mann of Culver; sisters Sandra Bailey of North Judson, Freda Craft of Nashville, Tenn., Janice Rose of Culver, Kim Alva of North Judson and brothers William Rowe of Lakeside, Calif. And Robert Mann of Nashville, Tenn., as well as one grandson.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. (CDT) Thursday, April 2, at Denham Freewill Baptist Church in Denham, Ind.

Burial will take place at Hoosier Cemetery.

Frances Marie (Anderson) Earle  Date of Death 3/29/2009

WARSAW — Frances Marie (Anderson) Earle, 78 , of Warsaw, died Sunday, March 29, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, at 12:55 p.m.

She was born Nov. 29, 1930 in Louisville, Ky. To John Edward and Elnora R. (Lashley) Anderson. She lived in North Manchester and Warsaw since 1941 and married Ray Eugene Earle Oct. 20, 1946 in North Manchester.

Earle worked at Alfran and Mason Nursing Home as a nurse's aide and was a member of the MelloAires singing group, Warsaw Senior Center and the KCH Senior Club.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Hack; three infant brothers; a niece, Janet Kay Bolton and a nephew, Robert Eugene Bolton.

She is survived by her husband, Ray Earle; daughters: Gloria Jean (Ron) Wigent of Michigan City, Donna Marie (Bert) Goble of Winona Lake and Linda Ruth Lent of Atwood; son, Wesley Howard Earle of Spartanburg, S.C.; a sister, Carolyn (Robert) Bolton of Louisville, Ky.; 13 grandchildren; one great-grandson; two nieces: Patsy and Linda Bryant and one nephew, Bobby Joe Bolton.
Frances will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

Visitation will take place Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Home, 2290 Provident Ct. Warsaw, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Funeral services will take place Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Palestine Cemetery, Palestine, Ind..

To sign the guest book or send online condolences go to www.mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com.

**Beverly Ann Jeffirs  Date of Death 3/29/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Beverly Ann Jeffirs, 74, died Sunday evening, March 29, 2009, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Beverly was born October 28, 1934, in Tacoma, Wash. to Walter T. and Margaret C. (Brunner) Corrigan. After attending Tacoma Public Schools, she completed three years of study at Washington State College. In 1984 she graduated from Indiana University South Bend with a bachelor’s degree in General Studies.

On October 20, 1956, Beverly and Michael J. Jeffirs were married at St. John of the Woods Catholic Church in Tacoma, Wash. Michael and Beverly made their home in Plymouth where Beverly was a homemaker and a bookkeeper for Jeffirs Motor, Inc. from 1956 to 1977. In 1977 she became part-owner and bookkeeper for M.J. Package Store in Walkerton, Ind. Beverly also worked full-time as a computer operator for the accounting firm of McQueen and Boyer in Plymouth until she retired in 1999. She was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church and other service organizations including AARP 5062, Harvest House, Marshall County Older Adult Services Board, Marshall County Historical Society, Marshall County Genealogical Society, and Habitat for Humanity. Beverly was a loving, gentle person who will be sadly missed by her family and all who knew her.

Bev’s proudest achievement was the raising of her and Mike’s 12 children: Marlene (Rick) Minker of Hamlet, Michael W. Jeffirs of Greenwood, Dana (Brian) Corrigan of Westlake, Ohio, Mark (Carol) Jeffirs of Argos, Gregory Jeffirs of Plymouth, Christine (Bob) Greig of Northville, Mich., Stephen (Pam) Jeffirs, deceased, Douglas (Stephanie) Jeffirs of Aurora, Il., Kent (Calliopi) Jeffirs of Crown Point, Janis (Mark) Holiday of Plymouth, Laura (Jim) Kruyer of Plymouth, and Matthew Jeffirs of Lawrenceville, Ga.

She is also survived by thirty-three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one sister, Marlene Poor of Mt. Kisco, N.Y., one sister-in-law, Rita Jeffirs of Park Forest, Ill. and five nieces and nephews.

Two brothers, Thomas and Patrick Corrigan, preceded her in death.

Friends may pay their respects at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth on Wednesday, April 1 from 3 – 8 p.m. where a Rosary will be said at 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 2 in St. Michael Catholic Church, 613 N. Center St., Plymouth with pastor Fr. William Kummer as the celebrant.

Preferred memorial contributions may be made to St. Michael Catholic Church or Marshall County Community Foundation – St. Michael School, Tuition Assistance Fund or to a charity or organization of the donor’s choice.

Notes of condolence may be sent to the family via the Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com.
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Donna M. Stayton  Date of Death 3/29/2009

PLYMOUTH — Donna M. Stayton, 74, of W. 13th Road, Plymouth, passed away Sunday, March 29, 2009, at 2:48 a.m. in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center of South Bend.

Donna was born October 28, 1934, in Fulton County, Indiana, to Donald and Mary Jane (Woolington) Wallace. Donna and Lynn Stayton were married in Parker, Arizona, on November 27, 1968. They lived in California before moving to Plymouth in 1979.

Donna worked at Wagner Electric for several years. She loved to crochet, go fishing, bowl, and especially enjoyed baby sitting for the children of her family and friends.

Donna is survived by her loving husband, Lynn Stayton; her daughter, Tena Lade of Plymouth; her sons, Billy Himes and Terry Wallace; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services, for Donna, will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2009, at 1 p.m. at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, with the Rev. George Shoemaker officiating.

Friends and family may visit Thursday, April 2, 2009, from 11:00 a.m. to the time of service at 1 p.m. at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, IN 46563.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the American Cancer Society, 601 W. Edison Road, Mishawaka, IN, 46545 or to the Marshall County Humane Society at P.O. Box 22, Plymouth, IN 46563.

The guest book may be signed and memories shared at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Marjorie Fisher Buswell  Date of Death 3/30/2009

Lakeview, Ark. — Marjorie Fisher Buswell, 82, of Lakeview, Ark. died Monday, March 30, 2009 at 10 a.m. at Gassville Nursing Center, Gassville, Ark.

She was born Nov. 16, 1926 in Tippecanoe to Charles and Donnis (Smith) Fisher. She moved to Lakeview, Ark. in 2000 from Walkerton.

She married Jack Buswell on Nov. 26, 1949 in Culver.

She worked as a clerk for a pharmacy and was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary #0189 of Walkerton.

Survivors include her daughter, Marsha (John) Meissner of Lakeview, Ark.; sons, John Steven Buswell of Lancaster, Penn.; Garry A. Buswell of Mishawaka; Charles Wayne (Barbara) Buswell of El Paso, Ill. and grandchildren, Jacquelyn and Liam Meissner, as well as her sisters, Lena Copeland of Bourbon; and Dorothy (Bob) Town of Bluffton, Ohio.

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

Friends may visit with the family Friday, April 3, from 6 to 8 pm at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 4, at the funeral home with Larrie Kreft officiating.

Burial will take place at the Culver Masonic Cemetery, Culver.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation; Northern Indiana Branch; P.O. Box 8345 South Bend, IN 46600.
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LAKEVIEW, AR — Marjorie Fisher Buswell, 82, of Highway 178 W. #46, Lakeview, Ark., died Monday, March 30, 2009 at 10 a.m. at Gassville Nursing Center, Gassville, Ark.

She is survived by a daughter, Marsha (John) Meissner of Lakeview, Ark.; sons: John Steven Buswell of Lancaster, Pa., Garry A. Buswell of Mishawaka, Ind. and Charles Wayne (Barbara) Buswell of El Paso, Ill.; two grandchildren; sisters, Lena Copeland of Bourbon, Ind. and Dorothy (Bob) Town of Bluffton, Ohio.

Visitation will take place Friday April 3, 2009 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos, Ind.

Funeral services will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 4, at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Culver Masonic Cemetery, Culver, Ind.

Electronic condolences my be sent to the family at: memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, Ind.

Sandra Kay Calhoun  Date of Death 3/30/2009

ROCHESTER — Sandra Kay Calhoun, 48, of Rochester, died March 30, 2009 at 9:30 p.m. at her residence, following a lengthy illness.

She was born January 24, 1961 in Plymouth, to Charles W. and Judy (Cline) Calhoun and had lived all of her life in the Argos community.

She married Howard R. Hart on January 23, 2008 in Rochester. Sandra was a supervisor at Standard Motor in Mishawaka. Before this, she worked in Argos at Ristance/Dana Corp. She was a graduate of Argos High School, Class of 1979.

In addition to her husband Howard Hart in Rochester, she is survived by a daughter, Nichole Shaffer of Argos and four grandchildren. She is also survived by her mother, Judy, and husband Terry Ernsburger, of Plymouth; and her father, Charles, and wife Jennifer, Calhoun of Kentucky; along with brothers Tim, and wife Cathy, Calhoun of Plymouth; David, and wife Lisa, Calhoun of Argos; Dennis, and wife Tracy, Calhoun of Argos; and Doug, and wife Ronda, Calhoun of Argos.

She was preceded in feath by her grandparents and a brother, Daniel Calhoun.

Friends may visit with the family Wednesday, April 1, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos; and one hour prior to the services.

Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 2, at the funeral home with the Rev. Robert Rice officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care; 112 S. Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563. Electronic condolences my be sent to the family at: memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com. Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, Ind.

Bernard L. Cannon  Date of Death 3/31/2009

GOSHEN — Bernard L. Cannon, 69, died at 9:34 a.m. Tuesday, March 31 at Goshen General Hospital.

He is survived by a son, Barry (Marcy) Cannon of Cromwell; four grandchildren; six great-
Donald J. Loecher  Date of Death 3/31/2009

PLYMOUTH — Donald J. Loecher, 51, of Plymouth, died Tuesday, March 31 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; children Eric (Alyssa) Loecher of Iowa, Scott (Kristen) Aurand of Iowa, Brian (Anne) Aurand of Singapore, and Dorian (Steve) Pfefferle of Bremen; brother Dwayne (Annette) Loecher of Wisconsin; sisters Linda (Ed) Smith, Carol (Irv) Kraft and Barbara Benin, all of Wisconsin; and six grandchildren.

Visitation is Friday, April 3 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen.

The Rosary will be read at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 4 at St. Dominic's Catholic Church, 803 Bike St., Bremen, with Father Polycarp Fernando officiating.

Burial will be at Bremen Cemetery.

The Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen, is in charge of arrangements.

Emilee A. Moore  Date of Death 4/1/2009

ROCHESTER — Emilee A. Moore, 4 months, died Wednesday, April 1, 2009 in her home after an illness.

Surviving are her parents, Christina and Allen Moore of Rochester; sister, Kenzee Moore and brother, Preston Moore of Rochester; grandparents: Pam Arbuckle of Rochester, Dean Goble of Hamlet, Wanda Shiel of Knox and Dennis Wilson of Winamac.

Funeral services will be Saturday, April 4 at 4 p.m. (Central Time) at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel where visitation is Saturday, April 4 at 1 p.m. CDT until the time of services.

Memorials may be given to the funeral home.

Roger Lee Pittman  Date of Death 4/1/2009

NAPPANEE — Roger Lee Pittman, 72, of Nappanee, died at 12:40 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Rachel Pittman; daughters: Cynthia (Michael) Leamon of Nappanee, Carmen (Allen) Rohrer of Elkhart and Christine (Ryan) Chupp of Goshen; son, Stanley (Laura) Pittman of Yorktown; nine grandchildren; sister, Janet (Dave) Buck of Nappanee; brother, Larry (Nancy) Pittman of Osseo, Wis.; and brother-in-law, Lavere Rouch of Nappanee.

Visitation is Friday, April 3 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Nappanee Missionary Church Chapel, and one hour prior to services Saturday. Services are Saturday, April 4 at 2 p.m. at the church.
Martha Louise Carlton  Date of Death 4/3/2009

BLOOMINGTON — Martha Louise Carlton, 87, of Bloomington, Ind. Passed away at Bloomington Hospital Friday, April 3, 2009 following a brief illness.

She was born in McLeansboro, Ill. Aug. 11, 1921 to William G. and Ada (Meadows) Miller.

She graduated from McLeansboro High School in Illinois with the class of 1940. She worked for Farm Bureau Insurance in Indianapolis, and later as a bank teller in Warsaw and Elkhart. On Sept. 4, 1943 she married Samuel E. Carlton. Mr. Carlton later graduated from seminary; he and Louise served at United Methodist Churches in Indiana including Bridgeport, Brazil, Plymouth, Elkhart, Rochester, Griffith, Lafayette, Dyer, Brownsburg, Pendleton, Fort Wayne and Farmland.

She was a member of the Brazil First United Methodist Church, the Homebuilders Sunday School Class, United Methodist Women, sang in the church choir and was responsible for church administrative duties.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Rev. Samuel E. Carlton; brother Melvin Miller; sister Margaret Moore.

Survivors include her children: Jim Carlton and wife Nedra of Brazil, Ind., Jan Anderson and husband Doug of Muncie, Joan Zimmerman and husband Dennis Burch of Bloomington; grandchildren: Diana Carlton, Jana Johnson, Melissa Osner, Mark Anderson, Bradley Zimmerman, Meredith Anderson, Mathew Zimmerman, and Molly Chasteen; great-grandchildren: Nathaniel and Zion Osner, Grant Johnson, Marah Osner, Elsa Anderson, Silas Chasteen; brother, Cameron Miller of Benton, Ill. As well as many friends and extended family members.

Services will be at First United Methodist Church, in Brazil Tuesday at 1 p.m. with Pastor Tony Alstott and Dr. Douglas Anderson officiating. Burial will follow at Clearview Cemetery. Visitation was at Lawson-Miller Chapel in Brazil Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. and again Tuesday from noon until the time of the service.

Visit www.lawson-millerchapel.com to light a candle in her memory.

Karen Lea Gunter  Date of Death 4/3/2009

ROCHESTER — Karen Lea Gunter, 65, of Audubon Avenue, Rochester, died Friday, April 3, at St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

She is survived by her husband, Don of Rochester; her mother, Alice Hively of Macy; four daughters: Brenda (Keith) Ernest of Rochester, Tina Kline of Rochester, Crystal Hively and companion Jessica Lowe of Etna Green and Angie (Don) Johnson of Rochester; two sons: Nick Kline and companion Mindi Williams of Tippecanoe and Chuck (Paula) Kline of Fishers; a step-daughter, Davina Enders of Rochester; two step-sons: Leroy (Lori) Enders of Illinois and Brian (Nora) Enders of Denver, Ind.; 23 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; a sister, Shari (Terry) Burns of Denver; a half-sister, Marvis (John) Zimmerman of Akron; a half-brother, Billy Hively and companion Carol Jones of Akron and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, and an hour prior to services at
Mary J. (Chupp) Hochstetler  Date of Death 4/3/2009

NAPANEE — Mary J. (Chupp) Hochstetler, 62, of Nappanee, died at 5:20 a.m. Friday, April 3, 2009 at home.

She is survived by her husband, Willie Hochstetler; son, Christie (Marsha) Hochstetler of Etna Green; three grandchildren; and sisters: Edna Chupp of Elkhart and Ida (Marvin) Hochstetler of Nappanee.

Visitation is after 1 p.m. Saturday, April 4 and all day Sunday at the family residence, 29416 CR 52, Nappanee. Services will be held Monday, April 6 at 9:30 a.m. at the family residence. Burial will be at Weldy Cemetery.

Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee, is in charge of the arrangements.

Reba D. McKee  Date of Death 4/3/2009

BRADENTON, Fla. — Reba D. McKee, 88, of Bradenton, Fla., formerly of Culver, died Friday, April 3, 2009.

Survivors include son, Stephen (Sheryl) McKee of Lake Wales, Fla.; daughter, Judith Burns of Rochester; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Norma Emery of Bradenton, Fla.

A graveside service was Monday, April 6 at Skyway Memorial Gardens Palmetto, Fla.

Arrangements were by Griffith-Cline Funeral Home Bradenton, Fla.


Garrison was a 2008 graduate of Plymouth High School, Plymouth, and was studying economics and finance at Ball State University, in Muncie.

He lived a life of uniqueness, and left an imprint on everyone’s heart. Highly intellectual, he was an avid reader of philosophy, history, politics and classical literature. He was passionate about discussing politics and philosophical ideas. By the age of 13, he was well versed in political debates, understanding the world better than most adults.

He admired many artists from the ’60s, including Bob Dylan, The Beatles, Simon and Garfunkle, and Woody Guthrie. He enjoyed singing, and playing the guitar and harmonica for his friends.

As described by a childhood friend, “Everything about you is so interesting…your life, your interests, your beliefs, your feelings. It was never a board game for us was it? No, it was finding massive amounts of blank paper so we could draw…not random pictures, but create countries, decide what kind of government they had, what economy, what type of religion, and so much more. There was always something new driving you. A new song you were in love with, a new activity you were amazed by, a new rant about a flaw in our government you were infuriated by…and all before the age of 13 you did these things. Soaring past my intelligence, forcing me to increase my creativity, and pushing me to see beyond the world as I saw it. I could almost pass out in exhaustion from trying to keep up with your brain.”
A compassionate and tender soul, and completely unassuming, Garrison would have been surprised to know how many lives he touched. Not interested in the superficial aspects of life, he strove to enjoy life in simple ways...taking long, contemplative walks and spending hours reading. Garrison did not like to draw attention to himself, yet people were drawn to him by the life that he led.

Garrison loved the Lord deeply, and cherished this quote by his great-great-grandfather, Peter Ringenberg, “The only way of salvation is recorded in St. John, 3rd. Chapter, verses 1-18, being born again. It is not belonging to a man-made organization, but a change of heart.” Garrison is survived by his loving parents, Mark and Brenda Ringenberg of Plymouth; his brother, Grant Ringenberg at home; his maternal grandparents, Merle and Lois Zuehl of Newton, Kan.; his paternal grandparents, Everett and Joyce Ringenberg of Plymouth; his aunts and uncles: Tim and Angie Zuehl, Steve and Nancy Ringenberg, Paul and Carol Ringenberg, Gary and Jan Forrest, Tim Ringenberg, Tom and Hayley Ringenberg, and John (Kathy, deceased) Clark; and numerous cousins.

A time of visiting with the family will be Wednesday, April 8, 2009, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, IN 46563. Visitation will also be held at the church Thursday, April 9, 2009, from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at 11 a.m. Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 9, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the Plymouth Wesleyan Church, with the Revs. Paul Spasic and Paul Hancy officiating.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Indiana Lake Youth for Christ. Garrison was very much an old soul, but to us he will remain forever young.

Family and friends may sign the guest book and share memories, of Garrison, with his family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

PLYMOUTH — Garrison O. P. Ringenberg, 19, of Diamond Drive, Plymouth, died Saturday, April 4, in Muncie.

Garrison is survived by his parents, Mark and Brenda Ringenberg of Plymouth; his brother, Grant Ringenberg at home; his maternal grandparents, Merle and Lois Zuehl of Newton, Kan.; his paternal grandparents, Everett and Joyce Ringenberg of Plymouth; his aunts and uncles, Tim and Angie Zuehl, Steve and Nancy Ringenberg, Paul and Carol Ringenberg, Gary and Jan Forrest, Tim Ringenberg, Tom and Hayley Ringenberg, and John (Kathy, deceased) Clark; and numerous cousins.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, April 8, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, IN, 46563.

Visitation will also be held at the church Thursday, April 9, from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at 11 a.m.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 9, at 11 a.m. at Crossroads Evangelical Free Church, Oak Road in Plymouth, with the Rev. Paul Spasic, officiating.

Family and friends may sign the guest book and share memories, of Garrison, with his family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

**Linda L. Singleton  Date of Death 4/4/2009**

KNOX — Linda L. Singleton, 67, died Saturday, April 4, in her home after an illness.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald Singleton Sr.; one daughter, Amy Singleton of Knox; one step-daughter, Rhonda Allen of Knox; one step-son, Ronald Singleton Jr. of Knox; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.
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Visitation will take place Tuesday, April 7 from 4 to 8 p.m. (CDT) at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel and Wednesday at the church after 10 a.m.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, April 8 at 11 a.m. (Central Time) at St. John’s Lutheran Church of LaCrosse.

Burial will follow at 3 p.m. at Oak Grove Cemetery, Knox.

Vera Vargo  Date of Death 4/4/2009

PLYMOUTH — Vera Vargo, 95, of Parkview Street, Plmyouth, died Saturday, April 4, 2009 in Plymouth.

Vera is survived by her caregiver, Carolyn Chapman and family.

Visitation will be Tuesday, April 7, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, IN, 46563.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Wednesday, April 8, at 10:30 a.m., at Saint Michael Catholic Church, with the Rev. Father William Kummer officiating.

Burial will be in Highland Cemetery, South Bend.

Friends are invited to sign the guest book and share memories of Vera at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

PLYMOUTH — Vera Vargo, 95, of 222 Parkview St., Plymouth, passed away Saturday, April 4, 2009, at 1:40 p.m., at Pilgrim Manor Nursing, Plymouth.

Vera was born on Nov. 10, 1913, in Saint Joseph County, Ind., to Joseph and Theresa (Popp) Vargo. She was a member of Saint Michael Catholic Church of Plymouth.

Vera moved from North Liberty, Indiana (Potato Creek) to Plymouth in 1970. She worked on the family farm and also worked in an attorney’s office in Plymouth. Vera loved her church and volunteered doing many things, including stuffing inserts into the newspapers at the Pilot News.

Vera had her pilot’s license, wrote poetry, and was an animal lover.

Vera is survived by her caregiver, Carolyn Chapman and family. She was preceded in death by her brother and sisters.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, April 7, 2009, from 4 to 7  p.m. at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, IN, 46563.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at 10:30 a.m., at Saint Michael Catholic Church, with the Rev. Father William Kummer officiating.

Burial will be in Highland Cemetery, South Bend.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Marshall County Humane Society, Post Office Box #22, Plymouth, IN, 46563.

Friends are invited to sign the guest book and share memories of Vera at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

Virginia M. Abair  Date of Death 4/6/2009

PLYMOUTH – Virginia M. Abair, 82, of 10309 8A Rd., Plymouth, died at 2:33 a.m. Monday, April 6, 2009, at home, surrounded by her family after a brief illness.
Born on Sept. 8, 1926 in Plymouth, Virginia was the daughter of Harrison Russell and Lucile Marie (Price) Harner.

She had attended the Old Muncie School at Bremen, and other various schools in Marshall County.


Virginia, whose favorite motto was “One day at a time, sweet Jesus”, was a homemaker and a master of all trades. She loved to fish and camp in Southern Indiana and Wisconsin. A lady who never had idle hands, she enjoyed all kinds of crafts, including: crocheting, knitting, sewing, quilting, cooking, working in her garden and canning the fruits of her labor.

She was a member of the Plymouth Wesleyan Church for over 40 years, where she enjoyed putting up decorations at Christmas time.

Virginia’s proudest achievement was the raising of her and Chester’s children: DeVere (Judy) Abair of Plymouth, Judith (Steve) Hessler of Richland, Garry (Barbara) Abair of Newnan, Ga., Alan Abair of Plymouth, Roger Abair of Wedowee, Ala. And Jacqueline (Les) Trump of Plymouth.

She is also survived by 19 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and her family is still growing. Two sisters: Viola Capron and Phyllis (Michael) Corbridge, both of Bremen and a brother, Russell L. Harner of Bremen, also survive.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband, a son: Larry Abair, three brothers: Robert, John and William Harner; and a sister: Evelyn Litchfield.

Friends may pay their respects at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, from 3 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2009.

Funeral services will take place at the funeral home on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 11 a.m., with the Rev. John Perkinson, pastor of the Shiloh Wesleyan Church, officiating.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Preferred memorial contributions may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

Notes of condolence may be sent to the family via the funeral home’s Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com

**Frances B. Atkinson Date of Death 4/6/2009**

LEESBURG — Frances B. Atkinson, 73, of 4990 N. 175 E. Leesburg, died Monday, April 6, 2009 at 10:15 p.m. at her residence. She was born Nov. 4, 1935 in Marshall County to Frank and Mary (Cunningham) Bagley.

She was a Kosciusko County resident since 1966. She was united in marriage to Robert C. “Bob” Atkinson in Plymouth on Dec. 19, 1954. Robert preceded her in death on June 9, 1997.

Frances was employed as shipping manager for Sea Nymph Corporation of Syracuse for 12 years. She was also a former administrative assistant for the Dalton Foundries of Warsaw, and GTI Ditronics of Leesburg.

Frances is survived by her loving family including her son, Mike Atkinson of Leesburg; sister, Jean Horvath of Detroit, Mich.; two brothers: Harold “Hattie” (Bonnie) Bagley of Bremen and Terry (Sarah) Bagley of Plymouth.
In addition to her husband Robert, Frances was preceded by a brother, David Bagley.

Private services will be held. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 10 at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, 2290 Provident Court, Warsaw. Burial will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Kosciusko Home Care and Hospice, P.O. Box 1196, Warsaw, IN 46581-1196.

To sign the guestbook or send condolences electronically, go to mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com

**Dolly A. Bonnell  Date of Death 4/6/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Dolly A. Bonnell, 86, of Plymouth, died Monday, April 6, 2009 at home.

She is survived by daughter, Patricia (Gary) Rogers of Rochester; son, Steven (Linda) Bonnell of Brandon, Fla.; daughter-in-law, Rita Bonnell of Logansport; sister, Martha Schmidt of Lake of the Hills, Ill.; and brother, Major Nitzschke of North Manchester.

Family services will be held. Burial will be at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

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

**Roger E. Chapman  Date of Death 4/6/2009**

MONTEREY — Roger E. Chapman, 57, of Monterey, died Monday, April 6, 2009 at Starke Memorial Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Chapman of Monterey; sons: Justin Chapman of Winamac and Jason Chapman of Monterey; eight grandchildren; and sisters: Connie Parker of Knox and Phyllis Hornbeck of Hanover.

Visitation is Wednesday, April 8 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Braman & Son Memorial Chapel, Knox. Services are Thursday, April 9 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crown Hill Cemetery, Knox.

**Heather Mangun  Date of Death 4/6/2009**

BREMEN — Heather Mangun, 37, of Bremen, died Monday, April 6, 2009 in Bremen.

She is survived by her mother, Cheryl Chrzan of Bremen; daughter, Erin Mangun at home; son, Michael Mangun at home; one granddaughter on the way; sisters: Ariel and Cassandra Chrzan at home; and grandparents: Casimir and Jo Ann Chrzan of Bremen and John and Elsie Fletcher of Indianapolis.

Funeral services will be held Friday, April 10 at 10 a.m. at the Bremen VFW. Memorials may be made to the family to use toward the funeral service.

The Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen, is assisting the family with arrangements.

**Louise June Manuel  Date of Death 4/6/2009**

Louise June Manuel, 78, a resident of Mason Health Care Facility of Warsaw, formerly of Bourbon, died Monday, April 6, 2009 at 11:15 a.m.
She is survived by a daughter, Cynthia (Larry) Harman of Elkhart; son, Randall (Karen) Manuel of Warsaw; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Barb Nine of Warsaw; and brother, David (Pat Davis) of Napa, Calif.

Funeral services are at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 10 in the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St. Bourbon. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home. Burial will follow in the Etna Green Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Bourbon Emergency Medical Services.

Theodore “Ted” Lawrence Prescott  Date of Death 4/6/2009

NAPPANEE — Theodore “Ted” Lawrence Prescott, 73, of Nappanee, died at 5:37 a.m. Monday, April 6, 2009 at Community Hospital of Bremen.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma; son, Mark Allen Prescott of Goshen; daughter, Donna Lee Prescott of Nappanee; one granddaughter; and sister, Phyllis Wright of Plymouth.

Visitation is Wednesday, April 8 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee, and one hour prior to the services Thursday. Funeral services are Thursday, April 9 at 2:30 p.m. at the Wakarusa Missionary Church. Burial will be in South Union Cemetery, Nappanee.

Memorials may be made to World Missionary Press.

Ray C. Houghton  Date of Death 4/8/2009

CULVER — Ray C. Houghton, 70, of Culver, passed away peacefully at 6:43 a.m. April 8, 2009 at Miller’s Merry Manor in Culver.

Ray was born to Lester Houghton and Eva Triplet on June 25, 1938 in Rochester. He was a graduate of Culver Community High School. After graduation, he proudly enlisted in the United States Army as a member of the 101st Airborn Screaming Eagles, serving between the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. After being discharged Ray fell in love and was married on Sept. 13, 1959 at Mt. Vernon, Ind. To Norma E. Kuebler. Together they had two children.

Ray worked for the Culver Military Academies in the Grounds Maintenance department for 15 years. He loved hunting and fishing. Ray was a longtime member of the Collins-Tasch American Legion Post 399 in Monterey and a member of the James F. Talbott VFW Post 1121 in Kewanna.

Ray is survived by his wife, Norma Houghton of Culver; son, Lee (Karen) Houghton of Culver; daughter, Lori (Jr.) Hines of Grovertown; granddaughters: Rainbow & Taylor Hines of Grovertown; four sisters; eight step-grandchildren; and 12 step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lester Houghton; mother, Eva Houghton; grandson, Kenneth Lee Hack III; and one brother.

A time of sharing memories with Ray’s family will be held at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home Friday, April 10, 2009 from 5 to 9 p.m. EDT. Rev. Larry Saunders will officiate the service which will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 11, 2009 at Wesley United Methodist Church, Culver. Interment will follow at the Culver Masonic Cemetery in Culver.

Memorials may be given to the Wesley United Methodist Church or Miller’s Merry Manor in Culver.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.bonineodom.com.
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The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver is in charge of arrangements.

**Lillian Loretta Howard Kieszkowski  Date of Death 4/8/2009**

MICHIGAN CITY — Lillian Loretta Howard Kieszkowski, 67, died Wednesday, April 8, 2009 in Methodist Hospital, Merrillville.

Surviving are two daughters: Jennifer (Dennis) Salyer of Knox and Yvonne (Michael) Kieszko wski of North Judson; one stepdaughter, Monica Tubbs of Canton, N.C.; four sons: Timothy (Donna) Campbell of Celestine, Thomas Campbell of Crestwood, Ky., Dennis Campbell of Shoals and Herman Darrell (Sue) Campbell of French Lick; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; three sisters: Barbara (Freeman) Back of Jackson, Ky., Phyllis (Arnold) Noble of Winchester, Ky. And Susan Joseph of Lambric, Ky.; and three brothers: Otta Joe (Lola) Howard of Knox, Lloyd (Phyllis) Howard of Argos and Harold (Nannie) Howard of Jackson, Ky.

Funeral services will be Monday, April 13 at 8 p.m. (CDT) at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Visitation is Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. CDT at the funeral home.

**Jared A. Seese  Date of Death 4/8/2009**

AMLET — Jared A. Seese, 18, died Wednesday, April 8, 2009 in Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

He is survived by his parents, Jon and Joyce (Winkler) Seese; sister, Jennifer (Joe) Morrison of Mishawaka; grandparents, Jean (Richard) Winkler of Grovertown; and nephew, Christopher Morrison.

Funeral services will be Monday, April 13 at 11 a.m. (CDT) at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Visitation is Sunday, April 12 from 4 to 8 p.m. and Monday one hour before services at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization.

**Lana C. Berger  Date of Death 4/9/2009**

AURORA, Colo. — Lana C. Berger, 64, of Aurora, Colo. died Thursday, April 9, 2009. Visitation was April 15 in Aurora, Colo. A memorial service will be held in Indiana at a later date.

Newcomer Family Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

AURORA, Colo. — Lana Cheryl Berger, 64, died at her home in Aurora, Colo. April 9, 2009.

She is survived by her brother, Robert L. (Jackye) Berger; and her sisters: Jeanette (Paul) LaMar and Loretta (Jim) Yagelski; as well as nine nieces and nephews and 10 great-nieces and great-nephews.

Visitation was held in Aurora, Colo. At Newcomer Funeral Home on April 15, 2009.

A memorial gathering will be held in Culver Saturday, June 20 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Wesley United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Memorials may be made to: Max Fund No Kill Shelter, 1025 Galapago Street, Denver, CO 80204.

**Ralph W. Neff  Date of Death 4/9/2009**

CULVER — Ralph W. Neff, 78, of Culver, died Thursday, April 9, 2009 at Elkhart Hospice House, Elkhart, Ind. at 8:45 a.m.

He is survived by three sons: Ken Neff of Culver, Dean Neff of Winamac and Steve Neff of
Indianapolis; three brothers: Daniel Neff of Florida, and Jim Neff and Julian Neff, both of Logansport; five sisters, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place Monday, April 13, 2009 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Funeral services will take place Tuesday, April 14, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to Finney-Shilling VFW Post 6919 Culver or Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via the funeral home's obituary page at www.bonineodom.com.

Ilene June Sherman  Date of Death 4/9/2009

PLYMOUTH — Ilene June Sherman, 77, of Maple Road, Plymouth, died at 9:53 a.m. Thursday, April 9, 2009, at her home.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Jack Sherman; her sister, Connie Suntz of Denning, Texas and two grandsons.

The Van Gilder Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. There will be no visitation.

A memorial service will take place at a later date.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the Alzheimer's Association, American Heart Association, or the Marshall County Cancer Association.

Friends are invited to sign the guest book and share memories at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

PLYMOUTH — Ilene June Sherman, 77, of Plymouth, died at 9:53 a.m. Thursday, April 9, 2009, at her home.

She is survived by her husband, Jack Sherman; sister, Connie Suntz of Denning, Texas; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 23 at noon at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth, with a time of visitation from 11 a.m. until the time of the service.

Memorial contributions be given to the Alzheimer's Association, American Heart Association, or the Marshall County Cancer Association.

Lee R. Smith  Date of Death 4/9/2009

ROCHESTER — Lee R. Smith, 77, of Rochester, departed this life at 8:40 a.m., April 9, 2009, following a courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease. He was born Dec. 14, 1931 in Mishawaka to Roy and Mabel Hefner Smith.

As a proud graduate of Richland Center High School, Lee was a member of the class of 1949. As a young man, he assisted his dad with the family farming operation. They also farmed a variety of grains including wheat, corn, and soybeans.

With great pride Lee answered the call to serve our country. He became a member of the United States Air Force serving his tour of duty in Japan during the Korean War. Later he was
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honorably discharged attaining the rank of staff sergeant.

Returning home to the Richland Center – Leiter’s Ford area Lee continued to work with his dad on the farming operation. His love for agriculture continued throughout his life as he maintained a hobby farm.

On Sept. 10, 1961 at the Santa Anna United Methodist Church, near Argos, Lee married the love of his life, Bonnie Gibbons. This union of 47 1/2 years yielded two outgoing and beautiful daughters, Mary Lou and Donna. As a loving father and role model Lee instilled a work ethic of dedication and devotion. In 1996 he retired from Sealed Power Corporation after 33 1/2 years of service rarely missing a day of work. Lee was a member of the UAW # 220 during his work tenure.

At home Lee was meticulous about the care of his lawn. To relax, he enjoyed listening to Blue Grass music from the era of the 1940s–1950s. Lee is also remembered to be very detail oriented and led a very conservative lifestyle.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Smith; two daughters: Mary Lou Durkes of Rochester and Donna Louk and companion Terry Thompson of Argos; sister, Phyllis (Bob) Overmyer of Rochester; and a niece, two nephews, and several great nieces and great nephews.

In Heaven, Lee will join his extended family and many friends including his parents and sons-in-law, William Lynn Durkes, April 4, 2007 and Andy Louk, July 22, 2008.

A celebration of the life of Mr. Lee R. Smith will be held Monday, April 13, 2009 at 10 a.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home. Rev. Henry Sprunger will officiate. Burial will follow at the Poplar Grove/Maxinkuckee IOOF Cemetery, near Culver where military graveside rites will be conducted by the Argos American Legion Post #68 and the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Honor Guard. Friends may visit with the family from 4 to 8 p.m. on Sunday and an hour prior to services.

Preferred memorials may be made in Lee’s memory to the Santa Anna United Methodist Church or Hope Hospice. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com

Shirley Dean Badtke Date of Death 4/10/2009

ATLANTA — Shirley Dean Badtke, 73, of Naples, Florida formerly of Niles, passed away on April 10, 2009 at the home of her son in Atlanta, Ga., following a courageous battle with cancer.

Shirley was born January 28, 1936 in Plymouth, to the late Herman and Opal (Kaufman) Reed.

On August 3, 1991 she married Donald Badtke in Niles, where they shared many memories together until he passed suddenly in 2006.

Shirley’s farm roots were never forgotten as she was an avid gardener. When the weather didn't permit her to be outside, she loved to sew, create ceramics and music. She was a past member of the local Sweet Adeline’s and Wesley United Methodist Church choir.

She always enjoyed being with her family; especially her children and great-grandchildren. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Bonita Springs, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Devon Reed and her husband Donald Badtke in 2006.

Surviving Shirley are her two sons Brent (Robin) Baer of Atlanta, Georgia, and Kevin (Mary Beth) Kendrick of Beaumont, Texas, her daughter, Brenda Baer of Crivitz, Wisconsin, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, her two brothers Eldon (Gerry) Reed of Plymouth,
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Indiana and James (Joyce) Reed of Bremen, Indiana, a sister Marilyn (David) Back of Walkerton, Indiana and a very special aunt Faye Mangus of North Liberty, Indiana.

A time of visitation will be Friday, April 17 at Brown Funeral Home from 12 to 2 p.m.

Funeral services will be held Friday, April 17, at 2 p.m. at Brown Funeral Home.

Friends and family are invited to continue the celebration of Shirley’s life at a reception at Wesley United Methodist Church at 4 p.m.

A Private interment will be held at Bremen Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made in Shirley’s memory to March of Dimes 1275 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, New York 10605.

Condolences, photos and memories may be shared with the family at www.brownfuneralhomeniles.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home, Niles.

Billy Bob Wentz  Date of Death 4/10/2009

PLYMOUTH — Billy Bob Wentz, 79, of Oakhill Avenue, Plymouth, died at 12:12 a.m. Friday, April 10, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

He is survived by his daughters: Linda (Jack) Bell of Plymouth, Debra (Rick) Green of Plymouth, and Carol (Donald) Moss of Knox; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Marcella Hauser of Knox and Carol Sue Hunter of Knox; and two brothers, Norman (Pat) Wentz of Knox and George Wentz of Winamac, Ind.

The Van Gilder Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. There will be no visitation.

A private service, for the family, was held.

Friends are invited to sign the guest book and share memories of Bill at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Duane Laidig  Date of Death 4/11/2009

MADISON TOWNSHIP — Duane Laidig, 76, of Madison Township, died Saturday, April 11, 2009 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center.

He is survived by his wife Jo; three sons: Kurt (Rhonda) Laidig, Scott (Sheila) Laidig and Tom (LeeAnn) Laidig, all of Madison Township; a daughter, Jan (Vic) Baumgartner of Auburn, Ind.; 14 grandchildren; three brothers and one sister.

Visitation will take place from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at Community Gospel Church, Bremen.

Graveside services will take place Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at Bremen Cemetery at 10 a.m. at Bremen Cemetery with a memorial service at 11 a.m. at Community Gospel Church.

Memorials may be made to Community Gospel Church Missions Fund.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhome.com.

Sue Ann Miller  Date of Death 4/11/2009


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ROCHESTER — Sue Ann Miller, 60, of Rochester, died at 11:24 a.m. Saturday, April 11, 2009 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

She is survived by two daughters: Tabatha Minix of Akron and Heather (Terry) Metheny of Plymouth; two sons: Keith Razor and Cory Razor; five grandchildren; three sisters: Vicki Stephen, Phyllis Miller and companion Linda Kitson and Brenda Beery, all of Rochester.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 16 in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is one hour prior to the service. Interment will be at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Russel "Rusty" Fromme Date of Death 4/12/2009

SILVER LAKE — Rusty Fromme, 58, of Silver Lake, died at 11:34 a.m. Sunday, April 12, 2009 at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.


Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, April 20 in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Visitation is one hour prior to the service.

Rose Mary Noell Date of Death 4/12/2009

SOUTH BEND — Rose Mary Noell, 89, died Sunday, April 12, 2009 at Mason Healthcare Center, Warsaw.

She is survived by her daughters: Linda (Arnold) Norman of Warsaw and Dyan (Joel) Zimmerman of Leesburg, Fla.; son, Reverend Ray (Donna) Noell of Medina, N.Y.; six grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Friday, April 17 at 11 a.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, where friends may call from 10 to 11 a.m. Burial will take place in Tyner.

Memorials may be made to: Alzheimer’s Services of Northern Indiana, Inc., 922 E. Colfax Ave., South Bend, IN 46617.

Helen (Duca) Kneisley Date of Death 4/13/2009

WALKERTON — Helen (Duca) Kneisley, 86, of Walkerton, formerly of Gary, died Monday, April 13, 2009.

She is survived by her daughter, Gail A. McEacheron of Reno, Nev.; two grandchildren; nephew, Bob Samanski of Portage; and niece, Janice Kimbrel of Sauk Village, Ill.

Cremation has taken place. A graveside service will be scheduled for a later date in Woodlawn Cemetery, Walkerton.

Nusbaum-Elkin Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Kenneth L. Ringer Date of Death 4/13/2009
PLYMOUTH — Kenneth L. “Ken” Ringer, a month shy of his 81st birthday, died at home, 14321 Nataka Trail, Plymouth at 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 13, 2009.

A lifetime resident of Marshall County, Ken was born in Marshall County on the family farm on May 22, 1928. He was the son of Russell H. and Clara B. Milner Ringer. He graduated from Plymouth’s Lincoln High School with the class of 1946.

On May 15, 1950, in Plymouth, Ken and Dorothy Blakeley were married.

A self-employed fourth generation farmer, his passion in life was watching things grow.

He never really retired from farming; he kept working until the time that he became sick in August 2008 at the age of 80. He and his family were members of the Trinity United Methodist Church.

Ken is survived by his devoted wife, Dorothy, and by their four children. They are David “Dave” C. and Cheri Ringer, Sharon D. and Jim Stewart, Andy S. Ringer, all of Plymouth, and Richard “Rich” A. and Sherry Ringer of Bourbon.

Four grandchildren, Josh (Rachel) Stewart, Adam Stewart, Abbey Stewart, and Aimee Ringer also survive, together with a brother and sister-in-law, Ralph R. and Rose Ringer of Plymouth, along with several nieces and nephews.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents.

There will be no services. The Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, is assisting the family.

Memorial gifts in Ken’s memory may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care or to the charity of the donor’s choice.

Letters of condolence and the sharing of memories may be sent to the family via the funeral home’s Web site: www.Johnson-danielson.com

Elizabeth S. (Betty) Stewart Date of Death 4/13/2009

WINONA LAKE — Elizabeth S. (Betty) Stewart, 92, 1409 Camelot Drive, Winona Lake, passed away Monday, April 13, 2009, at 6:44 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Betty was born April 6, 1917 in Highland Park, Mich. to Harrison and Annette (Kuhn) Stofer. Betty and David Stewart were married on Sept. 4, 1950, in Highland Park, Mich. Betty was a graduate of Highland Park High School in Michigan and received her bachelor’s degree from Wayne State University and her master’s degree from the University of Michigan. She was an elementary school teacher at Gross Point Michigan and Farmington Hills Michigan. David and Betty moved to Plymouth in 1955. She was a Released Time Religious Educator and worked with home bound students, in Plymouth.

Betty was a member of P.E.O., Home Extension Club, where she received the “Jan Award,” served as President of the Parkview Hospital Auxiliary, and served on local, district, and conference levels of the United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women. She was a volunteer for the Probation Department in Plymouth, started the Disabilities Administration Commission for the United Methodist Church, and was a member of the Salvation Army Auxiliary in Warsaw.

Betty is survived by her husband of 58 years, David Stewart; her sister-in-law, Evelyn Stofer of Warsaw; her nephew, Dr. William B. (Jenny) Stofer of Warsaw; and her great-nephews: Harrison A. Stofer and Jacob B. Stofer of Warsaw. Betty was recently preceded in death by her brother, William H. “Bill” Stofer.
Funeral services will be held Friday, April 17, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 400 N. Michigan St., Plymouth with the Rev. Dr. E. Dean Fager officiating. There will also be a time of visitation from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at 11 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

A time of visiting with the family will be Thursday, April 16, 2009, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Rd. in Warsaw and 3 to 7 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth.

The family would like for memorial contributions to be given to the Indiana United Methodist Children’s Home, Inc., 515 W. Camp St., Lebanon, IN 46052.

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Stewart family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

Dewey W. Eppley  Date of Death 4/15/2009

NAPPANEE — Dewey W. Eppley, 79, of Nappanee, died at 1:01 a.m. Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at Community Hospital of Bremen.

He is survived by his wife, Oma Eppley; sons: Rick (Jackie) Eppley of Dayton, Ohio, Steve (Kathy) Eppley of Elkhart and Terry (Georgie) Eppley of Leesburg; four grandchildren; one great-grandson; and sister, Ruth Jo Eppley of Nappanee.

Visitation is Friday, April 17 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee. Services are Saturday, April 18 at 11 a.m. at the Presbyterian Church. Followed by cremation, inurnment will be in Union Center Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Presbyterian Church.

Eileen A. Tanner  Date of Death 4/16/2009

MONTEREY — Eileen A. Tanner, 86, of Monterey, died at 3:52 a.m. Thursday, April 16, 2009 at home in Monterey. Eileen was born to Jerome Hazlett and Ada Marsh on July 16, 1922 in North Judson. She was married on July 27, 1940 at Rochester to E. Allen Tanner. He preceded her in death on March 7, 1999.

She was a resident of Monterey since 1985, going there from Culver. She was a member of the Bible Baptist Church in Knox, and a member of the Jolly 60’s club at the church.

Eileen is survived by her sons: Ronald Tanner of Largo, Fla., George (Janice) Tanner of Glendale, Ariz. And Jerry Tanner of Columbus, Ohio; daughters: Donna (Byron) Walters of Ora, Eloise (Jeff) Rose of Minerva, Ohio, Diana (Harold) Fritter of Plymouth, Carolyn (Douglas) Craddock of Warsaw and Jana (Rick) Richardson of Tippecanoe; brother, James Hazlett of LaPorte; 21 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers; two sisters; one son; and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home Sunday, April 19, 2009 from 4 to 7 p.m. EDT. Services will take place at 10 a.m. CST Monday, April 20, 2009 at Bible Baptist Church, Knox. Interment will follow at the Riverside Memorial Cemetery in Monterey.

Memorials may be given to the Bible Baptist Church in Knox or the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.bonineodom.com .
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The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

**Edwin L. "Bud" Tidd  Date of Death 4/17/2009**

ROCHESTER — Edwin L. “Bud” Tidd, 79, of Rochester, died Friday, April 17, 2009 at 4:50 p.m. at his residence.

He is survived by his wife, Shelbie Click Tidd; daughter, Melanie (Tom) Knueven of Avon; sons: Edwin Jr. (Cindy) Tidd of Brownsburg and Ronald (Karen) Tidd of Huntington; three grandchildren; four stepchildren: Kim (Ron) York of Kokomo, Karla (Mike) Hack of Peru, Kevin (Georgetta) Livengood of Muncie and Kraig (Dara) Livengood of Mentone; and six step grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, April 23 at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Visitation is from 10 a.m. until the time of services.

Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

**Cecile I. Ullery  Date of Death 4/17/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Cecile I. Ullery, 94, of Parkview Street, Plymouth, passed away at 8 a.m. Friday, April 17, 2009 at Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home in Plymouth.

Cecile was born March 26, 1915, in Bourbon Township, Ind., to Frank and Carrie (Goodyear) Markley. Cecile and Raymond Ullery were united in marriage October 24, 1937, in Plymouth. Together they raised their three children. Cecile graduated from Plymouth High School and Ball State University in Muncie, Ind.

She was a teacher's aide in the JESSE program for many years. Cecile enjoyed fishing and gardening, but mostly enjoyed her family, as well as being a member of the Plymouth Church of the Brethren. Cecile is survived by her sons: Larry and Barb Ullery of Ohio and Randy and JoAnn Ullery of Bremen; her daughter, Judy and Rod Miller of Plymouth; her grandson, Richard and Dawn Ullery of Bremen; three granddaughters, Melinda and Kyle Hawkins of Bremen, Cari Miller of Plymouth and Kenzie Miller of Plymouth; and six great-grandchildren.

Cecile was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Carrie Markley; her husband, Raymond Ullery; her brother, Harold Markley; and her sister, Goldie Markley Kitch.

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

A time of visiting with the Ullery family will be Monday, April 20, 2009, at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, IN, 46563, from 4 to 7 p.m., and Tuesday, April 21, 2009, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Plymouth Church of the Brethren, prior to the funeral.

Funeral services for Cecile will be held Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. at the Plymouth Church of the Brethren, with the Rev. Paul Nye officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery in Plymouth.

The family would like for memorial contributions be given to the Church of the Brethren, 1130 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, IN, 46563.

Family and friends are invited to sign the guest book and share memories with the Ullery family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com .

**M. Louise Clark  Date of Death 4/18/2009**

ROCHESTER — M. Louise Clark, 80, formerly of east 9th Street, Rochester, died at 4:30 a.m. Saturday, April 18, 2009 at Life Care Center of Rochester, Ind.
She is survived by three sons: Ronald Clark of Port St. Lucia, Fla., Richard Clark of Rochester, Ind., Kent Clark of Delong, Ind.; four brothers: Albert “Bud” Smith of Rochester, Ind., James Smith of Aurora, Ill., Tom Smith of Newport Beach, Va. and Donald Smith of Wabash, Ind.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Electronic condolences may be sent to goodfamily@rtol.com

Velma Rose (Samuels) Ottow  Date of Death 4/18/2009

PLYMOUTH — Velma Rose (Samuels) Ottow, 75, passed away Saturday, April 18, 2009, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Plymouth, after a short illness.

Mrs. Ottow was born October 27, 1933 to Everett (Jack) and Goldia (Gross) Samuels in Plymouth. She was a lifelong Plymouth resident.

She graduated from West High School as the Valedictorian of her class in May of 1951. In June of 1951, in Donaldson, she married Charles Thomas Ottow.

Mrs. Ottow worked at Ancilla egg farm for many years until that operation closed. She was the owner/operator of the FotoMat/FotoFinish store in Plymouth for more than 15 years until she retired.

Mrs. Ottow is survived by her husband, Charles; four children: Ron of Knox, Kathy (Vince) Sallee, of Knox, Va., (Barry) Beaman, of Carrollton, Ga. and Mike (Lisa) Ottow of Plymouth; seven grandchildren: Brandon (Jessica) Ottow of Tenn., Nathan (Laura) Ottow of Indianapolis, Derek Sallee of Knox, Heather Beaman of Ga., Monica (Derek) Monk of Ga., Garin (Michelle) Ottow of Winamac and Whitney Ottow of Plymouth.

She also has four great-grandchildren: Jonathan, Caitlyn and Alexander Ottow, all of Winamac and Aaron Monk of Ga.

Mrs. Ottow came from a very large, loving family and is also survived by four sisters, two brothers-in-law and one sister-in-law. Dollie (Richard) Ketcham, Ethel Johnson, Cleo (Jr.) Berger, Ruby Whitman all of Plymouth and Margaret Dehne-Samuels of Culver and many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Barbara Ann Ottow; five brothers and four sisters; Ernest, Albert, John, Tommy, and Ira Samuels, Stella Hagle, Lulu Patterson, Ruth Murray, and Wanda Samuels.

Friends and family may come to show their love for Velma and her family Tuesday, April 21, from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind.

Funeral services will be held in the funeral home Wednesday, April 22, at 2 p.m. with Pastor Ed Hasnerl of Knox officiating.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions in memory of Velma may be made to The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via the funeral home’s Web site: via: www.johnson-danielson.com.

PLYMOUTH — Velma Rose (Samuels) Ottow, 75, passed away Saturday, April 18, 2009, at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center in Plymouth, after a short illness.
Mrs. Ottow was born Oct. 27, 1933 to Everett (Jack) and Goldia (Gross) Samuels in Plymouth. She was a lifelong Plymouth resident.

She graduated from West High School as the Valedictorian of her class in May of 1951. In June of 1951, in Donaldson, she married Charles Thomas Ottow.

Mrs. Ottow worked at Ancilla egg farm for many years until that operation closed. She was the owner/operator of the FotoMat/FotoFinish store in Plymouth for more than 15 years until she retired.

Mrs. Ottow is survived by her husband, Charles; four children: Ron of Knox, Kathy (Vince) Sallee, of Knox, Virginia (Barry) Beaman, of Carrollton, Ga. and Mike (Lisa) Ottow of Plymouth; seven grandchildren: Brandon (Jessica) Ottow of Tenn., Nathan (Laura) Ottow of Indianapolis, Derek Sallee of Knox, Heather Beaman of Ga., Monica (Derick) Monk of Ga., Garin (Michelle) Ottow of Winamac and Whitney Ottow of Plymouth.

She also has four great-grandchildren: Jonathan, Caitlyn and Alexander Ottow, all of Winamac and Aaron Monk of Ga.

Mrs. Ottow came from a very large, loving family and is also survived by four sisters, two brothers-in-law and one sister-in-law. Dollie (Richard) Ketcham, Ethel Johnson, Cleo (Jr.) Berger, Ruby Whiteman all of Plymouth and Margaret Dehne-Samuels of Culver and many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Barbara Ann Ottow; five brothers and four sisters; Ernest, Albert, John, Tommy, and Ira Samuels, Stella Hagle, Lulu Patterson, Ruth Murray, and Wanda Samuels.

Friends and family may come to show their love for Velma and her family Tuesday, April 21, from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held in the funeral home Wednesday, April 22, at 2 p.m. with Pastor Ed Hasnerl of Knox officiating.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions in memory of Velma may be made to The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via the funeral home’s Web site: via: www.johnson-danielson.com.

Kathryn Naomi Reeve  Date of Death 4/18/2009

WARSAW — Kathryn Naomi Reeve, 82, of Smith Street, Warsaw, died Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 1:37 a.m. at Mason’s Healthcare, Warsaw.

She was born January 3, 1927 in Chicago, to Walter and Louise (Rosenstiel) Colvin and was married Dec. 3, 1946 to James Edward Reeve, who survives.

Kathryn was a homemaker, and was also a Surgical Tech at Murphy Medical Center in Warsaw. She was a resident of Kosciusko County for the past 48 years, a member of Walnut Creek United Methodist Church, Warsaw, a member of the American Legion Post #49 Auxiliary of Warsaw; and the Moose Lodge #1423 Auxiliary of Warsaw.

She is survived by her husband, James Edward Reeve of Warsaw; two sons: James (Sheri) Reeve of Pierceton, Dennis (Shelly) Reeve of Warsaw; a daughter, Darlene (Jerry) DeTurk of
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Virgil A. Sherer  Date of Death 4/18/2009

WARSAW — Virgil A. Sherer, 95, of Miller’s Merry Manor, Warsaw, died Saturday, April 18, 2009 at 7:10 p.m. at Miller’s Merry Manor, Warsaw. She was born Dec. 3, 1913 in Marshall County to Frank and Minnie (Casper) Shively. On Sept. 11, 1937, she married Harold Sherer, who preceded her in death in 1985.

She was a member of the First Christian Church where she was involved with the Dorcas Society. She was also a member of the Magazine Club, Salvation Army Auxiliary and was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels. She enjoyed quilting and crocheting.

She is survived by two sons: Robert (Elaine) Sherer of Valparaiso and Dr. Richard (Sandra) Sherer of Indianapolis; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one sister, Vera Shively; and one brother, Harold Shively.

Visitation is Wednesday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 1p.m. at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw. Services are Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Pastor Ronnie Sams from the First Christian Church will officiate. Burial will be at Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church or the Salvation Army.

To sign the guestbook or send condolences electronically, go to mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com

Martha A. Thompson  Date of Death 4/18/2009

PLYMOUTH — Martha A. Thompson, 69, died at her residence at 3:14 a.m. Saturday, April 18, 2009.

She had lived all of her life in the Plymouth, Rochester, Akron and Mentone areas. She was born in Rochester, Ind., the daughter of Orlo M. and Alta Foor Brown, March 17, 1940.

She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1958.
In October of 1958, in Plymouth, she and Stuart Thompson were married. For more than 40 years, Martha was a tax accountant.

She loved to travel, especially on cruise ships. She enjoyed gardening and working outside.

She was a member of the Plymouth Family Moose Lodge.

Martha is survived by her two sons and their families: Carter (Amy) Thompson and children, Victoria, Colin and Kelly, all of Plymouth and Carl (Cynthia) Thompson and children, Logan and Heath of Mooresville, NC, and a sister, Sandra Kay (Larry) Garrison, Plymouth.

Jerry Wycoff, Plymouth, a very close friend of Martha’s and his daughter Sarah (Jon) Wicks, and children, Devin, Christina and Jon of Coloma, Mich., survive as well.

Martha was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Lane Thompson and a brother, Leroy E. Brown.

Friends are invited to visit with the family and share memories of Martha from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral service will be held in the funeral home Wednesday, April 22, 2009, at 10 a.m. The Rev. Dennis Wenzel, pastor of the Immanuel Lutheran Church will officiate.

Interment will be in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorial gifts in Martha’s memory may be made to Riley Hospital for Children.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via the funeral home’s Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com.

Edna M. Wenzel Date of Death 4/18/2009

LAFAYETTE — Edna M. Wenzel, 92, died Saturday, April 18, 2009 in St. Mary Health Care Center, Lafayette, Ind.

She is survived by one daughter, Carol Keehn of Battle Ground, Ind.; two sons: Ray Wenzel of California and Roy Wenzel of Plymouth; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place Wednesday, April 22 from 10 a.m. (CDT) until the time of services at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at noon at the funeral home.

Burial will be at the Grovertown Cemetery.

Kenneth Harrington Date of Death 4/20/2009

PLYMOUTH — Kenneth Harrington, 91, 11385 13th Rd., Plymouth, died of natural causes at Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth, at 5 a.m. Monday, April 20, 2009.

It is said of Kenneth that he was a kind, thoughtful man and never did anything to hurt anyone.

Kenneth was born on Oct. 11, 1917, in Plymouth. He was the son of Theodore and Mary Alice Harrington.

He attended school in Inwood.
Kenneth served his country in the United States Army in World War II.

On Oct. 30, 1949, in Bremen, he and Onie Bell Speegle were married.

Kenneth worked at Uniroyal in South Bend for 40 years, retiring in 1981.

He loved to hunt, fish and trap and was still cutting fire wood at 88-years-old. He was a true sportsman and outdoorsman.

Kenneth is survived by two sons and a daughter. They are Kenneth L. Harrington, Rochester, and Jon E. Harrington, Plymouth. His daughter, Alice K. Harrington, lives in Cocoa, Fla.

Three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife, Onie, who died in 2003, Roger D., and two brothers, Ralph and David Harrington.

Friends are invited to visit with the family on Friday, April 24, 2009, from 10 to noon at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Kenneth will follow the visitation in the funeral home at noon. The Rev. Chuck Krieger will officiate. Military graveside services will be accorded by the Plymouth American Legion Post 27 in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via the funeral home's Web site: via: www.johnson-danielson.com.

PLYMOUTH — Kenneth Harrington, 91, of Plymouth, died Monday, April 20 at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

He is survived by daughter, Alice K. Harrington of Cocoa, Fla.; and sons: Jon Harrington of Plymouth and Kenneth L. Harrington of Rochester.

Visitiation is Friday, April 24 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Services are Friday, April 24 at noon at the funeral home.

Burial will be at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

**Lois E. Hubeny  Date of Death 4/20/2009**

KNOX — Lois E. Hubeny, 69, died Monday, April 20, 2009 in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

She is survived by one sister, Mildred Loh of McHenry, Ill.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday, April 23 at 11 a.m. (Central Time) at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Knox.

Burial will be at the Crown Hill Cemetery, Knox.

Visitation is at the Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel, Wednesday, April 22 from 4 to 8 p.m. CDT and Thursday 10 to 10:30 a.m.

A Rosary Service will be held Wednesday at 4 p.m. at the funeral home.
John W. Jacobs  Date of Death 4/20/2009

GROVERTOWN — John W. Jacobs, 78, passed away Monday, April 20, 2009 in his home after an illness. Mr. Jacobs was born Nov. 26, 1930 in Culver to Harland and Florence (Tyler) Jacobs and lived in the area all of his life. On Feb. 19, 1955 in Plymouth, he was married to the former Adeline Menczynski.

Survivors include his wife, Adeline; three daughters: Donna (Marvin) Schuh of Grovertown, Diane Stevenson of Walkerton and Darlene (Randy) Richardson of Mentone; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one sister, Luella Nicodemus of Mesick, Mich.; two brothers: Richard Jacobs and Arthur Jacobs, both of Plymouth.

Mr. Jacobs was preceded in death by his parents; one grandson; one sister; and two brothers.

Mr. Jacobs was a retired employee of McCord Corporation of Plymouth. He was a member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Hamlet, a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the Hamlet American Legion Post #356.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. (Central Time) at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Hamlet, with Pastor Kyle Wright officiating. Burial will be at the Fletcher Cemetery, Hamlet, where military graveside services will be conducted. Visitation will be at the church Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday after 10 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church or hospice of choice.

Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel, is handling arrangements.

Marla Kay (Greenlee) Morgan  Date of Death 4/20/2009

PLYMOUTH — Marla Kay (Greenlee) Morgan, 46, a former Plymouth resident, died Monday, April 20, 2009 following an vehicular accident.

She is survived by her husband, Clyde W. Morgan Jr.; sons: Joshua and Benjamin Morgan, both of Battle Creek, Mich.; a daughter, Michelle (Ivan) McHerron of Grand Rapids, Mich.; two grandchildren; mother, Nila Greenlee and brother David Greenlee, both of Plymouth.

A celebration service and luncheon will be held 3 p.m. Friday, April 24, 2009 at the Family Alter Chapel, 14844 6 1/2 Mile Rd. in Battle Creek, Mich.

Memorial contributions be made to Lifespan Good Samaritan Hospice Residence, 5470 Glenn Cross Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49015.

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

Malissie Sanders  Date of Death 4/20/2009

CULVER — Malissie Sanders, 98, of Culver, died at 9:40 p.m. Monday, April 20, 2009 at Miller’s Merry Manor, Culver.

She is survived by sons: Jesse Taylor of Durant, Miss., James Taylor of Colorado Springs, Colo. And Ezell Taylor; and daughters: Margaret Thorn of Rochester and Ruby Taylor of Chicago, Ill.

Visitation is Monday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver. Services are Monday at noon at the Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Eugene A. Yoder  Date of Death 4/20/2009
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NAPANEE — Eugene A. Yoder, 76, of Nappanee, died at 1:20 p.m. Monday, April 20 at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

He is survived by his wife, Marian; daughters: Diane Enos of Elkhart and Gina Yoder of Hanover, N.H.; sons: David (Jeanne) Yoder of Niles, Mich., Bob (Troy) Yoder of Plymouth and Steve (Maggie) Yoder of Erin, Wis.; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandson; and brother, Duane (Carol) Yoder of Goshen.

Visitation is Thursday, April 23 from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee. Services are Friday, April 24 at 10 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bremen. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Nappanee American Legion. Burial will be at the Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Joan Glover  Date of Death 4/21/2009

BREMEN — Joan Glover, 62, of Bremen, died Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

She is survived by her husband, Bo Glover of Lake of the Woods; sons: John Eric Gingerich of Three Rivers, Mich. and W. Vincent (David Wilson) Gingerich of Columbus, Ohio; daughter, Angela Renee (Ryan) Pope of South Bend; four grandchildren and one on the way; one stepson; two stepdaughters; six stepgrandchildren; and brothers: Fredrick (Lois) Call of Bristol, James of Maine, John (Deb) Anglemyer of Bremen and Lee (Deb) Anglin of Elkhart.

Funeral services are Friday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen. Visitation is Friday at 4 p.m. until the service.

Memorials may be made to the Bremen VFW.

Loretta M. Hoffer  Date of Death 4/21/2009

PLYMOUTH — Loretta M. Hoffer, 93, of 805 Baker St. Lot 92, Plymouth, passed away at 2:45 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at the Catherine Kasper Life Care Center in Donaldson.

Loretta was born on Oct. 29, 1915, in Inwood to George and Bessie Fern (Stiles) Cappaus. On Jan. 17, 1933, Loretta and Clarence J. Hoffer were united in marriage. Together they raised their three children. Loretta enjoyed being a homemaker and a mother. She enjoyed going camping and was a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Donaldson. The Hoffers had been residents of Donaldson for many years.

Loretta is survived by her two daughters: Wanda Gibson of Plymouth and Mary Helen (Richard) Palmer of Plymouth; her son, Jerry (Donna) Hoffer of Plymouth; two granddaughters: Connie Goad and Diane Williams; two grandsons: Stanley Palmer and Darrel Hoffer; three great-granddaughters: Jessica Goad, Jenelle Plamer, and Elizabeth Palmer; five great-grandsons: D.J. Hoffer, Robbie Hoffer, J.D. Goad, Jamie Goad, and Jason Goad.

She was preceded in death by her brother; Raymond Cappaus; and two sisters: Mary Roberts and Zelphia Mansfield.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2009, at 10:30 a.m., at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, with the Rev. Denise Anderson officiating. Burial will be in Fletcher Cemetery, Grovertown.

A time of visiting with the Hoffer family will be Friday, April 24, 2009, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, IN 46563.
Leona F. Taylor  Date of Death 4/21/2009

PLYMOUTH — Leona F. Taylor, 91, of 635 Oakhill Ave., Plymouth, passed away at 12:32 a.m. Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor, in Plymouth.

Leona was born Dec. 3, 1917, in Rochester to John and Gail (Galbreath) Good.

Leona and W. Kenneth Taylor were united in marriage on June 3, 1935, in Rochester. Leona enjoyed being a mother and making a home for her family. She also loved to read and to garden.

Leona is survived by her two daughters: Cheryl and Garry Bowman of Plymouth and Nancy and Kevin Bammerlin of Plymouth; her son, Dennis and Marcia Taylor of Rochester; her sister, Patty Bryant of Plymouth; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

Leona was preceded in death by her husband; W. Kenneth Taylor; their daughter, Connie Sue Taylor; her sisters, Ida Mae Overmyer, Donnabelle Summers, and Clarice Castleman; and her brothers, Max Good and Delbert Good.

VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME is in charge of the services. A family service for Leona was held. Burial was in Rochester I.O.O.F. Cemetery, in Rochester.

Friends are invited to sign the guest book and share memories with the Taylor family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Anna (Trcka) Oudes  Date of Death 4/22/2009

NORTH JUDSON — Anna (Trcka) Oudes, 81, of North Judson, died Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at LaPorte Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, John J. Oudes of North Judson; daughter, Hanna Easter of North Judson; son, John H. Oudes of Plymouth; and two grandsons.

Services are Saturday, April 25 at 11 a.m. at Highland Cemetery, North Judson.

O’Donnell Funeral Home, North Judson, is in charge of the arrangements.

Patricia Edgell  Date of Death 4/23/2009

KNOX — Patricia Edgell, 70, died Thursday, April 23, 2009 in Wintersong Village Nursing Home, Knox.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Edgell; daughter, Lanette Wireman of Knox; son, Joel Edgell of Hamlet; five grandchildren; one half-sister; and one half-brother.

A memorial service will be Sunday, April 26 at 4 p.m. Central Time at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witness. Visitation is at the church one hour prior to the service Sunday.

Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel, is handling the arrangements.

Gary Allen Stuntz  Date of Death 4/23/2009
BREMEN — Gary Allen Stuntz, 62, of Bremen, died Thursday, April 23, 2009.

He is survived by his wife, Janet; a son, Tate (Amy) Stuntz of Noblesville; two daughters: Tara (Clint Town) Stuntz of Bremen and Deanna Stuntz of Bremen; parents, Howard and June Stuntz of Bremen; a brother, Glenn Stuntz of Fla. And six grandchildren.

Visitation took place from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, April 26, 2009 at Mishler Funeral Home, 2030 State Road 331, Bremen.

Funeral services will take place Monday, April 27 at 10 a.m.

Burial will follow at Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Bremen VFW Parking Lot Fund.

Dawn Back  Date of Death 4/24/2009

KNOX — Dawn Back, 47, of Knox, died Friday, April 24, 2009.

She is survived by sons: Jessy Back of Michigan City, Jamie Back of West Frankfort, Ill., Matthew Back of Miller, and Brian Back of Knox; 10 grandchildren; brothers: Doug Campbell of North Judson, Michael Campbell of Chesterton, David Campbell of Knox and Dwain Campbell of Cookville, Tenn.; and sisters: Marcia Thorne of Plymouth, Cindy Campbell of Plymouth and Carla Campbell of Chesterton.

Services are Wednesday, April 29 at 1 p.m. at United Baptist Church of Aldine. Visitation is one hour before the service at the church.

Braman & Son Memorial Chapel, Knox, is in charge of the arrangements.

Clifford Revere, Sr. Berger  Date of Death 4/24/2009

PLYMOUTH — Lifetime area farmer Clifford Revere Berger Sr., 90, passed away at his home in the care of his family Friday, April 24, 2009 at 5:40 p.m.

Clifford was born at home March 26 1919, the son of Paul R. and Berneice A. (Casper) Berger. He was a graduate of LaPaz High School with the Class of 1937.

On November 8, 1941 he took the former Lauretta May Gilbert as his bride and together they worked the farm, raised three children and witnessed the birth of four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild over a period of 67 years, at each others side.

Their children are: Carol Jean Benson, Clifford Revere Berger Jr. and James Paul and Margaret Berger all of Plymouth. Grandchildren are: Robert G. and Tami Benson, Christine A. and Mathew Lotter, Jason P. and Jenny Berger and Kimberly M. Berger with great-grandchildren: Amanda Benson, Andrew Benson, Carissa Lotter and Jacob Berger along with great-great-granddaughter: Alaina Worland.

Also surviving is his sister Ruth C. and husband Bernard Schrome of Plymouth including several nieces and nephews.

Preceding in death was his sister Helen L. and husband Robert Kirkley.

In addition to farming, Clifford worked as a welder for Pi Rod Tower Co., Wheelhorse and Wheelabrator-Freye Corporation retiring in 1985.

His interests included flying his J-3 Piper Cub, gardening and travel. He was a member of Flying Farmers, Wythougan Preservation Council, Plymouth Moose Lodge, Hoosier Old Wheels and
Farm Bureau.

The family will receive friends Monday April 27 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth and after 7 a.m. Tuesday until services at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home.

The Rev. Ogden “Sam” McClimans, pastor of the LaPaz Community Church of God, will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Bremen Cemetery.

In appreciation of the care and guidance offered by the Center For Hospice and Palliative Care, the family requests memorial gifts to their program c/o 112 S. Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563 or charity of the donor’s choice.

Words of condolence may be shared with the family by visiting: www.johnson-danielson.com.

Robert R. Fawley  Date of Death 4/24/2009

KNOX — Robert R. Fawley, 74, died Friday, April 24, 2009 in his home.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille Drane of Knox; two daughters: Tina Price and Donna Fawley, both of Kentucky; three sons: Kelly Fawley of Elkhart, Matthew Fawley of Bremen and Doug Fawley of Kentucky; one sister, Dorothy Smith and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Monday, April 27 at 2 p.m. (Central Time) at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel where friends may call from 11 a.m. CDT until the time of services.

Burial will follow at the Fletcher Cemetery, Hamlet.

Memorial contributions may be given to Starke County Hospice.

Ivan M. Hahn  Date of Death 4/24/2009

PERU — Ivan M. Hahn, 90, of Peru, passed away at 5:30 a.m. Friday, April 24, 2009.

He was born April 2, 1919 in Miami County, the son of Ben F. and Helen Slaughter Hahn. He married his wife of 67 years, Martha Grace Powell, at the Amboy Friends Church on July 20, 1941 and she preceded him in death June 14, 2008.

Ivan was a lifelong Miami County farmer, who loved the land and raising beef cattle. He was a wonderful conversationalist who loved to discuss current events, politics and national affairs. He read The Indianapolis Star faithfully every day and was an avid sports enthusiast. Ivan and his wife Martha Grace lovingly raised three children. He was an intelligent man of great faith and integrity, who was an active member of the Amboy Friends Church where he has served as Sunday School Superintendent, was a member of the Board of Trustees and sang in the Church choir. He had been active in the Butler Township School Organization, the Converse Lions Club, the Miami County Fair Board, and the Indiana Farm Bureau. Ivan appreciated the good things of life, such as visits with his children and grandchildren, and relaxing on his porch swing with a good cup of coffee.

Surviving are two daughters: Janellyn Borden and her husband Glenn of Ft. Wayne and Phyllis Downey and her husband J. D. of Wabash; a son, James Ivan Hahn of Peru; grandchildren: Jeffrey Borden and his wife Sara, Philip Borden and his wife Catherine, Kyle Downey and his wife Holly, Kristina Meyer and her husband Jeff, Chad Hahn, Kimberly Hahn, and Clark Downey and his wife Erica; and a great-grandson, Jacob Borden.

A service celebrating the life of Ivan M. Hahn will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 27, 2009 at the Amboy Friends Church, 110 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Amboy, with Reverends Richard Martens
and Dwight Elliott officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Family and friends will gather at the Amboy Friends Church from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main St., Amboy.

Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Amboy Friends Church.

Ellen "Jeanne" Bauman  Date of Death 4/25/2009

PLYMOUTH – Services for Ellen “Jeanne” Bauman, who died Saturday April 25, 2009, will be held at noon Saturday, May 2 in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth with visitation after 10 a.m.

Surviving along with her daughter is a brother James M. Fall of Tucson, Ariz.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Marshall County Humane Society.

PLYMOUTH — Ellen “Jeanne” Bauman, a resident of Windmill Park, Plymouth since 2004, passed away at her residence Saturday evening, April 25, 2009. Jeanne accepted her diagnosis of a terminal illness last August, and she dealt with it on her own terms.

She was born September 26, 1925, the daughter of Ralph and Irene (Greer) Fall.

On November 14, 1948 she became the bride of Howard E. Bauman in the parsonage of the First United Methodist Church, Plymouth. They shared nearly sixty years together at the time of his passing last July 15.

With great pride they would speak of their only child, Kelly Pitcher of Indianapolis, who survives.

As a member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary, Jeanne and Howard worked countless hours for the good of the community and V.F.W. Post 1162 and American Legion Post 27.

Jeanne was a homemaker who enjoyed family events and a pastime of reading. She also served the Plymouth School Corp. for many years in the cafeteria and as a precinct poll worker.

Surviving along with her daughter is a brother James M. Fall of Tucson Arizona whom she was able to visit with there just three weeks ago, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Also preceding in death was a brother; Cecil L. Fall and sister; Phyllis L. Stuhlmacher.

A celebration of Jeanne’s life will be held from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday, May 2 in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth where services will begin at noon.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Marshall Co. Humane Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting: www.johnson-danielson.com .

William H. Hipp  Date of Death 4/25/2009

CULVER — William H. Hipp, 76, died Saturday, April 25, 2009 in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Survivors include one son, William A. Hipp of Culver; one daughter, Roxanne Donovan of South Carolina; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and one sister, Marie Commadore of Virginia Beach.

There will be no visitation or services. Cremation has taken place.
Viola M. Sporner  Date of Death 4/25/2009

WARSAW — Viola M. Sporner, 76, of 412 W. Main St., Warsaw, died Saturday, April 25, 2009 at 2:41 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born July 30, 1932 in Saint Marys, Pa. to Joseph and Emma (Cowan) Sporner.

In 1946 her family moved to a dairy farm near Plymouth. Vi graduated from West High School, Plymouth, in the class of 1952. She was employed for 25 years at R.R. Donnelley and Sons, Warsaw, and retired as Tool Crib Technician. Aunt Vi was a favorite of her many nieces and nephews and their families. She was a devout member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church Warsaw. Vi enjoyed helping others in her community. She was an avid knitter and bowler and was a member of the Wednesday Morning Coffee Klatch Bowling League. She also loved to travel and took several cruises. Among her favorite cruises was one to Alaska in 2002. Viola was a Warsaw resident since 1971. Her parents and seven brothers preceded her in death. They include Robert, Melvin, Raymond, Kenneth, Leonard, Carl and Leroy Sporner. Viola was also preceded by a nephew, Michael Sporner.

She is survived by her loving family, including a sister, Bernece Pomeroy of South Bend; several nieces and nephews including: Jane Pomeroy of South Bend, Nancy Pomeroy of Powell, Tenn., John (Cheri) Pomeroy of Elkhart, Rebecca (Dave) Hamann of South Bend, Steve (Renee*) Pomeroy of Niles, Mich., Susan (Mike) Krantz of Bremen, Patrick (Margaret) Sporner of Plymouth, Phillip Sporner of Plymouth, Brian (Trish) Sporner of Bourbon, Daniel Sporner of Bremen, Scott Sporner of Osceola, Andrew Sporner of Germany, Robert Sporner of Palm Springs, Calif. and Jennifer (Kevin) Vance of Rock Hill, S.C. In addition, Viola is survived by a sister-in-law, Patricia Sporner of Plymouth, and many great nieces and nephews.

Monsignor James Wolf of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Warsaw will officiate the funeral mass. A Rosary Service will be held Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel Warsaw. Graveside services following the funeral mass will be held at Oakhill Cemetery Plymouth at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 29.

Services will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Warsaw Wednesday, April 29 at 10 a.m. Visitation is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. with the rosary at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, 2009. Burial will be at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at Oakhill Cemetery Plymouth.

McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel - Warsaw, Indiana is in charge of arrangements.

The family kindly requests memorial contributions in Viola’s name be made to: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 125 N. Harrison St., Warsaw, IN 46580.

To sign the guestbook or send condolences electronically, go to mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com

Safely Home
I am home in Heaven, dear ones;
Oh, so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trod the valley of the shade?
Oh! But Jesus’ love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.

And He came Himself to meet me
In that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus’ arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?

Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still;
Try to look beyond earth’s shadows,
Pray to trust our Father’s Will.

There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while life remaineth-
You shall rest in Jesus’ land.

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you Home;
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come!

Clifton L. “Kip” Einspahr  Date of Death 4/26/2009


He worked in retail management for various organizations for many years. For 24 years he was involved with his beloved USAC and Indy Racing League as a tech and certification inspector, making many lifelong friends and associates. Mr. Einspahr was a member of the Plymouth Masonic Lodge #149, the Scottish Rite in Indianapolis, and the Old Timers Club at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. He was also an Eagle Scout and a member and treasurer of the Amity United Methodist Church.

Surviving him is his wife, Ginette VanWaeyenberghe Einspahr; son, Cliff L. (Candi) Einspahr III of Fishers; daughter, Ann (Aaron) Longacre of Chicago; mother, Evelyn Patz Einspahr of Merrillville; sister Jan (Chuck) Widdel of Chicago; beloved pets, Fawna, Tommy, Lucy, and Simba; two nephews, David (Laura) Widdel and Daniel (Marian) Widdel, all of Chicago, Ill.; several great nieces and nephews; and granddaughter, Lorelai Einspahr.

Visitation will be Thursday, April 30 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Erlewein Mortuary in Greenfield. Funeral services will be Thursday, April 30 at 7 p.m. following the visitation. Chaplain Bob Hills and Reverend Larry Bush will be officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Indy Racing League Ministry at P.O. Box 24297, Speedway, IN 46224.

Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.erleweinmortuary.com or e-mail condolences to sympathy @erleweinmortuary.com.

DeWight Manns  Date of Death 4/26/2009

AKRON — DeWight Manns, 59, of East 250 South, Akron, died Sunday, April 26, 2009 at 7:10 a.m. at his home, after a year-long illness.
He is survived by his wife Carolyn (Middaugh) Manns; mother, Oma Manns of Akron; daughter Carissa (Jacob) Boomershine or Craigville, Ind.; a son, Charlie (Jennifer) Manns of Greenville, S.C.; four grandchildren; two sisters: Dee and (Joe) Dague of Kewanna and Diann (Wayne) Grube of Rochester and brother, Dewayne (Carolyn) Manns of Yantis, Texas.

Visitation will take place Wednesday, April 29 from 3 to 8 p.m. at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester, St., Akron.

Funeral services will take place Thursday, April 30 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at the Akron Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Sweetwater Assembly of God, North Manchester.

Online condolences may be send to www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

**Robert A. Martz  Date of Death 4/26/2009**

ELKHART — Robert A. Martz, 47, of Nappanee, died at 3:40 p.m. Sunday, April 26, 2009 at Elkhart Hospice House, Elkhart.

He is survived by his wife, Tammy Martz; daughter, Brittney Martz at home; sons: Bobby (fiancée Rebecca) Martz of Nappanee and Brett Martz at home; father, Ivan (Yvonne) Martz Jr. of Syracuse; sister, Annette Martz of Nappanee; brothers: Bill (Ina) Martz and Terry Martz, both of Nappanee; and one granddaughter.

Visitation is Wednesday, April 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour before the service at the Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee. Services are Thursday, April 30 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Union Center Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Robert A. Martz Memorial Fund for his son, Brett.

**Phillip James Smith  Date of Death 4/26/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Phillip James Smith, 52, a resident of 13th Road, Plymouth, for the past five years, passed away Sunday morning at his family home.

Phil began to experience the effects of ALS – Lou Gehrig’s Disease — in the fall of 2007 and was diagnosed in February of 2008.

Phil was born on November 30, 1956 in Plymouth, the son of Billy J. and Kay F. (Morgan) Smith. Raised in Plymouth with siblings, sister; Carol and brother; Robin, he graduated from PHS with the Class of 1975.

He was a twenty-three year employee of the Young Door Corporation and most recently was a crew driver with the Indiana Dept. of Transportation until March of 2008.

On January 27, 1989 he and Gayle (Whitaker) Warner were married in Plymouth. Together they have three children; Andrea N. (Warner) and husband James E. Parker of Huntersville, N.C., and Elizabeth K. Smith and Sean M. Smith, both at home. Grandsons include Austin and Alex Parker.

When the children were young, Phil helped with coaching Little League and the Junior Football League. He enjoyed outdoor activities such as golf and the sport of fishing especially trips into Minnesota. His team was the Chicago Bears and he was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose No. 741.

Phil never allowed the progression of his illness to keep him from the sidelines of the basketball
and volleyball courts, softball field or track, where he was often seen in his wheelchair supporting his children’s many activities along with his wife and parents.

Also surviving is his sister and family Carol A. and Mike Stockberger of Walkerton and brother; Robin D. and Diana Smith and family of Plymouth which includes several other nieces and nephews.

Preceding in death were paternal grandparents; Carl and Orpha Smith and maternal grandparents; Oscar and Hazel Morgan.

Family and friends are invited to share memories in the life of Phil Smith on Wednesday, April 29 from 3 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

To honor Phil's wishes there will be no formal funeral services held. He and the family would ask for memorials to assist in a cure, be given to the ALS Association, Indiana Chapter c/o 6525 E. 82nd Street, Suite 115, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting: www.johnson-danielson.com .

Ted E. Milkey  Date of Death 4/27/2009

CARMEL — Ted E. Milkey, 56, Carmel, died Monday, April 27, 2009, in Community North Hospital, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

A devoted son, loving father, husband and brother, Ted died peacefully surrounded by his family.

Born in Plymouth on June 17, 1952, Ted was the son of Ralph and Doris Julia DeMien Milkey.

A tall, thin basketball player, he graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1970, and from Butler University in 1975, having played basketball for four years at both schools and varsity tennis at PHS.

At Butler he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

Ted retired in 2005, as the C.F.O. of Community Hospital, Indianapolis, after over 20 years of dedicated service.

He was an avid poker player and enjoyed traveling to Las Vegas.

Ted is survived by his wife, Paula (Surber) Milkey; two sons: Scott Aaron Milkey, Indianapolis, and Jeffrey Adam Milkey, Cincinnati, Ohio; and a daughter, Anne Elizabeth Milkey, Carmel.

A brother, Russ and Kim Milkey of Arcadia, and several nieces and nephews survive as well.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside services for Ted will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday in New Oakhill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions in Ted's memory may be made to the Wellness Community Center for Cancer Support (www.twc-indy.org ) or the Hamilton County Humane Society (hshc@hamiltonhumane.com

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via the funeral home’s Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com

Shirley M. Raley  Date of Death 4/27/2009
WALKERTON — Shirley M. Raley, 75, died Monday, April 27, 2009 in Miller’s Merry Manor, Walkerton.

Survivors include one son, David Raley of Walkerton; two daughters: Shelley George of Walkerton and Diana Jacobowski of Elmhurst, Ill.; one brother, James Chairo of Villa Park, Ill.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday, April 30 at 8 p.m. (Central Time) at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel. Visitation is Thursday at the funeral home from 1 p.m. CDT until the time of services.

Margaret Emma Wise  Date of Death 4/27/2009

PLYMOUTH – Margaret Emma Wise, 84, died at 4:35 a.m. Monday, April 27, 2009 in Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth. Her death followed an unexpected stroke which occurred on Sunday, April 19. She was a lifetime Plymouth resident.

She was born Oct. 22, 1924 to DeVere A. and Effie M. (Hooker) Wise. She graduated from LaPaz High School in 1942. Margaret then attended the Apostolic Bible Institute in St. Paul, Minn., graduating in 1947. She traveled with three ladies doing home missionary work and then attended the United Pentecostal Church, teaching Sunday School because she believed Acts 2: Verses 38 and 39 and all of God’s promises.

Margaret worked at Borden Ice Cream Co. and Standard Oil Co. before attending Bethel College graduating in 1957 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. While teaching at Lakeville Elementary School and Jefferson Elementary School in Plymouth, she attended classes at Indiana University working on her Master’s Degree in Elementary Education, graduating in 1961. She then taught Special Education classes in South Bend after receiving a certificate in Special Education at I.U. She retired in 1980 after teaching 23 years to care for her mother.

She enjoyed playing the organ, reading, oil painting and visiting with family and friends.

Margaret is survived by a sister, Elizabeth A. (Betty) Sowers and her husband Lowell; four nephews: Terry L., Alan D., Timothy W., and Kevin M. Sowers along with four great nephews and six great nieces. Her sister-in-law, Wanda (Wise) Balsley also survives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Walter Wayne Wise; and three sisters: Effie LaVerne Wise, Wilma Jean Wise and Virginia Faye Wise.

Visitation will be held Thursday, April 30 from 4 to 8 p.m. in her beloved United Pentecostal Church – House of Prayer, 12450 Plymouth-Goshen Trail, Plymouth, where services will be held Friday, May 1 at 11 a.m. Pastors Ronald Humphrey and Paul Cecrle will preside.

Burial will follow in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be made to the church or the donor’s favorite charity.

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

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family through the Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com

Terry D. Bagley  Date of Death 4/28/2009

PLYMOUTH — Terry D. Bagley, 70, 2428 W. Jefferson St., Plymouth, passed away Tuesday, April 28, 2009, at 3:55 p.m. at the Veterans Hospital, in Indianapolis.
Terry was born on Sept. 12, 1938, in Plymouth, to Frank and Mary (Cunningham) Bagley. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He was stationed in Korea in the communications department. Terry and Sarah Benson were married on June 9, 1961, in LaPaz. Terry worked for the railroad, as a conductor, for 30 years. He enjoyed reading about the Civil War, World War II, and researching genealogy.

Terry is survived by his wife, Sarah; their daughter, Tricia (Joe) Deisch of Plymouth; their sons: Duane Bagley of Plymouth, Shane Bagley of Argos and David (Christine) Bagley of Eureka, Calif.; three grandchildren: Christian, Lauren and Madisyn; his brother, Harold (Bonnie) Bagley of Bremen; his half-brother, Mike (Pam) Markley of Bremen; his sister, Debbie (Bunk) Eppert of LaPaz; several nieces; and several nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Stephen in 1993; his brother David; and his sisters, Jean and Fran.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 2, 2009, at 11 a.m., at the Plymouth Missionary Church, 1350 E. Jefferson St., Plymouth. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth. Military graveside honors will be presented by the American Legion Post #2 7 of Plymouth.

Friends are invited to visit with the family and share their memories of Terry Friday, May 1, 2009, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, IN, 46563, and one hour prior to the funeral, from 10 to 11 a.m., at the Plymouth Missionary Church Saturday, May 2, 2009.

The family would like for memorial contributions be given to the Marshall County Humane Society, P.O. Box 25, Plymouth, IN 46563, or to the Marshall County Cancer Association, P.O. Box 895, Plymouth, IN 46563.

Family and friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Bagley family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

**Bob ‘Beans’ Hulse Date of Death 4/28/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Bob, affectionately known as “Beans,” Hulse, 62, Plymouth, died, following a short illness, at 8:04 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, 2009, in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Beans had lived in Plymouth for the last 17 years, coming from the Chesterton area.

He was born on Dec. 6, 1946, in Gary. He was the son of Howard and Marie Hulse. He graduated from Edison High School in Lake Station.

Beans served as an Army trained combat medic from 1967 to 1969.

On March 25, 1983, in Valparaiso, Beans and Janice Noel were married.

He was employed by Bethlehem Steel for 35 years, retiring on Jan. 15, 2002.

He was an avid Harley Davidson rider and a member of A.B.A.T.E. for many years. He loved to watch and appreciated all kinds of wild life.

Beans is survived by his wife, Janice; a brother, Richard (Betty) Hulse; and a sister, Rose Crose, both of Lake Station. Rick and Kelly Sears, brother and sister-in-law of Lumberton, Texas also survive.

Four nieces and two nephews survive as well. They are: Shawn MacKay, Chris Godby, Andrea Sears, Rachel Vasquez, Rick Hulse and Will Vasquez.

Twelve great-nieces and nephews also survive together with five great-great nieces and nephews and one on the way. Beans will also be missed by his many, many dear friends.
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He was preceded in death by his parents and his mother and father-in-law, Wayne and Marge Noel.

Beans’ family will welcome his friends to share memories from 3 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2009, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Beans will follow visitation at 6 p.m. on Saturday in the funeral home.

Memorial gifts in Beans’ memory may be made to the Leukemia Society of America.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via: www.johnson-danielson.com

Janet Sue Riggle  Date of Death 4/28/2009

ROCHESTER — Janet Sue Riffle, 76, of Rochester, died at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at her residence.

She is survived by daughters: Kelly Franklin of Rochester and Kerry (Brian) Nelson of Rochester; son, Jacob “Hank” (Chris) Riffle of Akron; daughter-in-law, Gayle Riffle of Rochester; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister, Bette Reynolds of Rochester; and brother, Charles Miller of Rochester.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 1 in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Interment will follow the service at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County or to the Animal Shelter Building Fund.

John "Jack" G. Lewis  Date of Death 4/29/2009

BREMEN — John (Jack) G. Lewis, 90, of Bremen, died at 4 a.m. Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at the Bremen Health Care Center.

He is survived by five daughters: Nancy Cook of Salem, Ore., Mary Virginia Lewis of Austin, Texas, Patricia Lewis of Plymouth, Jean (Mark) Naylor of Winchester, Va. And Cynthia Scholar of Redman, Ore.

The Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth, is in charge of the arrangements. A private graveside service was held, with burial in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Kenneth D. Powell  Date of Death 4/29/2009

ARGOS — Kenneth D. Powell, 77, of 411 E. Walnut St., Argos, passed away Wednesday, April 29, 2009, at 6:21 p.m. at Memorial Hospital in South Bend.

Kenneth was born May 17, 1931, in Macy to Glenn and Loda (Dowd) Powell. Kenneth and Betty Klingerman were united in marriage on Nov. 6, 1949, and had been married for almost 60 years.

Kenneth was very active in his community. He was an Argos E.M.T. and a fireman. He served on the board of trustees at 1st Source Bank. He was a township trustee and served as the Clerk-Treasurer for the town of Argos. In 1999 Kenneth received the Argos Alumni Honoree Award. He was the sexton for the Maxinkuckee I.O.O.F. Cemetery, the Jordan Cemetery, and the Maple Grove Cemetery. He served on the Marshall County Tourism Board and was a past member of the Masonic Lodge. Kenneth was a member of the Maxinkuckee IOOF Lodge #373, Argos United Methodist Church, and the Lions Club, in Argos.

Kenneth was a distributor for Wearly Monuments. He had worked in the business office of Divine
Heart Seminary, in Donaldson. Kenneth and Betty were the former owners of the Argos News Stand. He also prepared income taxes for other people. He enjoyed going fishing in upper Michigan and loved to go antiquing. He was an avid mushroom hunter and liked to play euchre. Kenneth loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them.

Kenneth is survived by wife, Betty; their daughters: Kennetta (Dick) Smith of Argos and Sue (Mike) Trump of Argos; his grandsons: Mike (Sherry) Smith, Matt (Dianne) Smith, and Jason (Amber) Trump; his great-grandchildren: Kyle, Meagan, Monica, Zachery, Matthew, Alyssa, Breanna, Isaiah, Kourtney, Kylie, and Shauna; and his great-granddog Einstein; his sister, Priscilla Burkett of Argos; his brother, Cecil (Phyllis) Powell of New Castle; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, May 5, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the Argos United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Kenneth Walker officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Argos.

The time of visitation, for family and friends, will be Monday, May 4, 2009 from 2 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Argos United Methodist Church, 540 N. Michigan St., Argos. There will be a Lodge service Monday at 8 p.m. at the church, presented by the Maxinkuckee IOOF Lodge #373, in honor of Kenneth.

The VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, IN 46563, is handling the arrangements.

The family would like for memorial contributions be given to the Argos United Methodist Church; the American Lung Association, 115 W. Washington St. #1180 Indianapolis, IN; or the American Heart Association, 3616 Pay Sphere Circle, Chicago, IL, 60674.

Family and friends are invited to sign the guest book and share memories with the Powell family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com .

Cherilyn Rene (Shrock) Terrion  Date of Death 4/29/2009

TWINSBURG, Ohio — Cherilyn René (Shrock) Terrion, 34, of Twinsburg, Ohio, died at 10 p.m. April 29, 2009 at home.

She is survived by sons: Roman Eugene Terrion and Mason William Terrion; parents, Ron and Lois Stackhouse of Nappanee; and brother, Chon (Colette) Shrock of Nappanee.

Visitation is Sunday, May 24 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the First Church of God, Nappanee. A memorial service will be Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at the church. Inurnment will take place at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee, is in charge of the arrangements.

Marjorie A. Wolfe  Date of Death 4/29/2009

Marjorie A. Wolfe, 72, of Nyona Lake (Macy), died at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at Life Care Center of Rochester.

She is survived by her husband, Courtney; five children: Jim (Geneva) Wolfe of Medaryville, Pattie (Craig) Newgent of Fort Wayne, Darlene (Richard) Harris of Wabash, Becky (Jeff) Mast of Spicherville and Janet Borden of Wabash;18 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sisters: Marilyn Cook of Fort Wayne and Margaret Wallace of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, May 3 in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.
Todd A. Newcomer  Date of Death 5/1/2009

NAPPANEE — Todd A. Newcomer, 40, of Nappanee, died at 4:01 a.m. Friday, May 1, 2009 at Community Hospital of Bremen.

He is survived by his parents, Terry and Mary Newcomer of Nappanee; brothers: Scott (Becky) Newcomer and Brad (Jamie) Newcomer, both of Nappanee; and grandparents: John and Marge Schutz of Bremen and Helen Newcomer of Nappanee.

Visitation is Monday, May 4 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Thompson-Lengacher Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee. Services are Monday at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Cremation will follow.

Memorials may be made to United Cancer Services of Elkhart County.

Donna M. George  Date of Death 5/4/2009

WAKARUSA — Donna M. George, 72, of Wakarusa, died at 2:28 p.m. Monday, May 4, 2009 at Elkhart General Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Bill George; daughters: Kelly (Todd) Ropp of Wakarusa, Jill Henderson of Goshen and Pam (Ryan) Vander Wey of Goshen; three grandchildren; and sisters: Shirley (Dean) Middaugh and Glenda Belt, both of Nappanee.

Visitation is Wednesday, May 6 and Thursday, May 7 from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee, and one hour prior the service Friday at the church. Services are Friday, May 8 at 10 a.m. at Grace Point Presbyterian Church, Nappanee. Burial will be at South Union Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Nappanee Home and Garden Club or St. John’s Lutheran Church.

Alva P. Puckett  Date of Death 5/4/2009

BREMEN — Alva P. Puckett, 73, of Bremen, died Monday, May 4, 2009 at Community Hospital of Bremen.

Survivors include his wife, Alice Puckett of Bremen; three daughters: Teri (Ed) Sayles of Niles, Mich., Patricia (Chuck) Ralph of Whitesville, Ky. and Lori Cox of Granger; two stepsons: Darrin and Jeff Cox, both of Fordsville, Ky.; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and sister, Rebecca Jane (John) Causey of Fordsville, Ky.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 6 at Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen. Visitation is from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 5 at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

David L. Welker  Date of Death 5/4/2009

WARSAW — David L. Welker, 64, of Warsaw, died Monday, May 4, 2009 at his residence.

He is survived by his wife, Diana; sons: David V. (Kari) Welker of Noblesville and Joseph K. (Kelle) Welker of Plymouth; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sisters: Patty (Joe) Hefferon of St. Augustine, Fla., Peggy (Allen) Young of North Webster, Sandra (Kenneth) Sharp
of Warsaw and Sally (Bill) Johnson of Decatur.

Services will be Friday, May 8 at 10:30 a.m. at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse. Burial will be in North Webster Cemetery, Mock Addition with military honors conducted by members of the North Webster American Legion and Syracuse VFW. Visitation is Thursday, May 7 from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Post 253 Scholarship Fund or Kosciusko Home Health Care and Hospice.

Joan Minix  Date of Death 5/5/2009

BOURBON — Joan Minix, 79, of Bourbon, died Monday, May 5, 2009 at 6 a.m. in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

She is survived by her two sisters: Jewel Carpenter of Bourbon and Ora Grobb of Knox; two brothers: Larry Minix of Knox and Jr. (Alice) Minix of Salyersville, Ky.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

There will be no visitation or funeral services. A memorial service will follow at a later date.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, Bourbon, is in charge of local arrangements.

Velma "Susie" Singleton  Date of Death 5/5/2009

KNOX — Velma “Susie” Singleton, 76, died May 5, 2009 in Valparaiso.

Survivors include her husband, Albert “Joe” Singleton; son, Albert “Joe” Singleton Jr. of Knox and sisters: Viola Decker of Knox and Dorothy Ulrich of Grovertown.

A celebration of life luncheon will be held Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. CDT at the Washington Township Community Building, Knox.

Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel, is handling arrangements.

Dorothy Verleen Carlson  Date of Death 5/6/2009

WALKERTON — Dorothy “Dot” Verleen Carlson, 90, of Walkerton, died at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, 2009 in her home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born Nov. 12, 1918 in Grovertown to the late Ora and Agnes (Wick) Awald.

She was married 67 years to Clarence “Swede” Carlson, who preceded her in death Dec. 8, 2005.

She graduated from Grovertown High School in 1936. She was a member of Mill Creek Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School for many years. She enjoyed her 63 years as a member of Wills Township Purdue Extension Club. Dot was an avid reader, artist and poet. She enjoyed nature, gardening, flowers, bird watching, playing cards and being with her family.

She was a homemaker and business manager for their family farm. She also co-owned Robin Hood Golf Course in South Bend with her husband.

Surviving are her children: Virginia (Richard) Piotrowicz of North Liberty, Kathleen (Frank) Long of Westville, Christine (Michael) Cruse of Janesville, Wis., Ronald (Marcia) Carlson of LaPorte and Rick Carlson of North Liberty; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; sisters: Vertie (Bob) Pulliam and Audrey Dudeck; brother, Sydney (MaryAnn) Awald; and numerous nieces and nephews.
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She was preceded in death by sisters: Ethel Thornburg, Gladys Large, Irene Singleton and Pauline Martin; and brothers: Frederick and Clarence Awald.

Friends will be received at the Cutler Funeral Home from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday May 8, 2009 and 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Services will be held at Cutler Funeral Home10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 9, 2009 with Rev. Ron Devenport officiating. Interment will follow in the Oak Grove Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Mill Creek Baptist Church for Memorial Benches or Hospice of Marshall County Indiana. Please sign the online register book at www.cutlerfuneral.com.

James Lewis Johnson  Date of Death 5/6/2009


He is survived by a daughter, Nicole Becker of South Riding, Va.; a son, Nathan (Nicole) Johnson of Argos; three grandchildren; sister, Barbara (Bill) Binkley of Plymouth; and a brother, Stan (Carolyn) Johnson of Rochester.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 23 in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Visitation is one hour prior to the service. Interment will take place at the Hamlet Cemetery, northeast of Rochester.

James Michael Kring  Date of Death 5/6/2009

PLYMOUTH — James Michael Kring, 49, of US 31, Plymouth, Ind., died Wednesday May 6, 2009 at 3:35 p.m. at Jasper County Hospital, Rensselaer, following a lengthy illness.

He is survived by a significant friend, Elizabeth Daugherty; former spouse, Cathy Thomas; two daughters: Andre’a Kring and friend Shantel Sexton of Plymouth and Alyssa Kring and friend Aaron McArthur of Plymouth; two sons: Chandler Kring and Kenric Kring of Plymouth; two grandsons; and a sister, Dawn Truster of Franklin, Ind.

A graveside service will take place at 1 p.m. Monday May 11, 2009 at the Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial Contribution would be appreciated for: The Family of James M. Kring; Attn: Kring Memorial, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos, IN 46501.

Electronic condolences my be sent to the family at: memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Patricia Martin  Date of Death 5/6/2009

MONTEREY — Patricia Martin, 73, of Monterey, died at 7:31 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at LaPorte Regional Health System.

She is survived by sons: Conrad Henry and Blaine Morris of Chicago, Ill.; brother, LaVance Mallard of Chicago, Ill.; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. There will be no services. Interment will be private.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of the arrangements.

Stephen Wolcott Wildermuth  Date of Death 5/6/2009
ANGOLA — Stephen Wolcott Wildermuth, 66, of Angola and formerly of Auburn, died Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

He is survived by two daughters: Stacey J. (Matthew) Thomas of Carmel and Deborah J. (Chip) Nance of Auburn; two sons: Wade K. Wildermuth of Hamilton and Ryan R. Wildermuth of Hamilton; brother, James (Carole) Wildermuth of Goshen; and eight grandchildren.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 9 at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont. Visitation is Saturday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf.

Randall H. "Munchkin" Furnivall  Date of Death 5/7/2009

ROCHESTER — Randall H. "Munchkin" Furnivall, 57, of Rochester, died at 3:54 a.m. Thursday, May 7, 2009 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

He is survived by his wife, Kathy Sue (Smith) Furnivall; daughter, Janella Furnivall and John Banter of Logansport; and a son, Jason (Katheryn) Furnivall of Akron; four grandchildren; two brothers: Richard (Kathy) Furnivall of Rochester and Ronald (Tina) Furnivall of Rochester; his mother-in-law, Esther Smith; and his brother-in-law, Karl Smith.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 9 in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 8, and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Interment will follow the service at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Fulton County Special Olympics Team, the Omega Church, the Old Cross Roads Baptist Church or the Indiana School for Blind.

Edward R. Mast  Date of Death 5/7/2009

NAPPANEE — Edward R. Mast, 85, of Nappanee, died at 11:17 a.m. Thursday, May 7, 2009 at Goshen General Hospital.

He is survived by brothers: Lester (Doris) Mast of Nappanee, Eli (Donna) Mast of Shipshewana, Dave (Jane) Mast of Fort Wayne and Hank (Linda) Mast of Winchester, Va.; and sisters: Ruby (Mel) Slabaugh of Howe and Clara Swartz of Centerville, Mich.

Visitation was Friday, May 8 after 3 p.m. and all day Saturday, May 9 at the Leon Stutzman residence, 8954 W. Hepton Rd. Services are Sunday, May 10 at 9:30 a.m. at the Stutzman residence. Burial will be at Weldy Cemetery.

Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee, is in charge of the arrangements.

Nanette LeBlanc McDermott  Date of Death 5/7/2009

INDIANAPOLIS — Nanette LeBlanc McDermott, a long-time Indianapolis realtor, died May 7, 2009, at her home. Nan possessed a lifelong enthusiasm for business and community service shown by her active involvement in the Plymouth and Fishers’ Chamber of Commerce.

She was active in the Republican Party, the Rotary Club of Fishers and an avid gardener. She was awarded the designation as a Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Bowen, recognizing her distinguished service to the state.

Born September 20, 1940, in St. Louis, Mo., she graduated from West High School in Knoxville, Tenn. She attended Louisiana State University before enrolling at Indiana University where she earned a bachelor’s degree and was a member of the Delta Gamma Sorority.
She is survived by three sons: K. Michael (Molly) of Russiaville, Richard (Martha) of Indianapolis and Edward (Elizabeth) of River Forrest, Ill.; three grandchildren: Matthew, Marc and Leah; her brother, Edward (Karol) LeBlanc of Indianapolis and their children, Joseph, Alyssa and Johnny. She was predeceased by her son, Joseph Daniel.

Her outgoing nature, friendship, and sense of humor will be missed by all.

A private family memorial service will be held Thursday, May 14, 2009 with calling for her friends from 4 to 7 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Rd.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, Inc.

E. Jane Peregrine  Date of Death 5/7/2009

PLYMOUTH — E. Jane Peregrine, 92, a resident of River Park, passed away Thursday morning in the Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth. She was a lifetime Plymouth resident.

Jane was born the daughter of Alfred C. and Gertrude E. (Twomey) Scheetz in Plymouth on June 7, 1916. She and her two brothers attended Lincoln High School, she being a member of the Class of 1934.

On July 8, 1936 she became the bride of Garold E. Peregine in Mitchell, S.D. Together for over 58 years, they raised three children and enjoyed several winters in the New Port Richey area of Florida. He preceded her in death on June 27, 1994.

Jane was a dedicated homemaker who on occasion helped out at Felke Florist on special holidays and worked on the Voter’s Registration Board and in the Treasurer’s office. She was also a former member of the Women of the Moose.

Her church, the Trinity United Methodist was very special to her and she remained a member of the Mary & Martha Circle. She enjoyed crocheting, playing Euchre and collecting Elephants.

Her children are; Barbara L. “Babs” and Jim Johnson, Vickie D. and Russell Creed, all of Plymouth and Phillip E. and Sue Peregrine of Fort Worth, Texas.

She has nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren: Buster and Rhonda Johnson and children Jessica Lynn and Christopher James of Plymouth; Bruce and Suzy Johnson and children Nathan James and Paul Allan of Plymouth; Jacquelynn “Jacque” and Duane Culp and children Katelynn Jane and Brittany Lynn of Plymouth; Brent Johnson of Plymouth; Todd Creed of Indianapolis; Barbara and Brett Thomas of Carmel and Wendy Creed of Indianapolis; Suzie and Dr. Lance Hampton and son Davis Phillip of Midlothian, Va. and Michelle and Jason Musick and children James and Katherine Taylor of Austin, Texas.

Also surviving are her sisters-in-law: Dorothy Scheetz, Annabelle Peregrine and Geneva Thomas, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, spouse, stepmother; Edna Scheetz and two brothers: Thomas and James Scheetz.

The family will receive friends Saturday, May 9 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth where services will be conducted by grandson, Bruce Johnson at 3 p.m. Burial will follow in the New Oakhill Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church, 425 S. Michigan St., Plymouth or the Marshall Co. Council on Aging, 1305 W. Harrison St. Plymouth.

Notes of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting: www.johnson-danielson.com
Lorraine V. (Hansen) Bovy  Date of Death 5/8/2009

PLYMOUTH — Lorraine V. (Hansen) Bovy died peacefully in her sleep at 5:23 p.m. Friday, May 8, 2009 at Miller’s Merry Manor in Plymouth, with members of her family at her bedside.

Lorraine was born in Chicago, Ill. in 1918 to the late Ralph Hansen and Marie (Provost) Hansen, the eldest of four boys and four girls. After graduating from grade school in 1933, she stayed home and assisted her mother.

In 1937 she married James Bovy, and they moved to South Bend where they raised a family of two boys and two girls. A son, James Bovy, Jr.; a daughter, JoAnn (Donald) Banasiewicz; and son-in-law, James Coiner, Sr. survive her. Her son, Robert Bovy; daughter, Geraldine (Bovy) Coiner; along with her husband James Bovy, Sr. all preceded her in death.

In 1967, she volunteered as a nurse’s aide at St. Joseph Hospital in South Bend, and worked from 1967 to 1969 at a job she enjoyed. In 1971, with her family’s encouragement, she started to fulfill a life-long dream of becoming a nurse.

She began to study at the age of 53, and passed her GED in April of 1972 and then began L.P.N. training at Ivy Tech. Upon graduation she began work at Ridgedale Nursing Home, which she loved.

Then when her husband became bedridden, she left the workforce to care for him full time until his death in 1999.

Lorraine is survived by her sister, Marie (Hansen) Zugar and brother, Robert Hansen. She loved and was proud of her nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Their visits brought her great joy.

Lorraine will be missed not only by her family, but also by all whose lives she touched.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at Kaniewski Funeral Home, 3545 N. Bendix Drive, South Bend, where a Vigil Service will be held at 7:30 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in South Bend, with Rev. Glenn Kohrman and Rev. Brad Metz, C.S.C. officiating. A procession will follow to St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park, Granger, where she will be laid to rest along side her husband, son, daughter, and husband’s parents.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks those wishing to do so, make a donation in her memory to the: Alzheimer’s Association, 9135 N. Meridian St., Suite B-4, Indianapolis, IN, 46209-7109 or The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN, 46637.

Donald Thomas Kirk  Date of Death 5/8/2009

GROVERTOWN — Donald Thomas Kirk, 67, died Friday, May 8, 2009 in his home after an illness.

He is survived by his wife, Ingeborg; four daughters: Cheryl (David) Haloski of Indianapolis, Shelly (Paul) Juergens of Sherwood, Ark., Carolyn Agee of Knox and Sharon (Tim) Benson of Knox; two sons: Donald Kirk of Walkerton and Michael (Jessica) Kirk of Eagleville, Mo. and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Monday, May 11 at 11 a.m. (Eastern Time) at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel. Burial will be at the Grovertown Cemetery where military graveside services will be conducted. Visitation is Sunday, May 10 from 4 to 8 p.m. EDT and Monday, May 11 one hour prior to the services in the funeral home.
Memorial contributions may be made to The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

**Maurine Summerlin  Date of Death 5/8/2009**

COTTONWOOD, ARIZ — Maurine Summerlin, 91, of Cottonwood, Ariz., passed away peacefully the afternoon of May 8, 2009 surrounded by family.

She is survived by her husband of 74 years, Joe Summerlin; two daughters: Sherry (James) Rogers of Phoenix, Ariz. and Donna (Michael) Momeyer of Camp Verde, Ariz.; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Laverne Geraghty (John) of Plymouth.

Before moving to Arizona in 1990, Maurine and Joe lived in Ft. Myers, Fla. for 25 years, and Plymouth, for 20 years where they owned a dairy farm equipment business.

Her hobbies included all kinds of crafts and involvement in numerous church activities. She was a member of the Grace Baptist Church in Plymouth, Ind.and Verde Baptist Church after moving to Cottonwood, Ariz.

A memorial service was held Saturday, May 16 at Parkside Community Church in Camp Verde. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be sent to Northern Arizona Hospice, 269 S. Candy Lane Cottonwood, AZ, 86326.

An online guestbook is available to sign at www.westcottfuneralhome.com

**John Baxter-Stickel  Date of Death 5/9/2009**

BREMEN — John Baxter-Stickel, 59, of Clark Street, Bremen, died Saturday, May 9, 2009 at 5:05 p.m. at Memorial Hospital of South Bend after a 1 1/2 year battle with cancer.

He is survived by his mother, Evelyn Keating of South Bend; a daughter, Dawn Baxter of Bremen; two sisters: Maureen (Mike) Newton of Bristol and Sandra (Len) Murray of Nashville, Ind.; a brother, Lawrence Keating of South Bend and one nephew and two nieces.

Visitation will take place Thursday, May 14 from noon to 3 p.m. at Thompson-Longacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main St., Nappanee.

Funeral services will take place at the funeral home Thursday at 3 p.m.

Burial will follow at Olive West Cemetery, Wakarusa.

Memorials may be made to Shriners’ Hospitals or The American Cancer Society.

**Delbert James Carlisle  Date of Death 5/9/2009**

LITHIA SPRINGS, GA. — Mr. Delbert James Carlisle, age 87, of Lithia Springs, Georgia, passed away Saturday, May 9, 2009, at Wellstar Cobb Hospital.

Delbert was born January 14, 1922, in Plymouth, the son of the late Mr. Charles Albert Carlisle and the late Mrs. Essie Catherine Blanchard Carlisle. He married Wilma Jean Wright May 9, 1948, in Plymouth.

He worked as a carpenter and was a member of the Carpenter’s Union. He was also a State Farm Agent.

Delbert was an avid reader and loved music. He often enjoyed sharing his musical talent with other by singing in a quartet. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Lithia Springs, Ga.
He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Mrs. Wilma Jean Wright Carlisle of Lithia Springs, Ga.; a daughter, Judy and James McLeroy of Tyrone, Ga.; two sons, Lane and Kathleen Carlisle of Conyers, Ga.; and Wane and Melanie Carlisle of Lithia Springs, Ga.; a daughter-in-law Susan Welden Carlisle of Kennesaw, Ga.; eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Several nieces and nephews survive as well.

Delbert was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Dr. Ronald Lynn Carlisle; a sister, Ruby M. Marsh; and a brother, Darrell B. Carlisle.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 17, 2009, in the New Oakhill Cemetery Chapel, Plymouth, where friends and family may call after 10 a.m.

Delbert's nephew, Rev. Tom Lee, will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the First United Methodist Church of Lithia Springs, P.O. Box 627, Lithia Springs, GA 30122 or to the donor’s choice.

Ruby B. Saltsgiver  Date of Death 5/10/2009

PLYMOUTH – Ruby B. Saltsgiver, 94, went home to her Lord and Savior on Sunday morning, May 10, 2009. She died peacefully in the company of her family at the Catherine Kasper Life Center, Donaldson, Indiana where she has made her home for the past six years. Ruby had lived in Cape Coral, then, Bradenton, Fla. For 31 years before returning to the Plymouth area.

She was born the daughter of William Wilson and Pearl Mae (Arnold) Hoover on March 14th 1915 in South Bend, Indiana. She along with her four siblings were raised in St. Joseph County and she graduated with the Mishawaka High School Class of 1933.

On Dec. 3, 1934, in Mishawaka, she married Vernon C. “Salty” Saltsgiver. He would precede her in death on Dec. 12, 1991 after 57 years together. They enjoyed traveling to different states as Vern was a partner of Ritz Craft, Inc. Vern was in charge of opening new locations in the growing manufactured housing industry with plants in Neligh, Nebraska, McPherson, Kansas, Mifflinburg, Penn. And Batavia, New York. Vern retired at the age of 55, and they moved to Florida.

Ruby loved her Westside Christian Church in Bradenton, Florida and taught the ladies to make lap quilts for various senior retirement homes and nursing homes.

Along with being a wife, mother and homemaker, Ruby was an avid “crafter” during her life. She enjoyed quilting, knitting, crochet, tatting, sewing, and more. She was recognized by the State of Florida many times for her teaching of quilting to various homemaker groups and received her Master Quilter’s certificate. She would travel many counties teaching her crafts and served as an officer in the Florida Extension Service for many years.

Ruby is survived by her three children, Richard Vernon Saltsgiver and his wife, Marjean of Bradenton, Fla., Thomas Marion Saltsgiver and his wife, Jo Ann, of Williamsport, Pa., and Barbara Joan Danielson and her husband, Robert of Plymouth. Six grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren also survive along with one sister, Evelyn Fishburn of Haslett, Mich.

Those family members preceding Ruby in their “destination home” were, of course, the love of her life, her husband; Vern, her parents; William and Pearl Hoover, a sister; Elaine Wagner, and two brothers; Eugene and Bill Hoover.

Services will be conducted at noon on Saturday, May 16 in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth where friends may visit with family members from 10
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Louise E. Vician  Date of Death 5/10/2009

PLYMOUTH — Louise E. Vician, 65, of Plymouth, died Sunday, May 10, 2009 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

She is survived by her husband, Stephen E. Vician of Plymouth; daughter, Julia Lynne Youst of Warsaw; sons: James Warren Vician of LaPaz, John Antony Vician of Plainfield and Joel Robert Vician of Plymouth; five grandchildren; half-sister, Margaret “Peggy” Dixon of Fishers; and half-brother, Donald Chambers of Otisco.

Visitation is Wednesday, May 13 form 12 to 2 p.m. at New Oakhill Cemetery Chapel, Plymouth.

Services are Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the chapel. Burial will be at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association.

Kenneth Wayne "Jake" Gall  Date of Death 5/11/2009


He is survived by his sister, Shirley (Jerry) Wringer of Nappanee.

Visitation is Friday, May 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee. Services are Friday, May 15 at 3 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Stony Point Cemetery. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Nappanee American Legion.

Howard Dean Helmuth  Date of Death 5/11/2009

NAPPANEE — Howard Dean Helmuth, 22, of Nappanee, died at 12:55 p.m. Monday, May 11, 2009 at Elkhart General Hospital.

He is survived by parents: Daniel and Mary Helmuth of Nappanee; brothers: Samuel Ray (JoAnn) Helmuth of Nappanee and Delbert Lee (Martha) Helmuth of Nappanee; sisters: Maria Ann Helmuth at home and Elain Sue (Norman) Hochstetler of Nappanee; and grandmother, Barbara Helmuth of Nappanee.

Visitation is after 12 p.m. Wednesday, May 13 and all day Thursday, May 14 at the James Slabaugh residence, 10819 W. 1350 N. Services are Friday, May 15 at 9:30 a.m. at the David Slabaugh residence, 10889 W. 1350 N. Burial will be at Borkholder Cemetery.

Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee, is in charge of the arrangements.

Helen V. McDaniel  Date of Death 5/11/2009

KNOX — Helen V. McDaniel, 94, died Monday, May 11, 2009 in her home.

Survivors include one daughter, Shirley Boyle of Hamlet; two sons: James McDaniel of Winamac and George McDaniel of Merrillville; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.
Funeral services will be Friday, May 15 at 11 a.m. CDT at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Burial will be in the Round Lake Cemetery, Knox. Visitation is Thursday, May 14 from 4 to 8 p.m. CDT and Friday after 10 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society.

Helen F. Meeker  Date of Death 5/13/2009

A graveside interment service for Helen F. Meeker is scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, May 22 in New Oakhill Cemetery. A celebration of life luncheon will follow at noon in the Fellowship Hall of the Trinity United Methodist Church, 425 S. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Helen of Sebring, Fla. Died there Friday, March 13.

Helen is survived by her son, Richard S. Meeker of Gulf Breeze, Fla.; a daughter, Diana Neel of Sebring; and sister, Marian Hileman of Plymouth; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Charles Wayne Redinger  Date of Death 5/13/2009

ROCHESTER — Charles Wayne Redinger, 84, of Rochester, died at 12:03 p.m. Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at Life Care Center of Rochester

He is survived by his wife, Pauline; sons: Charles A. (Peggy) Redinger of Greenfield and Eldon W. (Linda) Redinger of Winamac; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two sisters: Hilda (Merle) McGowen of Rochester and Gladys Thomas of Ft. Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 16 in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 15 and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of Rochester.

June E. Breeding  Date of Death 5/14/2009

PLYMOUTH — June E. Breeding, 89, passed away Thursday morning in Miller's Merry Manor, Walkerton of natural causes. From the age of nine she has been a Plymouth area resident.

June was born the daughter of Guy M. Breeding Sr. and Florence E. (Schreiber) Breeding on May 6, 1920 in Waterman, Ill. She received her education in Plymouth and graduated with the Lincoln High School Class of 1938.

For many years June worked as a sales clerk at the Morris Five & Dime Store and always assisting on the family farm. She appreciated nature's gifts and was often found tending the garden and working outdoors. With those gifts she would share her skills of cooking, baking and canning with her family and others. Visitors to her home never found an empty table.

She was nearly a 75-year member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, where she enjoyed time spent with the children as a Sunday School teacher and also as a member of the Mary and Martha Ladies Circle.

June is survived by her only sibling, Guy Breeding Jr. of Plymouth and the following nieces and nephews who thought of her more as a second 'Mom' than Aunt June. They are: Phyllis (Noel) Hawley, Richard (June) Breeding, Anita Breeding, Barbara (Robert) Craft all of Plymouth and Lyle (Pat) Breeding of Bluffton and Keith (Nancy) Breeding of Donaldson. Numerous great and great great nieces and nephews also survive along with cousins Faye and Jake Heyle of Aurora, Ill.
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister-in-law; Marjorie E. Breeding and one great-great niece.

Family members will receive friends Tuesday, May 19 in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth from 4 to 7 p.m. Services will be conducted in the funeral home at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 20 her nephew Rev. Lyle Breeding and Pastor Kerry O’Brien.

Burial will follow in the Maple Grove Cemetery at Argos.

Memorial gifts may be given in June’s memory to the Trinity United Methodist Church, 425 S. Michigan St. Plymouth, IN 46563 or the Alzheimers Association, 919 N. Michigan Ave. Suite 100, Chicago, IL 60611.

Messages may be sent to the family by visiting: www.johnson-danielson.com

Janet (White) Gibson Endler Date of Death 5/14/2009


Janet was born June 20, 1929, in Omaha, Neb., to Charles and Lucile (Booth) White.

She was a graduate of West High School in the Class of 1947. Survivors include her son, Ron Gibson of Florida; her daughters: Cindy (Vance) Dill of Florida and Nancy (Etienne) Jehl of Florida; four grandsons; three great-grandsons; and her brothers: Charles White of Florida and Larry (Joyce) White of Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Jack Gibson and Jack Endler; and her brothers, Robert White and Gerald White.

Private family graveside services will be held. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME is handling the arrangements. Please share memories at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Randall Mow Date of Death 5/14/2009

ROCHESTER — Randall Mow, 65, of Rochester, died at 1:49 a.m. Thursday, May 14, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He is survived by a daughter, Christine (Ken) Kneifel of Rochester; two sons: Greg (Lori) Mow of Rochester and Gary (Becky) Mow of Rochester; and 12 grandchildren.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 16 in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St, Rochester. Visitation is from noon through the hour of service Saturday.

Roy Penrose Date of Death 5/14/2009

PLYMOUTH — Roy Penrose, 78, of Tahoe Trail, Plymouth, died at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 14, 2009 of natural causes at his home.

He is survived by his wife Mary Ann; five daughters: Linda Lee Hoffman of South Bend, Michallie (Steve) Forsythe of Bremen, Debra Freed of Nappanee, Donna (Mel) Hawkins of Nappanee and Laura (Phil) England of Bremen; two sons: Jason Allen (Debra) Penrose and David Staton, all of Bremen; 16 grandchildren an nine great-grandchildren.
Funeral services will take place Saturday, May 23 at 11 a.m. at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1314 N. Michigan St. Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be made in Roy's memory to the church.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**John, Jr. Phillips  Date of Death 5/14/2009**

SWEETSER — John Jr. Phillips, 90, of Sweetser, formerly of Nappanee, died at 5:48 p.m. Thursday, May 14, 2009 at Marion General Hospital.

He is survived by his daughter, Colleen (Greg) Reece of Noblesville; son, Steve (Joanna Guckenberger) Phillips of Nappanee; and four grandsons.

Visitation is Saturday, May 16 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee. Services are Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Masonic services will precede the funeral service. Burial will be at South Union Cemetery. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Nappanee American Legion.

Memorials may be made to McCormick Creek Golf Course.

**Brian Rouch  Date of Death 5/14/2009**

ROCHESTER — Brian Rouch, 47, of Rochester, died at 8:14 p.m. Thursday, May 14, 2009 at Memorial Hospital, South Bend from a motor vehicle accident.

He is survived by two daughters: Layne M. Rouch of Rochester and Abigail Rouch of Rochester; a son, Brandon J. Rouch of Las Vegas, Nev.; and his parents: Leroy and Jean Rouch of Rochester.

Services for Brian will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 19 in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St. Rochester. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Interment will follow the service at the Fulton Cemetery.

**Roy W., Sr. Burger  Date of Death 5/15/2009**

KNOX — Roy W. Burger, Sr., 74, of Knox, died Friday, May 15, 2009 at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys; daughter, Dawn Ferch of Hamlet; brothers: Raymond Burger of Gulf Port, Miss., Duane (Pam) Burger Sr. of LaPorte and Gordon (Beverly) Burger Sr. of Knox; sister, Janice Bottorff of Walkerton; and two grandchildren.

Visitation is Sunday, May 17 from 2 to 6 p.m. with a Moose Memorial Service at 6 p.m. at M.C. Smith Funeral Home, Knox. Services are Monday, May 18 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crown Hill Cemetery.

**David Lloyd Goff  Date of Death 5/15/2009**

PHOENIX, Ariz. — David Lloyd Goff, 77, of Phoenix, Ariz. died May 15, 2009 at John C. Lincoln Hospital, Phoenix.

He is survived by two daughters: Davi (Todd) Slabaugh of Etna Green, Kim (Robert) Jones of Moulton, Ala.; two sons: Jeff Goff of Louisville, Ky. And Randy Goff of Decatur Ala.; one brother, James Goff of Kenai, Alaska; two step-daughters; two step-sons, and nine grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held Sept. 5, 2009 at 2 p.m. in the Township Cemetery in Etna Green.
Margaret M. Connell  Date of Death 5/16/2009

BOURBON — Margaret M. Connell, 96, of 8th Road, Plymouth, died Saturday, May 16, in her home of failing health.

In honoring her wishes to be cremated, there be no visitation or funeral services at this time. However, there will be a memorial service in the near future and a completed obituary will be published at that time with that information.

Arrangements are at Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, Bourbon.
Margaret Meyer Connell, 96, a resident of 7900 E. 8th Road rural Plymouth, passed away May 16, 2009 in her home in the care of her family.

She was born the daughter of Charles C. Meyer and Phyllis Felder Meyer on June 17, 1912 at Fulton. She was married on July 15, 1939 to Dr. Vactor O. Connell, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by her two daughters: Mary Connell Rowe of Kokomo and Cindy Connell of Plymouth. Five grandchildren: Juliet Davis and husband Rick Patterson of St. Petersburg, Fla., Heidi & husband Thomas Clark of Goshen, JC & wife Lynn Utter of Bourbon, Lacey & husband Michael Robinson of Zionsville and Neal Bennett and fiance’ Morgan Johnson of Indianapolis along with her three great-grandchildren: Adrienne Utter, Joshua Clark and Reece Robinson.

Other extended family includes: Adam & Tonya Rowe, Jason Rowe and Susie Rogers, Paul & Nerissa Benner, Mathew Miles, John Miles, Heather Miles, Anna Miles and Paul Benner III.

She was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Greg; her sister, Thelma; and three brothers: Russell, Lowell “Dutch” and Dale.

Margaret was a public school music teacher, a musician of piano, violin, organ, marimba, clarinet, cello and a composer of vocal music. She was a faithful member of the Bourbon First United Methodist Church where she was Director of Music and Choir Director for 40 years, also founder of the Hand bell Choir and Carol Choir (Children’s Choir). She was also a member of the Bourbon Progress Club and a traveler to Hong Kong, China and Europe.

Margaret was a graduate of Fulton High School, 1930, Indiana University School of Music Pi Lambda Theta Honorary Fraternity for Music Education in 1936.

There will be a memorial service Sunday, June 14 at 3  p.m. in the Bourbon First United Methodist Church with Rev. Mark day officiating. The family will greet friends from 2 p.m. until the time of the Memorial Service.

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to the Bourbon First United Methodist Church (Choir fund) 204 North St. Bourbon, IN 46504 or Campus Crusade for Christ (Cam & Kristen Caughlan) Staff Prayer and Letter Service 524 7th St. Rockford, IL 61104.

You may send condolences via e-mail to the family at:
deacon-clemensfh@cyberlinkint.com
Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Aiko Svendsen  Date of Death 5/16/2009

NAPPANEE — Aiko Svendsen, 82, of Nappanee, died at 5:25 p.m. Saturday, May 16, 2009 at Elkhart General Hospital.

She is survived by her husband Earl Svendsen of Nappanee; daughter, Lumi (Devoe) Hoffer of
**Mary A. Young  Date of Death 5/16/2009**


She was preceded in death by her husband; her son, Richard S. Young; her sister, Lucy F. (Tulie) Bennett; and two brothers: J. Edgar Bennett and Sheldon A. Bennett.

She is survived by two daughters: Barbara A. Young of Valparaiso and Kathy J. (James) Harvuot of Warsaw; one granddaughter, Ann Michelle Harvuot of Warsaw; and many nieces and nephews.

Mary grew up in Santa Fe, N.M. and met her husband, Bill, while working as a civilian on the Manhattan Project in Los Alamos, N.M. They were married in Santa Fe after World War II and shortly thereafter moved to Michigan where Young Door Company was founded. They moved to Plymouth in 1959.

Mary was a member of the Beta Delta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Kappa, Inc., in Plymouth and the Alpha Associate Chapter in Valparaiso. Mary was an active member in the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. She served on the Board of Directors of the St. Joseph County Chapter of the American Lung Association in South Bend. Mary was awarded a Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Otis “Doc” Bowen in 1980. In the over 40 years that Mary and Bill lived in Plymouth, they were actively involved in and supported numerous charitable and civic organizations. Before leaving Plymouth, they built and donated to the City the William and Mary Young Amphitheater located in Centennial Park in Plymouth.

A memorial service will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 401 N. Walnut St., Plymouth, Friday, May 29, 2009 at 12 p.m. (EST). There will be a gathering of friends immediately following the service at Christos’ Banquet Center, 830 Lincolnway East, Plymouth.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Marshall County Community Foundation for the William S. and Mary A. Young Arts Fund (www.marshallcountycf.org ).

Moeller Funeral Home in Valparaiso is in charge of arrangements. Moellerfuneralhome.com

**Christine Diana Bayley Bennett  Date of Death 5/17/2009**

CARMEL — Christine Diana Bayley Bennett, 48, of Carmel, died Saturday, May 17, 2009.

She is survived by her husband, Trent and their children: Blake and Kyle Bennett; parents, L. H. and Dianne Bayley; siblings: Kim (Jeff) Fisher and Mike Bayley; and grandmother; Aurelia Oros.

Visitation is Wednesday, May 19 from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Leppert Mortuary, Smith Carmel Chapel, Carmel. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday, May 20 at 10 a.m. in St. Luke Catholic Church, Indianapolis. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. Vincent Foundation, 8402 Harcourt Road Suite 210, Indianapolis,
Lee H. Kreighbaum  Date of Death 5/17/2009

PLYMOUTH — Lee H. Kreighbaum, 83, of 315 Indiana Avenue, Plymouth, passed away at 9:50 p.m. Sunday, May 17, 2009, at Miller’s Merry Manor, in Plymouth.

She was born on Dec. 6, 1925, in South Bend to Anthony and Barbara (Tschida) Hickey. On May 27, 1944, Lee and Richard Kreighbaum were united in marriage. Together they raised their family of five children. Lee and Richard were former owners of the Corner Tavern in Culver. Lee enjoyed doing volunteer work with the local Red Cross Bloodmobile. She also did volunteer typing for Ancilla Domini in Donaldson. Lee was a member Saint Michael Catholic Church, where she was active with the Altar Rosary Society.

Lee is survived by her son, John and (Susie) Kreighbaum of Plymouth; four daughters: Linda and (Lonnie) Bostelman of Antwerp, Ohio, Jane and (Pete) Van Etten of Cocoa Beach, Fla., Jill Howard of Plymouth, and Jan and (Scott) Swanson of Phoenix, Ariz. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Lee came from a family of three sisters and eight brothers. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard, on June 11, 1992.

Funeral services, for Lee, will be held at 10:30 a.m., on Friday, May 22, 2009, at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME with the Rev. Father William Kummer officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, in Plymouth.

A time of visiting and sharing memories with the Kreighbaum family, will be Thursday, May 21, 2009, from 5 to 8 p.m., at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, IN 46563.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 112 S. Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563, or to the choice of the donor.

Family and friends are invited to sign the guest book and share memories, of Lee, at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Marjorie I. Lewallen  Date of Death 5/17/2009

TIPPECANOE — Marjorie I. Lewallen, a resident of 18557 East St. in Tippecanoe, passed away Sunday, May 17, 2009 at 11 p.m. peacefully in her home. She was born the daughter of James Earl Sanner and Glendolyn Dipert Sanner on Aug. 27, 1915 at Tippecanoe.

She had worked at Da-Lite Screen of Warsaw. She was a graduate of Tippecanoe High School with a class of 17 in 1933 of which she was Salutatorian of the class. She and her husband spent many winters in the Bonita Springs, Fla. area; she was also an avid Cubs fan. She was also a member of the Riverview Community church of Tippecanoe.

Marjorie was married Sept. 7, 1940 to Charles E. “Red” Lewallen who died Febr. 19, 2009.

She is survived by her three sons: Larry K. and wife Nancy of Southmont, N.C., Charles E. and wife Carol A. of Plymouth and Phillip and wife Christine M. of Bonita Springs, Fla.; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by eight sisters and brothers.

A celebration of Marjorie’s life will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 21 in the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St. Bourbon, with Pastor Rod Ruberg of Riverview Community Church officiating.
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The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 20 in the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home.

Burial will follow in the Tippecanoe Cemetary at Tippecanoe.

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to Riverview Community Church, 3780 State Road 110, Tippecanoe, IN 46570 or to The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. 112 S. Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563.

You may send condolences via e-mail to the family at: deaton-clemensfh@cyberlinkint.com

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Robert James Blount  Date of Death 5/18/2009


He is survived by his wife, Earlene Blount of North Judson; sons: Mike Blount of North Judson, Earl Blount of Plymouth, Timothy Blount of Las Vegas, Nev. and Bob Blount of North Judson; daughter, Sharon Blount of North Judson; 14 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; brothers: Bill Blount of Campsville, Ky., LeRoy Blount of Morocco and David Blount of LaPorte; and sister, Pat Blount of Knox.

There will be no visitation. A graveside service will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at Highland Cemetery.

Robert Allen Bowell  Date of Death 5/18/2009


Survivors include his mother, Helen Bowell of Argos; sister, Sue (Doug) Stults of Waterville, Ohio; sister, Lisa Dunfee of Argos; brother, Randy Bowell of Maumee, Ohio; and friend Chuck Witkoske of Benton Harbor.

Memorial services will be held at a later date at the Argos United Methodist Church, Argos.


Survivors include his mother, Helen I Elliott Bowell of Argos; sisters: Sue (Doug) Stults of Waterville, Ohio and Lisa Dunfee of Argos; brother, Randy Bowell of Maumee, Ohio; nephews: Doug (Jen) Stults Jr. of Wilmington, N.C., Todd Stults of Cleveland, Ohio, Bryan (Aubree) Hagan of Plymouth, Alex Hagan of Argos, Justin Dunfee of Argos and Kyle Bowell of Maumee, Ohio; and one niece, Taylor Bowell of, Maumee, Ohio; and great nephew, Blake Stults of Wilmington, N.C.


Graveside services will be this Saturday, July 11, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. at Argos Maple Grove Cemetery, with Pastor Ken Walker, Argos United Methodist Church, officiating

William M. Mattson  Date of Death 5/18/2009

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GROVERTOWN — William M. Mattson, 70, died Monday, May 18, 2009 in Starke Memorial Hospital, Knox.

Survivors include his wife, Kathleen; son, James Mattson; daughters: Joy Chavez, Lynn Williams, Billie Jo Mattson, Amy Mattson and Kerrie Neal; sister, Mildred Mattson; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

There will be no services or visitation.

Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel. Is handling the arrangements.

Dona Jean Rhoades  Date of Death 5/18/2009


Surviving is her son, Michael Rhoades and his wife Teresa of Osceola and their daughters, Chelsea and Lindsey Rhoades, and her son Clifford Rhoades and his wife Kelly of Tulsa, Okla. and their children Caleb, Kassandra, Alicia, Joshua and Christian Rhoades. Also surviving is her sister Bette Warner of Mishawaka, and half-sisters Leslie Markley and Debbie Eppert, both of Plymouth.

Dona was preceded in death by her brother, George Markley; and her sisters: Helen Casteel, Dorothy Youngman and Kitsy Weldy.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 21, 2009 at Chapel Hill Funeral Home, Osceola. Funeral services will be conducted by Pastor Dave Stauffer of the New Life Baptist Church at 11 a.m. Friday, May 22, 2009 at Chapel Hill Funeral Home with interment to follow in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

Dona was employed by the Holiday Inn in Niles, Mich. As a waitress for many years until she retired to care for her granddaughters. Dona enjoyed traveling with her husband during his military career, and lived abroad as an Army wife for ten years. Dona also served as a volunteer at Regency Place where she ran the gift shop for many years.

In her spare time, Dona enjoyed playing BINGO and was a member of the Retired Enlisted Association National Auxiliary. She was also a member of the New Life Baptist Church in Osceola for many years.

In her memory, contributions may be given to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 111 Sunnybrook Drive, South Bend, Indiana 46637.

Online condolences may be given to the Rhoades family at www.chapelhillmemorial.com.

Robert G. Taylor  Date of Death 5/18/2009

MACY — Robert G. Taylor, 88, of Macy, died Monday, May 18, 2009 at Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport.

He is survived by his wife, Norma Kinley of Denver; daughter, Joy (Dennis) Groninger of North Manchester; sons: Lester (Susan) Taylor of Anderson and Cary (Sherri) Taylor of Fishers; nine grandchildren; and sister, Martha Leach of Royal Center.

Visitation is Wednesday, May 20 from 4 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Services are Thursday, May 21 at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.
Memorials may be made to the 1st Baptist Church of Rochester or the American Cancer Society.

**Gloria F. Ballenger Date of Death 5/19/2009**

ROCHESTER — Gloria F. Ballenger, 81, of Rochester, died at 8:22 a.m., Wednesday, May 19, 2009 at the Woodbridge Health Campus, Logansport.

She is survived by her husband Herbert of Rochester; daughter, Krystal K. Smith of Rochester; two grandsons; one great-granddaughter; and a brother, John (Marilyn) Ensign of Peru.

A celebration of the life of Gloria F. Ballenger will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 23rd in the First Christian Church, Rochester. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester and one hour prior to the service in the church. Interment will follow at the Mount Hope Cemetery of Athens.

Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church or to the charity of one's choice.

**Arthur O. Ringer Date of Death 5/19/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Arthur O. "Art" Ringer, age 92, of Baker Street, Plymouth, Ind., passed away Tuesday, May 19, 2009, at 7:30 a.m., at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, in Plymouth.

Art was born November 16, 1916, in South Bend, Ind. to Ora Allen and Inez (Dreibelbis) Ringer. On May 17, 1942, Art and Ruth Miller were united in marriage at the County Line First Brethren Church in LaPaz, Ind. Together they raised their three children.

Art graduated, with the Class of 1935, from Riley High School, in South Bend. He also attended Coyne Electrical School in Chicago, Ill. Art had been employed with Wilson Brothers, where they manufactured shirts and ties, for one and a half years. He then worked for 16 years at Studebaker’s, in South Bend, and 20 years at Sears, in South Bend, until he retired in January of 1981.

Art enjoyed working in his flower and vegetable gardens. He also enjoyed traveling to many states, even Hawaii, with the love of his life, Ruth. They enjoyed their trips, for 18 years, to Florida.

He loved to go to Disney World where he enjoyed rides like; the Tower of Terror, Space Mountain, and Big Thunder Mountain. They also liked traveling to Bus Gardens, in Florida. Art devoted daily time to read his Bible. He spent many years teaching Sunday School and was a member of Sunrise Chapel, in Plymouth.

Art is survived by his loving wife, Ruth Ringer; their daughters: Gloria (Mike) Maxwell of Plymouth and Barbara (Fred) Schafer of Mishawaka, Ind.; their son, Dwight (Marcia) Ringer of Plymouth; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and his sister-in-law, Jeanne (Mrs. Harold) Ringer.

He was preceded in death by his three brothers and two sisters-in-law; Don and Louise Ringer, Carl and Mary Ringer, and Harold Ringer; and an infant sister.

Funeral services for Art will be held Tuesday, May 26, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. at Sunrise Chapel, 11802 Lincoln Highway, Plymouth, with the Rev. Ruskin Krapfl officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

A time of visiting with the Ringer family will be Monday, May 25, 2009, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, IN, 46563, and from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service at 10:30 a.m. at the church.
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The family requests that memorial contributions be given to Sunrise Chapel or to the Indiana Lions Eye Bank, c/o Indiana University Medical Center, 702 Rotary Circle, Indianapolis, IN, 46202-2864.

Friends and family may sign the guest book and share memories with the Ringer family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Anna Lehocky  Date of Death 5/20/2009

PLYMOUTH — Anna Lehocky, 89, of 16476 West 12 B Road, Plymouth, passed away at 8:50 a.m., on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at Grace Village Healthcare Center in Winona Lake.

Anna was born on March 11, 1920, in Czechoslovakia to Aloys and Maria (Dugat) Laurinc. Anna and Steve F. Lehocky were united in marriage on November 23, 1940, in Gary. Steve preceded Anna in death on Jan. 12, 1989.

Anna came to the United States when she was 16 years old and had been a resident of Plymouth since 1977, moving from Gary. Anna was a homemaker and belonged to the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association and the Zenska Jednota Organization. She was a member of Saint Michael Catholic Church, where she helped with meals for the church, and also helped with the Swiss Steak Dinner Fund Raiser. She helped at the Pilot News by stuffing inserts into the newspapers, another way that provided funds for the church.

Anna always had a large garden and wanted to share the produce with everyone she could.

Anna is survived by her daughter, Karen (Mark) Schneider of Warsaw; her son, Lawrence (Rita) Lehocky of Broomfield, Colo.; and her daughter-in-law, Kathleen Lehocky of Portage. Also surviving are nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Anna was preceded in death by her husband, Steve; her son, Steve Lehocky; and her daughter, Helen Minnich.

The Mass of Christian Burial, for Anna, will be held at 10:30 a.m. at Saint Michael Catholic Church, Friday May 29, 2009, with the Rev. Father William Kummer officiating. Burial will be in Calumet Park Cemetery in Merrillville.

A time of visiting with the Lehocky family will be on Thursday May 28, 2009, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth.

Rosary will be prayed on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Friends and family may sign the guest book and share memories with the Lehocky family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

Choice Allen Miller  Date of Death 5/20/2009

ROCHESTER — Choice Allen "Al" Miller, 79, of Rochester, Blvd., Rochester, died Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 9:20 a.m. at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

He is survived by his wife Grace; daughter, Elizabeth (Ron) Mathias of Rochester; a son, Rick (Linda) Miller of Rochester; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place Friday, May 22, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services Saturday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St. Rochester, Ind.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, May 23, 2009 at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Hope Hospice Fulton County through the Northern Indiana
Richard W. Schaeffer  Date of Death 5/20/2009

BREMEN — Richard W. Schaeffer, 80, of Lake of the Woods, Bremen, died Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Schaeffer of Lake of the Woods, Bremen; daughters: Lynn Schaeffer of Plymouth and Valerie (Mike) Scuillo of Henderson, Nev.; stepsons: Robert Eberhardt of Oklahoma and Richard (Debbie) Eberhardt of Bremen; stepdaughter, Barbara (Frank) Washnock of Wyatt; brother, John (Betty) Schaeffer of Plymouth; sisters: Susan Burk of Peru and Judy (Lynn) De Fries of Elkhart; three grandchildren; four step grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two step great-grandchildren.

Services will be private.

Memorials may be made to the Bremen VFW Post #8972 Parking Lot Fund.

The Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen, is in charge of the arrangements.

Jane Bowen  Date of Death 5/21/2009

ROCHESTER — Jane Bowen, 70, of Westwood Lane, Rochester, died at 1:02 p.m. Thursday, May 21, 2009 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Ind.

She is survived by a daughter, Stephanie (John) Hoke of LaPorte; three sons: Daniel Bowen of Rochester, Jeff (Julia) Bowen of Plymouth and Bruce (Wendy) Bowen of Culver; 16 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters: Lorelei Wilhite of Avon Park, Fla. And Sherri (Scott) Moran of Oswego, Ind and a brother, Dorian Back of Atlanta, Ga.

Visitation will take place Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester two hours prior to the funeral services.

Funeral services will take place Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made by e-mail at goodfamily@rtcol.com

Eugene R. Myers  Date of Death 5/21/2009

WALKERTON — Eugene R. Myers, 79, of Walkerton, passed away Thursday, May 21, 2009 in his home.

He is survived by his wife, Lois “Cookie” Picl; daughters, Yvonne of California, Janet and Krystal of Indiana and Tracy Ann of Illinois; three sons, Daniel of California, Eugene of Illinois and Phillip of Indiana; many grandchildren; two sisters and one brother.

A celebration of life gathering will be held Friday, May 29 from 4 to 8 p.m. CDT at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the VNA Hospice of LaPorte County.

Sister Rosemary Wagner  Date of Death 5/21/2009
DONALDSO — Sister Rosemary Wagner of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, 92, died Thursday, May 21, 2009 at 9:05 a.m. at the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson, Ind.

She is survived by two brothers: Joseph (Hildegarde) Wagner of Chicago, Ill. And Francis (Elizabeth) Wagner of Arlington, Texas and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 9 p.m. Sunday, May 24, 2009 at the Catherine Kasper Home Chapel. A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m.

A mass of Christian burial will take place at 11 a.m. Monday, May 25, 2009 in the chapel.

Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery, Donaldson.

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

Esther O. Hernandez  Date of Death 5/22/2009

PLYMOUTH — Esther O. Hernandez, 96, 11th Road, Plymouth, passed away Friday, May 22, 2009, at 8:20 a.m., at Miller's Merry Manor, in Plymouth.

Esther was born August 9, 1912, in Santa Rosa, Texas, to Ecayetno and Emilia (Sanchez) Olwarez. She moved to Plymouth, from Texas, in 1967.

Esther worked for Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center and Holy Cross Parkview Hospital, Plymouth, in the housekeeping department. She retired from the hospital after 30 plus years of employment.

Esther was a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. She was a member of Saint Michael Catholic Church.

Esther is survived by her daughters, Juanita Marquez of Plymouth and Rebecca Rodriquez of Plymouth; her brother, Cruze (Elefenia) Olwarez of Santa Rosa; 13 grandsons; four granddaughters; many great-grandchildren; and many great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Marcos Hernandez; her daughter, Herminia Montemayor; four brothers; and four sisters.

A Mass of the Christian Burial will be held Thursday, May 28, 2009, at 10:30 a.m., at Saint Michael Catholic Church with the Rev. Father William Kummer officiating. Burial will be in Santa Rosa.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, May 27, 2009, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, IN, 46563. The rosary will be prayed, on Wednesday at 7 p.m., at the funeral home.

Friends and family may sign the guest book and share memories with the Hernandez family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

PLYMOUTH — Esther O. Hernandez, 96, of Plymouth, died Friday, May 22, 2009 at 8:20 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Plymouth.

She is survived by her daughters, Juanita Marcus of Plymouth and Rebecca Rodriquez of Plymouth; her brother, Cruze (Elefenia) Olwarez of Santa Rosa, Texas; her grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren.

A Mass of the Christian Burial will be held Thursday, May 28, at 10:30 a.m., at Saint Michael Catholic Church with the Rev. Father William Kummer officiating.

Burial will be in Santa Rosa, Texas.
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Visitation will be on Wednesday, May 27, 2009, from 4 to 7 p.m., at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, IN, 46563.

The rosary will be prayed, on Wednesday at 7 p.m., at the funeral home.

Friends and family may sign the guest book and share memories with the Hernandez family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.

Sally Ray  Date of Death 5/22/2009

ARGOS — Sally Ray, 70, of Argos, died Friday, May 22, 2009 at 12:24 p.m. at her residence.

She is survived by three daughters: Debbie Spoor and Randy of Plymouth; Donna Stiles and Jamie of Argos; and Cheri Bottoff and Phil of Knox; two sons: Steve Ray and Rhonda of Kokomo, and Tim Ray of Plymouth; as well as six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; two sisters: Annabell Slone and Willa Slone both of Warsaw; and five brothers: Lonnie Robinson, James Robinson, Ricky Robinson, and Gary Robinson all of Martin, Ky. and Claude Robinson of Warsaw.

A celebration of the life of Mary Sally Ray will be Wednesday, May 27 at 2 p.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester.

The Rev. Frank Whitaker will officiate the services assisted by Rev. Albert Whitaker and Rev. Robie Whitaker.

Friends may visit with her family from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Burial is at New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at good@rtcol.com

Riley Testerman  Date of Death 5/22/2009

BREMEN — Riley Testerman, 65, of Bremen, died Friday, May 22, 2009 at 5 p.m. at his residence.

He is survived by his wife Florence; a son, William Johnson Sr. of South Bend; a grandson, two brothers and a sister.

No services or visitation is planned.

Mishler Funeral Home, 2030 S.R. 331, Bremen assisted with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

William M. Boots  Date of Death 5/23/2009


He is survived by nieces: Roshonda (James) Dudlicek and Jessica Talcrico.

A memorial service will be Thursday, June 18 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Olson Burke/Sullivan Funeral & Cremation Center, 6471 N. Northwest Highway, Chicago. A graveside service will be Friday, June 19 at 1 p.m. CDT at Grovertown Cemetery.

Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel, is handling local arrangements.
Howell E. Hemminger  Date of Death 5/23/2009

BREMEN — Howell “Holly” E. Hemminger, 83, of Bremen died Saturday, May 23, 2009 at 12:03 a.m. at his home.

He was born June 19, 1925 in Bremen to Floyd and Ruth (Strycker) Hemminger.

He married Cathaleen Rouch on June 29, 1947.

He was a World War II Army veteran, serving in Japan. He was a previous employee and owner of Kenny’s Super Foods, and former Marshall County Assessor.

He was a member of the Bremen Church of the Brethren where he was a deacon for more than 50 years.

Survivors include his wife, Cathaleen; daughters, Marianne (Tobby) Hubbs of Bremen; Kelley Leeper of Goshen; son, Scott (Marisa) Hemminger of Florida, 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, as well as a brother, Jerry Hemminger of Goshen.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Dan, and one brother, Carlyle.

Services will be private for the family. Burial will be in Bremen Cemetery.

Visitiation was Tuesday, May 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bremen Church of the Brethren Building Fund or the Center for Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

Ralph Edward Jones  Date of Death 5/24/2009

ARGOS — Ralph Edward Jones, 79, of Argos died Sunday, May 24 at 7:10 p.m. at his residence following a two-year illness.

He was born Sept. 8, 1929 in Dectaur, Ill. to Revie E. and Myrtle (Shoemaker) Jones.

He had lived in the Argos community for 40 years, moving from Cerro Gordo, Ill. in 1969.


He was a life-long farmer. He attended the Argos United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Caro J. Jones; daughters, Sara A. (Jeff) Smith of Argos and Sandra L. (Jim) Ringer of Plymouth; son, Randall S. (Cammy) Jones of Plymouth; grandchildren, Brooke Stults of South Bend; Justin Stults, Courtney Ringer and Kirsten Ringer, all of Plymouth; step-grandchildren, David Messer of Culver and James Messer of Knox; four step-great-grandchildren; brothers, Ivan Jones of Cerro Gordon, Ill. and Denver (Lucille) Jones of Plymouth; sisters, Helen Jones of Champaign, Ill. and Evelyn (Francis) Barr of North Manchester.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and one sister.

Friends may visit with the family Thursday, May 28 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos and one hour prior to the funeral services.
Norma Elaine Kosmalski  Date of Death 5/24/2009

RIPLEY, W. Va. — Norma Elaine Kosmalski, 93, of Ripley, W. Va., went home to be with her Lord on Sunday, May 24, 2009 at the Ravenswood Care Center, Ravenswood, W. Va. She was a former resident of South Bend.

Norma was born on March 8, 1916, in Fulton. She was the daughter of the late Walter A. Wood and Gladys F. Harpster Wood Dean.

In addition to her mother and father, she was preceded in death by her husband, Matthew B. Kosmalski; two sons, Gerald D. McIntyre and Don S. McIntyre; grandsons, Tom Burcham and Zackary Vaughn; a sister, Nova Bordner; and brother, Jack Wood and many nieces and nephews.

Norma worked as a waitress in South Bend for many years. She was a charter member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary, a member of the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, unit #26 in LaPorte and of the American Legion Auxiliary, unit #0357.

Norma is survived by her daughters-in-law, Mary McIntyre of Bourbon and Dianne McIntyre, of Ripley, W. Va. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Tammy Sauer, Timothy McIntyre and Todd McIntyre, all of Bourbon; Denice Lloyd and Shawn McIntyre of Rochester; Don S. McIntyre of Chesterton, W. Va.; Beverly Paul of Elkhart; Julie Milliser of Plymouth; many great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren, and a special niece, Marsha Causey of Kokomo.

Graveside services will be Friday, May 29 at 11 a.m., Highland Cemetery in South Bend, by Kaniewski Funeral Home.

Dorothy Verda (Long) Pfeiffer  Date of Death 5/24/2009

BREMEN — Dorothy Verda (Long) Pfeiffer, 84, of Bremen died Sunday, May 24, 2009 in Peru.

Surviving are son, John L. (Lora) Pfeiffer of Bremen; daughter, Janice (Gary) Dougan of Boonville; sister, Shirley Long Drof of Florida; brother, James B. (Emily) Long of Arizona; and six grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, May 29 at the Bremen Cemetery Chapel. Burial will follow in Bremen Cemetery. Friends may call one hour before the service at the chapel.

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

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Surviving are son, John L. (Lora) Pfeiffer of Bremen; daughter, Janice (Gary) Dougan of Boonville; sister, Shirley Long Drof of Florida; brother, James B. (Emily) Long of Arizona; and six grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, May 29 at the Bremen Cemetery Chapel. Burial will follow in Bremen Cemetery. Friends may call one hour before the service at the chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor’s choice.
Donald E. Andrews  Date of Death 5/25/2009

BREMEN — Donald E. “Don” Andrews, 89, who lived at the same Bremen address for 65 years, died following an illness, at the Elkhart Hospice House at 10:30 p.m. Monday, May 25, 2009.

Born in Tiosa, March 3, 1920, Don was the son of Verl and Melinda Barnhart Andrews. He attended Fulton County schools.

On Feb. 11, 1939, in Argos, Don and Ruth L. Ruffing were married.

He was a farmer his whole life and was interested and involved with anything to do with farming. He enjoyed tractor pulls, bowling and fishing.

In addition to his beloved wife, Ruth, Don is survived by three daughters: Linda (Robert) Annis, Remington, Ind., Donna Miller, Bremen and Sandy (David) Lawton, South Bend.

Five grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and a sister, Dorothy Martin, Bremen, also survive.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Doris Mills and a brother, Floyd Andrews.

Friends are invited to share their memories with his family from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 28, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Don will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 29 in the funeral home. The Rev. Don Grandlinard will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Don’s memory may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

Notes of condolence may be sent to the family via:  www. Johnson-danielson.com


He is survived by his wife, Ruth L.; daughters, Linda (Robert) Annis of Remington; Donna Miller of Bremen; and Sandy (David) Lawton of South Bend; sister, Dorothy Martin of Bremen; five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Thursday, May 28 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Services will be Friday, May 29 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

BREMEN — Donald E. “Don” Andrews, 89, who lived at the same Bremen address for 65 years, died following an illness, at the Elkhart Hospice House at 10:30 p.m. Monday, May 25, 2009.

Born in Tiosa, March 3, 1920, Don was the son of Verl and Melinda Barnhart Andrews. He attended Fulton County schools.

On Feb. 11, 1939, in Argos, Don and Ruth L. Ruffing were married.

He was a farmer his whole life and was interested and involved with anything to do with farming. He enjoyed tractor pulls, bowling and fishing.

In addition to his beloved wife, Ruth, Don is survived by three daughters: Linda (Robert) Annis,
Remington, Ind., Donna Miller, Bremen and Sandy (David) Lawton, South Bend.

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Memorial gifts in Don’s memory may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

Notes of condolence may be sent to the family via: www.Johnson-danielson.com

Tishia L. Smith  Date of Death 5/25/2009

KNOX— Tishia L. Smith, 50, died Monday, May 25, in her home.

Survivors include one son, Jay Smith of Knox; grandchildren, Tatum, Kaylee and Alyviah; sister, Tammy Taulbee of Knox and brother, Jack Smith of Knox.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. CDT at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel with Pastor James Ritchie officiating.

Burial will be in the Oak Park Cemetery, Knox.

Friends may call Saturday from 11 a.m. until the time of services at the funeral home.

Jeanne Anne Urbin Markle  Date of Death 5/26/2009

NAPLES, FLA. — Ret. 1st Lt. Jeanne Anne Urbin Markle R.N., 65, of Recreation Lane, Naples, Fla. died Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 3:36 p.m. at Rush Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

She is survived by her husband, Ret. Lt. Col. Brian Cody Markle; daughter, Paige (Jim) Simpson of Naples, Fla.; two sons: Patrick (Mirela) Markle of Charlotte, N.C. and Jeremy (Nicole) Markle of Louisville, Ky.; six grandchildren; three sisters: Janet Rae (Jerry) Burkett of Rochester, Ind., Jill Leazenby of Carmel, Ind. and Joy (Dr. Thomas) Troutman of Kewanna, Ind. and a brother, Jack (Jean) Urbin of Kewanna, Ind.

Visitation will take place Wednesday, June 3 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, Rochester, Ind.

Funeral services will take place at the church at 5 p.m. Wednesday.

A second visitation service will take place Sunday, June 21 at 1 p.m. at the Hampton Inn, Kokomo, Ind. With a second funeral service at 3 p.m.

A final service will be held at a later date at her home town in Naples, Fla.

With full military honors, Markle will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington. Va. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, is in charge of local arrangements.
Zachery Schlemmer  Date of Death 5/26/2009

BREMEN — Zachery Schlemmer, 23, of Bremen died Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at the Community Hospital of Bremen.

He is survived by wife, Lindsey of Nappanee; two children, Hailey and Preston, both of Nappanee; parents Randy and Sandy Schlemmer of Bremen; sister, Sasha (Neko) Shumpert of Warsaw, niece, Shayla of Warsaw; paternal grandmother, Freda Schlemmer of Bremen; and father- and mother-in-law Jim and Karin Carney.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 29 at Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 30 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Bremen Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Hospital for Children.

Julia B. White  Date of Death 5/26/2009

ETNA GREEN — Julia B. White, 81, formerly of Etna Green, died Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 9:43 p.m. in Bremen Health Care Center.

She is survived by daughters, Gail Albright of Loveland, Ohio; Ginger Ros of Muncie; sons, George (Debra) White of Etna Green; and Joe (Cathy) White of Bourbon; nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and a sister, Opal Jones of Bourbon.

Visitation is Friday, May 29 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 30 at the funeral home. Burial will follow in the Etna Green Cemetery, Etna Green.

Memorial contributions can be made to Bourbon Emergency Medical Services at 104, E. Park St., Bourbon, IN 46504.

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Visitation is Friday, May 29 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 30 at the funeral home. Burial will follow in the Etna Green Cemetery, Etna Green.

Memorial contributions can be made to Bourbon Emergency Medical Services at 104, E. Park St., Bourbon, IN 46504.
Billy Wright  Date of Death 5/26/2009

BREMEN — Billy Wright, 80, of Bremen died Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at Rivercrest Specialty Hospital, Mishawaka.

He is survived by his wife, Freda; sons Billy Ray (Barbara) Wright of Nappanee, Greg (Angela) Wright of Nevada, Chris (Linda) Wright of Bremen, and Bobby (Kristy) Wright of Nappanee; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; brothers, Luther (Birdie) Wright of California, Ford (Icymae) of Ohio and Virgil (Geraldine) Wright of Bremen; and sisters, Ruby Camvell of Jackson, Ky. And Imogene (William) Wilder of Jackson, Ky.

Visitation is Friday, May 29 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Misher Funeral Home, Bremen. Services are Saturday, May 30 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Military graveside services will also be conducted. Burial will be in Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made the organization of the donor’s choice.

Meriliza Brown  Date of Death 5/27/2009

WALKERTON — Meriliza Brown, 68, died Wednesday, May 27, at Miller’s Merry Manor, Walkerton.

Surviving are two sons, Robert (Cindy) Fraine of Grovertown and Keith (Beth) Fraine of Bremen; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. CDT at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel with Rev. Lloyd George officiating.

Cremation will follow.

Friends may call Saturday 11 a.m. CDT until the time of services at the funeral home.

Myrtle Church  Date of Death 5/27/2009

NORTH LIBERTY — Myrtle Church, 84, of Jonesville, Mich, formerly of North Liberty, died Wednesday, May 27, at her home.

She is survived by her husband, Hiram Church; two sons, Allen (Linda Bowling) Church of Belleville, Mich. And John (Vicki) Church of Manchester, Mich; nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.
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Funeral services will be Tuesday, June 2, at 11 a.m. CDT at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel with Rev. Verland Coombs officiating.

Interment will follow in the Highland Cemetery in North Judson.

The family will receive friends for visitation Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. EDT at the Eagle Funeral Home, 109 East St., Jonesville, Mich. And Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. CDT at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Alzheimer's Association.

Larry G. Elliott  Date of Death 5/27/2009

NAPPANEE — Larry G. Elliott, 48, of Nappanee, died Wednesday, May 27, 2009 in Nappanee.

He is survived by a son, Christopher Elliott of California; daughters, Kristina Jones of Warsaw, Heather Gilley of Nappanee and Angela Rucker of Silver Lake; eight grandchildren; brother, Mike Elliott of Warsaw; sisters, Candy Housouer of Nappanee, Cindy (Don) Coplen of Nappanee, Connie Reynolds of Rochester and Laurie Landry of Silver Lake; and former wife, Charlene Elliott of Nappanee.

Visitation is Saturday, May 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee, with memorial service to follow at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Cremation will take place.

Memorials may be made to the Larry G. Elliott Memorial Fund

Krystal M. Ellis-Fulk  Date of Death 5/27/2009

NAPPANEE — Krystal M. Ellis-Fulk, 40, of Nappanee, died Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at her residence.

She is survived by daughters: Shana Marie Baxter and Brittany Ann Baxter, both of Nappanee; son, Bryce Jay Clouse of Nappanee; granddaughter, Lily Reaker; sisters, Debra (Jim) Ryman of Nappanee, Tereasa Hartley of Walkerton, Annette Ellis of Mentone; brothers, Rick Ellis of Nappanee and Garth Ellis of Wakarusa.

Visitation will be Friday, May 29 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee. Services will be Saturday, May 30 at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at South Union Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Crystal Ellis-Fulk Memorial Fund.

Lavina Nerva Cunningham  Date of Death 5/28/2009

PLYMOUTH — Lavina Nerva Cunningham, 74, formerly of Plymouth, died Thursday, May 28, 2009 in Elkhart.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Louis Cunningham; daughters, Theresa K (Toribio) Avila, Cathy A. (Rafael) Rosas, Tammy L. (Russell) Beckley and Laura R. Rosas; and son, Robert L. Cunningham Jr.

Visitation is Sunday, May 31 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth. Services are Monday, June 1 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Tyner Cemetery.

Roger Reese  Date of Death 5/28/2009
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PLYMOUTH — Roger Reese, 67, of Plymouth, died Thursday, May 28, 2009 at Bremen Healthcare, Bremen, Ind.

He is survived by his wife, Diane Reese; a son, Ronnie Reese of Miami Beach, Fla.; a daughter, Elizabeth Reese of Plymouth; a sister, Arlene (Paul) Ingerham of Lafayette and brothers: Gale (Shirley) Reese of Plymouth, Ellsworth (Joan) Reese of Olympia, Wash., Kent (Arleen) Reese of Plyouth, Dan (Annette) Reese of Milton, Wisc. And Omer (Beverly) Reese of Evanston, Ill.

Visitation will take place Monday, June 8 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will take place Monday at the funeral home at 11 a.m.

Burial will follow at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

William Elson McChesney  Date of Death 5/29/2009

MISHAWAKA — William Elson McChesney, 60, died Friday at Roudebush VA Medical Center, Indianapolis.

He is survived by his mother, Iris McChesney of Mishawaka; and sisters, Teresa (Tom) Cook of South Bend, Sherrie (Robert) Klotz of Mishawaka and Debra (Michael) Curl of Osceola.

Military graveside services were held May 26, at Fair Cemetery, North Liberty.

Memorial service followed for friends.

Marvin E. Shumucker  Date of Death 5/29/2009

NAPPANEE — Marvin E. Schmucker, 73, of U.S. 6 west, Nappanee, died Friday, May 29, 2009 at 6:15 p.m. at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Etta Schmucker; sons: Glen (Becky) Schmucker of Nappanee, Edward (Susan) Schmucker of Bremen and Lamar (special friend - Marilyn Miller) Schmucker of Nappanee; daughters: Kathryn (Devon) Slabaugh of New Paris, Virginia (Omer) Miller of Milford, Laura (Marion) Miller of Nappanee, Julia (Floyd) Miller of Milford, Colleen (Kenny) Yoder of Shipshewana and Rosanna (Toby) Troyer of Bremen; 40 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; brothers: Freeman Schmucker of Leesburg and Levi (Millie) Schmucker of Goshen; sisters: Edna (Dan) Stoltzfus of Holtwood, Pa., Malinda (Leroy) Hochstetler of Bremen, Mahala (John) Troyer of Nappanee and Salina (John) Yoder of Shipshewana; and a brother-in-law, Vernon Yoder of Leesburg.

Visitation took place Saturday and Sunday, May 30 and 31 at the family's residence.

Funeral services will take place Monday, June 1, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. at the family residence.

Burial will follow at Weldy Cemetery.

Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee, assisted with arrangements.

Edith Cullison-Smith  Date of Death 5/30/2009

PLYMOUTH — Edith Cullison-Smith, 91, of Plymouth, died Saturday, May 30, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth, Ind.

She is survived by a daughter, Mary Kay Bonner of Whitestown, Ind.; a son, Dr. Thomas R.
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Visitation took place Sunday, May 31, 2009 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Church of the Brethren, 1130 N. Michigan St. Plymouth, Ind.

Funeral services took place at 3 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Burial followed at Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, Ind.

Memorials may be made to Marshall County Historical Society.

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

Dale P. Kirkdoffer  Date of Death 5/30/2009

PLYMOUTH — Dale P. Kirkdoffer, 68, a resident of Miller’s Merry Manor Nursing Home in Plymouth, died at 12:30 a.m., Saturday, May 30, 2009.

He is survived by his cousins and Violet and Curtis Richardson of Argos who has looked after his affairs for years.

A grave side service will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, June 1, 2009 in the Union Center Cemetery north of Nappanee.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, Bourbon, is in charge of local arrangements.

Olive M. Olson  Date of Death 5/30/2009

PLYMOUTH — Olive M. Olson, 86, of Plymouth, died Saturday, May 30, 2009 at Catherine Kasper Life Center, Donaldson, Ind. of natural causes.

She is survived by her husband, Karl Olson; son, Allen (Vonda) Olson of Plymouth, and a grandson.

Visitation will take place Tuesday, June 2, 2009 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth with a Rosary prayer service at 7 p.m.

Funeral services will take place Wednesday, June 3 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Michael’s Catholic Church, 612 N. Center St. Plymouth.

Entombment will follow at new Oakhill Mausoleum, Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to St. Michael’s Catholic Church or to The Altar Rosary Society.

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

Sister Lorine Huelskamp  Date of Death 5/31/2009

DONALDSON — Sister Lorine Huelskamp, PHJC, 86, of Donaldson, died Sunday, May 31, 2009 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

She is survived by sister, Sister David Huelskamp, PHJC.

Visitation is Wednesday, June 3 from 4:30 to 9 p.m. at Ancilla Domini Chapel, Donaldson. A prayer service will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. Services will be Thursday, June 4 at 11 a.m. at
Mark E. Thacker  Date of Death 5/31/2009

TIPPECANOE — Mark E. Thacker, 90, a resident of 5388 E. 15th Rd., Tippecanoe, passed away Sunday, May 31, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in his home in the care of his family.

Mark was born the son of Otis Thacker Sr. and Carrie Mae Shoemaker Thacker on Oct. 5, 1918 at Bourbon, where he has resided his entire life.

He was known for his strong work ethic until a month ago when he became ill. He was a farmer and he was a well known craftsman doing all kinds of handyman work. He did carpenter work, painting and general repairs.

He was a great fisherman. He played a number of musical instruments by ear and played with various local bands. He was a frequent visitor of the restaurants in Argos where the “Liars Club” would meet for coffee and stories.

Mark was married on Aug. 10, 1941 to Jane Thompson who passed away Jan. 14, 2005.

Survivors include his three daughters: Mary Lou (Walter) Grohowski of Lake James, N.C., Elizabeth (Talmage) Hanson of Scottsdale, Ariz. and Dr. Terri Jo (Doug) Williams of Canton, Ga.; his two sons: James Thacker of Bourbon and Marvin (Dinah) Thacker of Tippecanoe.; 15 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and sister, Martha Milner of Plymouth.

He was preceded in death by three sisters and a brother.

A celebration of Mark’s life will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 4 in the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St. Bourbon, with Rev. Mark Day officiating.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, in the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home.

Burial will follow in the Bethel Cemetery west of Bourbon, Indiana.

You may send condolences via e-mail to the family at:
deaton-clemensfh@cyberlinkint.com

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Maxine Conley  Date of Death 6/1/2009

WINAMAC — Maxine Conley, 76, of Winamac, formerly of Rochester, died at 1:30 a.m. Monday, June 1, 2009 at Pulaski Health Care Center, Winamac.

She is survived by daughters: Tammy Brown of Culver and Melody (Dan) Pine of Bruce Lake; sons: Joseph (Cindy) Conley of Rochester and Troy (Jane) Conley of Akron; six grandchildren; sister, Imogene (Chester) Coddle of Claypool; and brother, Merl Jackson of Buchanan, Mich.

Private family services will be held.

Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, is in charge of the arrangements.

Raymond L. (Bud) Ryan  Date of Death 6/2/2009
PLYMOUTH — Raymond L. (Bud) Ryan, 81, of Westgate Avenue, Plymouth, passed away Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at 8:40 a.m. at his home.


Raymond served his country in WWII in the Navy. He worked for the Bendix Corporation, in South Bend, for 38 years. He was a member of the Plymouth Church of God.

Bud and Madge lovingly cared for foster children for 15 years.

Raymond is survived by his daughter, Diana Nez of New Mexico; his sons, Ed (Josie) Trimmer of Schererville, Wade (Betty) Ryan of Columbia, S.C., Van Ryan of Plymouth and Michael (Myria) Ryan of Florida, his sister, Donna Kamp of Argos; and his brother, Alfred (Barbara) Ryan of Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are several grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, several nieces, and several nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Madge; his daughter, Shirley Trimmer; two brothers; and one sister.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 6, 2009, at 10:30 a.m., at VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, in Plymouth, with the Rev. Wayne Mikel officiating.

Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth. Graveside Military Honors will be presented by the American Legion Post #27 of Plymouth.

Visitation will be on Friday, June 5, 2009, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, IN, 46563.

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Ryan family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Thomas E. Smith Date of Death 6/2/2009

ROCHESTER — Thomas E. Smith, 55, of Rochester, died at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, June 2, 2009.

Tom is survived by two daughters: Glenda Smith of Evansville, Alicia Smith of North Manchester, a sister: Tammy and Paul Black of Gainsville, Fla.; five brothers: Timothy and Lottie Smith of North Manchester, Terry and Brenda Smith of Athens, Todd and Loretta Smith of North Manchester, Theodore Smith of Merrillville and Trevor and Donetta Smith of South Whitley, as well as nieces and nephews.

A celebration of the life of Tom Smith will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 6, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester.

Friends may visit with the family from 12 to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Interment will be in the Athens Cemetery.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com


WALKERTON — Edward “Ray” Hostetler Sr., 80, passed away Wednesday, June 3, 2009 in his home after an illness. Ray was born Dec. 17, 1928 in Walkerton to Edward R. and Evelyn M.
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(Gray) Hostetler and lived most of his life in the Walkerton area. On May 4, 1949 in Roseland, he was married to the former Delores Adams, who survives. Also surviving are two daughters: Roberta (Victor) Quick of Niles, Mich. and Connie (Bud) Marek of Rockport, Texas; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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

Ray was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII and a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the North Liberty VFW Post #1954 and a past-member of the Walkerton American Legion. He was a former employee of Bendix Corp. in South Bend, the owner of Ray’s Radiator Shop in Walkerton and a former Reserve Officer for the Walkerton Police Department.

A graveside service will be held Monday at 1 p.m. (Eastern Time) at Morris Cemetery, Walkerton with Pastor Tom Padberg officiating. Military graveside services will be conducted. Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel, is handling arrangements.

Michael D. Callahan  Date of Death 6/5/2009

ROCHESTER — Michael D. Callahan, 54, of Poets Dr., Rochester, Ind., died at 7:15 a.m., June 5, 2009 at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

He is survived by his wife; Karen at home; two daughters: Kristy (Noel) Christopher of Chicago and Amy Callahan of Indianapolis; his mother, Joanne of Rochester; father: David (Suzanne) Callahan of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; a sister: Keri (Phillip) Jacobs of Wolcottville; two brothers: Larry (Sandy) Callahan of Fowler, Ind. And Dan (Cindy) Callahan of Fremont, Ind.; his mother-in-law, Ruby Jackson of Rochester and six nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m., Saturday, June 13, 2009 at the Lake Manitou home of Kenny and Julie Anderson, 2807 Goose Pond Rd., Rochester.

Memorials may be made to the Northern Indiana Community Foundation or the Lake Manitou Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com

Good Family Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Flora Lee Doelling  Date of Death 6/5/2009

VALPARAISO — Flora Lee Doelling, 73, died Friday, June 5, 2009 in Horton VNA Hospice Center, Valparaiso, Ind.

She is survived by one son, Gary Collins of Kouts, Ind.; four daughters: Connie Podolsky of St. Louis, Mo., Karrie Lewandowski of Valparaiso, Sherrie Morrison of Wrightwood, Calif., and Bonnie Stoerck of Noblesville; one step-son, Craig Doelling of Boone Grove; one step-daughter, Carole Armstrong of Algonquin, Ill. And 17 grandchildren.

Private graveside services will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Horton VNA Hospice of Valparaiso, 501 Marquette St., Valparaiso, IN, 46383. Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel is handling arrangements.

Stanley Marvin Huff  Date of Death 6/5/2009

NAPPANEE — Stanley Marvin Huff, 74, of West 1350 North, Nappanee, died Friday, June 5, 2009 at 2:55 p.m. at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He is survived by brothers: Russell L. (Mildred) Huff of Nappanee and DeVoe (Phyllis) Huff of
Bill R. Montague  Date of Death 6/5/2009

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Bill R. Montague age 82 of Fort Myers, Fla., and formerly of the Bourbon area, passed away Friday, June 5 in his home unexpectedly.

Bill was born in Bourbon on March 17, 1927 to Herman Montague and Orpha Faulkner Montague.

Bill was a retired truck driver for many years driving for Everly Trucking, Gochenour Trucking and Ecker trucking all of Bourbon. He was a member of the Judah Christian Church.

He married on July 6, 1948 to Rosemary McGriff, who passed away on April 24, 1992. He then married Irene Waltz who survives along with his four children: Debra (Bill) Sipple of Fort Myers, Fla., Roseann “Ann” (Dick) Tracy of North Manchester, Jim Montague of Warsaw and Bill Jr. (Audrey) Montague of Arkansas. He also has eight grandchildren; two-step grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and his sister, Silvia Holloway of Bourbon. Bill has three step-sons: Adrian (Pete) Conover, David (Penny) Conover and Mark Conover, Sr. along with several step-grand and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter Tammy Jo in 1963 and his brothers.

A celebration of Bill’s life will be at 10 a.m. Friday, June 12 in the United Pentecostal Church with Rev. Mark Cottrill officiating.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, in the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home and for one hour before services in the church on Friday.

Burial will follow in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery west of Bourbon.

You may send condolences via e-mail to the family at: deaton-clemensfh@cyberlinkint.com

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Mariam I. Johnson  Date of Death 6/6/2009

HAMLET-Mariam I Johnson, 62, died Saturday, June 6, 2009 in Millers Merry Manor, Plymouth.

She is survived by one sister, Jane Hall of Fulton; one brother, Roy Johnson of Rochester; five nephews; one great-niece and her companion, Harry Miller of Westville.

Visitation will take place Tuesday, June 9, 2009 from 4 p.m. (CDT) until the time of services at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, at 8 p.m. at the funeral home with Father Anthony Spanley officiating.
A graveside service will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Center E.U.B. Church Cemetery in Galveston, Ind.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Starke County Historical Society.

Becky S. Leininger  Date of Death 6/6/2009

LAPAZ — Becky S. Leininger, 65, of LaPaz, passed away at 3:55 p.m. Saturday, June 6, 2009 in the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. She was born Dec. 9, 1943 in Plymouth to Clyde and Margaret (Berry) Hummel. She married Kent Leininger, who preceded her in death.

Mrs. Leininger is survived by two daughters: Kimberly Leed of Walkerton and Wendy (Dave) Tapia of Plymouth; two sons: Shane (Shelli) Leed of Lakeville and Tracy Leed of LaPaz; 10 grandchildren: Chris, Travis, Tiffany, Summer, Josey, Shaylee, Haley, Hanna, Paige and Easton; two great-grandchildren: Braxton and Kyle. She is also survived by three sisters: Carol Dove of Plymouth, Dian (Alton) Hershberger of Union, Mich. and Gwen (James) McGrath of Slidell, La.; and three brothers: Jerry (Ellen) Hummel of Walkerton, Rex (Theresa) Hummel of LaPaz and Wes Hummel of Bremen.

Three sisters: Joan Roberts, Bonnie Porter and Sandy Hummel and brother, Carl Hummel preceded her in death.

Mrs. Leininger was a lifelong area resident. She graduated from LaPaz High School. Mrs. Leininger was employed at Wheel Horse for 25 years and retired from Allied Screw Products after 14 years of service. She loved to bake wedding cakes, to clean and work outside on her home. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in LaPaz,

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 10, 2009 in the Palmer Funeral Home, 314 S. Michigan St., Lakeville. Burial will follow in Fair Cemetery, North Liberty. Friends may visit with the family from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Contributions may be offered to St. Jude Children’s Hospital, P.O. Box 318, Memphis, TN 38101.

Online condolences may be made at www.palmerfuneralhomes.com.

Diana Michelle Norris  Date of Death 6/6/2009

NORTH LIBERTY — Diana Michelle Norris, 32, of North Liberty, died Saturday, June 6, 2009 at 6:35 p.m. at Hospice House of South Bend.

She is survived by her parents, Steven and Sandra Norris of Pottsboro, Texas; daughter, Aerial Bryan of Argos; son, Aiden Norris of Goshen; sister, Amber Norris of Euless, Texas; and brothers: Michael and Jon Norris of Pottsboro, Texas.

Cremation has taken place with burial at a later date. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 112 S. Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563

Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, is in charge of the arrangements.

Margaret O. Blair  Date of Death 6/7/2009

ROCHESTER — Margaret O. Bair, 91, of Rochester, died at 7:35 p.m. Sunday, June 7, 2009 in her home.

She is survived by her husband, James; two sons: Tom (Sue) Bair of Rochester and Steven R.
Vada M. Kline  Date of Death 6/7/2009

PLYMOUTH — Vada M. Kline, 84, a lifetime Plymouth resident, died at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 7, 2009 in Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth, after a lengthy illness.

The daughter of Oliver L. and Arvilla M. Bellman Trowbridge, Vada was born on April 15, 1925 in Plymouth. She was a 1943 graduate of Lincoln High School.

On July 20, 1945, Vada and Lowell W. Kline were married in Plymouth. Lowell preceded her in death on May 14, 1983.

Vada had worked for Plymouth Community Schools for 25 years, as school secretary at Jefferson Elementary and Lincoln Jr. High, and was the Financial Secretary at Plymouth High School when she retired in 1987.

She was a member of Delta Theta Tau, Eastern Star, the Hospital Auxiliary, various election boards, Democratic Ladies, Band Boosters, Athletic Boosters, United Way, Heart Fund, Red Cross, Campfire and the First Presbyterian Church where she was a member of the U.P.W.

Vada is survived by two daughters: Linda (Jim) Kepler and Debra Drubert, both of Plymouth; three grandchildren: Lori (Terry) Allen, Stacy (Paul) Guerin and Dan Drubert and two great-grandchildren: Joshua and Benjamin Allen.

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

Friends are invited to share their memories of Vada with her family on Wednesday, June 10, 2009, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Vada, officiated by the Rev. Jean Sparks, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will follow visitation at 2 p.m. in the funeral home.

Private burial will take place in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, at a later date.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Marshall County Humane Society.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the family via the funeral home’s Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com.

Marguriet Quimbly  Date of Death 6/8/2009

ARGOS — Marguriet Quimby, 78, of Argos, died at 1:45 a.m. Monday, June 8, 2009 at Woodlawn Hospital of Rochester, following a brief illness. She was born Aug. 25, 1930 in Cheraw, Colo. to Ray Stanley and Thomas Clyde (Whitehead) Carlisle. On Oct. 8, 1949 in Goshen, she married Ernest Lamar Quimby Sr. He preceded her in death May 31, 2003.

She lived in the Argos Community since 1948 coming from Colorado

She was a seamstress at Hart, Schaffner, & Marx in Rochester for 25 years. She retired in 1995.

She is survived by three daughters: Valerie Wallis and companion Sharron Anderson of Ft.
Wayne, Marguriet (Peg) Quimby and companion Rae Stutzman of Beaver Dam and Pixie Dawn Harness of Argos; five sons: Ronald Lamar (Karen) Quimby of Argos, Stanley Martin (Susan) Quimby of South Bend, Thomas Clyde (Chris) Quimby of Argos, Ernest Lamar Quimby Jr. of Rochester and Michael Olive (Jennifer) Quimby of Argos; 17 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two sisters: Delia May (Melvin) Stevenson of New Mexico and Olive Wallace of Colorado; and one brother, Stanley (Imo Gene) Carlisle of Kansas.

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

Friends may visit with the family Wednesday, June 10 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 11 at the funeral home with Rev. Valerie Wallis officiating. Burial will be at the Maxinkuckee I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Culver.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County, 420 Main St., Rochester, IN 46975.

Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Joyce L. Michael  Date of Death 6/9/2009


She is survived by her husband, Jasper "Mike" Michael; children: John (Christine) Michael, Pamela (Jim) Werner, Susan (Bill) Czarnecki, Vickie (Bob) Pinckert, Tom (Kelli) Michael, Tim (Kari) Michael and Kristin (Joe) Jasinski; 30 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, June 12, in Lydick United Methodist Church, 26510 W. Edison Road, South Bend, Burial will follow at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday in the Welsheimer Family Funeral Home, 521 N. William St., South Bend, and one hour prior to services in the church on Friday.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lydick United Methodist Church, 26510 W. Edison Road, South Bend, IN 46628.

Devon Weise  Date of Death 6/10/2009

NAPPANEE — Devon Weise, 77, of Nappanee, died at 6:45 a.m. Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at LuAnn Nursing Home.

He is survived by sons: Wayne (Sue) Weise of Noblesville, Mickeal Weise of Nappanee and Charles (Jane) Weise of Milford; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and sisters: Mary (Rolf) Neitzel of Battle Creek, Mich. And Carol (Gene) Emerson of Winsted, Minn.

Visitation is Saturday, June 13 from 10 a.m. to noon at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee. Services are Saturday, June 13 at noon at the funeral home. Burial will be at Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Southern Care Hospice.

William E. Brown  Date of Death 6/11/2009

PLYMOUTH – William E. Brown, 220 Klinger Ave., died of natural causes in Plymouth’s Miller’s Merry Manor, at 7:33 p.m. Thursday, June 11, 2009. He was 88 years old.
Bill was born on November 6, 1920, in Winslow, Ind., the son of James and Lillie Mae (Noland) Brown. He graduated from Bicknell Indiana High School with the Class of 1940.

He attended Purdue University for two years and graduated with a B.S. from Indiana State, followed by at Master's degree from Ball State University.

As a teacher and a coach for nearly 40 years, his students now adults still greeted him as “Mr. Brown”. He was a familiar face at many schools including: Tyner, West Township, North Webster and LaPaz. After 26 years, he retired from the Union-North United School Corporation in 1984.

His first wife was Betty Faye Matz who passed away on Dec. 11, 1989. On Sept. 4, 1993 in Plymouth he married Elizabeth “Betty” Peterson Brown who survives.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church at North Liberty, and a former member of the Indiana State Teachers Association. Bill enjoyed all sports especially Notre Dame and making the deal for a new car so he and Betty could ‘up and go’ as they traveled the United States.

Bill is survived by his wife, Betty, Plymouth, and by a son, Gerry E. (Deborah) Brown, North Liberty, and Dale R. (Laurel) Peterson, a step-son of Rensselaer, and Diane Peterson, a step daughter of South Bend.

A grandson, Jameson M. Brown, a granddaughter, Kirsten E. Brown, both of North Liberty also survive, together with grandson, Todd R. (Julie) Peterson, Remington, survives as well, together with their children, Ashley Elaine Peterson and Blake Peterson, both of Remington, and grandson, Patrick J. (Kim) Hoehne and their children Nicole L. Hoehne and Camryn P. Hoehne all of Carmel.

William was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, a brother, Jack Keasling and a grandson, Jeremy T. Hoehne.

Friends are invited to visit with the family at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Monday, June 15 from 4 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Tuesday.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 16 in the funeral home. Pastor Fred Stayton of the Bristol United Methodist Church will preside. Burial will follow in the Morris Cemetery, LaPaz.

Notes of condolence may be sent to the family via the funeral home’s Web site service: www.johnson-danielson.com

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association or the donor’s choice.


NAPPANEE — Richard Eugene "Tarz" Evans, 85, of Nappanee, died Thursday, June 11, 2009 at home.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Evans; daughters: Barbara Diegel of Willston, Fla. And Pam (Tom) Moody of Sturigis, Mich.; sons: Larry Evans of Blountstown, Fla., Dennis (Doris) Evans of Nappanee and Roger Evans of Bristol; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Sunday, June 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee. Services are Sunday at 4 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Stony Point Cemetery. Military graveside services will be conducted by the Nappanee American Legion.
Memorials may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care.

**Robert L. Ruggles  Date of Death 6/11/2009**

HAMLET — Robert L. Ruggles, 41, died Thursday, June 11, 2009, in Starke Memorial Hospital, Knox.

Surviving are two daughters: Breanne Ruggles and Rebecca Ruggles, both of Hamlet; parents, Larry and Judith (Smith) Ruggles of Hamlet; and one sister, Joan Piedmonte of Goshen, Ky.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, July 18 at 3 p.m. EDT at Woodlawn Cemetery in Walkerton.

Memorial contributions may be made to Tracy United Methodist Church.

**Ronald E. Scott  Date of Death 6/11/2009**

ROCHESTER — Ronald E. Scott, 77, of Rochester, died Thursday, June 11, 2009 at 10:05 at his residence.

He is survived by daughters: Terri Sweet, Regina (Terry) Lloyd, all of Rochester, Rene’ (Rodney) Schmeltz of Ft. Wayne; son, Dennis (Marci) Scott of Granger; seven Grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and sisters: Carol (Duane) Conrad of Florida and Betty (Griff) Griffen of Arizona.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, June 19 at the St. John’s Lutheran Church, Rochester.

The Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, is in charge of the arrangements.

**Mary Elizabeth “Bydalek” Abair  Date of Death 6/12/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Mary Elizabeth Abair “Bydalek”, age 51 of Plymouth, passed away Friday, June 12 at Miller’s Merry Manor.

Mary went to fly among the angels in heaven after a courageous battle with cancer.

She is survived by her mother Elizabeth Bydalek of Sand Lake Mich.; brother, Mark Bydalek (Sarah) of Grand Rapids, Mich.; five children and four grandchildren: daughter, Jessica (Fred) Misner and grandchildren Brendan and Elizabeth of Sand Lake, Mich., daughter Rachell (Nate) Davis and granddaughter Lucy; Sarah Abair and granddaughters Lily and Melissa Abair and son, Nicholas Abair of Plymouth.

Mary was preceded in death by her father Raymond Bydalek of Sand Lake, Mich. And sister Linda Provo (Jim) of Escanaba, Mich.

Mary has selflessly donated her body to Indiana University in hopes of helping others with this illness.
A memorial church service will be held at St Michael’s Catholic Church, in Plymouth, Tuesday, June 16 at 11:30 a.m.

Memorials may be made to “Look Good - Feel Good” 707 E. Cedar, South Bend, IN 46617 or to the donor’s choice.

Charles Raymond Bradley  Date of Death 6/13/2009

ARGOS — Charles Raymond Bradley, 71, of 18th Road, Argos, Ind. died Saturday, June 13, 2009 at 9:52 a.m. at Life Care Center of Rochester, following a short illness.

He was born May 1, 1938 in Columbus, Ind. to John R. and Elva Mae (Foreman) Bradley and moved to the Argos community in 1988 coming from Decatur County.

He married Diann Lee Hulsman March 7, 1970 in Shelbyville, Ind. And worked for Purdue University for 24 years as a Youth Educator for 4-H. Working in Decatur County for 13 years and Marshall County for 10 years, he retired from the Marshall County Cooperative Extension office in 1998 as the County Extension Agent. He had also been a substitute teacher at Argos High School.

Bradley was a graduate of Columbus High School with the class of 1956. He attended Indiana University where he earned his bachelors degree and the University of Louisville earning a master degree. He is a member of Saint Mary’s of the Lake Catholic Church. Culver, Ind.; Knights of Columbus; Saint Mary’s Chapter, Culver, Ind.; Kiwanis-Plymouth Noon Club; Friends of the Argos Library, Argos, Ind.; Wythougan Historical Preservation and Master Gardeners, both of Marshall County; Hoosier Recreation Workshop of Camby, Ind.; I.A.R.L.W. – International Workshop; Epsilon Sigma Phi – National Honorary Extension Fraternity.

He was formerly very active with Indiana Rural Youth Organization.

He is survived by his wife, Diann L. Bradley of Argos; a daughter, Ann Bradley of Argos; sons, John Robert Bradley and wife Dawn of Argos, Ind., James Thomas Bradley and wife Melissa of Argos, Ind. And Joseph Scott Bradley and wife Jeannie of Lake Butler, Fla.; six grandchildren: Chelsea, Sabrina, Jessica, Kaylee, Kyle, Wyatt; a brother, Robert Eugene Bradley and his wife Catherine of New Palestine, Wyo.; a sister, Iva Marie Koffman and husband George of Indianapolis, Ind.; and mother-in-law, Mary Louise Hulsman of Shelbyville, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Mary Boyal and brother, James Bradley.

Friends may visit with the family from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, 2009, at the Argos High School Auditorium, 500 Yearick Ave., Argos, Ind. And from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church, 4218 E. Michigan Rd., Shelbyville, IN, 46176.

A Rosary Service will be at 12:30 p.m. at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church.

Funeral Services for Charles Raymond Bradley will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday June 17, 2009 at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church, Shelbyville, Ind. With Rev. Father Glen Kohorman officiating.

Burial will take place at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Cemetery, Shelbyville, Ind.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Marshall County 4-H Scholarship Fund or Kiwanis of Marshall County — Riley Hospital Fund.

Electronic condolences my be sent to the family at: memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com.
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Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Evelyn J. Froeschke** *Date of Death 6/13/2009*

PLYMOUTH — Evelyn J. Froeschke, 51, died, following a long battle with cancer, at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 13, 2009, at her daughter’s home surrounded by her loving family.

Evelyn was born, the daughter of Norman W. and Loretta M. Guise Beatty, in South Bend on Aug. 25, 1957.

She was a 1975 graduate of Plymouth High School.

On Oct. 2, 1976, in Plymouth, Evelyn and Stephen W. Froeschke were married.

A dedicated homemaker, she enjoyed bowling, gardening, the Cub’s baseball and, most of all, her two granddaughters, Gaia Froeschke and Hayley Galke, both of Plymouth.

She was a member of the Old Bowling Bags in the Queens League, bowling on Wednesday nights.

Evelyn is survived by her husband, Steve, and their daughter Jessica Ringer and her fiancé Matt Galke and their son, Nick Froeschke, all of Plymouth.

Three sisters and five brothers also survive. Her sisters are: Rhonda (Buster) Johnson, Plymouth: Kathy S. Beatty, Culver and Teresa A. (Jack) Huffer, LaPaz.

Her brothers are Michael W. (Shelly) Beatty, Argos: Ronald E. (Cheryl) Beatty, James E. (Julie) Beatty: David A. Beatty and Larry N. Beatty, all of Plymouth.

Evelyn was preceded in death by her parents.

Evelyn’s family invites her friends to celebrate her life with them on Wednesday, June 17, 2009, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Evelyn will be held in the funeral home Thursday, June 18, 2009, at 11 a.m. The Rev. Les Johnson, Chaplain at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorials in Evelyn’s memory may be made to Autism Resources of Marshall County.

Messages of condolence and the sharing of memories may be sent to the family via the funeral home’s Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com

**John David Hall** *Date of Death 6/13/2009*

ROCHESTER — John David, Hall, 74, of Rochester, died at 12:25 p.m. Saturday, June 13, 2009 at Wynnfield Crossing, Rochester.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; sons: William D. (Nathalie) Schmicker of Orinda, Calif. And Richard D. (Wendy) Schmicker; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services are Monday, June 22 at 11 a.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation two hours prior to the service. Burial will be at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County.
Brent “Cozmo” Kramer  Date of Death 6/13/2009


Brent was a 1978 graduate of Rochester High School. He embraced the open road with his 18-wheeler as he most usually drove to locations around the Midwest. He was given a CB handle by his buddies — answering to Cozmo. He currently drove for Wayne Trucking, but also had driven for Dean Foods and Foodliner.

As Santa Claus, he took great pride with serving many of our local children by checking their lists, offering a hearty laugh or a resounding ho-ho-ho that only Santa can convey. Some of Cozmo’s favorite times were the moments he spent fishing with his Dad on the Tippecanoe. He and his Dad also shared many good times enjoying the quiet solitude of the woods while hunting deer. He enjoyed listening to country music and rock and roll.

Catching the wind on his 2005 Harley-Davidson allowed Cozmo the greatest of all freedoms. There was nothing like cruising the country roads of Northern Indiana. Cozmo many times rode in larger groups as a member of the Patriot Guard, ABATE or the Legion Riders. His other memberships included the Eagles, Moose Lodge, the Sons of the American Legion and the Leroy Shelton American Legion Post. Cozmo loved a good joke. He was notorious for telling jokes or texting them to friends. He will be remembered for his enduring laugh and occasional practical jokes. Cozmo always had a way to keep things light and lively.

He is survived by a son, Seth Douglas Kramer of Hollywood, Fla.; daughter, Tina Conley of Peru; two grandchildren: Chase and Jade Conley of Peru; mothers: Janice (Don) Duzenbery of Plymouth and June Kramer of Rochester; friend, Cathy Hart Kramer of Angola; two sisters: Kim (Tim) Bope of Plymouth and Colleen (Rob) Norman of Delphi; three brothers: Rick Kramer of Amston, Conn., Scott Sopher of Ft. Myers, Fla. And Fred Sumpter of Rochester; sister-in-law, Karen Sumpter of Rochester; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and “Woody” his African Grey Parrot.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Robert Kramer in 2006; his brother, Judson Sumpter in 2002; and his granddaughter, Samantha Conley.

A celebration of the life of Mr. Brent Douglas “Cozmo” Kramer will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 17 at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Brian Sewell officiating. Friends may visit with his family from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to services. He will be laid to rest at the family plot in the Athens/Hoover Cemetery.

Preferred memorials may be made to the American Legion Riders, Mooseheart, or the American Diabetes Association.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at goodfamily@rtcol.com..

Wayne L. Schlemmer  Date of Death 6/13/2009

SOUTH BEND — Wayne L. Schlemmer, 76, of Westiver Drive, South Bend, passed away at 3:05 a.m. Saturday, June 13, 2009 at Regency Place, South Bend. He was born Dec. 1, 1932 in Bremen to Alexander and Catherine (Feckler) Schlemmer who preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death are three brothers: Kenneth, Forest and Harold.

On Oct. 26, 1952, in Mishawaka, he married the former Naomi R. Miles. She survives with two daughters, Sharry (Lewis) Ragland of Elkhart and Catherine Schlemmer of South Bend; one son, Mark (Linda) Schlemmer of South Bend; and two brothers: Nelson (Edna) Schlemmer of Mishawaka and Stanley (Mary) Schlemmer of North Liberty. Seven grandchildren and seven
Mr. Schlemmer was a veteran of the United States Army and retired in 1999 from the Wheelabrator Corporation after 26 years of service. He served at the Central United Methodist Church as the Engineer for the Sunday School of the Air radio program. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, South Bend.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 16 at Bubb Funeral Chapel where friends will be received from 4 until 8 p.m. Monday. Burial will follow the services Tuesday at Bremen Cemetery.

Vera L. Spencer  Date of Death 6/13/2009

NEW CARLISLE — Vera L. Spencer, 91, of New Carlisle, formerly of Knox, died Saturday, June 13, 2009, in Hamilton Communities, New Carlisle.

She is survived by one son, Terry Spencer of Florida; two daughters: Pat Kramer of Nevada and Peggy Nearing of South Bend; 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren; two sisters: Martha Hahn of Crown Point and Jean Buchanan of Florida.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, June 16 at 2 p.m. EDT at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel, with visitation from 11 a.m. EDT Tuesday until the time of services. Burial will take place at Oak Grove Cemetery in LaCrosse.

Richard Harold Furst  Date of Death 6/14/2009

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — Richard Harold Furst, 60, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, June 14, 2009, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, Mich., with his family at his side. He was born March 13, 1949, in Bremen. Richard was preceded in death by his father, Dr. Harold D. Furst.

He is survived by his loving daughters: Julie (Travis) Henning of Minnesota and Laura (Kenny) McDonald of Alabama; former wife and dear friend, Alice Furst of Grand Rapids; and grandchildren: Cade, Calvin, Adelaide, Marie, Owen, and Leah. He is also survived his mother Carolyne (Lillie) Furst of Florida; brothers: Steven Furst of California and Brian Furst of Florida; and sister Carolyn Furst Clark of Saugatuck.

According to Rich’s wishes, cremation has taken place and private family services will be held. To honor Rich’s compassion for animals, memorial donations may be directed to your local Humane Society. He will be greatly missed.

Arrangements are being handled by Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home, Traverse City.

Dorothy Holland  Date of Death 6/14/2009

Dorothy Holland, 94, passed away Sunday, June 14, 2009 at Heritage Park Health Care Center in Fort Wayne. She was a quiet but strong woman, and a very loving, wife, mother and grandmother.

Surviving are her daughter, Susan (Tom) Bandt of New Haven; son, Jerry (Marsha) Holland of New Palestine; sister, Pat Yoder; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by husband, Holton "Neal" Holland; son, Douglas Holland; and daughter, Dee Ann Holland.

Graveside committal service is at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 17 at New Oak Hill Cemetery in Plymouth with Rev. Bob Vale officiating.
Marjorie Cook  Date of Death 6/15/2009

BOURBON — Marjorie Cook, 85, of Bourbon, died June 15, 2009 at 12:15 p.m. at Center for Hospice in Elkhart on the anniversary of her husband’s death 54 years ago.

Marjorie was born on Sept. 23, 1923 near Etna Green, to Ernest and Mabel (Craig) Neidig. On May 11, 1947, she married James Hunter Cook of Plymouth, who died on June 15, 1955.

She was preceded in death by two sisters: Roma Dinius and Alice Gene Springer, as well as three brothers: William, Joseph and James.

She is survived by her sisters: Phyllis (Max) Faulkner of Bourbon and Ruth (William) Gombos of Lovingston, Va., and her sister-in-law, Bernadine Neidig of Bourbon. She is also survived by her two sons: Jonathan J. (Toni) Cook of South Bend, and their daughter Erin; Michael D. (Christine) Cook and their daughter Brittany and son Brady. In addition, she had dozens of nieces and nephews as well as great nieces and nephews.

Marjorie graduated as salutatorian of the class of 1941 from Bourbon High School where she played violin in the orchestra. She had various work experiences before becoming employed at the First State Bank of Bourbon where she served for 25 years, retiring as head bookkeeper in 1986. She was also co-owner of the much-loved El-Mar-Co Kwik Knit Shop in Bourbon from 1971–1995.

Marjorie loved to knit, tat, crochet, sew, and embroider and shared the joy of the craft with hundreds of individuals over her lifetime including many 4-H students. She also knitted well over 1,000 winter hats for various charities, as well as hundreds of lap blankets, newborn caps, and baby booties. In keeping with her giving spirit, she asked that in lieu of flowers, donations would be made in her honor to the charity of the donor’s choice.

Visitation will be held from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, 2009 and the funeral will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2009. Both services will be held at VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, IN 46563. Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, in Bourbon.

Marjorie will live on in the memories of her friends and family who find comfort in knowing that she is now in a better place.

Family and friends are invited to sign the guest book and share memories, with Marjorie’s Family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

Bonnie Jean Erven  Date of Death 6/15/2009

GOSHEN — Bonnie Jean Erven, 70, of Goshen, died Monday, June 15, 2009 at The Maples at Waterford Crossing in Goshen.

She is survived by son, Randy Lee Erven of Elkhart; daughter, Becky (Jeff) Boomershine of Goshen; two grandsons; two step granddaughters; and brother, Bob Smith of Georgia.

Services are Wednesday, June 17 at 11 a.m. at the Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen, with visitation one hour before the service. Burial will be at the Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Goshen Hospice.
**Jeane Richardson  Date of Death 6/15/2009**

SOUTH BEND — Jeane Richardson, 79, of South Bend, died Monday, June 15, 2009 at home.

She is survived by her husband, Bob Richardson of South Bend; daughters: Pam (Ed) Beery of Bremen, Donna (Mark) Richardson-Garringer of Ft. Wayne and Lisa (Dr. John) Brown of Grosse Pt. Park, Mich.; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Wednesday, June 17 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen. Funeral services are Thursday, June 18 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to your favorite pet cause or kennel.

**Jennifer Leigh Myers  Date of Death 6/16/2009**

MISHAWAKA — Jennifer (Jen) Myers, 32, passed away Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, due to a head injury she suffered in a motorcycle accident in Bremen Sunday, June 14.

Jen was born Feb. 4, 1977 in Pineville, KY. To Ronald Owens and Corene (Myers) Wachino.

Jen graduated from Indiana University South Bend in 2005 and from Western High School in Russiaville, Ind. In 1995. She previously worked in the Emergency Room at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, where her is mother is currently employed in the Intensive Care Unit.

Jen is survived by her parents, Corene and Bill Wachino of Argos, and Ronald and MaryAnn Owens of Lawrenceburg, Ky. She is also survived by her sister, Julie Anne Myers; countless friends; her Sisters in the Wind; and her beloved Harley-Davidson, Stella.

Jen had a beautiful spirit and a “perfect” heart. She was incredibly giving and always wanted to help others. As a last gesture of generosity, Jen donated her organs so she could continue to touch people’s lives in her special way. Her family is at peace knowing her spirit will carry on and that her tragedy will be someone else’s miracle.

Jen was also a wise soul. She left us a final message in a text message she sent to her own cell phone on the night of June 6: “We are meant to lose the people we love; how, otherwise, would we know how important they are to us…” -Ben Buttons.

Jen’s family has invited everyone to attend Jen’s celebration of life Saturday, June 20 beginning at 2 p.m. immediately followed by visitation until 8 p.m. at Kaniewski Funeral Home 3545 N. Bendix Drive, South Bend.

A special friend of Jen’s, Steven Moore, has suggested that, in lieu of flowers, anyone wanting to make a contribution can do so at 1st Source Bank to the Jennifer Myers Benefit Fund. Contributions may also be made to your favorite charity in Jen’s honor.

**Lula Mae Wallace  Date of Death 6/16/2009**

ARGOS — Lula Mae Wallace, 77, of Argos, died at 7:05 a.m. Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at Pilgrim Manor Manor Nursing.

She is survived by her husband, Devere of Argos; 10 children: Johnnie (Claudia) Smith of Bourbon, Virginia (Hank) Sherk and Sherry Dixon both of Brownsville, Ky., Jackie Masten of Bremen, Lorraine (Jim) Cummings, Kenneth (Barbara) Pritchett and Marjorie (Dwain) Everly, all of Plymouth, Ray (Connie) Pritchett of Silver Lake, Betty Kuhn (Carl Gragg) and Jeff (Judy) Pritchett both of Argos; 41 grandchildren; 80 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; five step great-grandchildren; and sister, Virginia Spencer of Plymouth.
Betty L. Bolinger  Date of Death 6/17/2009

ELKHART — Betty L. Bolinger, 75, of Elkhart, died Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at home.

She is survived by her sister, Phyllis Mishler of Nappanee and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation is Monday, June 22 from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee. Services are Monday at 3 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Prairie Street Cemetery, Elkhart.

Memorials may be made to CAPS.

Billy Eugene Slabaugh  Date of Death 6/17/2009

NAPPANEE — Billy Eugene Slabaugh, 66, of Nappanee, died at 11:46 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at Elkhart General Hospital.

He is survived by his mother, Lois Slabaugh of Nappanee; sister, Kim (David) Ingle of Nappanee; and brothers: Jody Slabaugh and Mikel Slabaugh, both of Nappanee.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, June 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee. Services are Sunday at 4 p.m. at the funeral home. Cremation will take place. Inurnment will be in South Union Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to United Cancer Services of Elkhart County.

Emma Nicole Smith  Date of Death 6/17/2009

ELKHART — Emma Nicole Smith, 2 months, died Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at Elkhart General Hospital.

She is survived by her parents, Jeremy and Amber Smith of Elkhart; a sister, Elyzabeth Anne Smith of Elkhart; paternal grandparents; Jeff (Kristen) Smith and Deborah Beggs, all of Elkhart; and maternal grandparents, Rhonda (Mike) McBrier of Bristol, Ind. and Gilbert Golden Jr. of Prattville, Ala.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, June 22, at Chapel Hill Funeral Home, 10776 McKinley Highway, Osceola.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Osceola.

Online condolences may be sent to the Smith’s at www.chapelhillmemorial.com.

Edwin W., DVM Jenney  Date of Death 6/18/2009

PLYMOUTH — Dr. Edwin W. Jenney, DVM, 89, of Plymouth, died Thursday, June 18, 2009 at Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth.

He is survived by his wife, Iris Jenney of Plymouth; sons: Edwin W. Jenney Jr. of Coldwater, Mich. And James Allen (Cindy) Jenney of Argos; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.
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Visitation is Saturday, June 20 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth. Funeral services are Saturday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the Gideons International.

Dave E. Kiefer  Date of Death 6/18/2009

MILFORD — Dave E. Kiefer, 61, of Milford, died Thursday, June 18, 2009 at home.

He is survived by his wife, Kathie of Milford; son, David Jr. (Laura) Kiefer of Milford; daughter, Rachel (Steve) Schmidt of Warsaw; six grandchildren; two brothers: George (Joy) Kiefer of North Carolina and Fred (Judy) Kiefer of Bremen and sister, Deb Wise of Bremen.

Visitation is Monday, June 22 from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Nappanee Missionary Church, and one hour prior to the service Tuesday, June 23 at 1 p.m. at the church. Burial will be at the Bremen Cemetery, with military honors.

Memorials may be made to Toys for Tots.

The Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home in Milford is assisting the family.

Dorothy Lorraine McGowen  Date of Death 6/18/2009

BREMEN — Dorothy Lorraine McGowen, 90, of Bremen died Thursday, June 18, 2009 at the Bremen Health Care Center.

She is survived by her husband, Norman McGowen of Bremen; two sons: Michael (Connie) McGowen of Wakarusa and David (Kathy) McGowen of Bremen; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one sister, Delorres “Dee” (Gerald) Kiefer of Bremen.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at the First Baptist Church in Bremen. Burial will follow at the Bremen Cemetery. Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, June 22, 2009 at the Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen

Memorials contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church in Bremen or Alzheimer’s Association.

Edward D. Haines  Date of Death 6/19/2009

PLYMOUTH — Edward D. Haines, 79, passed away Friday, June 19, 2009 in Elkhart Hospice House.

Mr. Haines was born July 16, 1929 in Donaldson to Alvin and Nora (Pike) Haines and lived in the area all of his life.

On Sept. 12, 1952 in Plymouth, he was married to the former Beverly Arbuckle, who preceded him in death.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; son, Keith; one great-granddaughter; one brother and one sister.

Survivors include one daughter, Deborah (Gordon) Longanecker of Plymouth; two sons, Kenneth (Helen) Haines of Plymouth and Kurt (Lauren) Haines of Indianapolis; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and three sisters: Jean Diangikis and Helen Ayres, both of Plymouth and Betty Younger of Crown Point.

Mr. Haines was a U.S. Army veteran and a former employee of Harry R. Franklin Salvage.
Friends may call Tuesday, June 23, from noon (EDT) until the time of services at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. (Eastern Time) at the chapel.

Burial will be at the Grovertown Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc.

**Betty Lou (Stutzman) Yoder  Date of Death 6/19/2009**

NAPANEE — Betty Lou (Stutzman) Yoder, 77, of Nappanee, died Friday, June 19, 2009 at 10:21 a.m. at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

She is survived by her husband, Lewis Yoder; daughter, Melissa Stanton of Elkhart; sons: Philip (Trish) Johnson of Midlothian, Ill. And Timothy (Pam) Kolacz of Evansville; a step-son, Kent (Linda) Yoder of Traveler's Rest, S.C.; a step-daughter, Karen (Peter) Wingrove of Wexford, Penn.; 21 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two sisters: Lucille Masterson of The Villages, Fla. And Sally (Dean) Guard of Nappanee; three brothers: Eugene (Jean) Stutzman of North Webster, William (Carol) Stutzman of Rolling Meadows, Ill. And Gary (Terry) Stutzman of Charlotte, N.C.

Visitation will take place Sunday, June 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Nappanee United Methodist Church, 300 E. Market St. Nappanee.

Funeral services will take place at 4 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Assoc. of Nappanee United Methodist Church.

Thompson-Lengcaher & Yoder Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Mary R. Bedics  Date of Death 6/20/2009**

TIPPECANOE — Mary R. Bedics, 45, of 17B Road, Tippecanoe, died at 6:28 a.m. Saturday June 20, at her residence.

Survivors include her husband, Joey J. Bedics, Tippecanoe; daughter, Amber Rose Koebcke, Rochester; sons: Mitchell Alan Howard of Rochester, Kyle Bedics of Kokomo; three grandchildren; mother, Karen Turner of Rochester; father, Dan Shafer of Rochester; brother, William Arthur (Samantha) Shafer of Brownsburg; father and mother-in-law, Paul and Diana Bedics of Tippecanoe; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

Funeral services will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Internment will take place at a later date at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis.

Online condolences may be sent to zimmermanbros@rtcol.com.

**Laura June (Berger) Kleinke  Date of Death 6/20/2009**

LAPAZ — Laura June (Berger) Kleinke, 81, passed away June 20, 2009.
She was born in LaPaz and was married to Frank Kleinke for 63 years. He survives and was Marshall County Surveyor and county councilman for 36 years.

They resided in Plymouth and Avon Park, Fla. They moved to Arizona a year ago.

Mother to four children: Ken (Cheryl) of Scottsdale, Ariz.; Greg (Mary Ellen) of Georgetown, Ind.; Ann Sherrick of Fountain Hills, Ariz.; and Sue Meyne (Rob) of Plano, Texas. She has six grandchildren and four great grandsons.

Laura was a beloved wife and “stay-at-home” mom. She was active in the Republican party, Delta Theta Tau Sorority and a number of charitable organizations. She enjoyed golfing, playing Bridge, singing and watching Indiana basketball.

Preceding her in death are her parents Jennie and Elmer Berger, brothers: Noble Berger (and his wife Ruth), Cletus Berger, Wayne Berger; a sister, Vera Kinzie (and her husband Fred).

Services will be held Tuesday, June 23 at 9 a.m., (noon Eastern Standard Time) at Messenger Mortuary, Scottsdale, Ariz.

The service will be broadcast live via the internet at http://tinyurl.com/mpopj7 Password: ljk.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to Eckstein Hospice Center at 9494 E. Becker Lane, Scottsdale, AZ 85260 and Muscular Dystrophy/Parent Project.

Tina M. Pike Williams  Date of Death 6/20/2009

NORTH JUDSON — Tina M. Pike Williams, 45, of North Judson, died Saturday, June 20, 2009.

She is survived by her father, Roger Pike of Monterey; and brothers: Dale Pike of North Judson, Anthony Pike of Sparta, Tenn. And Brian Pike of Hamlet.

Visitation is Thursday, June 25 from 3 to 7 p.m. at M.C. Smith Funeral Home, Knox. Funeral services are at 7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. A private interment will take place at a later date at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Marguerite E. Zechiel  Date of Death 6/20/2009

CULVER — Marguerite E. Zechiel, 95, of West S.R. 110, Culver, died Saturday, June 20, 2009.

She is survived by a brother, Ferris Zechiel of Culver; a sister, Elisabeth Davis of Culver; two nephews and two nieces.

Visitation will take place Tuesday, June 23, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to the Atlanta Bible College, P.O. Box, 100000, Morrow, GA, 30260-7000.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via the funeral home's Web site at www.bonineodom.com

Lorraine Sheaks  Date of Death 6/21/2009
WALKERTON — Lorraine Sheaks, 78, of Munster, formerly of Walkerton died Sunday, June 21, 2009 in her home.

Survivors include her children: Stephanie (Mike) Lane of South Bend, Christopher (Barb) Sheaks of Lake Ann, Mich., Cindy (Robert) Fraine of Grovertown, Roy (Jarold) Sheaks of Maricopa, Ariz., John (Cindy) Sheaks of Walkerton, Mary (Brian) Stewart of Munster and Mike (Amay) Sheaks of Guam; 24 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday, June 25 at 1 p.m. (Central Time) in Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel. Cremation will follow. Visitation is Wednesday, June 24 from 4 to 8 p.m. CDT and Thursday at 11 a.m. until the time of services.

Memorial contributions may be given to Hospice of Calumet.

Jean M. Hooker  Date of Death 6/22/2009

WALKERTON — Jean M. Hooker, 63, of Walkerton, passed away at 2:50 p.m., Monday, June 22, 2009, at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center in South Bend.

Jean was born July 4, 1945, in Hammond, to Orville W. and Catherine (Kerr) Vanes. Jean came from the Hammond area in 1962. She graduated from Tyner High School in the Class of 1963. Jean enjoyed horses, camping, being outdoors, and crocheting. She also was involved with the Reins of Life. She made special blankets for many children. Jean was a member of the Calvary Lutheran Church, Plymouth, Indiana, the American Legion, the Good Sam International RV, and the local Blueberry Sam.

Jean and E. Lamar Hooker were united in marriage on Dec. 20, 1974 in Plymouth. Lamar preceded Jean in death on Feb. 6, 1976.

Jean is survived by her sister-in-law, Sandra Vanes, and her nephew, Allen Vanes. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her brother, David Vanes; and her companion, Larry Birk.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 25, 2009, at the Calvary Lutheran Church, 1314 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, with the Rev. Steven Resner officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Visitation will be Thursday, June 25, 2009, from 9 a.m. until the time of the funeral at 11 a.m., at the Calvary Lutheran Church. The VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME is handling the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Friends are invited to sign the guest book and share memories of Jean at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

Don McKee  Date of Death 6/23/2009

NAPPANEE — Don McKee, 82, of Nappanee, died at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at Harbor Manor Nursing Home, Noblesville.

He is survived by his daughters: Susan (Wayne) Weise of Noblesville and Marcia McKee of Lakeland, Fla.; two granddaughters; one great-grandson; brother, Vern (Miriam) McKee of Culver; and sisters: Mary Powers of Culver and AnneBelle Fisher of Bremen.

Visitation is Friday, June 26 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee, and one hour prior to the service Saturday. Services are Saturday, June 27 at 12 p.m. at the Nappanee United Methodist Church. Burial will be at South Union Cemetery.
John Richardson  Date of Death 6/23/2009

PLYMOUTH — John Richardson, 64, of Plymouth, died Tuesday, June 23, 2009 in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Rae (Scott) Richardson; three sons: John (Tracy) Richardson Jr. of New Carlisle, Adam Richardson of New Carlisle and Erik (Kim) Richardson of LaPorte; stepson, Joe Daigle of Plymouth; six grandchildren; sister, Joan Finnegan of Wisconsin; and two brothers: Jim Richardson of California and Thomas Richardson of Naperville, Ill.

Memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 30 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 612 N. Center, St., Plymouth.

Palmer Funeral Home-Lakeville is handling the arrangements.

Michael A. Davis  Date of Death 6/24/2009

ARGOS — Michael A. Davis, 53, passed away Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at 3:45 p.m. in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

Michael was born June 22, 1956 in Plymouth to James R. and Beverly Thessin Davis. He graduated from Argos High School with the class of 1975.

Michael and Sandra A. Nykiel were united in marriage on June 1, 1990.

Michael was a small engine mechanic at C&S Outdoor Equipment for six years. He retired from Lobdell Manufacturing in Argos after 15 years. He was a member of the St. Michael Catholic Church.

He loved the outdoors, and loved to hunt, fish, garden, camp, cut wood, and raising peacocks. Mike also enjoyed riding his Prowler ATV with his family.

Michael is survived by his wife Sandra and their two boys 17-year-old Adam and 14-year old Gregory, all of Argos; a daughter and son from a previous marriage Dawn and Casey Ickes of Walkerton, and Dustin and Viki Cullen of Rentown, and one granddaughter, Rebekah of Walkerton. He is also survived by his parents, James and Beverly of North Ft. Myers, Fla.; four brothers: James and Melody of Argos, Steve, and Rick, both of Plymouth, and Terry and Lisa of Cicero; one sister, Deborah and Mel Thomas of Wabash; and several nieces and nephews survive as well.

He is also survived by Sandy's parents Bill and Rita Nykiel of Bremen, and Steve and Pam Nykiel of Colleyville, Texas; four brothers-in-law: Dan and Mary Nykiel of Collierville, Tenn., Ron and Charity Nykiel, Andy and Lori Nykiel, both of Bremen, and Jerry and Tammy Nykiel of South Bend; and one sister-in-law, Marlene and Don Dolan of Bremen.

Friends may pay their respects at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth Friday, June 26 from 4 to 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 27 in St. Michael Catholic Church, 612 N. Center St., Plymouth with pastor Fr. William Kummer as the celebrant. Burial will follow in New Oakhill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Michael Catholic Church or St. Michael School Operation Play Zone.

Online condolences may be sent to the family through the funeral home's Web site at www.johnson-danielson.com.
Karen “Prune” Weaver-Collins  Date of Death 6/24/2009

NAPPANEE — Karen “Prune” Weaver-Collins, 58, of Nappanee, died at 11:50 a.m. Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at LuAnn Nursing Home, Nappanee.

She is survived by a daughter, Kelli Miller of Nappanee; four grandchildren; two great-grandsons; brothers: Doug (Judy) Weaver of Nappanee and Oscar Weaver of Syracuse; and Stephanie Eash of Nappanee.

Visitation is Sunday, June 28 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee. Services are Monday, June 29 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Union Center Cemetery, Nappanee.

Memorials may be made to the Karen “Prune” Weaver-Collins Memorial Fund.

Gerald Benko  Date of Death 6/25/2009

KNOX — Gerald Benko, 62, passed away Thursday, June 25, 2009 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

Mr. Benko was born March 26, 1947 in South Bend, to Joseph and Margaret (Horvath) Benko Sr. and lived in the Knox area for 28 years, coming from South Bend. On March 6, 1982 in Knox, he was married to the former Cathy Ewing, who survives.

Also surviving are four sons: Raymond Manns of LaPaz, Jerry Manns of Culver, Brian Manns of Culver and Stephen Benko of Knox; five grandchildren and two brothers, Joseph Benko Jr. and John Benko, both of South Bend. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mr. Benko was an employee of Stanz Food, a U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam War and a member of the Teamsters Union Local #364.

Friends may call Thursday, July 2, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m. CDT and Friday from 9 a.m. until the time of services at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel.

Funeral services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Eagle Creek Cemetery, Knox, where military graveside services will be conducted.

Lela Carole Conner  Date of Death 6/25/2009


She is survived by her mother, Catherine Caudill of Knox; son, Lloyd Conner of Knox; daughter, Carolyn Conner of Bass Lake; one granddaughter; brothers: Thomas (Loretta) Caudill of Culver and Phillip Caudill of Plymouth; sisters: Brenda Bailey of Knox, Cathleen (Howard) Lange of Knox and Rebecca Czapla of Griffith; and sister-in-law, Sharon Caudill of Knox.

Visitation is Sunday, June 28 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Braman & Son Memorial Chapel, Knox. Services are at 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.


She is survived by her mother, Catherine Caudill of Knox; son, Lloyd Conner of Knox; daughter, Carolyn Conner of Bass Lake; one granddaughter; brothers: Thomas (Loretta) Caudill of Culver and Phillip Caudill of Plymouth; sisters: Brenda Bailey of Knox, Cathleen (Howard) Lange of Knox and Rebecca Czapla of Griffith; and sister-in-law, Sharon Caudill of Knox.

Visitation is Sunday, June 28 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Braman & Son Memorial Chapel, Knox. Services are at 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.
LaVerne E. Geiger  Date of Death 6/25/2009

CULVER — LaVerne E. Geiger, 90, of 18B Road, Culver, died Thursday, June 25, 2009 at 5:18 p.m.

She is survived by two sons: Dennis A. (Lynn) Geiger and Michael L. (Cindy) Geiger, all of Culver; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

There will be no visitation.

A graveside service will take place at Culver Masonic Cemetery Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at 11 a.m.

Memorials may be made to the Finney-Shilling VFW Post 6919 Ladies Auxiliary.

Letters of condolence may be sent the Web site www.bonineodom.com.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Cindy Lynn Quaife  Date of Death 6/25/2009

KNOX — Cindy Lynn Quaife, 50, of Knox, died Thursday, June 25, 2009 at Porter Memorial Hospital.

She is survived by her father, Dale Quaife of Knox; her mother, Patty Jo Quaife of Knox; brothers: Mark Quaife of Knox and Matthew Quaife of North Judson; and sisters: Connie Young of Knox, Carla Lortie of Fordsville, Ky. And Christine Moore of Westville.

There will be no visitation. Graveside services will be Saturday, June 27 at 1 p.m. at Highland Cemetery.

Braman & Bailey Funeral Home, North Judson, is in charge of the arrangements.

Arlene "Liz" Hartman  Date of Death 6/26/2009


She was born the daughter of Glenn D. and Anna Glee Billhimer on Feb. 3, 1920 in Gas City. Liz was a member of the 1938 graduating class of Green Township High School in St. Joseph County.


Liz was a homemaker and along with raising her three children she was an expert grower of
African Violets and a member of the Plymouth Club. She was also a former member of the First Christian Church in Plymouth. Liz and Willis were collectors of fine glass and were members of the National Toohpick Holders Society. Later Liz acquired a large number of Boyd’s Bears.

Her children include: a daughter, Marlene A. Harrison of Plymouth, and two sons: Ronald L. Whickcar of Kootz Lake and Clay E. Hartman of Daytona Beach, Fla. Along with four grandchildren: Dan Rader, Melissa Kreitzer, Steven Whickcar and Kelli Reichel. Nine great-grandchildren also survive.

She is also survived by a brother, Milford (Mary) Billhimer of South Bend and two sisters: Wilma Doll and Betty (Richard) Uceny, both of Plymouth, and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends Sunday, June 28 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, where services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Charles Krieg officiating.

Burial will follow in the New Oakhill Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made in Liz’s memory to the research departments of Parkinson, Cancer or Arthritis Foundations.

Notes of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting: www.johnson-danielson.com

Nathaniel James Piper  Date of Death 6/26/2009

KNOX-Nathaniel James Piper, 9 months, died Friday, June 26, 2009 in his home.

He is survived by his parents: Jimmie and Natasha (Bradley) Piper; one brother, Cayleb Bradley of Knox; maternal grandparents, Robin Griffith and David Griffith, both of Knox and Clinton Bradly of Grovertown; paternal grandparents, John Piper Sr. of Grovertown and Sheila Wireman of Knox; maternal great-grandparents, Charles Burkhart of Knox, Patricia Burkhart of Birmingham, Ala. and David and Eunice Griffith of Winamac; paternal great-grandparents, Ron and Karen Sobieck of Knox and Jerry and Virginia Greenwell of Fla.; and great-great grandparents, Jack and Marielena Singleton of Knox.

Visitation will take place Wednesday, July 1 at 11 a.m. (Central Time) at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel until the time of services.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m.

Burial will be at Fletcher Cemetery, Hamlet.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the funeral home.

William Russell  Date of Death 6/26/2009

It was Tuesday afternoon, June 23, an apparent routine day of diskng the fields turned to tragedy and great sadness when Michael, Bill’s grandson, and key farming partner found him down in the field and unresponsive, on one of the family’s farms. William “Bill” Russell was born in Kewanna to Everett W. and Pauline Ault Russell on Aug. 12, 1946. He was one of three children growing up with sisters Barbara and Becky.

As a young man, Bill grew up on his family’s Richland Township farm. A hobby of his youth was hunting rabbit and fishing on the farm. He was a graduate of the Argos High School class of 1964. He attended Ft. Wayne Business College and studied accounting. Later our country beckoned him, answering the call Bill was a proud member of the U.S. Army serving during the Vietnam War. During his tour of duty he was awarded two bronze stars.

On Sept. 20, 1969 in Leiters Ford, he married Victoria Bell “Vicky” McGlothlin. Their marriage spanned nearly 40 years. Vicky passed away on April 5, 2008 following a valiant fight with

Bill was a skilled man and versatile with many interests. He worked at Sealed Power until its closing. Later he was an employee of the Pat Hiatt Construction Company. Bill served the Aubbee Community for 39 years as a volunteer firefighter and many of those years as Chief, until his health required he step aside. As an entrepreneur Bill founded the Able Home Care Service back in 1982. He is currently co-owner of the company. Bill continued to drive the school bus for the Culver Community Schools.

With a desire to serve his community and friends Bill was currently a member of the Fulton County Board of Zoning Appeals, the Aubbeenabee Improvement Corporation and served as a former member of the Hazardous Waste Committee.

Bill enjoyed several passions in life: his church, his family, farming and 4-H. An active member of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints he fulfilled many callings as a servant to his church. Farming and 4-H were paramount to his family. As the patriarch of the Russell clan, Bill instilled traditional family values, work ethic to his children and grandchildren. Togetherness was a key element of this close-knit family’s success. Whether it was the special care given to the cattle or goats or sharing trade secrets and techniques on construction — Bill was there to lead the family pack. It was just a few years back and the family erected a barn with Grandpa Bill overseeing the project. With sheer guts and determination Bill battled cancer’s grasp and prevailed as a survivor. He leaves behind his family who loved and adored him, the church family with whom he worshiped, along with his buddies at the Marshall County 4-H Beef Barn, students whom he safely took to school and returned home each day, the Aubbee Volunteer Firefighters and the many friends he made along the pathways of life’s journey to cherish his memory of the many good times they shared.

Survivors include wife Beth at home; one son, Scott Russell and wife Kellie and their children Claire, Madeline, Laura, Jessica, Katelyn and Evelyn, all of Plain City, Utah; two daughters: Gretchen Johnson and husband Scott and their children Michael, Renae, Rebekah and Elizabeth, Haidee and husband Michael Temme and their children Zachary, Russell, and Alexandra, all of Leiters Ford. Bill’s extended children include: Kristina Risner, Richard Ganshow, Karla and husband Mitch Rutledge, Rob and Kira Bettcher and his foreign exchange daughter Jantje Roder of Germany. Also surviving are two stepsons: Jim Davis and wife Jessica of Monticello, and Mike Davis and wife Kelly of Aults, Okla.; a stepdaughter, Sarah Davis and companion Josh Isom of Monticello; seven grandchildren of his extended family; five step-grandchildren; and his faithful and loving canine companion Wilson, a Springer Spaniel; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews also survive.

He is preceded in death by his parents; first wife; and two sisters: Barbara Wagoner and Becky Nelson.

A celebration of the life of Mr. William “Bill” Russell will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Good Family Funeral Home 1200 West 18th St., Rochester, with President William Tincher presiding. Friends may visit with his family from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday and an hour prior to services. He will be laid to rest at the Leiters Ford IOOF Cemetery. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion Post and the Manitou Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Russell Grandchildren 4-H Group c/o Haidee Temme.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

Helen Louise (Krouse) Albert  Date of Death 6/27/2009
WINONA LAKE — Helen Louise (Krouse) Albert, 95, of Winona Lake, died Saturday, June 27, 2009 at 6 a.m. at Grace Village.

She is survived by three daughters: Sue Charlton of Leesburg, Nancy (Kent) Adams of Winona Lake and Sally (Roger) Bair of Warsaw; two sons: Eugene (Bonnie) Albert of Chesterton and Dan (Sandy) Albert of Cornelius, N.C.; 20 grandchildren and 46 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, 2290 Provident Court, Warsaw.

Funeral services will take place Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at the funeral chapel at 10 a.m.

Burial will follow at Leesburg Cemetery, Leesburg.

Memorials may be made to the Leesburg United Methodist Church, 111 E. Prairie St., Leesburg, IN 46538.

Bernard Boener  Date of Death 6/27/2009

PLYMOUTH — Bernard Boener, beloved husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle, brother, and friend died of natural causes Saturday, June 27, 2009, at the age of 74, surrounded by his family.

Bernard was born in Roxel, Germany Feb. 16, 1935 to Heinrich and Antonia (Willege) Bertels-Böner. Bernard was preceded in death by his parents and sister Maria Peter, and survived by his brother Heinrich Böner (spouse Charlotte) of Roxel, Germany and sisters Antonia Büse-Lotte (spouse Antonius) of Lippetal, Germany and Agnes Holtken (spouse of Bernhard) of Dülmen, Germany.

Bernie immigrated to the Plymouth area in 1956. On February 15, 1958, at St. Michael Catholic Church, he was united in Holy Matrimony to Mary Elizabeth Glose.

Surviving are seven children: John and spouse Marcella Boener, Mike and spouse Cindy Boener, Richard and spouse Diane Boener, Joseph and spouse Mary Boener, Pauline Boener and spouse David Richardson, Larry and spouse Elizabeth Boener, and Heidi; 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren: Zach, spouse Leslie, and children Zach, Anastasia, and Noel Hutchings; Heather, spouse Mike, and children Myah, and Michael Tatay; Crystal Hutchings; Ben, spouse Emily, and children Carter, Ben and Madeline Hutchings; John Boener; Stephen and Anthony Boener; Karas and Kassidy Boener; Katherine and Ellen Boener; and Geoffrey and Erik Boener.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Michael Parish, 612 N. Walnut St. Plymouth, IN 46563 and/or Center for Hospice, 112 S. Center St., Suite C, Plymouth, IN 46563.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, July 1, at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. from 4 to 8 p.m. with the Rosary at 7:30 p.m.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 2 at St. Michael Roman Catholic Church, 615 N. Center St., Plymouth where Bernie was a longtime member. Pastor William Kummer will officiate.

Interment will follow in St. Michael Cemetery, Oak Road, Plymouth.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the family via: www.johnson-danielson.com

Lynn R. DeFries  Date of Death 6/27/2009
ELKHART — Lynn R. DeFries, 72, of Elkhart, passed away Saturday, June 27, 2009, at home, after a long illness.

Lynn was born in Chicago, Ill., to Richard and Vera (Myers) DeFries June 4, 1937. Lynn graduated from LaPaz High School in 1956 and also attended IUSB. On April 30, 1957 he married Judy (Schaefer), who survives.

He is also survived by two daughters: a son, Chuck (Cami) and grandchildren; and one sister, Vera Mae Howard of Hammond, Ind. Mr. DeFries with his wife Judy owned and operated Garbers Decorating Center in Elkhart from 1971 to 1997, also Home Decorating of Goshen for a time.

The couple began with the two small stores selling primarily paint and wallpaper, then expanded the products and services to include window treatments and floor covering, becoming a leading store of that type in the area. The couple were high school sweethearts and naturals for this type of business.

The soul mates spent many hours giving clinics and "How-To" demonstrations of their products, informing the customers and public both young and old regarding to their use. The loyal, hard working staff supported this effort, making the store a success.

Lynn served on numerous boards as past director and/or past president of many local organizations such as the Credit Bureau, Better Business Bureau, Elcona Country Club, Downtown Elkhart Association, Elkhart Improvement Association, Elkhart Centre, Life House, Chamber of Commerce, and Elkhart Redevelopment Commission. And served also as past member of Trinity United Methodist Church, and was a Cub Scout leader. In Plymouth he was also past president of the Jaycees and past chairman of the Marshall County Young Republican Organization.

Mr. DeFries also served as past president and director of the National Decorating Association of America and was founder of the Michiana Decorating Products Association. The DeFries were considered outstanding in their chosen careers.

As a veteran, Lynn served in the U.S. Army with a tour of duty in Korea, maintaining equipment to be shuttled both to North and South Koreans into their respective countries. He enjoyed music of all kinds.

His favorite songs were "Walk Alone," "My Way," and "Unchained Melody" and Judy's music from the New Horizon Band and country music. He also enjoyed art, NASCAR, and was a member of the NRA, and enjoyed to water ski, snow ski, play tennis and hunt.

Loving the outdoors, his favorite tree was the Red Bud; the bush, Peony and flower, the Bachelor Button.

Visitation will take place at Stemm Lawson Peterson Funeral Home, 1531 Cobblestone Blvd., Elkhart Tuesday, June 30, 2009 from 5 to 8 p.m.

There will be no funeral service. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care Inc., 22579 Old U.S. 20, Elkhart, IN 46516. The online guestbook may be signed at www.stemmlawsonpeterson.com.

Karen S. Welch  Date of Death 6/27/2009

PLYMOUTH — Karen S. Welch, 49, a 25-year resident of Middletown, Conn. And formerly of Plymouth, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, June 27 in Sioux Falls, S.D. while traveling with her parents, Plymouth residents Merle J. and Carol J. (Suter) Welch.

Her death came while she was attempting to visit all 50 states by her 50th birthday on October 2
of this year. She accomplished 48 — leaving Mississippi and Louisiana.

Karen was born in 1959, at Plymouth. She was a 1978 graduate of the LaVille High School and Ball State University in 1982 with a degree in Computer Science.

Every day brought something new to Karen's life and she enjoyed a fulfilling career in insurance and financial services. She began that career in Hamilton, Ohio with Ohio Casualty prior to her move to Hartford, Conn., joining the Travelers and on to The Hartford Financial Services Group.

She was committed to her faith and family. As a member of the West Hartford United Methodist Church she loved serving as a Sunday school teacher in the pre-school program along with taking part in “Ladies Night Out.”

Karen looked forward to spending time with her family and coming home to Plymouth visiting her parents and only sibling Steve, his wife Patty and special niece and nephew; Stephanie of Chicago and Ryan Welch of Plymouth. A fun time was always had while playing games and cards with family and friends.

Also surviving are her aunts and uncles; Art and Marge Suter, Linda and Gene Piper, Richard and Joan Welch and Jean Shrout.

She will be remembered as being a happy, unselfish and giving person often found reading a book likely written by Stephen King. Karen also collected Winnie the Pooh and Disney movies.

Family and friends are invited to share memories of Karen during a visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 2 at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 3 in the Plymouth Wesleyan Church, 11203 S. Michigan St., Plymouth with calling there one hour prior to services. The Rev. John Branch will officiate. A luncheon will immediately follow in the church fellowship hall.

Burial will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery and memorial gifts may be given in her memory to the West Hartford Church, Plymouth Wesleyan Church or St. Michael School OPZ Project.

Notes may be sent to the family via: www.johnson-danielson.com.

Hilda L. Faulkner  Date of Death 6/28/2009

BOURBON — Hilda L. Faulkner, 98, of 12057 Elm Rd., Bourbon, passed away peacefully Sunday, June 28, 2009 in the Community Hospital of Bremen with her family at her side.

Hilda was born in rural Nappanee on Oct. 17, 1910 to Grover Wyman and Estella Sechrist Wyman.

Hilda was a resident of the Bourbon area. She married Carl E. Faulkner on Dec. 25, 1928. He died April 14, 1990. She was a faithful member of the Bourbon United Pentecostal Church where she rarely missed a service until about a year ago for health reasons. She also taught Sunday School for the toddlers. She enjoyed crocheting, making plastic canvas crafts for her church bazaar and baking sugar cookies. She also loved spending time with her family and grandchildren.

She was a homemaker and had worked at Orthopedic Equipment Company as a hand sewer making leg splints for the Army. She was also able to travel to Europe with her husband for OEC in the early 1960s and was able to tour many of the countries.

She is survived by her daughter, Joan Weissert of Bourbon; her two sons: Don (Barbara) Faulkner of Bourbon and Tom (Norma) Faulkner of Brandenton, Fla. She also has 18 grandchildren; 46 great-grandchildren; 21 great-great-grandchildren; and her sister, Dorothy (Walter) Sult of Sturgis, Mich.
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She was preceded in death by a daughter, Betty; her husband; a son-in-law, Ernie Weissert; and her three brothers: Dallas, Henry and Ward Wyman.

A celebration of Hilda’s life will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 2 in the United Pentecostal Church, 201 N. Bourbon St., with Rev. Mark Cottrill officiating.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 1 in the church, and for one hour before services Thursday in the church. Burial will follow in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bourbon.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Bourbon United Pentecostal Church parking lot fund.

You may send condolences via e-mail to the family at: deaton-clemensfh@cyberlinkint.com

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, Bourbon, is in charge of the arrangements.

Richard L. Hershberger  Date of Death 6/28/2009

ROCHESTER — Richard L. Hershberger, 55, a resident of 4559 S.R. 110, Rochester, passed away Sunday, June 28, 2009 at 11:55 p.m. in Parkview Hospital of Fort Wayne after complications from Multiple My Loma.

Richard was born the son of Mack E. Hershberger and Martha L. Clauss Hershberger on Jan. 14, 1954 in Warsaw. He had resided his entire life in the Bourbon and Rochester area. He was a 1972 graduate of Triton High School.

He was a great hunter. He enjoyed hunting deer especially. He even was able to shoot his last buck deer from his own front porch. He and his friend Jerry Fisher even went hunting Black Bear in Canada where he was able to get his prize bear which he had in his home. He was a faithful member of the Warsaw Church of God.

Survivors include his mother, Martha L. Hershberger of Bourbon and several cousins and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Mack; maternal grandparents, Daniel and Hazel Clauss; and paternal grandparents, Charles and Alma Hershberger.

A celebration of Richard’s life will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 2 in The Country Church, S.R. 331 north of Bourbon with Pastor Stephen Hargrave of Warsaw Church of God and Pastor David Gould of The Country Church officiating.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 1 in The Country Church. Burial will follow in the Bremen Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made in his memory to the Warsaw Church of God, the Country Church or the charity of your choice.

You may send condolences via e-mail to the family at: deaton-clemensfh@cyberlinkint.com

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, Bourbon, is in charge of the arrangements.

Frederick T. Insco  Date of Death 6/28/2009

PLYMOUTH - Fredrick T. Insco, 82, passed away Sunday, June 28, 2009 in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Mr. Insco was born April 17, 1927 in Huntington, W.V. to Floyd and Nancy (Martin) Insco and
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lived in the Plymouth area since 1954. On May 24, 1952 in Catlettsburg, Ky., he married the love of his life, Rosie Fitzpatrick.

Surviving are his wife, Rosie; one daughter, Patty (Dan) Hatter of Culver; four grandchildren: Bill (Theresa) Hatter of Winamac, Letha (Larry) West of LaPorte, Tony Hatter of Plymouth and Stephanie (Brett) Bunton of Plymouth; 13 great-grandchildren; three sisters: Elouise Sullivan, Annie Woolum and Irma Holderby, all of W.V. and one brother, Bob Insco of W.V. He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Dwight, two sisters and two brothers.

Mr. Insco was a retired lineman with C&O Railroad. He loved fishing, gardening, his church, the Community Gospel Baptist Church of Knox, but most of all he loved his family. He was a Deacon at the church. He accepted the Lord November 15, 1959 and was baptized November 22, 1959.

Friends may call Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at the Community Gospel Baptist Church of Knox from 2 p.m. CDT until the time of services.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 4 p.m. (Central Time) at the church with Pastor Paul Bagley officiating.

Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel is handling arrangements.


BOURBON — Jeffrey VanBlaricom Jr., 29, of Bourbon, died Sunday, June 28, 2009 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He is survived by his mother, Lorrene VanBlaricom of Bourbon; brothers: Chad William VanBlaricom and Raymond Earl VanBlaricom, both of Bourbon; and grandparents: Ray and Dora VanBlaricom of Plymouth and Doris Haines of Plymouth.

There will be no visitation or services.

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

Andrew Barno Date of Death 6/29/2009

PLYMOUTH — Andrew Barno, 90, of Plymouth, died at 12:15 p.m. Monday, June 29, 2009 in Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth.

He is survived by a son, Kenneth (Joan) Barno of Muskegon, Mich.; brother, Charles (Doris) Barno of Pennsylvania; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation with the family will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 2, in the Calvary Lutheran Church, 1314 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 3 in the church. Burial will be in the Glen Eden Memorial Park in Lavonia, Mich.

Memorials may be made to the Calvary Lutheran Church.

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

Wayne Kline Date of Death 6/29/2009

Wayne Kline passed away peacefully in his sleep June 29, 2009 in the presence of his loving family. His zest for life, strength of character, and good humor will be fondly remembered by all who knew him. He will be particularly missed by his wife of 72 years, Ruth E. (Ringer) Kline and children, Robert (Carolyn) Kline of Culver, Carol (Richard) Troester of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif. and Patricia (James) Mann of Naples, Fla.
Wayne was born on the family farm to Effie Janes (Finney) Kline and William Kline on July 21, 1915. Raised on the farm, he graduated from Culver High School in 1933 and continued his studies in agriculture through taking “short” courses at Purdue University.

Wayne married Ruth Ringer in 1937. Their marriage and love for each other continues to be a strength and inspiration for their extended family and those around them. Together, they raised three children and were devoted parents and, later, grandparents and great-grandparents. A farmer and dairyman through and through, Wayne worked hard throughout his life practicing modern farming techniques and he was always particularly proud of his Holstein dairy herd.

Throughout his life Wayne maintained a questing curiosity about the world around him. A devoted reader, Wayne could be found many evenings reading one of his cherished Louis L’Amour novels. His other hobbies included carpentry, fishing and fixing anything mechanical. The Bible was never far from Wayne’s side either. He was active in many church organizations. Through his youth and young adult years, he was a member of the Mt. Hope Church in Fulton County where he was active on the Church Board and was a Sunday School teacher. As an older adult, he and Ruth became members of Sunrise Chapel in Plymouth. Upon his retirement in 1980 to Ft. Myers, Fla., he became a member of the First United Methodist Church where he was active in the Church’s Men’s Club and worked in the Church Thrift Store for 18 years. Upon his return to the Culver area in his later years, he became a member of Wesley United Methodist Church. Wayne had an abiding, active faith and could always be counted on to lend a hand on a variety of church projects.

Wayne contributed to the community through lifelong involvement in a number of organizations. He was a member of the Marshall County Agriculture Board; Producers Livestock Board, a 4-H leader for 15 years; Chairman of the County Soil and Water Conservation Board and member of the Marshall County Farm Bureau Board. He was also a member of the Culver School Board and Building Committee and a member and past president of Culver Lions Club.

Four half brothers: Ralph, Walter, Guy and Whitney; and one half sister, Mildred preceded him in death. His legacy will live on and be remembered by six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren and the many extended family, friends and acquaintance whose lives he touched.

Memorials may be given to the Culver-Union Township EMS and Wesley United Methodist Church.

A time of sharing memories with the family will be held at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 511 School St., in Culver Monday, July 6 from 10 to 11 a.m. Rev. Larry Saunders will officiate a memorial service at 11 a.m. at the church. Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.bonineodom.com

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of the arrangements

Kristoffer A. Springman  Date of Death 6/29/2009

PLYMOUTH — Kristoffer A. Springman, 6 months old, of 11th Road, Plymouth, died at 2:26 p.m. Wednesday, June 29 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Arrangements are pending at VanGilder Funeral Home.

Richard G. Callander  Date of Death 6/30/2009

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ. — Richard G. Callander, 78, of Scottsdale, Ariz., formerly of Nappanee, died Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at Eckstein Hospice Center at 2:30 a.m.

He is survived by his sister-in-law, Kate Callander, three nephews and two nieces.
Cremation has taken place.

A military graveside service will take place Thursday, July 16 at 1 p.m. at South Union Cemetery, Nappanee.

Thompson-Lengcaher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee is in charge of local arrangements.

Jerry Neace  Date of Death 7/2/2009

KNOX — Jerry Neace, 71, of Knox, passed away Thursday, July 2, 2009 at his home. Jerry was born Feb. 3, 1938 in Breathitt County, Ky. to Jack and Missouri Neace, both deceased.

He was the president of the Statewide Tree Service, an avid fisherman, and a supporter of various youth organizations located in Knox, Culver, Starke and Marshall counties, including 4-H and Culver Little League. On April 9, 1959 in Ashtabula, Ohio, he married Virginia Trent; she survives.

Also surviving are their children Kenneth Neace of Knox and Vincent (Lorri) Neace of Culver; his brothers, Troy and Pola Neace, both of Ky.; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert (Tammy) Neace of Knox.

Visitation was Sunday, July 5, 2009 from 1 to 5 p.m. at M.C. Smith Funeral Home, 153 E. Washington St., Knox.

Funeral services will take place Monday, July 6 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Floyd Allen officiating.

Burial will take place at Burr Oak Cemetery, Burr Oak

Thalma I. Shaw  Date of Death 7/4/2009

SOUTH BEND — Thalma I Shaw, 93, of South Bend, died at 9:45 p.m. Saturday, July 4, 2009 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

There will be no visitation. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held Thursday, July 9 at 11 a.m. at Saint Thomas Episcopal Church in Plymouth.

The Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth, is in charge of the arrangements.

A complete obituary will be in Wednesday’s Pilot News.

Arthur E. Birk  Date of Death 7/6/2009

CULVER — Arthur E. Birk, 75, of Culver, died at 12:43 p.m. Monday, July 6, 2009 at Porter Memorial Hospital, Valparaiso.

He is survived by son, William Birk of Culver; daughter, Ruth Birk (Kib Brady) of Culver; and brother, Richard Birk.

There will be no visitation. Services will be Sunday, July 12 at 2:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, Culver. Interment will be private.

Memorials may be made to the Indiana Lions Eye Bank, Culver Lions Club, Culver-Union Township EMS or any local Lions club for a project of their choice. The family requests no flowers or plants. The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of the arrangements
Geneva E. McAfee  Date of Death 7/6/2009

PLYMOUTH — Geneva E. McAfee, 73, of 812 W. Jefferson St., Plymouth, passed away at 9:30 p.m. Monday, July 6, 2009 at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

Geneva was born on Aug. 17, 1935 in Bremen to Delmer and Pauline (Thomas) Carothers. Geneva and James McAfee were united in marriage on July 8, 1956. She was a member of the Knox United Pentecostal Church.

Geneva is survived by her husband of 53 years, James McAfee of Plymouth; their daughters: Tammy (Randy) Holdeman of Lakeville, Julie (Stanley) Kidwell of Richmond; and their sons: Curt McAfee of Plymouth and Jamey (Helen) McAfee of Plymouth.

Geneva was preceded in death by her daughter, Robin Haug; her brothers: Donald, Gaylord, and Junior Carothers; and her sisters: Delores Masterson and Joy Replogle.

Funeral services for Geneva will be held Friday, July 10, 2009 at 11 a.m. at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME with the Rev. Jerry Patrick officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

A time of visiting with the McAfee family will be Thursday, July 9, 2009 at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, IN 46563 from 4 to 8 p.m.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 112 S. Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563.

Friends and family are invited to sign the guest book and share memories of Geneva with her family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

Jeanette H. Stegman  Date of Death 7/8/2009

SOUTH BEND — Jeanette H. Stegman, 95, of South Bend, died July 8, 2009 at 12:40 p.m. at Bremen Health Care Center.

Survivors include her son, David (Susan) Stegman of Mooresville; daughter, Pam (Roger) Katterheinrich of Bremen; brothers: Gail Divine of California and Paul Divine of Mishawaka; sisters: Alice Gibbs of Alabama and Evelyn Packard of Niles, Mich.; six grandchildren; two step grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; five step great-grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday, July 11 at 10:30 a.m. at Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen. Burial will take place at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Osceola. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 10 at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Community Gospel Church in Bremen or to Pleasant Heights Baptist Church in Indianapolis.

Edna F. Stauffer Elliott  Date of Death 7/9/2009

PLYMOUTH - Edna F. Stauffer Elliott, 90, passed away July 9, 2009 at Miller’s Manor, Plymouth, after being ill one week. She had previously lived on Walnut Street in Plymouth.

She was born at home on the family farm in Tippecanoe, Ind. to Ora C. and Maud (Shaw) Kleckner June 14, 1919. She grew up in a family of five siblings, and graduated in 1937 from Tippecanoe High School in a class of 14 students. Her parents and sisters, Elva Longbrake, Ellen Zechiel, Mary Geier, Zona Bilyew and brother Samuel have all preceded her in death.

Edna was married to Charles J. Stauffer in 1939 and to this union was born two sons, Richard
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and Bruce. She was a great mom, and she devoted her life to her family. She married Arden Elliott July 4, 1970; he passed away July 28, 1988.

During the war years she worked at Meck’s in Plymouth and retired with 25 years at Kroger’s on Ireland Rd. in South Bend. She wintered in Avon Park, Fla. for the past 30 years.

Survivors include sons: Richard C. (Bonnie) of Stevensville, Mich., and Bruce A. (Jean) Stauffer of Argos, Ind.; four grandchildren: Jay Stauffer (Julie Sampson) of Argos, Amy (Scott) Neibauer of Woodbury, Minn., Jana Stauffer (Sung Whang) of Chicago, Ill. and Dave Stauffer (Pam) of Edina, Minn.; five great-grandchildren: Megan Neibauer, Riley Stauffer, Abby Stauffer, Lauren Stauffer, and Rachel Stauffer. She was very proud of all of her family and loved them dearly.

She loved to go to garage sales, play games, Bingo, Euchre, and Dominoes. Every summer she had a garden and grew vegetables and flowers, and in the early 70s was proud of the blue ribbon she won in flower arranging at the Blueberry Festival. She was a hard worker all of her life and was active in the Inwood Methodist Church in Inwood, Ind.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Inwood United Methodist Church, 11211 Hawthorn Road, Plymouth, IN, 46563 or to the donor’s choice.

A celebration of her life will be held Saturday, July 18, 2009 with visitation from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Inwood Methodist Church with funeral services to follow at noon. Pastor Gail Law will officiate.

Burial will be at Summit Chapel Cemetery, Tippecanoe, Ind.

Notes of condolence may be sent to the family via: www.johnson-danielson.com

Pauline Marie Houin  Date of Death 7/9/2009

PLYMOUTH — Pauline Marie Houin, 80, died Thursday July 9, 2009 in the Catherine Kasper Life Center. She was best known by her family as “Mom” and homemaker.

Pauline was born in Monterey, the daughter of Peter and Anna Hammes. She graduated from Ancilla High School in Donaldson.

After her marriage to Carl Houin on September 6, 1944, they resided at the family farm located on West 13th Road. He preceded her in death on March 4, 1986 after being married for 41 years.

She was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church in Plymouth where she was involved with the Alter Rose Society, and Harvest House. She also attended St. Mary’s Lake of the Woods in Culver, and the Moose Lodge.

Pauline is survived by seven children James F. (Linda) Houin, Richard J. (Rebecca) Houin, John E. Houin, Ed M. (Linda) Houin, Tim A. (Kristel) Houin all of Plymouth; Diane M. (Randy) Hawley of Bremen; and Elaine K. (Terry) Downing of Jeffersonville, Ind. Several grandchildren and great grandchildren survive as well.

Also surviving are one sister; Delores A. Girton of Winamac along with numerous nieces and nephews. Three sisters; Genevieve Hammes and Margaret Effinger Catherine A. Reutebuch have also preceded in death.

Family and friends will gather at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth on Sunday, July 12th from 2 to 7 p.m. A Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

A celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, July 13 in the St.
Michael Catholic Church, 613 N. Center St., Plymouth with Fr. William Kummer, as the celebrant.

Preferred are memorial gifts to the St. Michael Parish Playground Fund.

Online condolences may be sent to the family through the funeral home’s Web site at www.johnson-danielson.com.

Kya Lynn Bukowski Pittman  Date of Death 7/9/2009

PLYMOUTH — Kya Lynn Bukowski Pittman, was stillborn Thursday, July 9, 2009 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

She is survived by her parents, Amber Pittman and Phillip Bukowski of Plymouth; sisters: Haylee Howard of LaPaz and Jasmine Bukowski of LaPorte; maternal grandparents, Kim and Jeff Johnson of Plymouth and paternal grandparents, Linda and Phillip Bukowski.

A graveside service will take place Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 3 p.m. at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

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

Susan Mae Smith  Date of Death 7/9/2009

BOURBON — Susan Mae Smith, 35, of Bourbon, died Thursday, July 9, 2009 at 7:35 p.m. at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

She is survived by her fiancé, Greg L. Kinsey of Bourbon; children: Kristina Carroll of Etna Green, Christopher and Kirsten Carroll of Bourbon; parents, Frank and Odessa Smith of New York; brothers: Keith Smith, Kenneth Smith and Gary Smith, all of New York; and sister, Nancy Wade of New York.

Visitation is Thursday July 16 from 1 to 3 pm at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos. Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday July 16 at the funeral home.

Pauline I. Hoffman  Date of Death 7/10/2009

PLYMOUTH — Pauline I. "Polly" Hoffman, age 93, of 2009 Felix Place, Plymouth, Ind., passed away at 12:30 p.m. Friday, July 10, 2009 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center in Plymouth.

Pauline was born October 30, 1915, in Plymouth, to K. Clyde and Josephine (Hodges) Bennett. Pauline and Ermid G. "Mud" Hoffman were united in marriage June 24, 1939 in Plymouth. They had been married for 64 years, when Mud passed away April 29, 2003.

Polly was a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood and a life-long member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth. While living in the Gary and Merrillville area, Polly spent many hours as a "pink lady" volunteer at the hospitals. Polly was a loving and caring person. She reached out to others, with love, in many ways.

She lived in her own home until the time of death. She still drove, which was a bone of contention with her family, and still wanted to always “do something” for others.

Polly is survived by her extended family: Elizabeth Schlosser Thomas of Ariz.; Sam and Karen Schlosser of Plymouth; William and Ann Schlosser of Plymouth; Jana Stoltenberg of Indianapolis; Jay V. and Millicent Schlosser Eckhart of Columbus, Ohio; Jacob and Kathleen Schlosser of Columbus; Phillip and Kathy Schlosser of Columbus; Ada Mae and Sid Richardson of Okla.; Curtis and Margaret Holdridge of Okla.; and Laura Galt Snavely of Chicago, Ill. Numerous great-nieces and great-nephews also survive.
Delores "Dee" Mae Irwin  Date of Death 7/11/2009

ARGOS — Delores “Dee” Mae Irwin, 77, of Argos, died Saturday, July 11, 2009 at 8:27 p.m. at Memorial Hospital of South Bend following a lengthy illness. She was born Jan. 17, 1932 in Hammond to Rex E. and Mary I. (Sackville) Fites. On July 1, 1951 at Summit Chapel near Bourbon, she married Gene Irwin, who preceded her in death May 27, 1996.

She had lived in the Argos community since 1951, but lived her entire life in Marshall County area. She retired after 21 years at Citrus Hill Manufacturing, in Plymouth, and worked nearly five years at Weight Watchers in Plymouth.

She was a graduate of Tippecanoe High School with the class of 1950. She was a member of the Argos United Methodist Church and was actively involved with the choir and Spiritual Care Giver. She also was a member of the Saint Joseph Hospital Auxiliary Unit #10, Marshall County Christian Women’s Club, Sounds of Hope, Choir School (Board of Directors) and Marshall County Meal-On-Wheels.

She is survived by her daughter, Colette (Gary) Knott of Zionsville; her son, Curtis Irwin of Etna Green; grandsons: Aaron and Stefan Knott of Zionsville; sister, Mary (Bob) LaTurner and husband Bob of Normal, Ill.; and brother, Donald (Sylvia) Fites and wife Sylvia of Peoria, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Friends may visit with the family Wednesday, July 15 from 3 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos, and one hour prior to the funeral service at the church. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 16 at the Argos United Methodist Church, 540 N. Michigan St., Argos, with Rev. Ken Walker and Rev. Jim Irwin officiating. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Argos United Methodist Church, 540 N. Michigan St., Argos, IN 46501 or Epworth Forest Choir School, PO Box 759, Laporte, IN 46352. Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at: memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com. Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Allen Edward Eastlund  Date of Death 7/12/2009


Born Aug. 10, 1918, in Lucas, S.D., Ed was the son of Allen Hilder and Maude Inez Frevert Eastlund.
He graduated from Argos High School in 1936.

On May 9, 1970, in Nappanee, Ind., Ed and Marietta “Mary” Kaufman were married. Mary died in 2005.

Ed was retired, the former owner of Eastlund-Naylor Insurance agency in Nappanee, and he also managed an apartment complex in Carrollton, Texas. For several years Ed worked at the Marshall County Historical Museum.

He was a devoted member of the First United Church of Christ, and was a Kiwanian in Nappanee. He loved working with his hands and was an expert woodworker. He also loved to cook.

Ed is survived by two sons: Gary (Linda) Eastlund of Leesburg, Ind., and Marvin (Phyllis) Eastlund of Fort Wayne, Ind.; a daughter, Sharon M. Gray of Lafayette, Ind.; two step-daughters: Marcia (Ron) Martin of Plymouth, and Melody A. (Doug) Corey of Argos, also survive.

Several grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren survive as well, together with three sisters: Lillian (Ralph) Plummer of Indianapolis, Dorothy (Don) Robinson of Indianapolis, and Lois Thompson of Pittsburg, Pa.

A step-brother, Eddie (Joan) Waltz and a step-sister, Barbara (James) Rick, both of Rochester also survive.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters and a brother: Olive Rynearson and Gladys Kamp, Eunice Kindig and Charles Eastlund.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 14, 2009, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, and for one hour prior to services in the First United Church of Christ, 321 N. Center St., Plymouth at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2009.

The Rev. Dr. Ron Liechty and Rev. Tom Padberg will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorials in Ed’s memory may be given to the First United Church of Christ.

Sharing memories and sending condolences to the family may be made through the funeral home’s Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com

Deborah Lynn Conklin  Date of Death 7/13/2009

PLYMOUTH — Deborah Lynn Conklin, 49, of Plymouth, died Monday, July 13, 2009 at LaPorte Hospital.

She is survived by a daughter, Amber McMillen of LaPaz; sons: Ricky (Stacy) Dixon of Plymouth, Jason Bannister of Plymouth and Chad Isom of Plymouth; mother, Roberta Isom of Plymouth; father, Donald E. Isom Sr. of Klamath Falls, Ore.; nine grandchildren; sisters: Susan K. Marcum of West Virginia, Angela M. Masterson of Springtown, Texas and Cathy M. Jones of West Virginia; and brothers: Donald E. Isom Jr. of Rochester, Michael J. Isom of West Virginia and Robert E. Isom of Plymouth.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

The Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth, is in charge of the arrangements.
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Carmen M. Nutt  Date of Death 7/13/2009

ROCHESTER — Carmen M. Nutt, 96, of Rochester, died at 2:35 p.m. Monday July 13, 2009 at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Survivors include her brother, Don Wert of Rochester; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday July 16 at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Manitou Training Center, Rochester.

Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester

Mary L. Crago  Date of Death 7/14/2009

BOURBON — Mary L. Crago, 72, a resident of Garden Court, Bourbon, passed away peacefully Tuesday, July 14, 2009 in her sister's home in Plymouth. She had been in failing health.

Mary was born the daughter of William West and Elva Rice West on March 5, 1937 at Wellsville, Ohio.

A resident of the Bourbon area for the past 25 years, she had worked at Biomet Inc. of Warsaw as an accounts receivable clerk. She graduated from Wells High School in Newell, W. Va. And furthered her education at East Liverpool Business College in Ohio. Mary also enjoyed playing the guitar, country music and her family. When she lived in West Virginia, she dispatched for the Hancock County Sheriff Department.

Mary is survived by her children: daughter, Marcy Crago of Wierton, W. Va. And her grandson Justin Crago; and son, Bret (Becky) Vanderham of New Cumberland, W. Va.

Other survivors include her three sisters: Diane Borroff of Plymouth, Elsie (Jim) Palmer and Helen McClintick, all of St. Louis, Mo.; her two brothers: John (Joyce) West of Bourbon and Denver West of Plymouth; along with several nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by her two sisters: Nancy Mosier and Pat Ruffing; and her brother, Kenneth West.

The family will receive friends from 10 a.m. to noon Friday in the Deaton-Clemens Funeral home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon, IN 46504. Funeral services will follow at noon at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

The family requests that memorial contributions in her memory be made to the Center for Hospice & Palliative Care or to the Marshall County Cancer Association.

Condolences may be sent via e-mail to the family at deaton-clemensfh@cyberlinkint.com

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Marietta Bender  Date of Death 7/15/2009

BREMEN — Marietta Bender, 50, of Bremen, died at 11:48 a.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2009 at home.

She is survived by her parents, Floyd S. and Anna Mae Bender of Bremen; sisters: Sharon
(Steve) Yoder of Nappanee, Sara Jean Bender, at home, Barbara (Devon) Miller of Nappanee, Laura Bender, at home and Susan (Atlee) Yutzy of Nappanee; and brothers: Mark (Nancy) Bender of Nappanee, LaVerne (Rosanna) Bender of Bremen and Merle (Vonda) Bender of Nappanee.

Visitation was after 4 p.m. Thursday, July 16 and all day Friday, July 17 at the family residence, 5117 Beech Rd., Bremen. Services are Saturday, July 18 at 9:30 a.m. at the Larry Helmuth resident, 5807 Beech Rd., Bremen. Burial will be at Cedar Road Amish Cemetery.

Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder, Funeral Home, Nappanee, is in charge of the arrangements.

Robert L. Eckert  Date of Death 7/15/2009

SOUTH BEND — Robert L. Eckert, 79, of Brookhurst Place, South Bend, passed away at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend, of natural causes. He was born in Plymouth Feb. 5, 1930 to Elmer and Frances (Knepper) Eckert, who preceded him in death.

On Oct. 4, 1952, he married the former Janet Soultz in Jonesboro, Ind. She survives with three children: Tim (Marie) Eckert of South Bend, Renae (Albert) Freeman of Mishawaka and Kevin (Alice) Eckert of Osceola. Six grandchildren, Claere, Gene, Angela, Ashley, Chris and Megan also survive. Three great-grandchildren, Bryce, Little Gene and Micky, survive with one sister, Anna Marie (Jay) Yarger; and a sister-in-law, Anita Eckert.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Caryl Eckert.

Mr. Eckert was a veteran of the National Guard and also was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene, South Bend.

Funeral services will be held at the First Church of the Nazarene at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 18. Friends will be received from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 17 at Bubb Funeral Chapel, Mishawaka, and also for one hour prior to the services at the church Saturday. Entombment will follow the service at Fairview Cemetery, Mishawaka.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorial contributions be made to the First Church of the Nazarene, 51690 N. Ironwood Drive, South Bend, IN 46635.

Mary Jane Holland  Date of Death 7/15/2009

PLYMOUTH — Mary Jane Holland, 87, 500 Miner St., Plymouth, passed peacefully in the Elkhart Hospice House, surrounded by her children at 2:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2009.

Mary Jane was born in Hibbard, Ind., on Nov. 27, 1921. She was the daughter of Homer Winfield and Edna Emmaline Pero Albert.

She graduated from Culver High School with the class of 1939, and from a beauty college in South Bend shortly thereafter. She worked as a licensed beautician and manicurist for many years and used her skills with her family and friends.

A very talented and independent woman, she lived in the same house for 62 years and drove a car up until the time of her death.

On June 22, 1941, in LaPaz, Mary Jane and Eldon “Dutch” Clyde Holland were married. Eldon, after 58 years of marriage, died on Aug. 22, 1989.

Mary Jane worked at Meck’s during WWII when her husband was in the service of their country.

A homemaker and mother for most of her life, she counted among her interests and activities such things as baking, canning, quilting and bowling in a Plymouth league in the 1950s.
An accomplished seamstress, when her children were growing up, she made all of their clothes, including prom dresses and school clothes. She sewed lap robes and the curtains for their home and baked homemade sweet rolls for her family and their friends.

Mary Jane loved young and old people alike. She cared for them when they were sick and nursed them back to health.

A lifelong member of the Trinity United Methodist Church, she was a faithful worker with Ladies Aid.

Mary Jane is survived by two daughters, a son and a daughter-in-law. They are: Kathy Holland, Highland, Ind., Jan (William) Berger, Valparaiso, Greg (Ann) Holland, Grovertown and Sandra Holland, Plymouth.

Seven grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren, together with a step-brother, Robert Albert, Culver, survive as well.

Mary Jane was preceded in death by her parents, her husband; three sisters: Frieda, Verda and Mildred; and a son, David Lynn Holland; and a grandchild, William David Holland.

Friends are invited to visit with the family from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 18, 2009, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1110 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Mary Jane will follow the visitation at 3 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Tom Padberg, chaplain for the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., will officiate.

Interment will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Mary Jane’s memory may be made to the Elkhart Hospice House, 22579 Old U.S. 20 East, Elkhart, IN 46516.

For those unable to visit with the family, sharing memories and condolences may be sent via: www.johnson-danielson.com

Charlotte D. Williams  Date of Death 7/16/2009

KNOX — Charlotte D. Williams, 62, of Knox, died Thursday, July 16, 2009.

She is survived by her husband, Francis “Perry” Williams; children: Cheryl Selby of Knox, Johnny Strong of Knox, Tammy (Luis) Guito of LaPorte, James (Jessie) Strong of Plymouth, Timothy (Amber) Strong of of Knox; step-children: Jeffrey Williams of Valparaiso, Denise Will of Valparaiso, Karen (Bob) Gregorash of Valparaiso and Christine Campitti of South Bend; a sister, Mildred (Sanford) Suggs of Alabama, and brother, Travis (Alice) Price of Alabama; 19 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Sunday, July 19 from 1 to 6 p.m. at M.C. Smith Funeral Home, 153 E. Washington St. Knox.

Funeral services took place Monday, July 20 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial followed at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Joan (March) Piazza  Date of Death 7/18/2009

NOBLESVILLE — Joan (March) Piazza, 73, Noblesville, passed away Saturday, July 18, 2009 at home. Born May 8, 1936 in Fulton, Missouri, she was the daughter of David and Lois (Riley) March of Fulton, Mo.

She was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Noblesville, where she was an active member. The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League was very dear to her and she served as Christian Growth chairman and also served on Christ’s outreach board.

She graduated from Truman University in 1959 with a BS in Education and in 1965 with a Masters degree in Elementary Education. In 1991 she attended Ball State University in Muncie where she received a Special Education certificate. She taught school in Springfield, Ill., and Plymouth, Muncie, and Gas City, Ind. For seven years, she was a substitute teacher for Special Education with the Noblesville Schools.

Rev. and Mrs. Piazza were blessed with seven sons: Rev. Adrian (Corinne) Piazza, Dr. Brian (Annika) Piazza, Chuck (Melody) Piazza, Doug (Karen) Piazza, Eric, Frederic, and Gary. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren and a brother, Joe (Mary) March of Tatum, N.M.

Services will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 23, 2009 at Christ Lutheran Church in Noblesville, with Rev. Kurt Gremel officiating. Visitation will be at the church beginning at 3 p.m. prior to the service. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery in Hillsboro, Ill. Friday, July 24 at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Dakota Boys Ranch in Minot, N.D.; Worship for Shut-ins broadcast from Ft. Wayne; or the Christ Lutheran Youth Fund, c/o Christ Lutheran Church.

Julie Ann Ruggles-Champion  Date of Death 7/18/2009

WALKERTON — Julie Ann Ruggles-Champion, 54, died Saturday, July 18, in Memorial Hospital, South Bend

She is survived by her husband, Tim Champion; her mother, Patsy Ruggles, of Walkerton; one sister, Mickey (Mike) Fell of South Bend; one brother, Ted (Donna) Ruggles of Gasquet, Calif; two step-daughters, Melisa (Joe) Hensler of Hamlet and Katie Champion of Koontz Lake; two step-grandchildren, Hayden Hensler and Tia Champion; nieces and nephew, and mother-in-law, Peggy Champion, of Mishawaka.

Friends may call Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. EDT at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel and Wednesday one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. (Eastern Time) at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel with Pastor Dennis Wenzel officiating.

Burial will be at the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Donaldson. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society

Ronald Eugene Bennet  Date of Death 7/19/2009

KEWANNA — Ronald Eugene Bennett, 71, of Kewanna, formerly of Hamlet, died Sunday, July 19, 2009 in Elkhart Hospice House.

He is survived by his wife, Normale; one son, Rick Bennett of Grovertown; one daughter, Vickey Kelver of Union Mills; four granddaughters and one sister, Denessa Hamilton of LaPorte.

Visitation till take place Tuesday, July 21, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m. (CDT) and Wednesday one hour prior to the service at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at 1 p.m. at the funeral chapel.
Ronald Eugene Bennett  Date of Death 7/19/2009

KEWANNA — Ronald Eugene Bennett, 71, of Kewanua, formerly of Hamlet, died Sunday, July 19, 2009 in Elkhart Hospice House.

He is survived by his wife, Normale; one son, Rick Bennett of Grovertown; one daughter, Vickey Kelver of Union Mills; four granddaughters and one sister, Denessa Hamilton of LaPorte.

Visitation till take place Tuesday, July 21, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m. (CDT) and Wednesday one hour prior to the service at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, July 22, 2009 at 1 p.m. at the funeral chapel.

Burial will be at the Grovertown Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., 111 Sunnybrook Ct., South Bend, IN 46637-3437

Terry Lee Moriarty  Date of Death 7/19/2009

ARGOS — Terry Lee Moriarty, 67, of Argos, died Sunday, July 19, at 7:30 a.m. at Elkhart Rehabilitation, Elkhart, after a lengthy illness.

He was born July 22, 1941 in Argos, to Clyde and Marjorie Moriarty and lived all his life in the Marshall County area. He was a farmer for many years, and worked for the Indiana State Highway Department.

Terry was a 1959 Argos High School graduate. In high school, Terry held the mile run track record for many years and received several letters and trophies for his activities. He was a member of FFA and 4-H.

Terry was a member of the Congregational Christian Church, now the Argos Bible Church.

He is survived by a brother, James of Argos and a sister, Linda (Leonard) Fuller of Wakarusa. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother John of Argos; and two sisters, Shirley Knezevich and Marilyn Smiley, both of Argos.

Friends may visit with the family Tuesday July 21, 2009 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday July 19, 2009 at the funeral home with the Rev. Phil Platz officiating.

Burial will follow at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at: memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com .

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Russell J. Salyer  Date of Death 7/19/2009

ROCHESTER — Russell J. Salyer, 55, of Rochester, died at 6 a.m. Sunday, July 19, 2009 in North Judson.
Marion Lucille Shafer  Date of Death 7/19/2009


Marion was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and aunt. She will be remembered for her love of family and willingness to help those in need. On June 14, 1934, Marion and Paul Shafer were united in marriage in Pontiac, Michigan. To this union was born Paula (Tom) Wahl of Bancroft, Michigan, Doris Warstler (deceased), Nancy Reed (Frederick) of Maryland and Martha (Richard) Dean of Argos, Indiana. For many years she was a nurse’s aid for the Byron and Durand hospitals, retiring in 1966.

Marion was blessed with 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. She was predeceased by two brothers, two grandsons, husband Paul and daughter Doris.

A celebration of life will be held July 24, 2009 at 2 p.m. at the Bancroft First Congregational Church in Bancroft, Mich. Marion will be laid to rest at Fremont Cemetery in Bancroft, Mich.

The family will receive family and friends at the Earl-Grossman Funeral home on Wednesday, July 22, 2009 from 4 to 7 p.m. 208 N. Michigan Street, Argos.

They also will receive family and friends at the Bancroft First Congregational ChurchFriday, July 24, 2009 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. 217 S. Shiawassee St., Bancroft, Mich.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be given to the Bancroft Congregational Church or World Hope International

M.L. "Doc" Chambers  Date of Death 7/20/2009

MEDARYVILLE, Ind. — M. L. "Doc" Chambers, 71, of Medaryville, formerly of Lake Station, died Monday, July 20, 2009 at 11:50 p.m. in Hobart, Ind.

He is survived by his daughter Sherry Chambers Knight of Medaryville; one sister, Mary Hart of Hobart; and nine grandchildren.

Visitation will take place Monday, July 27 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. (EST) at Nusbaum-Elkin Funeral Home, Walkerton.

Graveside services will take place Tuesday, July 28 at 11 a.m. at Goodway Baptist Church Cemetery at 14065 W. 400 N., Medaryville.

Cynthia Rose Sullivan  Date of Death 7/20/2009
PLYMOUTH — Cynthia Rose Sullivan, 57, of Plymouth, died Monday, July 20, 2009 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center.

She is survived by her fiance, Charles W. Hartle of Plymouth; daughters: Robyn (Jerry) Wheat of Plymouth and Dawn (Mark) Becker of Walkerton; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sisters: Kimberlee (Don) Greer of Culver, Stephanie (David) Roahrig of Plymouth, Candi (Bradford) Long of Plymouth and Michelle (Kris) Tuttle of Syracuse; and brothers: Gary (Ginny) Sullivan of Arizona, Wayne (Viola) Sullivan of Plymouth, Kevin (Deb) Sullivan of Florida, William (Sue) Sullivan of Plymouth, Mitchell (Kimm) Sullivan of Plymouth, Brian Sullivan of Plymouth, Todd (Geri Jo) Sullivan of Plymouth and Jamie (Audra) Sullivan of Plymouth.

Visitation is Friday, July 24 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth. Services are Saturday, July 25 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to Riley Hospital for Children or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

PLYMOUTH – Cynthia Sullivan, 57, of Hawthorn Road, Plymouth died on Monday July 20, 2009 in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend at 10:50 p.m.

She was born Feb. 21, 1952 in Plymouth to Wayne and MaeJune Mitchell Sullivan Sr. She attended Plymouth Schools.

Cynthia was a homemaker and enjoyed steam engine shows, gardening and her flowers. She loved watching nature and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her fiancé, Charles W. Hartle, of Plymouth; two daughters and their children, Robyn (Jerry) Wheat, with children Ashleah, Amber, and Allyson Wheat all of Plymouth; and Dawn (Mark) Becker, with children Andrea and her son Aaron, LeAnn, Devon and Brandon Becker all of Walkerton

Four sisters and eight brothers survive as well they are Kimberlee (Don) Greer, Culver; Stephanie (David) Roahrig, Candi (Bradford) Long both of Plymouth; Michelle (Kris) Tuttle, Syracuse; Gary (Ginny) Sullivan, Arizona; Kevin (Deb) Sullivan, Florida; Wayne (Viola) Sullivan, William (Sue) Sullivan, Mitchell (Kimm) Sullivan, Brian Sullivan, Todd (Geri Jo) Sullivan, and Jamie (Audra) Sullivan all of Plymouth.

She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Cynthia was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Charles.

A time of sharing with Cynthia’s family will be held on Friday July 25, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

A funeral service officiated by Ed Friberg will be held on Saturday July 25, at 11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Burial will follow in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contribution in honor of Cynthia may be sent to Riley Children’s Hospital or St. Jude’s.

The family will receive on line condolences through the funeral home’s Web site at www.johnson-danielson.com.

Edna M. Taber  Date of Death 7/20/2009

CULVER — Edna M Taber, 89, of Culver passed away at 6:04 p.m. July 20, 2009 at home.

Edna was born on Feb 21, 1920 in Rich Grove Township in Pulaski County, Ind. to August and
Johanna (Hoeckelberg) Tetzloff. She was married on July 11, 1945 in North Judson to William W. Taber. He preceded her in death in 1991.

Edna was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver. She gave 32 years of service to the Culver-Union Township Public Library. She loved working crossword puzzles and feeding the birds. She also loved cats.

Edna is survived by her sons: Robert E Taber of Plymouth and James (Cynthia) and William L. Taber of Indianapolis; and two grandchildren: Matthew (Casey) Taber and Jaime Taber, both of Indianapolis.

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

A time of sharing with the family will be held Friday, July 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Wesley United Methodist Church, Culver. Rev. Larry Saunders will officiate services at 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials may be given to Wesley United Methodist Church or to REAL Services in Culver.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.bonineodom.com.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

**Mary M. Grossman  Date of Death 7/21/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Mary M. Grossman, 86, passed away 11:35 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, 2009, at her son's residence in Kokomo.

She was born Jan. 23, 1923, in Bourbon, the daughter of the late Harvey E. and Ethel Irene (Markley) Yarian. She married Therald W. Grossman at the Bourbon Parsonage on April 8, 1948. He preceded her in death on May 26, 1996, after 48 years of marriage.

She graduated from Bourbon High School in 1941. Mary retired in January 1988, as the Financial Secretary from Plymouth Community Schools. She was a 50 year member of the Eastern Star. One of her greatest enjoyments was volunteering. First United Methodist Church, St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, and St. Joseph Health Center were the fortunate recipients of her time beginning in 1997. She received the 2006 Volunteer of the Year by the Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce, was recognized for the most volunteer hours, and in 2008, received an award at the Joey Awards by the Hospital Auxiliary.

When she wasn't volunteering she could be found in the kitchen canning her many fruits and vegetables or fixing a batch of her famous fried chicken, cookies, or one of her many pies.

Surviving are her two children, James and wife Janice Grossman, Kokomo; Susan and husband Lawrence Duell, Lafayette; five grandchildren, Sara and husband Kerry Maggard, Anderson; Travis and wife Beth Duell, West Lafayette; Kristen and husband Chad McDaniel, Frankton; Jenny Duell, Lafayette; Jamie Grossman and fiancé Jason Taylor, Fishers; four great granddaughters, Lauren Maggard, Whitney Duell, Emery Maggard, Mallory Duell; sister, Fern and husband Roger Nifong, Bremen; sister-in-law LaVanch Yarian, Bremen; and 10 nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Willo Motz and Ruth Yarian, and a brother, Earl Yarian.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Saturday, July 25, at First United Methodist Church, 400 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, IN 46563. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until service time at the church. Doctor Dean Fager will be officiating.

Burial will follow at New Oakhill Cemetery.
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to First United Methodist Church or to VNS Hospice, 2800 South Reed Road #2, Kokomo, IN 46902.

Arrangements were entrusted to Ellers Mortuary Webster Street Chapel, Kokomo.

**Orval G. Snodgrass  Date of Death 7/21/2009**

WALKERTON — Orval G. Snodgrass, 69, passed away Tuesday, July 21, 2009 in his home. Mr. Snodgrass was born Feb. 24, 1940 in Indianapolis to Clyde and Ruth (Everhart) Snodgrass and lived in the area all of his life. On July 18, 1969 in Walkerton, he was married to the former Charlene Kay Heil, who survives. Also surviving are one daughter, Dena Martin of Walkerton; one son, Cam Snodgrass of Walkerton; two brothers: James Snodgrass of Plymouth and Russell Snodgrass; one sister, Barbara Wiggins of Clinton; father-in-law, Walter "L" Heil and six grandchildren.

Mr. Snodgrass was a maintenance supervisor at Modern Door Corp. in Walkerton for 16 years, a U.S. Navy veteran from 1957-1963 and a member of the Walkerton American Legion Post #189.

There will be no services or visitation. Cremation will take place.

Memorial contributions in memory of Mr. Snodgrass may be made to The Center for Hospice & Palliative Care, 111 Sunnybrook Ct., South Bend, IN 46637.

Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel, is handling arrangements

**Mary Lou Brown  Date of Death 7/22/2009**

Mary Lou Brown, 81, of Plymouth Miller’s Merry Manor, formerly of Culver, crossed to the loving arms of her Lord and Savior July 22, 2009.

“Lou” was born in Fort Wayne on June 6, 1928. She was the daughter of Hershal and Fern Strang, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by her son, Dave (Karen) Brown of Great Valley, N.Y.; daughters: Deb (Dan) Gross of Leiters Ford, Pat (Larry) Hisey of Rochester, and Sandy Brown (Bob Schilling) of Culver; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lou was a member of the VFW. She occasionally attended Grace United Church of Christ. Some of the jobs she had in her lifetime were working for a plumber, telephone operator, short order cook at “The Shack” and taxi driver.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 25, 2009 at Grace United Church of Christ in Culver.

Memorials may be given to Grace United Church of Christ or REAL services of Culver.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.bonineodom.com.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, assisted in the arrangements.

**Doris Davenport Patterson  Date of Death 7/22/2009**

WALKERTON — Doris Davenport Patterson, 85, died at 7:45 a.m. July 22, 2009 in Walkerton at the home of her son, Hal.

Doris was born at home on the family farm in North Township, Marshall County on Feb. 9, 1924 to Foster Davenport and Ora Halt Davenport.
She graduated from Lapaz High School in 1941 and from Bethel College in 1968.


A devoted wife, a loving mother, and a dedicated elementary school teacher, Doris was also an accomplished and much appreciated cook. She enjoyed the outdoors including fishing at her beloved Horseshoe Lake and hunting mushrooms. Later in life, she enjoyed travel and golfing.

Doris is survived by her brother, Foster (Joy) Davenport and her two sons and daughters-in-law: Hal and Denise Patterson of Walkerton and Sam Patterson and Christine Lac of Northfield, Minn. Seven grandchildren survive: Todd (Julie) Peterson of Remington, Jeff (Eve) Patterson of Waukee, Iowa, Kevin Patterson and Tyler Patterson of Walkerton, Andy (Francine) Patterson of Sterling, Va., April (Brian) Patterson Gallagher of Livermore, Calif. And Parker Patterson of Northfield, Minn. Also surviving are five step-grandchildren: Nicki Wasteney, Heidi Wasteney, Tammy Linback, Nathaniel Lee, and Gabrielle Lee; three great-grandchildren: Ashley and Blake Peterson, and Grace Gallagher; and one step-great-grandson Camden Linback.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Jane; her husband, Kenneth; her brother, Don Davenport; and by her step-sister, Imogene McKesson.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday, July 26, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, July 27 at the funeral home, with visitation one hour before the service. Burial to follow at Morris Cemetery.

The family request in lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care or to The American Cancer Society.

Robert H. Wenino  Date of Death 7/23/2009

PLYMOUTH – Robert H. Wenino, 84, living for the past 34 years at 10107 Carriage Drive, Plymouth, died in Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth, from a cancer related illness, at 12:45 a.m. Thursday, July 23, 2009.

Robert was born on Dec. 30, 1924, in Chicago, Ill. He was the son of Harry E. and Marie E. (Dehner) Wenino. The family resided in Milwaukee and Sheboygan Wis. before moving to Champagne, Ill. and finally Plymouth where he graduated from Lincoln High School with the class of 1943.

During World War II, Robert, a member of the United States Marine Corps., was stationed in China.

On Nov. 6, 1949, in Monticello, Robert and Beverly D. Lintner were married.

He worked in the Bendix Corp.’s production of aviation products for over 44 years.

A true outdoorsman, Robert was an avid hunter and fisherman. He loved gardening and enjoyed auto racing events along with his son Michael, who together attended the Indianapolis 500 for 40 years. The family enjoyed summer trips into the Michigan Upper Peninsula.

He was a member of the Roman Catholic Faith and Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge #741 in Plymouth.

Robert is survived by Beverly, his loving wife of almost 61 years, along with his son, Michael
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Plymouth and two daughters: Ricki (James) McFarlin of Ligonier and Sherry Lynn Moore, Taylorville, N.C.

Four grandchildren survive, together with a brother and sister-in-law, Louis and Betty Wenino, Plymouth, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother and sister-in-law, Richard C. and Bona Wenino.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, 2009, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will follow visitation at 2 p.m. on Tuesday in the funeral home. The Rev. Father William Kummer, pastor of St. Michael’s Catholic Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Robert’s memory may be made to Mooseheart Child City & School, Mooseheart, IL 60539.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via: www.johnson-danielson.com

Edward W. Gamble  Date of Death 7/24/2009

ROCHESTER — Mr. Edward W. Gamble, 95, of 418 West 6th St., Rochester, passed away at 9:10 p.m. Friday, July 24, 2009 at Hickory Creek at Rochester. Edward was born in Allenport, Pa. on July 17, 1914, the son of the late Robert and Lillie Craven Gamble. He had lived in the Rochester community for 70 years, coming from Hammond.

Ed and Orlepha Pontious were married on Nov. 25, 1939, in Hammond, she preceded in 1957. He married Mary Louise Wolf on Aug. 14, 1965, in Rochester, she preceded in 1996.

As one of nine children Edward was a twin to his brother Edwin. He learned solid work ethic early in life and was counted on to work and help his family out with chores. He was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corp and a lifetime member of the UAW and Eagles. As an elder Ed assisted with preaching responsibilities for the reorganized Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints near Hibbard. In 1969 he retired as a machinist from the Bendix Corporation.

Ed was a familiar face enjoying coffee and conversation in the earlier years Maggie’s, then the Evergreen and most recently Tweedle D’s. As an inventor, Ed tinkered in his workshop creating domestic inventions or modifying and fabricating present ones to meet his family’s needs for whatever challenges life presented.

To relax he enjoyed watching television or simply observed the behaviors of his backyard friends the birds and squirrels. Taking a ride through the countryside was also a favorite activity immensely enjoyed by Ed.

Ed is survived by two sons: Fredrick Lee (Linda) Gamble of Pensacola, Fla. and John (Connie) Gamble of Plymouth; two grandchildren: Carl (Terri) Gamble of Brighton, Iowa and Eric (Jeanette) Gamble of Sebring, Fla.; six great-grandchildren: Evan, Ashley, Cody, Tyler, Alexandra, Dakotah; sister, Kathryn (Robert) Houk of New Carlisle; three nieces: Donna Jean (Ronnie) Miller, Colleen Dillard of Rochester and Jane Ann Hall of Plymouth.

He was preceded by his parents; wives; two sons in infancy; and seven brothers and sisters: Edwin C., Elroy, Mary, Lillie, Rene, Betty and Delbert.

A celebration of the life of Ed Gamble will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4 in the Good Family Funeral Home,1200 W. 18th St. Rochester, with Rev. Buck Padilla officiating. Friends may visit
with the family from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Interment will follow the services at the Leiters Ford Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in his name to the American Cancer Society, United Ministries Food Pantry, Rochester or Neighborhood Center, Plymouth.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made at goodfamily@rtcol.com

ROCHESTER — Edward W. Gamble, 95, of Rochester, died at 9:10 p.m. Friday, July 24, 2009 at Hickory Creek at Rochester.

He is survived by two sons: Fredrick Lee (Linda) Gamble of Pensacola, Fla. And John (Connie) Gamble of Plymouth; two grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and sister, Kathrine (Robert) Houk of New Carlisle.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4 in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St. Rochester. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Interment will follow the services at the Leiters Ford Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, United Ministries Food Pantry, Rochester or Neighborhood Center, Plymouth.

David Lee Hand  Date of Death 7/24/2009

PLYMOUTH - David Lee Hand, 73, a resident of Garden Court West in Plymouth, died at 9:25 a.m. July 24, 2009, at St Joseph’s Medical Center in South Bend.

He was born to Willard and Donna Hand in Bremen May 12, 1936.

David graduated from Bremen High School in 1955. He had been an area resident all of his life.

He had worked with his father doing lawn care. A Chicago Cubs fan all his life, he also enjoyed the Chicago Bears and Bulls and Notre Dame teams.

David is survived by a sister and brother-in-law, Diane and Herb Eveland, Plymouth; brothers: Larry and Alice Hand, Copper Center, Alaska, Terry and Carol Hand, Copper Center, Alaska, and Rex Hand, Harrison, Arkansas. He was close to two nephews in Plymouth: Rod and Jackie Eveland, and Derek and Jodi Eveland.

He also is survived by many nieces and nephews in Alaska, Arkansas, and Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Interment will be in the Bremen Cemetery, Bremen.

There will be no visitation. A private family memorial will be held.

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

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via: www.johnson-danielson.com.

Carl Wayne Johnston  Date of Death 7/24/2009

BOURBON — Carl Wayne Johnston, the man who always said “Mom learned me to work and I learned to like it," went to meet the Lord July 24, 2009.

He was looking forward to a glorious reunion with his wife Betty, his son Carl, Jr. and grandson Joey Winkle who preceded him in death. Born Oct. 21, 1917, the first son of Alva and Lilly (Wyman) Johnston, he is survived by a brother Don of Nappanee and was preceded in death by a brother Maynard also of Nappanee.
He was devoted to his family and farming and felt privileged to make his living as a truck driver. He made a significant impact on the many lives he touched including those who called him Pappy; Arthur Winkle of Bourbon, Richard Winkle and Bob Johnston of Indianapolis and Carl Johnston Jr., formerly of Culver, and especially those who lovingly referred to him as Daddy; Sharon Kitchen Repovg and Janet Kitchen Simpson both of Indianapolis, and Sandy Kitchen Knisely of Florida.

He is also survived by 19 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and 30 great-great-grandchildren as well as many friends and wonderful neighbors. He was a member of the Plymouth Moose Lodge, Elks, Bourbon American Legion and the local Teamster Union #364.

When Carl was not driving truck or busy on the farm, he had a passion for “Big Band” music and loved to dance. Although one of his favorite sayings was “Out of a little, take a little, and always leave a little;” out of a little he took a little but blessed us with a “lot” of love, compassion and humor.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 29 at the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St. Bourbon.

A celebration of Carl’s life will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 30 at the funeral home with Pastor Tom Padberg of Hospice officiating.

Burial will be at the Stony Point Cemetery, Etna Green.

The family requests that memorial contributions in his memory be made to Marshall County Hospice and Palliative Care.

Condolences may be sent via e-mail to the family at: deaton-clemensfh@cyberlinkint.com.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

**Kathleen Mason  Date of Death 7/24/2009**

ETNA GREEN
Kathleen Mason, 86, of W. 500 N., Etna Green, Ind. died Friday, July 24 at 9:30 p.m. in Indiana University Medical Center of Indianapolis after a short illness.

She is survived by her two children: daughter, Avis (Richmond) Slone of Etna Green and son, David Iden (Ann) Mason of Indianapolis and three grandchildren.

Visitation will take place Tuesday, July 28 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Etna Green Church of Christ 206 W. Broadway St. Etna Green, Indiana.

Funeral services will take place at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 29 at the church.

Burial will follow at the Etna Green Cemetery, Etna Green, Ind.

Condolences may be sent via e-mail to the family at: deaton-clemensfh@cyberlinkint.com

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

**Harold W. Farver  Date of Death 7/25/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Harold W. Farver, 69, a lifetime area resident, died at 4:27 a.m., Saturday, July 25, 2009 at his residence, after a battle with Lou Gehrig’s disease.

Born in LaPaz, June 2, 1940, Harold was the son of Glenn and Dora Carlson Farver. He
attended LaPaz schools.

On June 13, 1959, in Walkerton, Harold and Judy M. Minnix were married.

He retired from AM General Corp. in 1996.

Harold was well known for his love of sports. He was a die-hard Cubs fan, a Chicago Bears fan and a huge Notre Dame fan.

He also loved to fish, play golf, play pool and watch NASCAR. Harold was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post in Plymouth.

He is survived by Judy, his wife of 50 years, and by their son, Jeff (Lisa) Farver, of Plymouth and their daughter Kim Correll of Nappanee.

Four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive together with two sisters: Betty Kizer of Lakeville and Doris Sliter of Koontz Lake, and several nieces and nephews.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters: Helen M. Lemert and Norma Jean Hoover and three brothers: Robert Farver, Dale Farver and Bill Williams.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, 2009, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1110 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Harold will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, 2009, in the funeral home.

Interment will be in the Bremen Cemetery, Bremen.

Memorial gifts may be made to the A.L.S. foundation.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.johnson-danielson.com.

Ruth Ann Deaton  Date of Death 7/26/2009

MACY — Ruth Ann Deaton, 71, of Macy, died at 10:38 p.m. Sunday, July 26, 2009 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She is survived by her husband, Earl; daughters: Lora Ann (Jim) Chester of Chili and Shari Lynn (Brian) Simonson of Rochester; sons: Charles Kenneth Deaton of Macy and William Earl (Pamela) Deaton of Macy; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; sisters: Ruby (Sid) Mawbly of St. Petersburg, Fla. and Judy DePlant of St. Petersburg, Fla.; brother, Lee Francis of Flint, Mich.; and sister-in-law, Lora Davis of Macy.

Services are Thursday, July 30 at 11 a.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.
Visititation is Wednesday, July 29 from 4 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the funeral home.

Joel Aaron Brugh  Date of Death 7/28/2009

ROCHESTER — Joel Aaron Brugh, 31, of Rochester, died at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 28, 2009 at Dailey Lake in Emigrant, Mont.

He is survived by his parents, Jim and Ronda Hood Brugh of Rochester; brothers: Joshua (Mandie) Brugh of South Bend, Jason (Teena) Brugh of Livingston, Mont. And Jim Brugh of Mishawaka; sister, Audra Brugh of San Diego, Calif.; and grandparents: Doris Hood of Rochester and Joseph and Mildred Brugh of Rochester.

Services are Friday, Aug. 7 at 8 p.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with
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visitation two hours prior.

Memorials may be made to Adopt-A-Seabird, Alaska Sea Life Center, PO Box 1329, Seward, AK 99664-1329.

Jack R. Pittman  Date of Death 7/28/2009

BREMEN — Jack R. Pittman, 58, of Bremen, died Tuesday, July 28, 2009 at his residence.

Survivors include nieces: Staci Hendricks of Bremen and Misti Hendricks of Bremen; nephew, Corky Hendricks of Bremen; aunt, Martha Martin of Bremen; uncle, Stanley Mutti of South Bend; and brother-in-law, Fred Eby of Bremen.

A graveside service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (Indiana Chapter: 7301 Georgetown Road, Suite 112, Indianapolis, IN 46268) or American Cancer Society (P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718)

The Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen is assisting the family with arrangements.

Kristy Jean Kline  Date of Death 7/29/2009

BREMEN — Kristy Jean Kline, 44, of Bremen passed away Wednesday, July 29, 2009 at the Hospice House in Elkhart. She was born March 13, 1965 in Bremen to James and Loretta (Hochstetler) Huff and married Shane A. Kline on May 20, 1989. He survives.

Kristy was a 1983 graduate of Bremen High School, 1987 graduate of Manchester College and worked in sales with Space Management in Mishawaka. She attended Community Gospel Church in Bremen, was active in the Marshall County 4-H and participated in the Holy Walk since it started more than 25 years ago. She was also owner of Kline’s Bison with her husband and enjoyed camping and four-wheeling.

Survivors include her husband, Shane Kline of Bremen; two daughters: Lorinda and Amanda, at home; parents, James and Loretta Huff of Bremen; one sister, Carlene (Tony) Leeper of Bremen; and two brothers: Max (Linda) Huff of Bremen and Rex (Kerry) Huff of Bremen.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1 at the Community Gospel Church in Bremen and will be officiated by Pastor Mike Fanning. Burial will follow at the Bremen Cemetery/ Friends may call from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 31 at the Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation or Center for Hospice or Ryan’s Place.

The Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com

BREMEN — Kristy Jean Kline, 44, of Bremen, died Wednesday, July 29, 2009 at Hospice House in Elkhart

She is survived by her husband, Shane Kline of Bremen; daughters: Lorinda and Amanda at home; parents: James and Loretta Huff of Bremen; sister, Carlene (Tony) Leeper of Bremen; and brothers: Max (Linda) Huff of Bremen and Rex (Kerry) Huff of Bremen

Services are Saturday, Aug. 1 at 11 a.m. at Community Gospel Church in Bremen. Burial will be at Bremen Cemetery. Visitation is from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday, July 31 at Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen.
Rose Marie Simon  Date of Death 7/29/2009

GROVERTOWN — Rose Marie Simon, 65, died Wednesday, July 29, 2009 in Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

Survivors include two daughters: Tammy Kwist of South Bend and Lisa Lindsley of Grovertown; two sons: Troy Kwist of Knox and Charles Lindsley of Grovertown; four grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; nine step-great-grandchildren; mother, June Wesszo of South Bend; three sisters: Bonnie Simon and Susan Simon, both of Walkerton and Carolyn Bunton of Grovertown; two brothers: James Simon of Lawrence, Mich. and Thomas Simon of South Bend and her long-time companion, Randy Daley of Grovertown.

A graveside service will be held Friday, Aug. 7 at noon (Central Time) at Grovertown Cemetery. Cremation will take place.

Memorial contributions may be given to the American Cancer Society.

Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel, is handling the arrangements

Keeley Shay Marie Barnes  Date of Death 7/30/2009

ROCHESTER — Keeley Shay Marie Barnes, 9 months, died at 8:23 p.m. Thursday, July 30, 2009 at Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis.

She is survived by her parents, Lacy Clemons-Anderson and Shaun Barnes; sisters: Haylee Dawn Barnes and Jayda Lynn Barnes; and brother, Cayden Joseph Holloway.

Services are Tuesday, Aug. 4 at 3 p.m. in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, with visitation two hours prior to the service. Burial will be at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

W. Charles "Chuck" Huff  Date of Death 7/30/2009

W. Charles ‘Chuck’ Huff

Our dear son, brother, dad, granddad, and friend passed away on July 30, 2009. Born on Oct. 13, 1942 in Belleville, Ill., he was raised in Bremen.

From a very early age, he wanted to learn to fly, and earned his private pilot’s license as a teenager. He went on to earn his Airline Transport Pilot certificate, and flew for several years as a corporate pilot, at one time flying Lear Jets for Burger Chef. Wanting to pursue his education, he moved to Bloomington and earned his Bachelor’s Degree from IU, and eventually a MBA from Butler. He worked several years in various positions for the City of Indianapolis and State of Indiana. In the 1980s, he returned to his first love — flying. A natural teacher, he was a CFI, CFII, MEI, and Certified Ground Instructor and earned the FAA Gold Seal Flight Instructor status. In 2004, he earned the CSIP credential to allow him to provide high quality transition training and other approved training courses to Cirrus owners and pilots. Chuck instructed many professional people in the art and skill of flying and maintaining their personal airplanes.

In addition to flying, Chuck had a tremendous passion for life and was very active and involved in a number of activities. He was a former state champion in archery and was previously active in the Indianapolis Flycasters Association. He enjoyed reading, running, snow skiing, hiking, hunting, fishing, and playing jazz on his trumpet. He was a member of the National Ski Patrol and patrolled at Ski World in Nashville, Ind., then transferred to Perfect North Slopes in Lawrenceburg. He won several local and regional service awards for his contributions and commitment while a member of both patrols. After becoming involved with ski patrol and always wanting to further his education, he earned an Emergency Medical Technician certificate.
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Chuck is survived by two children: Shayne (Edward Mamenta) Huff of Brookline, Maine and Tony (Miki) Huff of Boise, Idaho; four grandsons: Kenji, Ethan, Seji, and Yuji; mother, Llana Huff of Indianapolis; two brothers: Curtis (Carol) Huff of Fishers and Carter (Sharon) Huff of Brownsburg; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Joyce (Jack) Nelson of South Bend; maternal grandparents Charles and Jenny Hiester of Bremen; and paternal grandparents Welcome and Bernice Huff of Bremen.

Chuck’s loss leaves a tremendous emptiness in the hearts and lives of those who knew and loved him.

Services will take place at Conkle Funeral Home, Speedway Chapel Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009. A calling is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., with a memorial service to follow immediately thereafter.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: PNS Ski Patrol, 19074 Perfect Lane, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025.

Online condolences may be shared at: www.conklefuneralhome.com

Joseph Glendon Voreis  Date of Death 7/30/2009

PLYMOUTH — Joseph Glendon Voreis, 28, of Michigan Rd., Plymouth, died Thursday, July 30, 2009 at 4:36 p.m. at his residence.

He was born Aug. 7, 1980 in Plymouth to William L. Voreis and Rebecca Chamberlin and lived all of his life in the Plymouth and Marshall County area.

He married Andrea Small June 23, 2001 in Plymouth. Joseph was a farmer and a member of St. Michael’s Catholic Church of Plymouth and the (NRA) National Rifle Association.

He was a graduate of the Plymouth High School class of 1999.

He is survived by his wife Andrea of Plymouth; children: Dylan Joseph Voreis and Madison Lynn Voreis of Plymouth; his father, William “Bill” L. Voreis of Argos; his mother, Rebecca (Alan) Collins of Plymouth; a brother, William (Natalie) Voreis Jr. of Argos; two sisters: Jennifer (Troy) Wethe of Phoenix, Ariz. And Angela (Kyle) Reese of Plymouth; grandmothers: Carole Meredith and Carol Sue Collins both of Plymouth and Lillian Kenny of Culver.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents: Orville and Louise Voreis and grandfathers: Jim Chamberlin, Glendon Meredith, F.J. Collins and Henry Kenny.

Friends may visit with the family Monday, Aug. 3, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the St. Michael Catholic Church, 613 N. Walnut St., Plymouth.

A celebration of the Mass of Christian burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009 at St. Michael Catholic Church, Plymouth with the Rev. Father William Kummer officiating.

Burial will take place at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Michael Parish Playground Fund, 613 N. Walnut St., Plymouth.

Electronic condolences my be sent to the family at: memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.
Edith M. Danner  Date of Death 7/31/2009

GROVERTOWN — Edith M. Danner, 79, of Rocky Mount, Va., formerly of Grovertown, died Friday, July 31, 2009 in Virginia.

She is survived by three daughters: Glenda Melton of Grovertown, Wanda Stull of Virginia and Billie Jo Van of Colorado; one son, Tony Danner of Niles, Mich.; two sisters: Mildred Pate and Lorene Lawler, both of Alabama; 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place Tuesday, Aug. 4 from 10 a.m. (Central Time) until the time of services at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Grovertown Cemetery.

Robert James "Jim" Stapan  Date of Death 7/31/2009

PLYMOUTH — Robert James “Jim” Stapan, 76, an area resident most of his life, went to be with his Lord at 11 a.m. Friday, July 31, 2009, in Pilgrim Manor Nursing Center, Plymouth.

The son of Elia and Rosanna Lazar Stapan, Jim was born in Chicago, Ill. on July 28, 1933.

He graduated from West High School in 1952.

On Nov. 15, 1959, Jim and Juanita R. Wallace were married in Culve. They had met at a square dance, and loved to dance.

Jim had worked at Bendix from 1968 to 1988 as a Tool Grinder and Tool Maker. He later sold Insurance for ten years. From 1999 to 2004, he was a greeter at Walmart, a job he truly enjoyed since he was constantly meeting and talking to people.

He had been the Marshall County Veteran's Officer since 2003. Jim was proud to have been in the Marine Corps. during the Korean Conflict. He had served with the 3rd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force in Japan from Nov. 16, 1954 to July 3, 1956. After his first tour of duty, he re-enlisted for two years and was discharged as a Sergeant. As the Veteran's Officer, he was very proud to be able to help his fellow Veterans with whatever problem they had.

An active member of Sunrise Chapel, Jim also was a member of the American Legion, VFW, and the Moose lodge, all of Plymouth.

One of Jim’s favorite past-times, besides being with his children and grandchildren, was eating out. He was also an outdoorsman, and enjoyed fishing and hunting. His latest hobby was making balloon animals for children.

Jim is survived by his wife, Juanita, with whom, he would have celebrated 50 years of marriage in November, two daughters and two grandchildren. His daughters and their children are: Debra and Roger Stockberger and their son, Eric James of Argos and Tami and Rick Schmidt and their daughter, Ella Rose of Mishawaka.

Also surviving are a brother, George and Nina Stapan of Boca Raton, Fla. And two sisters: Elaine Stapan and Mary and Paul Townsend, all of Lafayette.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009 at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, and on Wednesday at the church, one hour prior to the services.

The Plymouth Moose Lodge will have a service at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, in the funeral home.
Funeral services, officiated by Rev. Rustin Krapfl, will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009 at Sunrise Chapel, Plymouth.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, where Military Rites will be provided by The Plymouth American Legion Post 27 and the Plymouth V.F.W. Post 1162.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sunrise Chapel or a Charity of the donor’s choice.

Notes of condolence may be sent to the family via the Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com

**Marvin E. Young  Date of Death 7/31/2009**

BOURBON — Marvin E. Young, 92, of Elm Road, Bourbon, died Friday, July 31 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He is survived by his wife, Eleanor R. (Woodcock); three sons: Kent Ellsworth (Diane) Young of Beaufort, S.C., Dennis Lee (Nina) Young and Rex Alan (Judy) Young, all of Bourbon; nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Visitation will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4 at the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St. Bourbon.

Funeral services will take place at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 5 at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery at Bourbon.

The family requests that memorial contributions in his memory be made to Bourbon Fire Department or Bourbon Emergency Medical Services.

Condolences may be sent to the family via e-mail at: deaton-clemensfh@cyberlinkint.com.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

**J.C. Beck  Date of Death 8/1/2009**

Lifelong Culver resident J.C. Beck, formerly a custodian at the State Exchange Bank, passed away Saturday, Aug. 1 at Miller's Merry Manor in Culver. He was 94 years old.

A softspoken family man with four children, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, J.C. entertained his family by playing guitar and singing old-time country and gospel favorites. A strong role model, J.C. dedicated himself to his family, exemplifying the values of love, honesty, and commitment.

J.C., son of Jacob and Luttie Beck, was born Oct. 17, 1914, in Monterey. During World War II, J.C. served his country stateside, carpooling each day to the Kingsbury Ordinance Plant near LaPorte.

J.C. married Olive Johnson in 1944, and followed his wartime service working at the Studebaker and Bendix plants in South Bend. J.C. joined the staff of the State Exchange Bank of Culver in 1955, working in the maintenance department until his retirement in 1979. He continued working part-time at Maxinkuckee Home Supply of Culver until his 75th birthday in 1989. J.C. was a member of Grace United Church of Christ of Culver and held a number of posts there.

J.C. is survived by his wife, Olive Beck of Culver; son, Robert Thompson of Delong; daughter, Janet Beck Baker of Culver; son Terry Beck (Marcia) of Defiance, Ohio; and son, Tim Beck (Vickie) of Valparaiso. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Don Baker (Janet Halling) of...
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A time of visitation with the family will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009 at the Grace United Church of Christ in Culver. Rev. Robin Keating will officiate the services at 2 p.m. at the church. Interment will follow at Culver Masonic Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the Glaucoma Association of to Grace United Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.bonineodom.com.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Mary A. Berger  Date of Death 8/1/2009

BREMEN — Mary A. Berger, age 89, a resident of Bremen Health Care Facility, formerly of Bourbon, passed away at 11:02 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1 in Bremen Community Hospital.

Mary was born the daughter of and Walter Sponseller and Fredie Scott Jan. 29, 1920 in Plymouth County, Iowa.

She was a resident of the Bourbon area most all her life. She married on her birthday, Jan. 29, 1945 to Paul A. Berger; he died in 1956.

She is survived by her daughter, Carol and husband Carl Butgereit of Bremen; two sons: Michael and wife Linda Berger of Warsaw and Kris and wife Kimberly Berger of Bourbon. She was also blessed with 11 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren and a sister, Betty and husband Ted Carper of Greenville, SC.

She was preceded in death by two granddaughters: Kathy and Lori; a step-son Robert; and two brothers: Wayne and Bobbie.

She was a homemaker; she also worked at Dillingham's Clothing Store and she retired from Orthopedic Equipment Company in 1983. She was a member of the Bourbon First United Methodist Church, formerly a member of the Bourbon Homemaker's Club and Bourbon Progress Club. She had a passion for animals, particularly her dog, "Keisha," her cats and she liked to crochet.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. until the time of services Wednesday, Aug. 5 at the Bourbon First United Methodist Church, 204 W. North St., Bourbon.

A celebration of Mary's life will be held at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the church. Burial will be in the Summit Chapel Cemetery in Bourbon.

The family requests that memorial contributions in her memory be made to Marshall County Hospice and Palliative Care or Marshall County Humane Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family via e-mail at: deaton-clemensfh@cyberlinkint.com.
Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Donnie Miller  Date of Death 8/1/2009

KNOX — Donnie Miller, 57, of Knox, died Saturday, Aug. 1, 2009 at Goshen Hospital.

He is survived by his wife, Barb Miller; son, Adam Pittman of Knox; two daughters: Jennifer Pittman of Plymouth and Rachel Miller of Knox; three brothers: Orban Barnett of Knox, Douglas Miller of Michigan City, and Paul Miller of North Judson; and three sisters: Juanita Fugate of...
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Rochester, Kathy Braasch of Argos and Rhonda Bolen of Woodworth, La.

Visitation will take place Monday, Aug. 3, 2009 at Braman and Son Memorial Chapel, 108 S. Main St., Knox.

Funeral services will take place at Community Gospel Church, Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009 at 1 p.m.

Margaret L. Milsher  Date of Death 8/2/2009

PLYMOUTH — Margaret L. Mishler, 90, of 14659 Lincoln Highway West, Plymouth, passed away Sunday, Aug. 2, 2009, at 3:30 a.m. at her home.

Margaret was born on Dec. 20, 1918, in Plymouth, to Robert and Florence (Copp) White. She married Otis Mishler on April 8, 1942. Otis passed away on Oct. 6, 1957.

Over the years Margaret worked in the accounting office of various businesses, was a clerk at Miller’s Shoe Store, in Plymouth, and worked at the meat counter at Price’s Abattoir, in Plymouth. Her last job was taking care of pre-school children. She was a lifetime member of the Order of Eastern Star in Cambridge City, Indiana.

Margaret is survived by her daughter, Phyllis Forsythe of Plymouth; her son, Bill (Connie) Mishler of Woodstock, Ga.; her sister Florence Heiman of Elkhart; her brothers: Robert White of Plymouth and Don White of Elkhart; 16 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her son, David in 2007; her brothers, Leonard and Howard; and her sisters, Nellie, Marjorie, and Norma.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, in Plymouth, with Pastor Arnold Smith, from Walkerton, officiating. Burial will in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Friends and family are invited to a time of visiting with the Mishler family on Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 West Madison Street, Plymouth, IN 46563.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 112 S. Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563.

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the Mishler family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.

Ned L. Hoover  Date of Death 8/3/2009

ETNA GREEN — Ned L. Hoover, 72, of Etna Green, died Monday, Aug. 3 at 11:25 p.m. at home.

He is survived by his daughter, Marla A. (Hoover) and husband Andrew Jennings of Menton; son, Mark A. (Candy S.) Hoover of Mammoth Spring, Ark.; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and sisters: Dorothy (Ralph) Greene of Elkhart and Anita (Wendell) Sheets of Bourbon.

Visitation is Thursday, Aug. 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, Bourbon. A graveside service will follow at 1:30 p.m. in the Etna Green Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Kosciusko County Home Health Care, 902 Provident Drive, Warsaw, IN 46580
**Rev. Stanley L. Lawrence  Date of Death 8/4/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Former longtime pastor of the Plymouth North Salem Church of God, Rev. Stanley L. “Stan” Lawrence, 81, passed away Aug. 4 at Harrison Medical Center, Port Orchard, Wash.

He was born Dec. 21, 1927 to Elmer and Marjory Lawrence, New Paris, Ohio. He graduated from New Madison High School, New Madison, Ohio and then married Hilda Welker Aug. 25, 1951.

In 1954, Stan graduated from Oregon Bible College in Oregon, Ill. He served as pastor for 37 years to churches in Virginia, Iowa, Minnesota, and Indiana. In 2004, he retired from the ministry and the North Salem Church of God in Plymouth and moved to Port Orchard to be near his son and family.

He is survived by his wife, Hilda; son Bernie (Denise) of Port Orchard; brother, Robert (June) of New Madison, Ohio; granddaughters Sarah and Holly, and step-granddaughters Kelsy and Abby.

Stan loved Bible study, playing dominoes, basketball games, working at Conifer Ridge Apartments — especially on the riding mower - and being taxi driver for his granddaughters.

Memorial services were held Sunday, Aug. 23 at 2:30 p.m. in Port Orchard.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Parkinson Research Foundation, P.O. Box 20256, Sarasota, FLA, 34276 or the charity of your choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family c/o 1721 Fircrest Drive, SE, Apt. #208, Port Orchard, Wash., 98366.

The JOHNSON-DANIELSON FUNERAL HOME is assisting with local arrangements.

**Neva Guernsey Paulding  Date of Death 8/4/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Neva Guernsey Paulding, 98, died Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009 in Pilgrim Manor, Plymouth.

Survivors include two daughters: Anita Smith of Woodland, Calif. And Martha Beaird of Peoria, Ill.; one son, Wilbert Guernsey of Plymouth; 10 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, Aug. 7 at 1 p.m. (Central Time) in Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Burial will be at the Eagle Creek Cemetery. Visitation is Friday from 11 a.m. CDT until the time of services.

**Kathleen L. Tucker  Date of Death 8/4/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Kathleen L. Tucker, 61, died at 7:37 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009 at Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home in Plymouth.

She is survived by her son, William Pace of Plymouth; her daughter, Doris (Toby) Manzer of Plymouth; and her brothers: Terry Greene of Walkerton and Tim Greene of Illinois.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7 at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth. Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7 at the funeral home.

**Katherine S. Wright  Date of Death 8/4/2009**
Services for Katherine S. Wright, 71, of Lake Bruce will be at 12 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009 at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Homes, 304 S. Chicago St., Royal Center.

She passed away at 7:25 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009 at Miller’s Merry Manor in Logansport.

Born on July 20, 1938 in Kewanna, she was the daughter of the late Lovell and Frances (Engle) Hurlburt. On Oct. 6, 1956 she married Robert L. Wright, Sr. and he preceded her in death on Nov. 28, 2005.

She was a member of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church.

Katherine retired from Controls, Inc. in Rochester and had also been a waitress at the Dam Landing in Rochester and the Lion’s Den at Lake Bruce. She enjoyed walking, playing bingo and spending time with her family and friends.

Survivors include daughters, Dianna Johns and husband Troy of Logansport and Pamela K. Becker and husband Kaye of Plymouth, son, Robert L. Wright, Jr. of Logansport, brothers, Chester and Kenneth Wayne, sister, Patricia. She was also survived by four grandchildren: Holly, Ashley, Tiffany and Matthew.

She was also preceded in death by one brother, Blaine.

Pastor Scott Ellison will officiate and burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Lake Bruce.

Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009 at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Homes, Royal Center Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.harrisonmetzger.com

Samuel Ray, II Allen  Date of Death 8/5/2009

SAN PIERRE — Samuel Ray Allen II, 32, died Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009 in Knox.

He is survived by his mother, Brenda McDaniel of Knox; father, R. Samuel Allen I of Star City; stepfather, William Thomas Vires of North Judson; daughter, Mariah Allen of LaPorte; sons: Ceygan S. Allen of San Pierre and A.J. Allen of Texas; and brothers: Ryan Allen of North Judson, Seth Allen of Warsaw, Sandon Allen of Warsaw, Christopher Allen of Texas, Brandon Davidson of Knox, Justin Davidson of Knox, Ryan Fletcher of North Judson and Michael Yoe of Plymouth.

Visitation is Friday, Aug. 7 at 10 a.m. at O’Donnell Funeral Home, North Judson. Services are Friday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Round Lake Cemetery, Knox.

Donald R. Gierke  Date of Death 8/5/2009

LAPORTE — Donald R. Gierke, 62, of LaPorte, died Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009 in LaPorte Hospital.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia Gierke (Bryant); daughters: Amy Herbst of Charlotte, N.C. and Sarah Gierke of Louisville, Ky.; one granddaughter; sisters: Barbara Wiggins of San Diego, Calif., Pat Krassow of Rolling Prairie, Sandra Hudson of Missouri, Darla Clark of LaPorte and Ketra Bolster of LaPorte; brothers: Eugene and David Gierke of LaPorte and Brooks Hill of Michigan City.

A private family service will be held. Cremation has taken place.
Cutler Funeral Home, LaPorte, is handling the arrangements.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

LAPORTE — Donald R. Gierke, 62, of LaPorte, died Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2009 in LaPorte Hospital.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia Gierke (Bryant); daughters: Amy Herbst of Charlotte, N.C. and Sarah Gierke of Louisville, Ky.; one granddaughter; sisters: Barbara Wiggins of San Diego, Calif., Pat Krassow of Rolling Prairie, Sandra Hudson of Missouri, Darla Clark of LaPorte and Ketra Bolster of LaPorte; brothers: Eugene and David Gierke of LaPorte and Brooks Hill of Michigan City.

A private family service will be held. Cremation has taken place.

Cutler Funeral Home, LaPorte, is handling the arrangements.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Richard E. Ketcham  Date of Death 8/6/2009

PLYMOUTH – Richard E. Ketcham, 85, passed away in the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth after becoming suddenly ill at home. Richard has made his home with his wife on the Samuels family homestead located on 11A Road, Plymouth.

He was born the son of Ernest A. and Charity Olive (Freet) Ketcham on Feb. 25, 1924 in Grovertown, and lived most of his life in the Plymouth area.

On Dec. 25, 1942 in Knox, he married Dollie M. Samuels and enjoyed nearly 67 wonderful years together. She survives along with five children and their families; 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. They are; Lon and Nancy Ketcham of Irvine, Calif., Marcia Allen of South Bend, Larry and Julie Ketcham of LaPorte, Della and Chuck Watson of Argos, and Nancy and Keith Hayes of Plymouth.

Three sisters; Dorothy and Glen Johnson of Alaska, Betty Dilts of Plymouth and Helen Ross of Grovertown also survive with numerous in-laws and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son John, two grandsons, five sisters and three brothers.

Richard spent three and half years in the U.S. Army, serving most of this time overseas. He was in five major battles, which earned him a large number of medals. He was a longtime member of the Knox American Legion Post.

A lifetime member of the Eagle Creek Church, he served as song leader, board member and was eager to assist where he was needed. He loved the Lord and served him faithfully.

Friends may call from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009 in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. Services will be held on Monday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, Pastor Ed Hasnerl will officiate. Burial will follow in the Gross Cemetery located on West 12th Road, Plymouth, where members of the American Legion Posts will accord honors.

Memorial gifts may be given in Richard’s memory to the Marshall/Starke Development Center, 1901 Pidco Drive, Plymouth, IN 46563.

Words of condolence may be sent to the family through the funeral home Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com
Bernard E. Wajda  Date of Death 8/6/2009

KNOX — Bernard E. Wajda, 88, of Knox, died Thursday, Aug. 6, 2009.

He is survived by his children: Robert (Mary) Miller of Round Lake Beach, III., Rose (Frank) Nellis of Owensville, Christine (Rick) Baker of Culver and Albert (Joen) Wajda of Knox; sisters: Sophie Lazzara and Violet Collins of Chicago, Ill.; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Monday, Aug. 10 from 4 yo 8 p.m. with rosary at 4:30 p.m. at the M.C. Smith Funeral Home, Knox. Funeral Mass will be Tuesday, Aug. 11 at 10 a.m. at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. Burial will be at Crown Hill Cemetery.

Marjorie F. Martens  Date of Death 8/7/2009

ROCHESTER — Marjorie F. Martens, 86, of Rochester, died at 4 a.m. Friday, Aug. 7, 2009 at home.

She is survived by daughters: Marilee (John) Diener of Wabash and Michelle (Jeff) Winterrowd of Rochester; sons: Murro (Darla) Martens of Argyle, Texas and Mark (Betty) Martens of Rochester; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and brother, Edgar McCracken of Sioux City, Iowa.

A celebration of the life of Marjorie Martens will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11 in the Good Family Funeral Home,1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Burial will be at Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Memorials may be made to the Columbia Elementary Library, Grace United Methodist Church or Hope Hospice of Fulton County.

Herbert L. Metzger  Date of Death 8/7/2009

SEBRING, Fla. — Herbert L. Metzger, 65, died Friday, Aug. 7, 2009, in Sebring, Fla.

He is survived by his daughter, Angel Hickor of Meridian, Idaho; and his sisters: Gail Pontius of Sebring, Fla. And Wilma Eby of Argos.

Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth, handled the local arrangements and Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home & Crematory, in Sebring, Fla. Handled the private family service in Florida.

Memorials may be made to a Hospice of choice.

Elizabeth Cornett  Date of Death 8/8/2009

BREMEN — Elizabeth Cornett, 72, of Bremen died Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009 at Elkhart Hospice and Palliative Care.

Survivors include her husband, Jim Cornett of Bremen; son, Ken (Sue) Cornett of Mishawaka; sisters: Mary G. (Phil) Christman of Zeeland, Mich., Margaret (Richard) Smith of Elkhart and Cathy (Richard) Arnold of South Bend; six grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15 at the First Baptist Church in Bremen. Burial will take place at the Bremen Cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14 at Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, Bremen.
Marvin Harry Schultz  Date of Death 8/8/2009

CULVER — Marvin Harry Schultz, 79, of Culver, died Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009 at home.

He is survived by sons: Terry Schultz of Culver and Mark Schultz of Culver; brother, Norman Schultz of Chicago, Ill.; and two grandchildren.

Visitation is Wednesday, Aug. 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Braman & Son Memorial Chapel, Knox. Services are Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the chapel. Burial will be at Grovertown Cemetery.

Susan B. Blackburn-Stough  Date of Death 8/9/2009

PLYMOUTH — Susan B. Blackburn-Stough, 86, of Maple Road, Plymouth, passed away at 6:20 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009 at Bremen Health Care Center, Bremen. She worked in the Courthouse in Plymouth and then retired in 1988 from Lapaz Grain Company after 18 plus years of service. Susan was born on Jan. 27, 1923 in Decatur, Mich. To the late Archie and Henrietta (VanDenBurg) Webb and has lived in northern Indiana most of her life. On July 5, 1943 she married Wayne Blackburn who preceded her in death on Feb. 2, 1970. Then, on Jan. 17, 1976 she married Ronald Stough who survives.

Also surviving are two daughters: Cheryl (Tom) Campbell of Madison, Ind. And Debbie (Terry) Symon of Rochester; two sons: John (Faye) Blackburn of South Bend and David (Jeanette) Stough Sr. of Plymouth. There are eight grandchildren: Brian Campbell, Troy Blackburn, David Stough, Libby Blackburn, Jennifer Bikneris, Kelly Rector, Ryan Stough and Elizabeth Symon; eight great-grandchildren; and one brother, Richard (Alice) Webb of Mentone.

Two brothers, Frank and Robert Webb, preceded her in death.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009 at Lakeville United Methodist Church, Lakeville. Rev. Larry Dimick and Rev. David Cross will officiate. Burial will follow at Plainview Cemetery in Macy. Friends may visit with the family from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Palmer Funeral Home, Lakeville and one hour prior to services at church.

Susan graduated from Grass Creek High School, Grass Creek, Ind. She was also a Beauty School graduate and worked many years as a beautician. She was a longtime active member at Lakeville United Methodist Church where she was part of the, sewing circle, served on the administrative board and taught Sunday school. She also worked many years on the Election Board in Marshall County and was a member of the Order of Eastern Star #123 in Macy. She especially loved her family and enjoyed spending time with her grand and great grandchildren. Susan and Ronald spent the winters in Homosassa, Fla. For the past 20 years and loved to camp with friends prior to that.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the Lakeville United Methodist Church, 610 N. Michigan St., Lakeville, IN 46536 or Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN 46637.

Online condolences may be e-mailed to www.palmerfuneralhomes.com.

Leola June DeMont  Date of Death 8/9/2009

Leola June DeMont, 79, of 4801 E. Beryl Ave., Paradise Valley, Ariz., and formerly of 309 Indiana Ave., Argos, died Sunday at 12:02 a.m. at Paradise Valley Senior Retreat, Paradise Valley, Ariz.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews; and special friend Jeffery Brown and his daughter, Jacklyn Gentry, Phoenix, Ariz.
PARADISE VALLEY, Ariz. — Leola June DeMont, 79, of Paradise Valley, Ariz., formerly of Argos, died Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009 at 12:02 a.m. at Paradise Valley Senior Retreat, Paradise Valley, Ariz. following a lengthy illness.

She was born June 13, 1930 in rural Marshall County to Clifford and Margaret Fay (Brumbaugh) Robinson. On May 14, 1948 in Argos, she married Norman D. “Porky” DeMont, who preceded her in death Feb. 10, 2000.

June had lived the last 20 years in Arizona, but maintained their home in Argos and returned every summer.

June was a graduate of Tippecanoe High School with the class of 1948. She was a Inventor Controller for McCord’s Corporation in Plymouth.

She is survived by many nieces and nephews; and special life friend Jeffery Brown and his daughter Jacklyn Gentry of Phoenix, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband; and brothers Mahlon and Keith Robinson.

Friends may visit with the family Saturday, Aug. 15 from 12 to 4 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos.

Memorials may be made to the Marshall County Humane Society: PO Box 22, Plymouth, IN 46563.

Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at: memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Marilyn Sue Graverson  Date of Death 8/9/2009

BREMEN — Marilyn Sue Graverson, 70, of Bremen, died Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009 at Bremen Health Care Center.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas “Tom” Graverson of Bremen; mother, Mary Muncie of Brazil; two granddaughters; one great-granddaughter; sisters: Beatrice Head, Deloris Ray, Eunice Morgan, Dixie Rabb and Debbie Muncie, all of Brazil; brothers, Owen Muncie Jr. and Ronald Muncie, both of Brazil; stepdaughters: Cynthia (Steve) McKenzie of Plymouth, Lisa Richards of Bremen and Veronica (Gary) Pearce of Brazil; stepson, Thomas G. Graverson Jr. of Brazil; 11 step grandchildren; and six step great-grandchildren.

Visititation is Wednesday, Aug. 12 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen. Services are Wednesday at noon at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Marshall County or the donor's choice.

Henry “Hank” Verhaeghe  Date of Death 8/9/2009

BREMEN — Henry “Hank” Verhaeghe, 90, of Bremen, died at 5:15 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009 at home.

He is survived by his wife, Bertha of Bremen; sons: Michael (Lynn) Verhaeghe of Bremen, Larry (Lori) Verhaeghe of Bremen and Richard Verhaeghe of Tyner; daughter-in-law, Linda Verhaeghe of Plymouth; 10 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Visititation is Wednesday, Aug. 12 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen.
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Services are Thursday, Aug. 13 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Center for Hospice & Palliative Care.

Glenn R. Baughman  Date of Death 8/10/2009

TYNER — Glenn R. Baughman, 80, of Tyner, died Monday, Aug. 10, 2009 at Pilgrim Manor, Plymouth.

He is survived by his sister, Betty (Eldon) Metcalf of Plymouth; brother, Gene (Pauline) Baughman of Plymouth; and sister-in-law, Pat Baughman of Walkerton.

Visitation is Thursday, Aug. 13 from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth. Services are Thursday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Tyner Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Parkinson’s Foundation or the Marshall County Cancer Association.

Harold J. Sellers  Date of Death 8/10/2009

MONTEREY — Harold J. Sellers, 94, of Monterey, died at 8:45 a.m. Monday, Aug. 10, 2009 at Miller’s Merry Manor, Culver.

He is survived by son, Randy Sellers of Monterey; daughters: Carol Sue Ely of Monterey, Phyllis (Vern) Whiting of Monterey and Barbara Hall of Homedale, Idaho; brothers: Paul (Arlene) Sellers of Knox and Jim (Nancy) Sellers of Knox; sister, Glenda Salzer of Knox; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Thursday, Aug. 13 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver. Services are Friday, Aug. 14 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at St. Anne’s Cemetery, Monterey.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or Pulaski County Memorial Hospice

Harold J. Sellers, 94, of Monterey, died Monday at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver.

Survivors include one son, Randy Sellers, Monterey; three daughters, Carol Sue Ely, Monterey, Phyllis Whiting, Monterey, and Barbara Hall, Homedale, Idaho; two brothers, Paul Sellers and Jim Sellers, both of Knox; and one sister, Glenda Salzer, Knox.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver. Visitation will be Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Neil G. Germann  Date of Death 8/11/2009

BREMEN — Neil G. Germann, 47, of Bremen, died at 9:04 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009 at Memorial Hospital of South Bend.

He is survived by his wife, Angela Germann of Bremen; parents, Walter and Georgia Germann of Wyatt; daughters: Erin (Eric Goorhouse) Germann of Bremen and Kari Germann of Bremen; brother, Eric Germann of Great Falls, Mont.; and one grandson.

Visitation is Sunday, Aug. 16 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen. Services are Monday, Aug. 17 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the family.
Beatrice Griffith  Date of Death 8/11/2009

KNOX — Beatrice Griffith, 64, of Knox, died Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009.

She is survived by her mother, Rosie Pugh of Knox; sons: Larry Shepherd of Knox and Brian (Becky) Shepherd of Knox; daughter, Mary Sue Shepherd of Knox; brothers: David (Eunice) Griffith of Winamac, Maynard (Dorothy) Griffith of Knox, Daniel (Joann) Griffith of Hamlet, Darrell (Dawn) Griffith of Knox, Doug (Leota Fay) Griffith of Knox, Clarence (Hope) Griffith Jr. of Knox, Roger (Charlotte) Griffith of Knox and Bobby (Iva) Griffith of Knox; sisters: Betty (Jim) Craft of Knox and Wanda (Sterling) Patrick of Knox; and one grandchild.

Visitation is Friday, Aug. 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Braman & Son Memorial Chapel, Knox. Services are Friday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery.

John W. Chadwick  Date of Death 8/12/2009

CULVER — John W. Chadwick, 86, of Culver, died at 6:45 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He is survived by cousins and nephews in England.

There will be no visitation. Services will be Saturday, Aug. 15 at 11 a.m. at Culver Academies Memorial Chapel. Burial will be at Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of the arrangements.

Mary E. Guise  Date of Death 8/12/2009

CULVER — Mary E. Guise, 91, of Culver, died Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009 at 10:50 p.m. at Miller’s Merry Manor, Culver.

She is survived by son, Stephen Guise of Culver and daughter, Mary Jane Guise of Logansport.

Visitation is Monday, Aug. 17 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver. Services are Monday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Bruce Lake Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Wesley United Methodist Choir or UMW or to the Bruce Lake Cemetery Association.

Jerold "Jerry" Siebert  Date of Death 8/12/2009

ELKHART — Jerold “Jerry” Siebert, 60, of Elkhart, died Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009 at home.

He is survived by brothers: Jim (Joan) Siebert of Wakarusa and Dennis (Diane) Siebert of Three Rivers, Mich.; and sister, Vicki (James) Siebert of Canton, Ohio.

There will be no visitation or services. Cremation will take place.

Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Wakarusa, is in charge of the arrangements.

Steven Lee Beatty  Date of Death 8/13/2009

ROCHESTER — Steven Lee Beatty, 54, of Park Road, Rochester, died Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009 at 11:47 a.m. At Woodlawn Hospital.

He is survived by two sons: Derek Lee Beatty and Ryan Daniel Beatty, both of Rochester; two
brothers: Dennis Guyer and Gary Beatty, both of Rochester; parents, Loren Lee and Flossie Louise Eash Beatty of Rochester; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Visitation will take place Tuesday, Aug. 18 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 West 18th St., Rochester.

Funeral services will take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Akron Cemetery.

Wanda Smith  Date of Death 8/13/2009

ROCHESTER — Wanda Smith, 71, of Rochester, died at 8:22 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

She is survived by husband, Lloyd Smith; daughters: Robin Lee Simmons of Pleasant, S.C. and Julie (John) Baker of Portland, Ore.; son, Michael D. (Lorie) Smith of Pensacola, Fla.; sister, Susie of Los Angeles, Calif.; and brother, Charles Farber of Woodland Hills, Calif.

Visitation is Friday, Aug. 14 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, and Saturday, Aug. 15 one hour prior to the service in the church. Services are Saturday, Aug. 15 at 10 a.m. at First Church of God, Rochester. Burial will be at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Margaret Pauline Wakeland  Date of Death 8/13/2009

PLYMOUTH - Margaret Pauline Wakeland was healed perfectly and went to join her Lord in Heaven Thursday evening Aug. 13.

She was born Feb. 7, 1914 in rural Carroll County Indiana. Her parents were Alex and Nettie (Shuey) Nicoll. They both preceded her in death.

She was married to W. Mearl Wakeland Sept. 14, 1931. Mearl passed away Dec. 21, 1974. She was also preceded in death by an infant daughter, Muriel Etta.

Margaret was a long time Plymouth resident and a member of the Plymouth Church of the Brethren. She was retired from Hart, Shaftner & Marx in Rochester.

She is survived by her children: Doris Swank of Naples, Fla.; Robert (Karen) Wakeland of Columbia City; Gary (Peggy) Wakeland of Naples Fla.; Judy Smith; and Jay (Pam) Wakeland of Plymouth.

Also surviving are her beloved grandchildren: Michael Wakeland, Teri (Robert) Mace, Michelle DeGulis, Tim (Allison) Wakeland, Scott Smith, Kira (Mike) Sturgis, Tami (Paul) Flanders, Andrew Smith, Ted (Kathleen) Wakeland, Mindi (Steve) Kincade, Holly Lyttle, Josh (Dana) Wakeland, Keli (Chad) Hankee and Jared Wakeland; her brother Alfred Nicoll of Arizona; sisters: Vivian Roller of Peru, Ind. and Eva Foote of Iowa; half-brother Don Nicoll of Lucerne, Ind. and 19 great-grandchildren.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17, 2009 at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, and on Tuesday, one hour before services at the church.

Funeral services, officiated by Pastor Ruth Yoder, will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009 at the Plymouth Church of the Brethren, 1130 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Per her wishes, Margaret will be cremated and her ashes scattered across the waters of her beloved Sebec Lake in Maine.

Memorial gifts in Margaret's memory may be made to the American Heart Association or to the Plymouth Church of the Brethren’s Ladies Aide.
Martha N. Cleavenger  Date of Death 8/14/2009

CULVER — Martha N. Cleavenger, 87, of Plymouth, formerly of Culver, died Friday, Aug. 14 at 6:50 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

She is survived by her children: James (Nancy) Turner of Columbus, Ohio and Sally (Bob) Shriner of Mishawaka and three grandchildren.

Visitation will take place Tuesday, Aug. 18 from 1 to 2 p.m. (EDT) at Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, 104 E. Lakeshore Drive, Culver.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given in Martha's memory to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care or to Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

Monica Lynn (Leggitt) Cox  Date of Death 8/14/2009

PLYMOUTH — Monica Lynn (Leggitt) Cox, 45, of Plymouth, died at 10:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, 2009 at home.

She is survived by her husband, Robert D. "Bob" Cox of Plymouth; son, Robert D. Cox Jr. of Plymouth; parents, Raymond and Jane Leggitt of Gary; and brother, Christopher Leggitt of Gary.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28 at Kuiper Funeral Home, Highland. Cremation will take place at Elkhart Cremation Services.

Memorials may be made to the family at 1994 9th Rd., Plymouth.

Anita L. Yeager  Date of Death 8/14/2009

STREATOR, Ill. — Anita L. Yeager, 69, of Streator, Ill. passed away Friday, Aug. 14, 2009 at St. Mary's Hospital, Streator, Ill. She was born Jan. 8, 1940 in Streator, Ill. to Floyd and Dorothy (Holt) Yeager.

She retired from Owens Illinois Glass. She was a member of the Streator American Legion. She attended Wilson Grade School and Woodland High School.

Surviving is a sister, Margaret (Albert) Enders of Plymouth; five nieces; seven nephews; and 27 great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Scott Allen Yeager in infancy; parents; stepfather, Frank Shriver; sister, Patricia Branton; brother, Robert Yeager; and half brother, Dennis Shriver.

Visitation is Saturday, Aug. 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Winterrowd Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Saturday, Aug. 22 at 4 p.m. at the funeral home. Cremation rites will be accorded following services, with burial in Oakhill Cemetery in Plymouth, at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to The American Cancer Society.

Esther B. Boswell  Date of Death 8/16/2009

CULVER — Esther B. Boswell, 97, of Culver passed away at 4:15 p.m. Aug 16, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor in Culver.
Esther was one of three children born to Harley and Zula (Bush) Black. She was a graduate of Roann High School. She later fell in love and married Hampton Boswell on Dec. 31, 1932.

Esther and Hampton raised their five children in Culver, and were very active members of the community. Esther sang in the church choir, taught Sunday School, worked as a diligent member of WSCS, and participated in their adult Sunday School class. She was a member of Culver City Club and Tri Kappa, served on the Union Township Library Board, and was an officer and member of the local PTA at various times when her children were in school. Her children remember that she never missed one of their ballgames, band concerts, school programs, or any event in which they participated as they were growing up. She also was an enthusiastic Chicago Cubs fan right up to the end.

Esther loved doing needlework, knitting, quilting, or sewing. She always had some kind of needle in her hand, and her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren have all been lucky recipients of her beautiful handcrafted items. Unfortunately, for the past 15 years, she experienced the effects of severe Macular Degeneration, but she was an example of courage and determination as she adapted to her inability to see. In the past three years, in spite of her blindness, she had knitted dozens of scarves as gifts and contributions to local charities.

For the past 13 years until July of this year, Esther had resided in Independent Living at the Sanctuary at St. Paul’s in South Bend where she had many friends. Before moving to St. Paul’s she and Hampton had enjoyed 20 years of happy retirement in North Fort Myers, Fla. They enjoyed golf, bridge, making new friends, working in the Methodist church, and especially family visits during their retirement.

Esther is survived by her daughters: Carolyn (Robert) Kline of Culver and Susan (Ric) Sears of Alexandria, Va.; sons: Thomas (Cheryl) Boswell of Kiawah Island, S.C. And James (Linda) Boswell of Culver; 14 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; and daughter-in-law, Ruth Boswell of Gun Barrel City, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Hampton; son, Robert Boswell; sister, Dorothy Harvey; and brother, Devere Black.

She will be remembered by all those who knew and loved her for the wonderful home she created for her family, her wise counsel, sense of humor, and her basic strength of character. We will miss her.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, 2009 at the Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver with a time of sharing memories with Esther’s family one hour before the service. Rev. Larry Saunders will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to The Sanctuary St. Paul's in South Bend or to the Wesley United Methodist Church in Culver.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.bonineodom.com.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.
Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20 at the Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen. Burial will follow at the Bremen Cemetery. Visitation is from 11 a.m. until time of service Thursday at the funeral home.

William A. Wilcockson  Date of Death 8/17/2009

PLYMOUTH — William A. Wilcockson, 84, died of natural causes in Miller’s Merry Manor, at 12:15 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17, 2009.

Born in Gary on Sept. 2, 1924, Bill was the son of William Awood and Agnes Beatrice Miller Wilcockson.

Bill graduated from Winamac High School with the class of 1942.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy on April 28, 1942 and served as a 2nd Class gunner’s mate in World War II.

Bill graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in architectural engineering.

On April 21, 1951, in St. Ann’s Catholic Church in Monterey, Bill and Alberta M. Master were married. Bill is survived by two daughters and two sons. They are Elizabeth “Betty” Wilcockson, and Rebecca Wilcockson, both of Plymouth and Richard (Jane) Wilcockson, Delton, Mich. and James (Meg) Wilcockson, Plymouth.

A self-employed architect, he was the only one in town for many years. Among his designs were numerous churches, the Marshall County jail, several Garden Courts, the pool in the park and numerous homes both in Plymouth, South Bend and Florida.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the American Rifleman’s Association, Plymouth Moose Lodge, and the Lion’s Club.

On Feb. 14, 1989 in Florida he married Karen Rhodes. He is survived by four stepchildren. They are David and Jason Weeks and Kerri Meeks and Robin Ferguson, all of Tennessee.

Six granddaughters, one grandson and five great-grandsons, along with two great granddaughters three step granddaughters and two step grandsons also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Bill will follow visiting with the family at 12 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Charles Krieg will officiate.

Burial will be in McKinley Gardens in Winamac.

Memorial gifts in Bill’s memory may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care or the Diabetes foundation.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via: www.johnson-danielson.com

Jacob M. Berger  Date of Death 8/18/2009

BOURBON — Jacob M. Berger, 14, of Bourbon, died Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.
He is survived by his parents, Tim Berger and Molly Emkow Berger of Bourbon; sister, Megan Berger at home; brother, Robby Emkow at home; grandparents: Lynn and Robert Durkin of McCordsville, James Emkow of Angola, Diane and Tom Wagoner of Bourbon and Michael and Linda Berger of Warsaw; and great-grandparents: Naomi Strabbing of New Haven and Norma Church of Bourbon.

Visitation is Thursday, Aug. 20 from 2 to 9 p.m. at the Bourbon Bible Church and for one hour before services Friday. Services are Friday, Aug. 21 at 1:30 p.m. at the church. Burial will be at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bourbon.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Jacob Berger Memorial Fund.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, Bourbon, is in charge of the arrangements.

John L. Burgess  Date of Death 8/18/2009

PLYMOUTH – With enduring strength John L. Burgess, 64 fought a three year battle with cancer. In the early morning hours of Tuesday, Aug. 18 he found peace with his family by his side. His passing came at his home for the past 37 years – the Hatfield family homestead located at 8398 9B Road Plymouth.

John was born in Lake Village, Arkansas on November 20, 1944, the son of Louis H. and Martha S. (Abernathy) Burgess. Louis passed away prior to his birth and from an early age was raised by his mother and step-father Timothy J. Burgess. Martha resides today in Plymouth.

He was a graduate of Bremen High School with the class of 1962. That following January he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served his country in the Vietnam War as the rank of Sergeant E-5 until January of 1967.

In Plymouth Dec. 7, 1968 he took as his bride the former Eileen M. Hatfield who survives with their two daughters and families. They are: Lynne M. (Eric) Kallstrand of Naperville, Ill and children Nathan, Jack and Gretchen and Susan R. Smith of Plymouth and children; Sophia, Kathryn and Olivia.

Also surviving are two brothers and two sisters; Bill J. (Paula) Burgess, Robert B. (Brenda) Burgess, Linda G. (Gene) Piper all of Plymouth and Beverly (Ed) Kakowski of Palm Coast, Florida along with many special nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and step-father.

Providing for and enjoying family was foremost in John’s life. He dearly loved his six grandchildren and they him. He used his skills as an expert bricklayer for the past 40 years in the restoration of the family home, where he also spent time tinkering with his machinery. While in the building trades he was a member of the Indiana/Kentucky Bricklayers Union No.4. John took pride in working on several projects on the campus of Notre Dame and locally the Marshall Co. annex building.

He enjoyed deer hunting and watching football.

His family will receive friends on Thursday, Aug. 20, 2009 from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth. Services will be held in the funeral home Friday, Aug. 21 at 11 a.m.

Burial will follow in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth where military honors will be accorded by members of the Plymouth American Legion Post 27, D.A.V. and Veterans of Foreign Wars - Marshall Co. Post 1162.

Memorial gifts may be given in John’s memory to the Center For Hospice and Palliative Care,
Randal Lee Garrett  Date of Death 8/18/2009

BRISTOL — Randal Lee Garrett, 56, of Bristol, died as a result of an accidental house fire Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009.

He is survived by his daughter, Patricia (Scott) Babcock of Bristol; a grandson; and a sister, Vicki Shepard of Middlebury.

Visitation will take place from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26 at Grace Lutheran Church, 831 West Marion St., Elkhart.

Funeral services will take place at 4 p.m. at the church.

Chapel Hill Funeral Home, 10776 McKinley Highway, Osceola is handling arrangements.

BRISTOL — Michelle Lee Garrett, 20, of Bristol, died as a result of an accidental house fire Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009.

She is survived by her sister, Patricia (Scott) Babcock of Bristol; her grandmother, Rosa Carter of Plymouth; one nephew; and many aunts and uncles.

Visitation will take place from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26 at Grace Lutheran Church, 831 West Marion St., Elkhart.

Funeral services will take place at 4 p.m. at the church.

Chapel Hill Funeral Home, 10776 McKinley Highway, Osceola is handling arrangements.

BRISTOL — Agnes Elaine Garrett, 55, of Bristol, died as a result of an accidental house fire Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009.

She is survived by her daughter, Patricia (Scott) Babcock of Bristol; a grandson; mother, Rosa Carter of Plymouth; seven sisters: Linda (Kirby) Miller of Nappanee, Carolyn “Liz” (Mark) O’diorne of Mt. Vernon, Ind., Rosemary (Jeff) Schmucker of Warsaw, Lisa Skinner of Phoenix, Ariz., Nancy (Ronnie) Linville, of Nappanee, Ruth (Barry) Curtis of South Bend, and Rebecca (Tony) Stiles of Plymouth; and four brothers, Nathan Charles (Ginger) Carter of Elkhart, William Paul (Lynda) Carter of Atoka, Ind., John Carter of Columbia City and Sam (Keri) Carter of Avilla, Ind.

Visitation will take place from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26 at Grace Lutheran Church, 831 West Marion St., Elkhart.

Funeral services will take place at 4 p.m. at the church.

Chapel Hill Funeral Home, 10776 McKinley Highway, Osceola is handling arrangements.

Jacob Alan Unruh  Date of Death 8/18/2009

ARGOS — Jacob Alan Unruh, 28, of Argos, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2009 in his home with his family at his side.

Jacob was born the son of John Unruh and Janice Bowyer Unruh Feb. 28, 1981 in Winamac.

He is survived by his parents of Argos; his paternal grandmother, Alene Unruh of South Bend; two sisters: Kendra (Phillip) King and their children: Owen, Anthony and Hannah, all of Bourbon
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and Krys Holem of Florida; and two brothers: Josh Unruh of Argos and Wally (Lotus) Holem and
children Wally and Louanna, all of South Bend.

He was a 1999 graduate of Triton High School and had worked at Wausau Homes of Etna
Green. He loved his motorcycles, nice cars and his family.

A celebration of Jacob’s life will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20 in the Deaton-Clemens Funeral
Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday
in the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Bethel Cemetery, Bourbon.

You may send condolences via e-mail to the family at deaton-clemensfh@cyberlinkint.com
Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Marjorie E. Ferrier  Date of Death 8/19/2009

PLYMOUTH — Marjorie E. Ferrier, 96, of 635 Oakhill Ave., Plymouth, passed away at 8:30 a.m.

Marjorie was born July 25, 1913 in Culver to Elza and Helga (Joehansen) Hawkins. Marjorie and
Charles Ferrier were married on March 15, 1936. Marjorie had been employed by the Culver
Citizen. She retired from McGill’s, in Culver, as a secretary in 1981.

Marjorie is survived by her daughter, Tina and James Hopple of Plymouth, her grandsons, Craig
and Hillary Hopple of Plymouth and their children Hanna, Hayden and Halle Hopple, Chad and
Marcella Hopple of Plymouth and their children Emily and Calvin Hopple, and her
granddaughter, Yvonne and Chad Watkins of Plymouth and their daughter Regan Watkins.

Services for Marjorie will be held Friday, Aug. 21 at 1 p.m. at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL
HOME, with the Rev. Denise Anderson officiating. Burial will be in the Culver Masonic Cemetery.

A time of visiting with Marjorie’s family will be Friday, Aug. 21 from NOON until time of service at
1 p.m., at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, IN 46563.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the donor’s choice.

Friends and family are invited to sign the guest book and share memories of Marjorie with her
family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

Charles R. May  Date of Death 8/19/2009

PLYMOUTH — Charles R. "Charlie" May, 77, 3906 Springbrook, South Bend, died of a cancer-
related illness in Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2009 following
a 15 year battle. Charlie and his wife have wintered in North Ft. Myers since 1983 and spend
time in the summer at Jellystone Park, Plymouth.

Charlie’s motto in life was " pay it forward."

Born in Mishawaka on July 29, 1932, Charlie was the son of Charles W. and Ruth Irene
(Eastburn) May.

He graduated from Mishawaka High School with the class of 1954, serving in the Army with the
Presidential Honor Guard in the 1950s.

On Dec. 16, 1961, in South Bend, Charlie and Marlene S. Franklin were married.

Charlie worked at Uniroyal for 17 years and then as a shift superintendent for Torrington from
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1968 until his retirement in 1982.

Marlene and Charlie also worked the Shipshewana Flea Market for 20 years.

He enjoyed canoeing, back packing, camping, traveling and all outdoor sports. He appreciated guns and was a good auto mechanic.

He was great with dogs and loved his generations of Sheltie’s.

He was a Democrat Vice-Precinct Committeeman for St. Joseph County and was a member of a men’s bowling league. He attended the Bayshore Chapel in North Ft. Myers, the Jellystone Chapel and the Plymouth Baptist Church in Plymouth.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Marlene and their seven children, 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. They are Jill (Gary) Morris of Goshen, IN and their children: Kari and Leah; Bob (Donna) May of South Bend and daughters Abby and Erica; Laurel (Mark) Phares of Osceola, IN and children Amber, Elisa and Matthew; Mark (Lori) May of Mishawaka and daughter Lacey; Owen "Butch" Morgan, South Bend; Pam (Ray) Sheppard of Argos and children Mac and Dee; Tom (Rosie) Morgan of Plymouth and children, B.J., David and Michael.

A brother and two sisters and a sister-in-law also survive. They are David (Betty) May, Osceola; Phyllis Pfelly, Mishawaka and Peggy Caporne, South Bend. His sister-in-law is Sandra Weiss of Plymouth.

Charlie was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Timothy May.

A memorial service will be held in the Plymouth Baptist Church, 11345 9A Road Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2009, at 1 p.m. Charles Green, pastor of the Jellystone Chapel will officiate. A fellowship meal will follow the service in the church.

The Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, is assisting with the arrangements.

Memorial gifts in Charlie’s memory may be made to the Hope Rescue Mission of South Bend, the Marshall County Humane Society or the North Central Indiana Food Bank.

Notes of condolence and sharing of memories may be sent to the family via: www.johnson-danielson.com

Kevin Rush  Date of Death 8/19/2009

ROCHESTER — Kevin Rush, 50, of E. C.R. 900 N., Twelve Mile, Ind., died Wednesday, Aug. 19 at 7:45 p.m. at his home after a sudden illness.

He is survived by his mother, Elsie Rush of Rochester; and two sisters: Carla (Dennis) Ringler of Ocklawaha, Fla. And Lucinda (Roy) Rudd of Rochester.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25 at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester.

Funeral services will take place at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Ralph Robert Ringer  Date of Death 8/20/2009

PLYMOUTH — Ralph Robert Ringer, 85, of 12655 Nataka Trail, died at 2:45 a.m. Thursday, Aug 20, 2009.
Ralph was born on Jan. 18, 1924 on a farm south of Plymouth to Russel H. and Clara B. Milner Ringer.

He first attended Oakdale School, a one-room school house and later, Inwood for his 7th and eighth years. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1942 and attended Purdue University for one year.

As a teenager, Ralph enjoyed the opportunity to be a 4-H-er.

Ralph started to farm in 1945 and moved on the Henry Lawrence farm in the spring of 1946.

The year before, at a Marshall County Rural Youth Club party, in a string game, he was tied at the wrist of Rose A. Wojcik.

Eleven months later, on Feb. 14, 1946, Ralph and Rose were married.

They were in the dairy business for 20 years, and continued to farm until his retirement.

After his retirement Ralph and Rose traveled extensively, Ralph was proud to say that he traveled to all 50 states.

Ralph served on the Plymouth Community School Board that purchased the land and initiated the construction of the Plymouth High School. For 10 years he was also a member of the Marshall County R.E.M.C. Board of Directors.

He was on the Board of Directors of the Marshall County Farm Bureau Membership Co-Op, the Marshall County Plan Commission and the Marshall County Board of Zoning Appeals.

Ralph was a member and served on various boards over the 50 plus years he and his family attended the Trinity United Methodist Church.

Active in the Democratic Party, he was also a longtime Lions Club member and a strong supporter of the eyeglass program.

Ralph is survived by his wife, Rose, and three sons and two daughters. They are: Delores M. Ringer of Lawrence, Kan., Michael A. (Rox Ann) Ringer of Coldwater, Mich., Daniel L. (Janice) Ringer of Bremen, Larry W. (Cindy) Ringer of Lee’s Summit, Mo. And Carol A. (James) Renna of Wallingford, Conn.

Seven grandchildren survive as well. They are:Tony Ringer, Dustin Ringer, Ashley Ringer, Jason Ringer, Jack Renna, Ben Renna and Olivia Renna.

Ralph is preceded in death by his parents, a son, Leon C. Ringer who died in an automobile accident in 1967, a brother, Kenneth Ringer, and a brother-in-law, Edward Wojcik.

Friends are invited to share memories with Ralph’s family Saturday, Aug. 22, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Ralph will be at 2 pm Sunday, Aug.23, with calling one hour prior to services at the Trinity United Methodist Church, 425 S. Michigan St., Plymouth. The Reverends Kerry O’Brien and Paul Nye will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made in Ralph’s name to the Plymouth Lions Club or the Church Memorial Fund or The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

Notes of condolence may be sent to the family through the funeral home’s Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com
Valera E. Shelly  Date of Death 8/20/2009

REDDICK, Ill. — Valera E. Shelly, 81, of Reddick, died Thursday, Aug. 20 at ManorCare Health Services.

She is survived by three daughters: Judy (Don) Harness of Plymouth, Dawn (Brian) Pritchard of Reddick, Ill. and Denise (Doug) Anderson of Lakeville; a son, Henry (Janet) Shelly of Bonfield, Ill.; eight grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren; a brother, Marvin (Mary) Marth of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two sisters: Wilma Scaro of Trenton, Ga. and Pat (Bud) Kenner of Paxton, Ill.; and one sister-in-law, Wanda Marth of Sherman, Ill.

Visitation was from 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, until the 3 p.m. funeral service at Reddick United Methodist Church.

Burial was at Round Grove Cemetery, Reddick. Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth, handled local arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Reddick United Methodist Church.

Albert “Abe” Kahn  Date of Death 8/21/2009

PLYMOUTH — Albert “Abe” Kahn, 83, died of natural causes at Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth, at 4:10 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, 2009.

Abe, a resident at 905 E. Berkley, had been a patient in the nursing facility for the past two weeks. Abe was born Dec. 15, 1925, in Michigan City.

He was the son of Edward C. and Elsie M. (Kirkham) Kahn. He served in the United States Marine Corp in the South Pacific and Japanese theaters of war during World War II.

On March 15, 1949, in Plymouth, Abe and Betty L. Bixel were married. Betty died June 12, 2001.

Abe worked with his brother for 29 years at Tom Kahn Sewer Service. He later worked with the Michigan City Street Department and retired in 1991 prior to his move to Plymouth.

A woodworker and sports fan, he supported the Chicago Bears, the Chicago Cubs and I.U. basketball. He loved to camp and fish and spent pleasurable times at Jellystone Park.

For the past 11 years, he had wintered in the Sarasota and Sebring, Fla. Area. He was a former member of the Michigan City Moose Lodge and had attended St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in Michigan City.

Abe is survived by a daughter, two sons and six grandchildren.

His daughter is Judy K. (Jim) Meece and their children, William and Joseph Meese and Angelia Moody, Plymouth. His sons are Jack L. Kahn and his children: Joshua, Cory, Kari Kahn, and Jeffrey A. Kahn, all of Michigan City.

A brother, Robert D. (Nancy) Kahn and a sister, Betty Lou Sales, both of Michigan City and several nieces and nephews survive as well.

Abe was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, four brothers and three sisters. They are: Merle, Wallace, Tom and Roland Kahn. His sisters are: Mary Ann Werdin, Dorothy Ciuewicz and Phyllis Nicolson.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. EST Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2009, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.
Funeral services for Abe will be held Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2009 at 1 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. John Parkinson, pastor of the Shiloh Wesleyan Church, Plymouth will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery with full military honors by members of the Marshall County VFW Post 1162 and the Plymouth American Legion Post 27.

Memorial gifts in Abe’s memory may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross. Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via: www.johnson-danielson.com.

**Evelyn Lucille Kiel  Date of Death 8/21/2009**

BREMEN — Evelyn Lucille Kiel, 66, of Bremen, died Friday, Aug. 21, 2009 at 3:05 p.m. at Elkhart Hospice House.

She is survived by her husband, Curtis W. Kiel of Bremen; daughter, Violet (Dean) Lucas of Bremen; son, Richard E. Kiel Sr. of Bremen; two grandsons; seven great-grandchildren; sister, Dorothy Pope of Plymouth; and brother, Richard “Butch” Early of Bremen.

A graveside service will be held at a later date in the Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to The Center for Hospice & Palliative Care.

Elkhart Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements.

**Shirley R. Burke  Date of Death 8/22/2009**

MC KEEES ROCKS, Penn. — Shirley R. Burke, 85, died Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009. Shirley was born in Indianapolis, Feb. 25, 1924 to Clay W. and Ruth Shaw Sparks. Shirley was a 1948 graduate of the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing and was an instructor in several area nursing institutions. She authored five books on the human anatomy.

Shirley’s commitment as an alumni was to ensure the future of nursing through the establishment of the $2 million Shirley Tashiro Burke Endowment in Education and Research. This selfless gift has assisted the college in maintaining its place as one of the world’s premier colleges of nursing in the provision of innovative, active learning and responsiveness to national mandates to transform nursing education and to change the healthcare landscape.

She was the widow of Dr. Tashiro and of Edward Burke M.D.

She is survived by her sister-in-law Betty G. Sparks; nieces: Sue Schepman and Patti Jo Sparks; nephews: Michael and John Sparks all of Brownstown, Ind.; several loving cousins and a dear friend Eleanor McAndrews and her extended family.

She was preceded in death by her husbands; her parents; step-mother Louise Neal Sparks and brother, Dale K. Sparks.

Services and interment are private.

Memorial contributions may be donated to the Shirley Tashiro Burke Endowment on Education and Research, Attn: Andrea R. Lindell, Dean, University of Cincinnati College of Nursing, P.O. Box 210038, 416 Procter Hall, 3110 Vine St., Cincinnati, OH, 45221-0038.

Arrangements entrusted to the Anthony M. Musmanno Funeral Home, Mc Kees Rocks, Penn.

**Walter L. Maybee  Date of Death 8/22/2009**
PLYMOUTH — Walter L. Maybee, 81, 5704 Michigan Rd., Plymouth, died of natural causes in Memorial Hospital, South Bend, Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009, at 11 p.m.

Walter was born on Oct. 7, 1927, in Soldiers Grove, Wis. He was the son of Roy Maybee and Florence Hutchcroft.

Walter attended Soldiers Grove schools in Wisconsin.

He served in the United States Navy during World War II, from 1944 to 1946.


Walter was a Teamster truck driver from A.B.F. For 30-plus years and was awarded honors for driving over 2 million miles without an accident.

He was a member of the Moose Lodge, the VFW Post 1162, and the American Legion Post 27. He attended the Blissville Church of the Brethren.

Walter is survived by a daughter and three sons. His daughter is Valerie Hoefert, Pine Mountain, Ga. His sons are: Gary (Vicki) Maybee, Lonnie Maybee and Kim (Debbie) Maybee, all of Plymouth.

Grandchildren surviving are: Gary and Vicki’s children: Tammy (James) Radican: Jan (Mary Lee) Gustafson and Beth (Tom) Kollars.

Valerie’s children are: Tina Harness and Jeremy (Christy) Harness.

Mary Rodriguez, his lifetime companion, also survives, together with three sisters: Imogene Turban, Fairyville, Wis.: Alice Turban and Pauline Skrade, all of Soldiers Grove, Wis.

Walter is survived by Mary’s children, Mary Jane Conlreras, Wanda Farrar, Bill Russell, Larry (Carol) Rodriguez and Richard (Brenda) Rodriguez.

He is also survived by numerous great-grandchildren.

Walter was preceded in death by his wife, Betty, a son, Robert and two sisters, Shirley and Beverly.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2009, from 4 to 8 p. m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

The funeral for Walter, conducted by the Rev. Wilson Shabaz of the will be held in the funeral home at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009.

Full military graveside honors will be accorded to Walter by the VFW Post 1162 and the Plymouth American Legion Post 27 at the Tyner Cemetery, Tyner.

Memorials in Walter’s memory may be given to the Marshall County Cancer Association or the American Lung Association.

Friends may send condolences or share memories through the funeral home’s Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com

Memorials may be made to the Marshall County Cancer Association or The American Lung Association.
Virginia Olds  Date of Death 8/22/2009

HAMLET — Virginia Olds, 86, died Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009 in Our Lady of Peace Hospital, South Bend.

Survivors include daughter, Brenda Secord of Hamlet; son, Lowell Olds of Jessievile, Ark., nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 2 p.m. (CDT) at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Burial will be at the Fletcher Cemetery, Hamlet. Visitation is Wednesday from 10 a.m. CDT until the time of services at the funeral home.

Alta I. West  Date of Death 8/22/2009

MONTEREY — Alta I. West, 60, of Monterey, died at 11:20 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

There will be no services. Cremation will take place. Lakeview Funeral Home and Crematory, La Porte is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family c/o Lakeview Funeral Home and Crematory, 247 W Johnson Rd., La Porte, IN 46350.

Virginia P. Burger  Date of Death 8/23/2009

ARGOS — Virginia P. Burger, 81, of Argos, died Sunday, Aug. 23, 2009, at 3:20 p.m. at home.

She is survived by a daughter, Virginia (Art) Moore of Dallas, Ga.; sons: James R. (Judith) Burger and John R. (Karen) Burger, all of Plymouth; four grandchildren; and brother, Carl (Betty) Burger in Yukon, Okla. By her husband.

Family services will be held at the Peaceful Meadows Cemetery in Dallas, Ga.

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

Memorial gifts may be made to the Marshall County Humane Society.

Mary A. Miller  Date of Death 8/23/2009

ETNA GREEN — Mary A. Miller, 90, of Etna Green, died at 6:56 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, 2009 at the LuAnn Nursing Home, Etna Green.

She is survived by sons: Earl J. (Jodie) Miller of Columbus, Ohio and Ray W. (Judy) Miller of Nappanee and three granddaughters.

Visitation is Friday, Aug. 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee. Services are Saturday, Aug. 29 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Leesburg Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Mt. Tabor Church of God or the donor's choice.

Jerry L. Shaffer  Date of Death 8/23/2009

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Jerry L. Shaffer, 51, of Kansas City, Mo., passed away unexpectedly Sunday, Aug. 23, 2009 at St. Lukes Northland Hospital. Jerry was born on March 2, 1958 in Rochester, the son of Dee and Aletha (Sanders) Shaffer. He was preceded in death by his father.
He was a graduate of Argos High School in Argos, and of Purdue University. Jerry was employed as a Senior Business Analyst at E-Software Professionals, based out of Portland, Ore. He was united in marriage to Sharon (Wallace) in 1977. He was an active member in Boy Scouts of America. Jerry took pleasure in volunteering and working at Harvesters for many years

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Sharon of the home; son, Chris M. Shaffer and wife, Elizabeth of Kansas City, Mo.; daughter, Amanda S. Mykins and husband, Terry of Overland Park, Kan.; mother, Aletha Shaffer of South Bend; and brother, Dave Shaffer of Osceola.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009 at the Meyers Funeral Chapel Northland, 401 Main St. Parkville, MO 64152 with Rev. Pat Tobin officiating. A visitation will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos. Burial will follow the visitation at the Richland Center Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Harvesters, 3801 Topping Ave., Kansas City, MO 64129-1744. A live Web cast is available for those unable to attend the service.

Condolences may be shared with the family online at www.meyersfuneralchapel.com.

Larry L. Hall  Date of Death 8/24/2009

BOURBON — Larry L. Hall, 65, of Bourbon, died Monday, Aug. 24 at home.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley; daughter, Krista (Harold) Sutton of Leiters Ford; son, David (Pia) Hall of Carry, N.C.; stepchildren: Sherry (Roy) Swineheart of Mottville, Mich., William (Sylvia) Emanuel of Elkhart and Brad (Tori) Blosser of Middlebury; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; his mother, Evelyn Hall of Bourbon; and sisters: Jerilyn (Richard) Anders, Barb(Steve) Roberts, all of Bourbon and Karen (Billy) Dillie of Adrian, Mich.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 27 in the Nappanee Missionary Church. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, Bourbon, and for one hour before services in the church Thursday. Burial will be in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery at Bourbon. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

Laurie Ann Marks-Zieber  Date of Death 8/24/2009

BREMEN – Laurie Ann Marks-Zieber, 40, of Bremen, died Monday, Aug. 24, 2009 at 7:55 a.m. at home.

She is survived by her mother, Marsha L. (Shaffer) Marks of Rochester; her husband, James K. “Jim” Zieber; and five children. They are; Brittany J. Zieber, Richard D. Zieber, Dakota J. Zieber, Ronnie W. Zieber and Johnny R. Zieber, all of Bremen.

A sister, Shannon J. (Kevin) Nelson, Rochester; two brothers: Rodney L. Marks and companion Kathy Willard and Anthoni C. Marks and companion Cherilann Johnson of Plymouth; and mother-in-law, Peg Zieber of Lawrenceburg survive as well.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 28 at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. Visitation is from 10 a.m. until the time of the services at 11 a.m. Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth. Memorial gifts may be made to her family.

Jack B. Spencer  Date of Death 8/24/2009


He is survived by his wife, Madge Spencer; sister, Joan Heaton of Tipton; daughter, Barbara (Paul) Patterson of Hebron; son, John Spencer of Dandridge, Tenn.; five granddaughters; and
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three great-granddaughters.

Graveside memorial services will be held Sept. 12, at noon in St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park, Granger.

Memorial contributions maybe made to the Parkinson National Parkinson Foundation.

Marjorie R. Crabbill Zeller  Date of Death 8/25/2009

ROCHESTER — Marjorie R. Crabbill Zeller, 89, of Rochester, died Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2009 at Life Care Center of Rochester.


Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 28 in the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Interment at Rochester IOOF Cemetery Rochester.

Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church and Hope Hospice of Fulton County.

Mrs. Marjorie R. Crabbill Zeller, 89, of 1304 Wabash Ave., Rochester, passed away Tuesday at Life Care Center of Rochester.

Marjorie was born in Fulton County on Feb. 1, 1920, the daughter of the late Virgil LeRoy and Edith Mae Wood Garner.


She was a homemaker and assisted many people with housekeeping. Marjorie had also been employed at the County Home and the Geneva Center, both of Rochester. She was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church, where she sang in the choir and assisted with many other projects. She enjoyed reading and making latch hook pictures. Her collection of cardinals filled almost every shelf in her home.

Marjorie is survived by five daughters, Carole Hupf and husband Ray, Henderson, Nev., Sharon Harried and husband Doug, Trenton, Ill., Judy Lewis and husband Jerry, Rochester, Nancy Bowman and husband Ed, Fort Wayne, and Joyce Skinner and husband Chuck, Lynn Haven, Fla.; daughter-in-law Esther Crabill, Fort Wayne; sister Doris Craigo, Middlebury; one brother, Charles Garner and wife Priscilla, Syracuse; 16 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren. Numerous nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands; a son, Donald Crabill, in 1999; and two brothers, Paul Garner and Gerald Garner.

A celebration of the life of Marjorie Crabbill Zeller will be at 10 a.m. Friday in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester, with the Rev. Will Lawson officiating. Friends may visit with the family from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Interment will be at Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church and Hope Hospice of Fulton County. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.
Betty Sue Hatfield  Date of Death 8/26/2009

ROCHESTER — Betty Sue Hatfield, 64, of Rochester, died at 8:38 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2009 at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

She is survived by her husband Lloyd Hatfield of Rochester and two brothers.

Private family graveside services were held at Citizens Cemetery, Rochester.

Good Family Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

George L. Cook  Date of Death 8/28/2009

CARENCO, La. — George L. Cook, 78, of Carencro, La., formerly of Etna Green, died Friday, Aug. 28, 2009. He is survived by his wife Ola Mae, of Carencro; five children: Lorraine Amerikanos of Leesburg, Samuel Cook of Tracy, Calif., Andrew (Patricia) Cook of Etna Green, Amy (Marlin) Heinlein of Plymouth, and Janet (Rich)Walls of Warsaw; 23 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and three siblings: Betty Lane of Turrell, Ark., Joy Chalk of South Haven, Miss., and Jerry Cook of West Memphis, Ark.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3 at the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St. Bourbon.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 4 at the Etna Green United Methodist Church.

Burial will follow at the Etna Green Cemetery, Etna Green.

Richard Cox  Date of Death 8/28/2009

BREMEN — Richard Cox, 93, of Bremen, died Friday, Aug. 28, 2009.

He is survived by a granddaughter and friends.

Visitation will take place Tuesday, Sept. 1, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, in the Bremen Cemetery Chapel.

Burial will follow. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul’s Lutheran School, 605 S. Center St., Bremen, IN 46506.

Mildred A. Smith  Date of Death 8/28/2009

VESPER, Wis. — Mildred A. Smith, 69, Vesper, Wisc., died Friday, Aug. 28, 2009 at House of the Dove, Marshfield. Mildred was born in Dexterville, Wisc. March 31, 1940 to Archie and Dorothy (Mallory) Topping. She moved to Plymouth and married her former husband Malcolm Young.

Mildred moved to Wisconsin Rapids where she married James Smith June 19, 1995. He preceded her in death May 5, 2000. Mildred was a seamstress for Hart, Shaffner and Marx, Rochester, for 20 years. She was a member of the Church of Latter Day Saints for 25 years and a member of the Warsaw Womens Moose Lodge, the Plymouth Eagles Ladies Auxiliary and the Wisconsin American Legion Auxiliary. Mildred enjoyed crafting, playing bingo and dancing.

She is survived by one daughter, Heather (Robert) Sasaoka of Seattle, Wash.; two sons: Rod (Teri) Young of Elkhart and Mark Young of Vesper; two grandchildren: Nathan and Jessica
Mildred M. Fritter  Date of Death 8/29/2009

PLYMOUTH — Mildred M. Fritter, 92, of Parkview Street, Plymouth, passed away Saturday, Aug. 29, 2009, at 11:15 a.m., at the Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth.

She was born Aug. 20, 1917, in May, Ind., to Lowell and Pearl (Warrick) Bowles. John E. Fritter and Mildred Bowles were united in marriage Nov. 17, 1937, in South Bend. John passed away Oct. 24, 1985.

Mildred was a wife, homemaker, and mother. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, and drawing. She had been a member of the Women of the Moose, Lodge #1355.

Mildred is survived by her daughters: Peggy Amor of Plymouth, Virginia Hummel of Greenwood and Sue (John) Drews of Plymouth; sons: Leland Fritter of Argos and William Fritter of Plymouth; 21 grandchildren; 36 greatgrandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; her brother, Ivan Bowles of Rushville, Ind.; and sister, Jane Ashton of Florida.

Mildred was preceded in death by her husband, John; her daughter, Donna Jacobs; her sons: John Fritter (as an infant) and Harold Fritter. Also preceding her in death were six brothers and sisters.

A time of meeting with the family will be Tuesday, Sept. 1, from 4 to 7 p.m., at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, IN 46563.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. Dr. E. Dean Fager officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth. Family and friends are invited to sign the guest book and share memories with the Fritter family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.

Lois J. Hawley  Date of Death 8/29/2009

BREMEN — Lois J. Hawley, age 86, of 4881 Hawthorne Road, Bremen, passed away at 2:05 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 29, 2009, at the home of her daughter.


Lois is survived by her children: Noel (Phyllis) Hawley of Plymouth, Rebecca (Russell) Young of Plymouth, Randall (Diane) Hawley of Bremen, and Peggy (Gary) Radford of Stuarts Draft, Va.; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; her brother, Lloyd (Loretta) Heiser of South Bend; her sisters: Leota Hamilton of South Carolina and Grace (Paul) Bartholomew of North Carolina; and her sister-in-law, Eva Jerome of Florida.

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

A time of visiting with the Hawley family, will be Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Madison St. Plymouth, IN, 46563.

Funeral services for Lois will be held Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009, at 10 a.m. at the VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME with Pastor Matt Elliott officiating. Burial will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Friends are invited to sign the guest book and share memories of Lois with her family at
Sr. Sharon Schaefer Schaefer Date of Death 8/29/2009

DONALDSON – Sr. Sharon Schaefer, PHJC, 92, a resident of the Catherine Kasper Life Center in the community of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, passed into the hands of her Savior at 1:00 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, 2009.

She was born the daughter of Leon N. and Amelia F. (Bushard) Schaefer on Aug. 12, 1917 in Nicollet, Minn. Where she was raised along with seven brothers and four sisters.

She would enter the convent on Dec. 8 — the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in 1942 and professed her vows June 25, 1945.

Sr. Sharon received an M.S. Degree in Nursing that served her ministry in life as being a Nurse — Clinical Instructor and Director of General Education Training. After retiring to Donaldson, Sr. Sharon served as a sacristan.

Surviving is one brother; Fr. Roman T. Schaefer of Donaldson, one sister; Aurelia Boettger, New Ulm, Minn and many nieces and nephews.

Friends and family will call from 4:30 to 9 p.m. EDT in the Catherine Kasper Home Chapel today, Aug. 31.

The Mass of Christian Burial will held in the Chapel with Celebrants: Fr. Michael Winkowski, Fr. Jerry Schweitzer and Fr. Edward Konnerman SJ.

Burial will follow in the Mt. Carmel Cemetery on the grounds of Ancilla Domini, Donaldson.

George De Witte Date of Death 8/30/2009

Plymouth — George De Witte, 70, passed away Sunday, Aug. 30 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

George was born Sept. 9, 1938 in Mishawaka to George and Maude (Van De Putte) De Witte. He was preceded in death by his parents, a cousin Margaret Muck and an aunt, Elizabeth DeMeester.

Surviving George are his cousins: Richard (Theresa) Van Nevel of Mishawaka, Barbara Norkett of Chicago, Ill.; several other cousins and an uncle, Wilber Van De Putte of Mishawaka.

George was well loved by his many friends from Pathfinder Home in Plymouth where he lived. He never met anyone who was a stranger; he made friends with everyone he met. George loved his "sweets" especially those from the West End Bakery. He loved trucks, big trucks; mostly fire trucks, the lights, the colors and the sirens. George was just an all around good guy who has touched the lives of many and will be missed by all.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009 at 4 p.m. at Hahn Funeral Home, 505 W. 8th St., Mishawaka with visitation one hour prior to the services. Rev. Jeffery Largent of St. Monica's Catholic Church will officiate. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery, Mishawaka.

A memorial will be held Wednesday, Sept. 2 at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Plymouth.

In lieu of flowers, George’s wishes were that contributions be made to Pathfinder Home, P.O. Box 431, Plymouth, IN 46563.

To leave the family an online condolence or to share memories with the family, please visit the www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

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George’s parting words were always, “GOD BLESS YOU!”

Marie Orangias  Date of Death 8/30/2009

CULVER — Marie Orangias, 84, of Culver, died Sunday, Aug. 30, 2009 at her home.


Funeral services will take place Wednesday, Sept. 2 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Cullver, at 2 p.m.

Burial will follow at Maxinkuckee IOOF Cemetery, Culver.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver is in charge of arrangements.

Katherine “Katie” Yazel  Date of Death 8/30/2009

PLYMOUTH—Katherine “Katie” Yazel, 23, of Plymouth, died at 10:41 p.m., due to a pedestrian accident on Lincoln Highway West, Aug. 30, 2009.

Born July 17, 1986, in Mesquite, Texas, Katie was the daughter of Audrey Petty – Landry.

A 2005 honors graduate of Argos High School, Katie was brilliant in every pursuit: She thrived as a graphic designer who accepted and conquered any challenge with ease. Music of all kinds was a great comfort to Katie, but she never forgot the music of her roots: Country and Western.

Her compassion and nonjudgmental personality was especially evident as she cared for those people with special needs, specifically with Downs Syndrome.

Katie loved all people, but her strongest devotion was for her brother, Bryan Atkinson. She is survived not only by Bryan, but also by her mother, Audrey Landry, both of Lake Jackson, Texas.

While she took great comfort in kayaking and the ocean during the summer months, Katie enjoyed every season. Her spirit will be missed greatly during Indiana winters as it was during this time that she enjoyed the snow: She could be found shoveling out drive ways free of charge and making snow angels at every opportunity.

Katie loved all things Spiritual: She constantly invited people to strengthen, contemplate, and encourage their faith. Her greatest blessings were given to those whom she chose as members of her surviving extended family, Chris, Pat, Hannah, Parker and Hope Miller and Bob, Bev and Lizziey Brown.

Friends are invited to share memories of Katie’s life at 9 a.m. Monday, Sept., 14, 2009, at Crossroads Evangelical Free Church, 1650 North Oak Road, Plymouth.

Funeral services for Katie will follow visitation.

Memorial gifts in Katie’s honor may be made to Crossroad’s Evangelical Free Church Special Needs Fund.

Friends wishing to share memories and offer condolences may send messages to the family via...
Ruth Ann Borkholder  Date of Death 8/31/2009

SARASOTA, Fla. — Ruth Ann Burkholder, 57, of Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Bremen, died Monday, Aug. 31, 2009 at 8 a.m. at her residence.

She is survived by her sons: Tracy Miller of Albuquerque, N.M. and Daryl Miller of Redding, Pa.; daughters: Crystal Miller of Sarasota, Fla. And Sheila Miller of Nappanee; brothers: Ward Burkholder of Bremen and Carl Burkholder of Bellefontaine, Ohio; and sisters: Sylvia Chupp of Spencer, Wis., Linda Menzie of Nappanee and Fern Miller of Bellefontaine, Ohio.

Visitation will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3 at Berea Christian Fellowship Church, Nappanee.

Funeral services will take place Friday, Sept. 4 at 10 a.m. at the church.

Burial will follow at the Berea Christian Fellowship Cemetery, Nappanee.

Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home assisted with local arrangements.

Ruth W. Clindaniel  Date of Death 8/31/2009


She is survived by sisters, Grace Kohler and Shirley Glass, both of Venice and nieces and nephews: Donna Stinson of Lebanon, Tenn., and Doris (Neil) Cripe, Jim (Aileen) Clindaniel, Millard (Valena) Clauss, all of Bremen; Roger (Loudell) Clauss of South Bend and Joyce (Jesse) Landers of Fishers.

Visitation will take place one hour prior to services Tuesday, Sept. 8 at Bremen Cemetery Chapel. Funeral services will take place Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the chapel. Memorials may be made to the Humane Society or Hospice. Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen, was entrusted with arrangements.

Agnes B. Fortin  Date of Death 8/31/2009


Agnes was born the daughter of William J. and Nora B. (Allen) Doody, in Whiting, Ind. She graduated from Whiting High School in 1930, and attended Business College in East Chicago.

Agnes and Levern C. Fortin were married in Whiting June 26, 1935. Levern died April 23, 2004.

A homemaker, Agnes lived in Whiting for 59 years and in Clearwater, Fla. For 29 years. They moved to Plymouth in 2000.

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

She loved her family and social entertaining of guests in her home. She enjoyed bingo, playing cards and penny gambling along with a good Chicago Cubs game. Agnes and her husband camped throughout the United States in a travel trailer.

She is survived by five sons: Edwin (Joan) Fortin of North Las Vegas, Nev.; William (Marilyn) Fortin of Plymouth; Charles Fortin, Hampstead, Md.; Timothy (Mary Ann) Fortin of Merton, Wis.; and Thomas (Debbie) Fortin of Hendersonville, N.C.
Eleven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, also survive together as well as a sister, Helen Higgins of Placentia, Calif.

Agnes was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Levern Fortin; and by three brothers and five sisters. The brothers are: William, Robert and Msgr. Timothy Doody. Her sisters are Sister Marie Annette Doody, Margaret Dolly Farrell, Mary Horvath, Nora Kammer and Annette Doody.

A memorial funeral mass will be held Friday, Sept. 25 at 11 a.m. at St. Michael Roman Catholic Church, 613 N. Center St., Plymouth. The Rev. Fr. William Kummer will officiate.

Burial will take place in the Curlew Hills Memorial Garden, Clearwater, Fla.

The Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth is assisting the family with local arrangements. In lieu of flowers, Agnes had requested that gifts in her name be given to St. Michael’s Catholic Church, School or the OPZ playground project.

Messages of condolence and sharing of memories may be sent via the funeral home web-site: www.johnson-danielson.com

Glenn H. Kintzel  Date of Death 8/31/2009

BREMEN — Glenn H. Kintzel, 84, of Bremen, died at his home Monday, Aug. 31, 2009.

He is survived by a daughter, Cynthia Boles of Nappanee; four grandchildren; three sisters: Sandra Dickerson of Cromwell, Mavis Michalski of South Bend, and Norma Creighton of Warsaw.

Visitation will take place one hour to services Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009 in the Palmer Funeral Home, 314 S. Michigan St., Lakeville.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, in the funeral home. Burial will follow in Etna Green Cemetery, Etna Green.

Dorothy Chizum  Date of Death 9/1/2009

ROCHESTER — Dorothy Chizum, 92, of Rochester, died Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009 at 2:25 a.m. at the Life Care Center, Rochester.

She is survived by two daughters: Margaret J. Dewitt of Kewanna and Mary Ann Eckardt of Hingham, Mass.; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; sister, Lois Doud of Rochester; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will take place at noon, Friday, Sept. 4 at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester.

Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Fulton County.

Betty K. Kaley  Date of Death 9/1/2009


She is survived by her nieces and nephews; several great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins.
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Visitation will take place Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009 from 5 to 8 p.m. and Friday, Sept. 4 from 10 a.m. until time of services at the Bittles & Hurt Funeral Home, Greencastle.

Funeral services will be held Friday 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Clinton Falls Cemetery.

Lee Taylor  Date of Death 9/1/2009

FULTON — Lee Taylor, a former resident of Delaware County, died Tuesday morning, Sept. 1, at his home in Fulton. He was 86 years of age.

Born in Muncie April 14, 1923, he was the son of Mary and Herbert Lee Taylor, Sr. He graduated from high school in Eaton and soon after entered the United States Navy. He served in the Pacific theatre during World War II and after 23 years, retired from military service. Lee went on to work for Bethlehem Steel in Gary and spent more than 10 years at Lobdell-Emory in Argos before retiring as a maintenance supervisor during the late 1980s.

He was a member of Fulton Baptist Temple who enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He loved to read and in earlier years enjoyed fishing and traveling.

Survivors include two sons: Dan Taylor, Denver, Colo., and Joe Taylor (wife: Chris), Columbus, Ohio; a daughter: Leesa Sexton (husband: Edward), Fulton; a half-brother: Scott Whicher, Ore., and five grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 44 years, Shirley D. Taylor, who died in 2006. His parents are also deceased.

Services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday Sept. 4, at Meacham Funeral Service, Albany.

Burial will follow at Strong Cemetery with military services provided by Veterans of Delaware County Honor Guard.

Visiting hours will be held Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be sent to Womens Care Center, 224 N. Michigan, Plymouth, IN 46563.

James W. Vician  Date of Death 9/1/2009

PLYMOUTH — James Warren Vician, 37, born in Gary, on Dec. 11, 1971, but resided in Plymouth most of his life, went to his reward on Sept. 1, 2009.

He leaves behind his wife of eight years, Trisha Vician; step-son, Dustin Kring; step-daughter, Cassi Kring and a grandson, Harold Robert Martinek III, also known as Trey. He also leaves behind his father, Stephen Vician, who resides in Plymouth; two brothers: Joel Vician, who resides in Plymouth; twin brother, John, who lives in Plainfield; a sister, Julia Youst, who lives in Warsaw and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.


He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1991. Jim was a good friend to everyone who knew him and he thought of his friends more like family.

He was an umpire for the LaVille Baseball and Softball Summer League and played for the Felke Flooring Slow Pitch Softball co-ed league.

Jim was an avid deer hunter, NASCAR buff, enjoyed bowling and he loved fishing. He enjoyed spending quality time with friends and family.
He bowled for Quick’s Lanes of Plymouth, and then started bowling at the Bowlaway Lanes in Knox, where he became a board member.

Jim’s family invites his friends and family to share memories with them Saturday, Sept. 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Plymouth Wesleyan Church, 11203 S. Michigan Road, Plymouth.

Memorial services for Jim, officiated by the Rev. Stephen Cox, will be held in the church following visitation at 3 p.m.

After the service, there will be a memorial dinner at the ball field in LaPaz, behind the fire station. Memorial contributions in Jim’s memory may be made to the LaVille Summer League.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via the funeral home’s Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com.

PLYMOUTH — James W. Vician, 37, a Plymouth resident most of his life, died at 8:58 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009, at Atwood, Indiana from a work-related accident.

Jim was born on Dec. 11, 1971, in Gary, the son of Stephen E. and Louise E. Bean Vician. He graduated from Plymouth High School.

On Sept. 19, 2000, Jim and Trisha Kring were married in Plymouth.

He worked as a groundsman for Tree Core, New Carlisle.

Jim was an avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed deer hunting, fishing and served as a baseball umpire. He also enjoyed bowling, playing darts and was a NASCAR buff.

He is survived by his wife, Trisha, a daughter, Cassi Kring of Knox; a son Dustin Kring of Plymouth; a grandson, Trey Kring of Plymouth; his father, Stephen Vician of Plymouth; a sister, Julie Youst of Warsaw and two brothers, John Vician of Palinfield and Joel Vician of Plymouth.

Jim was preceded in death by his mother, Louise.

Service arrangements for Jim are incomplete at this time.

Matrissa Woodward  Date of Death 9/1/2009

PLYMOUTH — Baby girl Marissa Woodward was born Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2009, in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, and entered into heaven that same day.

Survivors include parents, Brandon and Monica Woodward of Plymouth; a sister, Isabella at home; paternal grandparents, Glenn and Connie Woodward of Plymouth; maternal grandparents, Maria and Octavio Arriola of Fabens, Texas; paternal great-grandparents, Helen and Glenn Woodward of Plymouth.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday in St. Dominic Catholic Church, Bremen, with Father Polycarp Fernando.

Burial will follow at Bremen Cemetery. Friends may call one hour prior to service.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen, was entrusted with local arrangements.

Eileen W. Butler  Date of Death 9/2/2009
CULVER — Eileen W. Butler, 81, of Culver passed away Sept. 2, 2009 at 10:21 a.m. in Miller’s Merry Manor, Culver.


They shared 61 wonderful years of marriage. Together they raised four children. Eileen worked as a doctor’s assistant for Dr. Powers and Stevenson for several years.

She was a member of the Culver City Club and the Grace United Church of Christ in Culver. She loved to cook and sew.

Eileen is survived by her loving husband, Robert E. Butler of Culver; sons: Jim (Betty) Butler of Culver, Gary (Michelle) Butler of Knox, Scott Jenkins of South Carolina, and Jeffrey (Susan) Jenkins of Indianapolis; sister, Ruby Herzak of Dunedin, Fla.; six grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Donald Jenkins; sisters: Kathryn Withers, Pauline Jenkins, and Marie Baker; one grandchild, and special nephew Dick Pontious.

A time of sharing memories with Eileen’s family will be held Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Grace United Church of Christ in Culver where Rev. Robin Keating will officiate funeral services at 11 a.m.

Interment will be at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.boineodom.com.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

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She is survived by her husband, Robert, of Culver; sons: Gary (Michelle) Butler of Knox, James (Betty) Butler of Culver, Jeffrey (Susan) Jenkins of Indianapolis and Scott Jenkins of South Carolina; sister, Ruby Herzak of Dunedin, Fla.; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place from 10 to 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 12 at Grace United Church of Christ, Culver. Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Interment will be at a later date. Memorials may be made to Grace United Church of Christ. The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver was entrusted with arrangements.

Bruce M. Foster Date of Death 9/2/2009

PLYMOUTH — Bruce M. Foster, 59, of 926 Miner St., Plymouth, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2009, and has gone to be with the Lord. He was born Sept. 29, 1949. He was the husband and best friend of Carol Stull Foster; the greatest dad of Daniel Foster, Tempe, Ariz., Troy (Lisa) Blackburn of Clovis, N.M., and Libby Blackburn of Plymouth; proud grandpa of Kendall and Jackson Blackburn of Clovis; and the brother of Steve Foster and Sam Foster of Rochester.

Bruce was raised in Indianapolis, and Lake Bruce, Indiana. He graduated from Monterey High School, Monterey, and Indiana University, Bloomington. Bruce’s humor and his strength, in all that he did, will always be an inspiration.

Bruce has requested that donations, in lieu of flowers, be made to the Marshall-Starke Development Center, 1901 Pidco Drive, Plymouth, IN, 46563, or to the Center for Hospice and
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Palliative Care, 120 South Center St., Plymouth, IN, 46563.

Everyone is invited to share their humorous memories of one great guy!

~GATHERING OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS~
SATURDAY, SEPT. 26, 2009, FROM 1 to 2 P.M.
BLISSVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

~CELEBRATION OF BRUCE'S LIFE~
SATURDAY, SEPT. 26, 2009, AT 2 P.M.
THE REV. DESTER CUMMINGS OFFICIATING
BLISSVILLE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
6250 SPRUCE TRAIL
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Marjorie Kitt  Date of Death 9/3/2009

NAPPANEE — Marjorie Kitt, 81, of Nappanee, died Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009 at 5:26 p.m. at Hamilton Grove Communities, New Carlisle, after a brief illness.

She is survived by a daughter, Anne (John) Maesaka of Goshen; a son, James Kitt of South Bend; three granddaughters; and a sister, Myla Snider of New Carlisle.

Visitation will take place from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main St. Nappanee, Friday, Sept. 11.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, Sept. 12 at 10:30 a.m. at GracePoint Presbyterian Church, Nappanee.

Burial will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be made to the World Wildlife Fund or Feed the Children.

Jimmy, Sr. Sumpter  Date of Death 9/4/2009

NAPPANEE — Jimmy Sumpter Sr., 70, of Nappanee, died Friday, Sept. 4, 2009 at 10 a.m. at his residence.

He is survived by a son, Jim (Laurie) Sumpter Jr. of Nappanee; daughters: Missy (Jay) Fisher and Becky (Matt) Tice, all of Nappanee; 12 grandchildren; sisters: Peggy (Bernie) Beer of Nappanee and Pattie (Sam) Younce of Etna Green; and brother, Jack (Carrol) Sumpter of Warsaw.

Visitation will take place Tuesday, Sept. 8 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main St. Nappanee.

Funeral services will take place Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Tourette Syndrome Association.
Deloris May Kuhn  Date of Death 9/5/2009

ROCHESTER — Deloris May Kuhn, 64, of Rochester, died Saturday, Sept. 5 at 7:20 a.m. at her residence.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Lee at home; daughters: Sheryl (Bob) Egyhazi of Mishawaka, Diana (Bob) Holowatuk of LaPaz, and Treasa (David) Stoltz of Mishawaka; sons: Donald (Teresa) Tate of Georgetown, S.C. and Jeff Tate of Aurora, Ill.; sisters: Pam (Don) Detering of Vincennes and Judy Arnold of Plainfield; and a step-daughter, Tracy (Chris) Farah of Las Vegas, Nev.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9 at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St. Rochester.

Funeral services will take place at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Hope Hospice.

Alison Rachelle Smith  Date of Death 9/5/2009

NORTH LIBERTY — Alison Rachelle Smith of North Liberty passed away late Friday night, Sept. 5. She was born Nov. 10, 1979 in South Bend.

She leaves behind her family as she begins the next part of her journey. She will be missed by her mother, Teresa Metsker of Westfield; father, Mark Smith and his wife Jan of Tyner; brother, Adam Smith of Plymouth; sister, Amanda Hill and her husband Don of Eureka Springs, Ark.; aunts: Tracy Fry of Elkhart, and Janine Gassere of Westfield; grandparents: Ben and Margeret Smith of Plymouth, Ed Erickson of Plymouth, Harold Tuttle of Walkerton; and great grandmother Florence Erickson of Plymouth.

She also leaves behind an extended, loving family of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her “Grammy,” Shirley Tuttle of Walkerton.

Our Hummingbird flew to Heaven in the folds of Grammy’s Rainbow to soar with the angels. The Dragonfly and the Bumblebee perch on Adam’s shoulders as they all wave, not goodbye, but good journey. The rest of the family look on in sadness though we can still see Alison’s smile in the sunshine and the spring rain. Her art and her soul will live on in all of us.

Services will be held Wednesday, Sept. 9 at Rannell’s Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel. Viewing will be from 2 to 4 p.m. ET with a funeral service at 4 p.m. ET.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests monetary donations be made to the funeral home.

Michael John Cooney  Date of Death 9/6/2009

VALRICO, Fla. — Michael John Cooney, 52, of Valrico, died Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009.

He is survived by his wife, Dru; daughter, Shea Cooney of Orlando, Fla.; four sons: Logan, Morgan, Brennan and Pierson Cooney, all of Valrico; mother, Aileen Cooney of Jackson, Ga.; brother, Tom Cooney, Crystal River, Fla. And two sisters: Pat Hanus, Jackson, Ga. And Jane Cooney, Mesquite, Texas.

Visitation will take place one hour prior to services at Wednesday, Sept. 9, at Redeemer Presbyterian Church, 12404 Boyette Road, Riverview. Funeral services will take place at 4 p.m. Wednesday, at the church.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Deacon's Fund at Redeemer Presbyterian
Phebe C. McFarland  Date of Death 9/6/2009

PLYMOUTH — Phebe C. McFarland, 74, of Plymouth, died Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009 at 10:20 a.m. at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

She is survived by sons: Mike McFarland of Plymouth and Randy McFarland of Argos; and two grandchildren.

There will be no visitation services. Funeral services and interment will take place at a later date.

Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver was entrusted with arrangements.

Jeffery Ray Blythe  Date of Death 9/7/2009


He is survived by his mother, Linda Fredrick; father, David Blythe; brothers: Joseph Blythe and Greg Blythe; grandfather, William Spratt; and grandmother, Mary Choat.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis.

Funeral services will take place at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sep. 12, at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in The Gardens at Olive Branch Cemetery and Mausoleum Park.

Evelyn G. Gentry  Date of Death 9/7/2009

BROWNSBURG, Ind. — Evelyn G. Gentry, 83, of Brownsburg, formerly of Culver, passed away in Methodist Hospital of Indianapolis at 11:10 a.m. Sept 7, 2009.

Evelyn was born Sept. 8, 1925 in rural Starke County, one of five children born to Harry and Pansy Eskridge. She met and later married the love of her life, Oris Gentry, Aug. 7, 1948 in Knox. They raised two children together.

Evelyn worked at McGill Corp. for approximately 20 years. She loved to read, reading her Bible daily, and became a huge Indiana Pacers fan. She was a former member of the Eagle Creek Church in Knox.

Since moving to Brownsburg, she attended the Hope Community Church.

Evelyn is survived by her sons: Terry (Sherry) Gentry of Carmel, and Preston (Jan) Gentry of Brownsburg; brother, Harry (Diane) Eskridge of Plymouth; sister, OrfaJean Wentzel of Culver; five grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother, Kenneth Eskridge and sister, Vivian Hess.

A time of sharing memories with Evelyn’s family will be held Thursday Sept. 10, 2009 from 5 to 8 p.m. EDT at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home in Culver. Funeral services will be officiated by Pastor Jim Bohrer Friday, Sept. 11, 2009 at 2 p.m. EDT at the funeral home.

Interment will follow at Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Memorials may be given in Evelyn’s memory to the Gleaners Food Bank (Indianapolis) and mailed to Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, 104 E. Lakeshore Drive, Culver, IN, 46511.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.bonineodom.com.
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The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

BROWNSBURG — Evelyn G. Gentry, 83, of Brownsburg, died Monday, Sept. 7, 2009 at 10:20 a.m. at the Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

She is survived by sons: Preston (Jan) Gentry of Brownsburg and Terry (Sherry) Gentry of Carmel; a brother, Harry (Diane) Eskridge of Plymouth; a sister, OrfaJean Wentzel of Culver; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place Thursday, Sept. 10 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Funeral services will take place Friday, Sept. 11 at 2 p.m. EDT at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Culver Masonic Cemetery.

James D. Lehman  Date of Death 9/7/2009

PLYMOUTH — James D. Lehman, 66, of 18580 9C Road, Plymouth, passed away at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 7, 2009, at the Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth.

Jim was born April 13, 1943, in Mishawaka, to Don and Juanita (Nye) Lehman. He graduated from Plymouth High School in the “Class of 1961.”

Jim worked as an occupational therapist. He was also a member of the Plymouth Police Department and later drove truck for Reynolds Trucking and Chase Leasing.

Jim and Patricia Schroeder were united in marriage June 4, 1966, in Valparaiso. Jim was a member of Saint Michael Catholic Church, Plymouth.

Jim is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Patricia Lehman of Plymouth; their daughter, Chris (Steve) Sponseller of Clunette, Ind.; his sisters: Jayne (Tom) Heet of Plymouth and Janice (Eugene) Copper of Argos; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The Lehman Family requests that memorial contributions be given to Saint Michael Catholic School or to the North Judson Train Museum.

~VISITATION~
THURSDAY, SEPT. 10, 2009, FROM 4 to 7 P.M.
VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME
300 WEST MADISON ST.
PLYMOUTH, IN, 46563

~FUNERAL~
FRIDAY, SEPT. 11, 2009, 10:30 A.M.
SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH, PLYMOUTH
THE REV. FATHER WILLIAM KUMMER, OFFICIATING

~BURIAL~
NEW OAK HILL CEMETERY, PLYMOUTH

~MEMORIES MAY BE SHARED AT~
www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

John, Sr. Morlock  Date of Death 9/7/2009

PLYMOUTH — John Morlock Sr., 69, of Plymouth, died Monday, Sept. 7, 2009 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.
David Earl Joseph  Date of Death 9/8/2009

PLYMOUTH — Lifelong Marshall County resident, David Earl Joseph, 91, of 12747 Peach Road, Plymouth, died of natural causes in the Hospice House of Elkhart Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009.

Born in Culver, on July 20, 1918, David was the son of Clyde and Dorothy Bolen Joseph.

In 1940, David married Opal Holderead, she preceded him in death on April 21, 1979.

David worked for NIPSCO as a meter reader, retiring in 1983. On Feb. 29, 1983, in Logansport, David and his wife Gertrude Smith were married.

He enjoyed traveling and spending time with his family.

David is survived by his wife; three daughters and a son and two step-sons. His daughters are Christina Morlock, Plymouth: Rebecca (Jim) Fiely and Marsha (Joe) Gibbs, both of Logansport; his son is Phillip (Brenda) Joseph of Idaho and his step-sons are Richard (Joyce) Smith of Arkansas and David (Linda) Smith of Loogootee, Ind.

Twenty grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren survive as well.

David was preceded in death by his parents, a grandson, a son-in-law, John Morlock and a step-son, Bob Smith.

Friends are invited to celebrate the life of David Joseph from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009, and one hour prior to the services Monday, Sept. 14, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for David will be held in the funeral home Monday, Sept. 14, 2009 at 11 a.m. The Rev. Glen Mitchell will officiate.

Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Logansport, at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, 2009

Memorial gifts in David’s name may be given to a Charity of the Donor’s choice.

Sharing memories and offering condolences may be sent to the family via: the funeral home’s Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com

Lawrence E. Turner  Date of Death 9/8/2009

WALKERTON — Lawrence E. Turner, 79, of Walkerton, died Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Jean, Walkerton; two sons: Terry Jon Turner of Duluth, Ga.
Harold Stephen Van Vactor  Date of Death 9/9/2009

PLYMOUTH — Harold Stephen Van Vactor, 81, moved on with our Lord, Jesus Christ. He passed away at his home following an extended illness in the morning hours of Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2009.

Harold was born Nov. 30, 1927 in Plymouth, to Russell and Eva Lena (McCloud) Van Vactor, and was a lifelong Plymouth resident.

He is survived by his wife, Marjorie Hutchings Van Vactor; sisters: Martha Mann and Ruth (Dean) Kinney; sons: David R. (Chris) Van Vactor and Stephen J. (Maria) Van Vactor; daughters: Barbara V. (David) Miller and Patricia L. (Edward) Wright.

Harold is also survived by 16 grandchildren, 40 nieces and nephews, and 10 great-grandchildren

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a daughter Judy, and son Gary.

An excellent athlete at Plymouth High School, he turned down a track scholarship to Purdue in order to carry on the family farming operations. Harold began his farming career along side his father, and grew hay, wheat, corn and raised livestock.

On June 12, 1949, Harold married Marjorie Lillian Hutchings (Mudge) in the Plymouth Methodist Church, where they continued to be lifelong active members. On June 12, 2009, Harold and Mudge celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house at their home.

In the mid 1950s Harold and Mudge expanded their farming operation to include the cultivation of vegetables. They grew cucumbers for Heinz and expanded the operations by growing tomatoes and other vegetables for Campbell’s Soup and Del Monte.

They were one of the first operations in the county to employ migrant workers. By the 1970s Harold and his family were farming approximately 2200 acres.

In addition to the homestead, they farmed leased property where the Airport, Hospital, Pine Creek Plaza, and many of the city’s housing developments now stand. In addition to selling vegetables to major corporations, the family was well known in the area for selling produce to local grocery stores, at the South Bend farmers market, and their roadside vegetable stand.

Whenever Harold and the family traveled around the country, his “vacation pictures” would always include other farmers’ fields, irrigations systems, and farming equipment. In addition to farming, Harold also worked at Ball Band in the early years of his marriage, and like his father, drove a school bus for many years.

In 1976 he and Mudge also established H & M Van Vactor Trucking, and operated that business in addition to farming, until selling that business to Stephen and Patricia in the mid 90s. Also in the mid 90s Harold turned over the ownership of Van Vactor Farms, Inc. to his four children, and his direction and guidance was instrumental in the continuation of farming operations and the real estate development through Vanco Development, LLC.

In 2007, Harold and the family were informed that they met the requirements for the Hoosier
Homestead Award, an honor bestowed by the State of Indiana Department of Agriculture for family farms owned by the same family for over 100 years. Always community minded, Harold served on the board of the USDA Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Services agency, was a board member of the Marshall County Co-op, and served on the Marshall County Plan Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals.

His longtime membership in the Lion’s Club was among his favorite activities, as was traveling to Mexico on several occasions to distribute eyeglasses to those in need. Longtime supporters of Plymouth athletics, he and Mudge attended nearly all home basketball games.

He will be missed by all for his gentle demeanor, dedication to family, a warm smile, conservative values, and his giving nature.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11 in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12 in the First United Methodist Church, 400 N. Michigan St, Plymouth with visitation one hour prior to the service. Rev. Dr. Dean Fager, pastor will officiate.

Burial will follow in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be made to the First United Methodist Church or the Plymouth Fireman’s Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o the Marshall County Community Foundation.

Notes of condolence may be sent to the family through the Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com.

A. Lucille “Lucy” Cox  Date of Death 9/11/2009

BREMEN — A. Lucille “Lucy” Cox, 84, of Bremen passed away on Friday, Sept. 11, 2009 at Miller’s Merry Manor in Plymouth.

She was born November 18, 1924 in Rushville, to Alvin and Elsie (Ryman) Clark and graduated from Rushville High School in 1942.


Lucy was a school secretary at Bremen and Culver, a dental assistant for Dr. Hassel in Bremen, and retired from Package Masters (Indiana Carton), Bremen, in 1985. She was a member of Salem United Methodist Church in Bremen, a member of Easter Star in Bremen and Culver, and served as Past Worthy Matron in Culver.

Survivors include husband of almost 63 years Jim Cox of Bremen; one daughter, Joetta G. (Gregory) Balsley of Plymouth; one son, Jerry Allen (Cindy) Cox of Plymouth; daughter-in-law Patti Cox of Plymouth; seven grandchildren: Kelsey, Casey, Angel, Shelby, Chris, Courtney and Kyle; three great-grandchildren: Nicholas, Karzdon & Izabella; one sister, Evelyn (Don) Canedy of Palm Desert, Calif., and one brother, Kenneth Clark of High Point, N.C.

She was preceded in death by son Jeffery R. Cox and brother Loren Clark.

Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 14, 2009 at the Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen and will be officiated by Pastor Kevin Miller.

Burial will follow at the Bremen Cemetery.

Visitation was Sunday at the funeral home.
Memorials may be made to Hospice of Marshall County or Bremen United Methodist Church.

Jean Ann Wagoner  Date of Death 9/11/2009

ROCHESTER — Jean Ann Wagoner, 74, of Oakland City, formerly of Rochester, died Friday, Sept. 11, 2009 at Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Oakland City.

She is survived by a daughter, Lynda (David) Cumberland of Pakota; two sons: Larry (Julie) Wagoner of Auburn and Master St. Layne (Denise) Wagoner of Hot Springs Village, Ark.; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and two brothers: David (Marcia) Krathwohl of Fishers and John (Judy) Krathwohl of Advance.

Visitation will take place one hour prior to graveside services Saturday, Sept. 19 at Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Graveside services will take place Saturday at 1 p.m. at the cemetery.

Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, is in charge of arrangements.

Phyllis I. Corbridge  Date of Death 9/12/2009

BREMEN — Phyllis I. Corbridge, 74 of Bremen passed away on Saturday, Sept. 12, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

She was born April 8, 1935 in Etna Green to Harrison and Marie (Price) Harner.


Phyllis was an inspector with Ristance, retiring after 22 years. She enjoyed ceramics and loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include husband Michael Corbridge of Bremen; one daughter, Jennifer (Jim) Walker of Plymouth; one son, Steven (Rhonda) Harner of Bremen; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; brother Lamar Harner of Bremen; sister Viola Capron of Bremen; two sisters-in-law, Rose Harner of Bremen and Virginia Harner of Marinette, Wis.; brother-in-law Marion Litchfield of Brewster, Wash.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers Robert, John and William Harner, two sisters Virginia Abair and Evelyn Litchfield.

Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009 at the Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen and will be officiated by Pastor Neil Wonnacott. Burial will follow at the Bremen Cemetery.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Gary L. Jones  Date of Death 9/12/2009

LAKEVILLE — Gary L. Jones, 61, residing in Lakeville, passed away at 3:15 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009 in his home.

He owned and operated Gary's Home Maintenance.

He was born on February 16, 1948 in Saugatuck, Mich. to Frank Harold and Margaret (McClure) Jones and has lived in the local area since 1970.
Gary is survived by his wife Delictia "Deckie" (Null) Jones; daughter, Margaret and family of Arizona; stepdaughter, Sarah McGill of Clay City; son, James (Dawn) Jones of South Bend; step son, Chip Long of Rochester; and two grandchildren, Autumn and Amanda Jones.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Beverly and Joy; and five brothers, Larry Jones, Harmon Jones, Harold Jones, Hugh Jones and Billy Jones.

Gary was a member of American Legion Post #385, Lapaz; V.F.W. Post #1954, North Liberty; and 40&8 Voyager 1511.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009 at Palmer Funeral Home, 314 S. Michigan, Lakeville. Rev. Brian Trump will officiate.

Burial will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth where Lapaz American Legion #385 will conduct military services. Friends may visit with the family from 4-8 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to services on Tuesday in the funeral home.

Contributions in memory of Gary L. Cook may be made to Lapaz American Legion #385.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.palmerfuneralhomes.com.

Thelma Mowat Date of Death 9/12/2009

BREMEN — Thelma Mowat, 81, of Bremen, died Saturday, Sept. 12, 2009 at 9:20 p.m. at her daughter’s residence.


Visitation will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17 at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main St., Nappanee.

Burial will follow at Union Center Cemetery, Nappanee.

Memorials may be made to the Elkhart County Women’s Shelter.

Susan Baker-Fout Date of Death 9/13/2009

CULVER — Susan Baker-Fout, 50, of Culver, passed away at 9:45 a.m. Sept. 13, 2009 in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in South Bend.

Susan was born at home, one of six children born to Charles and Bea (Adams) Baker. Susan graduated in 1976 from Culver Community High School.

She then attended Ancilla College for two years and went on to graduate from Ball State University with a degree in computer management. Susan was a volunteer dispatcher for the Culver-Union Township EMS for 12 years.

She enjoyed reading, crocheting, cross stitching, and communication with friends through her computer. She loved all her nieces and nephews and collecting Precious Moments figurines.

Susan is survived by her mom, Bea Baker of Culver; sisters: Debra (Joe) Reinhold of Culver,
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Vicki (Richard) Zehner of Monterey, and Julie (Roger) Romig of Culver; brother, Jim Baker of Culver; nieces and nephews: Jill, Peyton, Priscilla, Allison, Abagayle, Tia, Ben, Adam, Tim, Garret, Mike, Scott, Andy, Chris, Austin, Alex, and Owen.

She was preceded in death by her dad, Charles Baker; sister, Kelly Baker; and niece, Megan Zehner.

A time of sharing memories with the family will be held Wednesday, Sept. 16, from 2 to 8 p.m. (EDT) at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver and at the church one hour before the service on Thursday.

Rev. Ron Lewellen will officiate funeral services Thursday, Sept. 17, at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Culver at 11 a.m. (EDT).

Burial will follow at the Burr Oak Cemetery.

Memorials may be given in Susan’s memory to the Culver-Union Township EMS. Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.bonineodom.com.

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Wanda P. Marsh  Date of Death 9/13/2009


She is survived by one daughter, Wanda K. Marsh of Augusta, Ga.; three sons: Walter Marsh of Valparaiso, Gene Marsh of Encinitas, Calif. And Thomas Marsh of Woodridge, Ill.; four grandchildren; four sisters: Alice Woodruff, JoAnn Metts and Glenda Weinkauf, all of Wanatah, and Mallisa Dean Tarpley of Hardy, Ark.; and two brothers: Charles Beaty of Hardy, Ark. And Thomas Beaty of LaPorte.

Visitation will take place Friday, Sept. 18 from 4 to 8 p.m. (CDT) and Saturday one hour prior to the service at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. (CDT) at the chapel.

Burial will be at the Crown Hill Cemetery, Knox.

Memorial contributions may be given to the hospice of choice.

Pauline Stanley  Date of Death 9/13/2009


Mrs. Stanley was born February 27, 1920 in Fulton County, to Frank and Nellie (Hartman) Moore and lived at Koontz Lake for 68 years, coming from Wabash.

On October 21, 1939 in Bargersville, she was married to Carl Stanley, who preceded her in death in 1994.

She was also preceded in death by one daughter, Linda Schenk, three brothers and three sisters

Survivors include two sons, Larry (Martha) Stanley of Chesterton, David (Donna) Stanley of Koontz Lake; two daughters, Judy (Stan) Marks of Elkhart and Rita (Bryan) Black of Mesa, AZ; 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.
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Mrs. Stanley and her late husband, Carl, were the owners and operators of Stanley Marina at Koontz Lake for many years. She was a former member of the Moose Lodge of Plymouth and the Walkerton Women's Community Club.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. (Central Time) at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel.

Burial will be at the Grovertown Cemetery.

Friends may call Thursday from 1 p.m. CDT until the time of services at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Koontz Lake Lions Club.

Angela M. Lattimer  Date of Death 9/14/2009


She was a loving wife, mother, and daughter. She was preceded in death by her father Marvin Bedwell.

Survivors include husband Scott Lattimer; children Erika Lackey, Alexa Lackey, Bret Lackey, Sophie Lattimer, Brendan Lattimer, and Isabella Lattimer; and mother, Ruth Bedwell.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at Matthews Mortuary, Inc., Brownsburg, with visitation there from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18.

Burial will be at West Ridge Park Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the IU Medical Center Cancer Research Foundation.

Martha R. Miller  Date of Death 9/14/2009

ROCHESTER — Martha R. Miller, 83, of Rochester died Monday, Sept. 14, 2009 at 9:10 a.m. at Clarian Arnett Hospital, Lafayette.

She is survived by her husband, Rev, Donald E. Miller; a daughter, Donna Ann Lancaster of San Antonio, Texas; three sons: Larry (Tammy) Miller of Lafayette, Donald (Yolanda) Miller Jr. of Rochester, and William (Donna) Miller of Zanesville, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren also survive; a sister, Esther Naomi Chris of Union, Ohio; a brother, Gene (Kaye) Marshall of Whittier, Calif.; and a half brother, Ray Marshall of Frost Proof, Fla.

Visitation will take place from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Funeral services will take place at 5 p.m. Saturday, at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

William D. Sandoval  Date of Death 9/14/2009


He is survived by his mother, Peni (Lawrence) Lippert of Bremen; sister, Toni Weaver of Bremen; father, Isidro Sandoval Jr. of South Bend; paternal grandparents Isidro and Frances Sandoval Sr. of Niles, Mich. And several aunts and uncles.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18 at Mishler Funeral Home, 2030 State Road 331, Bremen. Memorials may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).

Roxanna M. Cummins  Date of Death 9/15/2009
WEST CHESTER, OHIO — Roxanna M. Cummins, 47, of West Chester, Ohio, formerly of Bremen, died Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009 at Hospice of Cincinnati.

She is survived by her husband James; sons: Troy and Jamie Cook; daughters: Erin Chastain and Jessica Cummins; two granddaughters; father, Bobby Cook of Elkhart; brothers: Rex Cook of Nappanee, Tim Cook of Nappanee, Roy Cook of Tennessee, and Ron Cook of South Bend; sisters: Twila Metz of Plymouth, Trudy Cook of Nappanee, and Rohanda Karnes of Mitchell.

Visitation will take place from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17 at Mishler Funeral Home, 2030 S.R. 331, Bremen.

Funeral services will take place Friday, Sept. 18 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the family for funeral services.

**Gregg A. Gough  Date of Death 9/15/2009**

NORTH VERNON — Gregg A. Gough, 69, and Marguerite C. Gough, 65, of North Vernon, died Tuesday evening, Sept. 15, 2009 at their residence.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, Sept. 26 at 10 a.m. at Sawyer-Pickett Funeral Home. Visitation will be Friday, Sept. 25 from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment will be at Vernon Cemetery.

Born Nov. 18, 1939, in Putnam County, Indiana, Gregg was the son of the late John W. and Mona M. Hobbs Gough. He later married Marguerite C. Hrabar.

Mr. Gough studied at the University of Connecticut and DePauw University where he received the President's Music Scholarship. He received the John Phillips Sousa Band Award in high school. He enjoyed music and played for churches, hospitals and nursing homes. He traveled the country with the Boston Symphony tuning organs and pianos. He tuned pianos for such acts as Liberace, Elvis and the Boston Pops.

He is survived by his daughters: Maria Mauer of Greensburg, Jennifer A. Belleau of Salem, Mass.; two sons: Tom Gough of North Vernon and Tim Gough of Monroe County; a brother, John Gough of Plymouth; a sister, Melissa J. Gough of Greencastle and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Constance Ann Gough.

Born Sept. 4, 1944, in Manhattan, N.Y., Marguerite was the daughter of the late William and Lena Fella Hrabar. She later married Gregg Gough in New York, N.Y.

Mrs. Gough was an avid reader, enjoyed cooking, needlepoint and loved animals.

She is survived by her daughters: Maria Mauer of Greensburg, Jennifer A. Belleau of Salem, Mass.; two sons: Tom Gough of North Vernon and Tim Gough of Monroe County; a brother, John Hrabar of Brooklyn, N.Y. and a sister, Alicia J. Hrabar of Colo. And two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorials may be made through Sawyer-Pickett Funeral Home to the American Cancer Society or the Friends of Jennings County Public Library.

Family and friends are invited to sign the funeral home's online guest book or light a candle in Marguerite's remembrance at www.sawyerfuneralservice.com.
Lucetta M. Pfeiffer  Date of Death 9/15/2009

WALKERTON — Lucetta M. Pfeiffer, 79, of Walkerton, died Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2009 in Hospice House, South Bend.

She is survived by a daughter, Terry Greene of Teegarden; son, Rick (Denise) Pfeiffer of Lakeville; four grandchildren; two great grandchildren; four sisters: Marjorie Harbison of Mishawaka, Alice Wood of Niles, Mich., Charlene Whittebery of Walkerton, and Barbara McGovern of Niles, Mich. The

Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17 at Palmer Funeral Home, 314 S. Michigan St. South Bend. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 18, 2009 in the Morris Cemetery, Walkerton.

William Howard Buckles  Date of Death 9/16/2009

BOURBON — William Howard Buckles, 75, lost his battle with cancer Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009. A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m., with dinner following Tuesday, Sept. 22 at M.R. Falcons, 212 Keller St. South Bend.

Bill was born July 5, 1934 in South Bend to William and Maude Buckles. He served in the Army and was a bricklayer in the South Bend area for 50 years.

While in the Army he was stationed in Alaska where he fell in love with the Last Frontier. While living in Alaska, Bill spent time in villages above the Artic Circle, worked for the Alaskan Railroad, as well as a number of construction projects throughout Alaska.

Bill was a true adventurer and lived life to the fullest. Over the course of his life, he enjoyed skydiving, scuba diving, touring the United States and Canada via motorcycle and whitewater rafting. Bill lived life by the following motto: Life’s Journey is not to arrive safely at the grave in a well preserved body, rather to skid in sideways totally worn out hollering, “Holy Cow, what a ride!”

Bill is survived by his wife, Cheryl Buckles of Bourbon; two sons: Shane and Troy Buckles; daughter, Misha Irvine; two sisters: Barbara Kersten and Dorothy Corson; and eight grandchildren.

Bill touched a number of lives and will be deeply missed by anyone that knew him.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care. To send condolences please visit www.mcgannhay.com .

Gary Irvin Ford  Date of Death 9/16/2009

WARSAW — Gary Irvin Ford, of St. Mary’s Drive, Warsaw, went to be with his Heavenly Father Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009 at 9:17 a.m. at his residence, at the age of 58.

He was born Aug. 30, 1951 in Marion, Ind. to David Irvin Ford, who survives and the late Helen H. (Flynn) Kinder.

On Aug. 15, 1970 he was married to Paulette Jeanene Baum, who survives.

Mr. Ford was a resident of Kosciusko County for the past 24 years and he attended Warsaw Community Church, Warsaw. Prior to moving to Warsaw in 1985 he worked in Plymouth as a mechanic. He worked in the maintenance department at Chore-Time/Brock in Milford for 10 years prior to retirement due to ill health in 2007

Gary will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 39 years, Paulette Ford (Warsaw); three daughters: Tracey (husband Woody) Layne (Pierceton); Tresa (husband Jason) Nichols
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(Pierceton); Trisha (husband Andy) Bills (Columbia City); seven grandchildren: Shelby Layne, Brooks Smith, Chenee Gaff, KateLynn Gaff, Ally Nichols, Ellee Bills and Carter Bills.

He is also survived by his father, David (wife Grace) Ford (Jonesboro, Ind.); two brothers: Randy Ford (Jonesboro); Mike (wife Sandra) Kinder (Walkerton); two sisters: Gail Ford (Jonesboro); and Penny Smith (Florida).

He was preceded in death by his mother Helen and step-father Bill Kinder.

Visitation will be Saturday, Sept. 19, prior to the service from 9 to 11 a.m. at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw.

His memorial service will be held Saturday, Sept. 19, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home, officiated by Pastor Jeff Pfeifer.

Memorial contributions can be made in Gary's memory to Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice, P.O. Box 1196, Warsaw, IN 46581-1196, and would be appreciated by his family.

Online condolences may be sent through the funeral home’s Web Site at www.redpathfruthfuneralhome.com.

Frances Jean Hardee  Date of Death 9/16/2009

ARGOS — Frances Jean Hardee, 78, Argos, died Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009 at 12:11 a.m. at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester following a brief illness.

She is survived by two sons: Kevin (Marilyn) Hardee of Argos and Vernon (Glenda) Hardee of Show Low, Ariz.; a daughter, Karen (Jesse) Smith of Tucson, Ariz.; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; a sister, Betty (Gary) Helvie of Kokomo; and a bother, Dale (Mary) Edwards of Ames, Iowa.

A memorial service will be held Monday, Sept. 28, at 1 p.m. at the Garden Court Apartments, 406 W. Marshall St., Argos.

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Naomi Ruth Livingston  Date of Death 9/16/2009

ROCHESTER — Naomi Ruth Livingston, 69, of Rochester, died at 7:25 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009 at Life Care Center, Rochester.

She is survived by six daughters: Constance Marie Bunn of Sharpsville, Delores "Dee Dee" (Randall) Chilcutt of Peru, Brenda Lee (Phillip) Stevens of Rochester, Trina Lynnette Livingston (Jeremy) Rumsey of Chili, Ind., Naomi Elizabeth (John) Allen of Wilmette, Ill., Janeen E. (Anthony) Clark of Rochester; a son, William M. (Stacy) Livingston III of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a sister, Shirley (Phil) Heckathorn of Macy; a brother, George Morris of Rochester; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will take place from 2 to 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21 at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St. Rochester.

Funeral services will take place at 6 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22 at the Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Marvin Ramer  Date of Death 9/16/2009
ARGOS — Marvin Ramer, two days, of Argos, died Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009 at Saint Joseph Medical Center, South Bend, at 4:26 p.m.

He is survived by his parents, Lewis and Rachel Ramer; brother, Leroy M. Ramer; maternal grandparents, Roy and Emma Martin of Tippecanoe; paternal grandparents, Irvin and Susan Ramer of Argos; 21 cousins and several aunts and uncles.

Funeral services took place Thursday, Sept. 17 at 3 p.m. at the family’s home. Burial followed at Tippecanoe Old Order Mennonite Cemetery, Newcastle Township, Rochester.

Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester, assisted with arrangements.

Gerald “Jerry” Burton  Date of Death 9/17/2009

PLYMOUTH — Gerald “Jerry” Burton, 86, of Plymouth, passed away Thursday, Sept. 17, at 11:25 p.m. at the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Jerry was born May 27, 1923 in Elwood, Ind. one of five children born to Paul and Leona (Benge) Burton. After graduating high school, Jerry proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force. When the War ended he entered and graduated from Canterbury College.

He then fell in love and married the love of his life, Jean Morris. They shared 65 years of marriage and raised six children.

Jerry’s first teaching job was in the Monterey School system where he also coached sports. After 12 years he returned to teach high school at the Elwood Public School Corp., coaching a variety of sports and serving two years as Athletic Director. Jerry taught for 24 years in Elwood before retiring in 1985 to spend more time enjoying life with Jean.

Jerry loved to fish, especially in the Tippecanoe River, and occasionally would return to Monterey to have morning coffee with friends. He loved to make people laugh, often telling funny stories.

Jerry is survived by his wife Jean of Plymouth; a son, John (Kathy) Burton of Anderson; daughters: Marsha Harmon, Beth (Joe) Davis, and Kelly (Harv) Janicki all of California, and Joy (Don) Good and Barbara Weichsefelder both of Ft. Wayne; a sister, Betty Burton of Elwood; 12 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

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

A time of sharing memories with Jerry’s family will be held at the Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, 104 E. Lakeshore Drive, Culver, Saturday, Sept. 26, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Celebration service will immediately follow. Interment will be private. Memorials may be given in Jerry’s memory to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page of www.boineodom.com .

The Bonine-Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Frances Jean Hardee  Date of Death 9/17/2009

ARGOS — Frances Jean Hardee, 78, of Argos, died Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009 at 12:11 a.m. at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester, following a brief illness.

She is survived by two sons: Kevin (Marilyn) Hardee of Argos; Vernon (Glenda) Hardee of Show Low, Ariz.; a daughter, Karen (Jesse) Smith of Tucson, Ariz.; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Betty (Gary) Helvie of Kokomo; and a brother, Dale (Mary) Edwards of Ames, Iowa.
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Raveside services will be held Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 10:30 a.m. at the South Lawn Cemetery in Tucson, Ariz.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Argos.

Burial will follow at South Lawn Cemetery, Tucson, Ariz.

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

John P. Rosander  Date of Death 9/17/2009

LAPORTE — John P. Rosander, 41, died Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009, the result of an automobile accident in Starke County.

He is survived by his wife, Angela; four daughters: Heather O’Connor, Amber Rosander, Kelly Rosander, and Victoria Rosander; two sons: Cory Rosander and Terry Rosander; his mother, Peggy Rosander; a sister, Jodi Greene; step-daughter, Jordan Bunton; step-sons: Jacob Bunton and Joshua Ramirez; and step-brothers: Rick Zilinger, Steve Zilinger, Scott Zilinger and Brent Zilinger.

Visitation will take place Wednesday, Sept. 23, from 2 to 5 p.m. Central Time at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 5 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Roger A. Babcock  Date of Death 9/18/2009

PLYMOUTH — Roger A. Babcock, 69, of State Road 17, passed away suddenly in the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center’s Emergency Room.

He was born in Blue Island, Ill. April 29, 1940; Roger was the son of William and Lena Testolin Babcock.

He graduated from Fenger High School in Chicago, Ill., and served in the United States Coast Guard for four years.

On Aug. 1, 1959, in North Liberty, Roger and Carrolyne Penrod were married. Roger was the packaging designer for various companies for 30 plus years.

A woodworker and a great cook, he loved spending time with his family especially playing with his grandchildren. He enjoyed nature’s many treasures along with boats, sailing, and taking care of their four cats.

He was a former member of the Sheriff’s Posse and of the Plymouth Moose Lodge #741.

Roger is survived by his wife, Carrolyne, and by their two children: Cindy (Steve) Odiorne and Jeff (Ann) Babcock, both of Plymouth.

Four grandchildren also survive: Kailey (Kenneth) Bandimere, Abigail, Hope and Samuel Babcock.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents a son, Chris Babcock, a grandson, LCpl. Cameron M. Babcock, a brother, William Babcock, Jr.

Friends are invited to share memories with Roger’s family Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 North Michigan Street, Plymouth.
A memorial service for Roger will follow the visitation at 3 p.m. in the funeral home. Pastor Les Johnson, the hospital chaplain will officiate.

Burial will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery with military honors accorded by the Plymouth VFW and the American Legion.

Memorial gifts in Roger’s name may be made to Heartland Artists in Plymouth.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via: www.johnson-danielson.com.

William Bacewic Date of Death 9/18/2009

WALKERTON - William “Bill” Bacewic, 82, died Friday, Sept. 18, 2009 at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie; one daughter, Carolynn (Harold “Doc” Rader) Bacewic of Walkerton; two sons: Russell (Karen) Bacewic of Walkerton and Kenneth (Penny Bell) Bacewic of North Liberty; a granddaughter; a sister, Bernice Lis of Antioch, Ill.; and a brother, Charles (Eleanor) Bacewic of Knox.

A graveside service will take place Thursday, Sept. 24, at 11 a.m. (Eastern Time) at Woodlawn Cemetery, Walkerton. Cremation will take place.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Walkerton United Methodist Church.

Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel was entrusted with arrangements.

Christopher L. Givens Date of Death 9/19/2009

HAMLET- Christopher L. Givens, 28, died Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009 in Starke County, the result of an automobile accident.

He is survived by his father, Jerry Sons of Hamlet; grandmother, Lillian Hart of Knox; one aunt and seven uncles.

Visitation will take place Wednesday, Sept. 23 at 10 a.m. (Central Time) until the time of services at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at the Round Lake Cemetery, Knox.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Benjamin E. Smith Date of Death 9/19/2009

BREMEN — Benjamin E. Smith, 79, of Bremen, died Tuesday, Sept. 19, at his residence.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria Smith of Bremen; two sons, Patrick Jay and Debbie Smith of North Carolina and Michael Ray and Melanie Smith of Pierceton; one daughter Pamela Kay and Tom Reed of Cromwell; five grandchildren; three sisters and two brothers.

Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. at Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen, Friday, Oct. 2.

Services are Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Bremen with the Pastor Roger Rohde officiating.

Burial will be at Bremen Cemetery, with military graveside services.
Lois Lucille Ebner  Date of Death 9/20/2009

KNOX - Lois Lucille Ebner, 76, died Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009 in her home.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Ebner; a daughter, Karen Lardino of Knox; three sons: Bill Watts of Arkansas, Walter Watts and Greg Watts, both of Knox; one brother, Paul Lute of Wisconsin; several step-children; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and step-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place Thursday, Sept. 24 from 4 p.m. (Central Time) until the time of services at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel.

Funeral services will be Thursday at 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at a later date at Fletcher Cemetery.

Vada Musser Reiff  Date of Death 9/20/2009

PLYMOUTH—Vada Musser Reiff, 98, died at 12:27 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009, in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Vada was born March 10, 1911, in Nappanee, to Rufus and Irene Musser. The family moved to a small dairy farm near Plymouth when Vada was a child. She and her siblings walked to West School. They later moved closer to town where she attended Washington and Webster schools.

She graduated from Lincoln High School in 1929. Vada went to Manchester College and earned her teaching certificate in 1931, and embarked on her long 46-year career in education. In 1940, she got her bachelor's degree from Manchester and in 1951, her master's in Education from Colorado State College.

She taught first and second grades in Goshen for six years and later in Argos and Bremen, she taught the second and third grades. In Plymouth, at Washington and Webster schools, she had Reading and English classes for the fourth and fifth grades. Her last assignment was at Washington with first graders. "My favorites," she said. She literally taught generations of children how to read. She also served as a trainer for future teachers in her classroom.

A talented pianist, she also gave piano and organ lessons in her home. Music was always an important part of her life.

Vada was a longtime member of the Plymouth Church of the Brethren. Baptized in the Church when she was 13, she was a faithful member all of her life. As a devout Christian she was a tither. She was a generous supporter of the Heifer International Program, adding her good deeds to the countries of the World. She contributed as well to other Christian programs.

In recent years, she established a scholarship fund for elementary education students at Manchester College.

Vada met Mark Jacob Reiff when she was a young teacher. To be married as a teacher was strongly frowned upon and prohibited. Forty years later, Mark, then a widower, called her and they renewed their acquaintance. On June 9, 1974, Vada and Mark were married in the Church of the Brethren. They were married for 13 years. Mark died April 14, 1986.

She was a long time member and officer of the Plymouth chapter of the order of Eastern Star. She was also active in the Association of Retired Teachers, on the local and state level.
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She enjoyed travel and visited many foreign countries, including an early visit to China. She had two goals. She wanted to be a teacher and she wanted to go around the world. She did both.

Vada and her father planted the beautiful Magnolia tree that now stands in the parking lot of the Farmer’s Market. It will be a living tribute to her for years to come.

Vada is survived by her sister, Myrtle Miller, Mishawaka, and a brother, Dr. Wayne Musser, Petaluma, Calif. She had numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and two sisters: Olive Reed and Blanche Martin.

Visitation to celebrate the life of Vada Musser Reiff will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009, at the Plymouth Church of the Brethren, 1130 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

A funeral service for Vada will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, in the Church, with the Rev. Ruth Yoder officiating.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery.

The Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial gifts in Vada’s name may be made to the Plymouth Church of the Brethren or to the donor’s favorite charity.

Messages and sharing of memories may be sent to the family via the funeral home’s Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com.

Kenneth M. Klumpp Date of Death 9/21/2009

KENTWOOD, MICH. 6 Kenneth M. Klumpp, 55, of Kentwood, died Monday, Sept. 21, after a courageous battle with esophageal cancer.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edward H. Klumpp, Jr.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Cathy Klumpp; son, Erik Klumpp (Stacie); and daughter Kelli Burroughs (Jason); mother, Jeanette of Pinconning; brothers and sisters: Edward H. Klumpp III (Janet) of Gulliver, Robert Klumpp of Pinconning, Kathleen Kurchak (Mike) of Eastlake, Ohio, Maureen Haara (Ted) of Marquette, Thomas Klumpp (Annette) of Bay City, Frederick Klumpp (Sharon) of Ironwood, Rose Ingram (Dan) of Cadillac, James Klumpp (Carlie) of Pinconning, Michael Klumpp (Nancy) of Goodrich, Anne Lanners (Dale) of Bridgeport, and Mary Klumpp of Pinconning; many nieces and nephews, close friends and coworkers.

Ken worked for Consumers Energy as a Forester.

Family will greet relatives and friends at Stroo Funeral Home Thursday, Sept. 24, from 5 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the funeral Friday at the church. A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 25, 2009 at St. Mary Magdalene Church, 1213 52nd St. SE, with Fr. Godfrey Onyekwere officiating.

Interment will take place in White Chapel Cemetery, Rochester, Mich.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Faith Hospice at Trillium Woods.

Stroo Funeral Home, 1095 68TH St. SE was entrusted with arrangements.

Ruby E. Werner Date of Death 9/21/2009

A former resident of Plymouth, she was 91 years old. She was born in Rush County, Ind., Feb. 19, 1918, the daughter of James and Josephine Hill Scott.

Ruby was a toll investigator for Sprint. A member of Telephone Pioneers, she retired from Sprint with more than 20 years of service.

She was an avid quilter and excellent seamstress.

Ruby is survived by her spouse of 48 years, Fred Werner of Fruitland Park, and by five sons and two daughters. Her sons are: James (Arlene K.) Maze of Ocala, Fla.; Richard (Sue) Maze of Plymouth; Ronald Maze of Koontz Lake, Stephen M. Werner of Pittsburgh, Pa. and Jon (Mary) Werner of Leesburg, Fla.

Her daughters are Mardene Reid of Summerfield, Fla. And Lora Lee Rike of Ocala, Fla. Many loving grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchild also survive.

Ruby was preceded in death by her parents and three sons: Charles M. Maze, Francis E. Maze and Gerald W. Maze.

Friends may visit with the family and celebrate the life of Ruby Werner Friday, Sept. 25, 2009, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

A Rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m. Funeral services for Ruby will be held in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009.

The Rev. Father William Kummer, pastor of St. Michael Roman Catholic Church, where she was a member, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Letters of condolence and the sharing of memories may be done through the funeral home’s Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com

Mildred J. Daniels  Date of Death 9/22/2009

WALKERTON — Mildred J. Daniels, 85, of Walkerton, died Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009 at her daughter’s home.

She is survived by three children: Terry (Kris) Daniels, Phyllis (Bill) Hullinger and Constance Sult; three sisters: Doris (Art) D’agostino, Gert Donovan and Marion (Chris) Christopher; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place one hour prior to services Fiday.

Funeral services will take place Friday, Oct. 2 at 2 p.m. (EST) at the Walkerton United Methodist Church.

As request cremation has taken place.

Nusbaum-Elkin Funeral Home, Walkerton, has been entrusted with arrangements.

Glen A. Lockwood  Date of Death 9/22/2009

MACY — Glen A. Lockwood, 85, of Macy, died Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009 at 12:59 p.m. He is survived by sons: Willis D. (Clymenia) Halterman of Rochester, Lewis (Shirley) Halterman
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Frances M. Voreis  Date of Death 9/22/2009

KNOX — Frances M. Voreis, 85, of Knox, formerly of Hamlet, died Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009 in Starke Memorial Hospital, Knox.

She is survived by two daughters: Kathy Singleton and Joan Arndt, both of Knox; one son, Leslie (Bonnie) Arndt Jr. of Rochester; one sister, Jessie Sult-Cormican; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place Friday, Sept. 25 from 4 to 8 p.m. CDT and Saturday one hour prior to the service at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, Sept. 26 at 11 a.m. (Central Time) at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Fletcher Cemetery, Hamlet.

Barbara J. Chappel  Date of Death 9/23/2009

Barbara J. Chappel, 76, of 404 E. Rural St., Akron, died Wednesday at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

Survivors include two sons, Steven Chappel, Columbia City, and David Chappel, Akron; two sisters, Sue, Georgia, and Sandy, Connecticut; and a very good friend, Lovie Mathias, Akron.

Following Barbara's wishes, there will be no public services. Arrangements are being handled by Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Paul R. Rummel  Date of Death 9/23/2009

NAPPANEE — Paul R. Rummel, 78, of Nappanee, died Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009 at Elkhart General Hospital, of unexpected, natural causes.

He is survived by his wife, Eleanor Rummel, Nappanee; a son, Wayne (Donna) Rummel of Nappanee; daughters: Kathleen (Larry) Cripe of New Paris, Doris (Jeff) Biller of Nappanee and Elaine (Scott) Mast of Nappanee; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Everett (Laura) Rummel of New Paris; a sister, Berniece Rummel of South Bend and a sister-in-law, Dorothy Rummel of South Bend.

Visitation will take place Friday, Sept. 25 from 2 to 8 p.m. at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main St., Nappanee.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, Sept. 26 at 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Union Center Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the charity or cause of the donor’s choice.

Larry Gene Shireman  Date of Death 9/23/2009
DELTAVILLA, Va. — Larry Gene Shireman, 63, of Deltavilla, Va., formerly of Plymouth, died Wednesday, Sept. 23 at his residence.

He is survived by brothers Reg and Dorothy Shireman of Monticello and Michael Shireman of Plymouth.

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

Graveside services will be held at a later date.

DELTAVILLE, Va. — Dr. Larry Shireman, 63, a former Plymouth resident, died at his home in Deltaville, Va., Sept. 23, 2009.

Born in Argos March 30, 1946, Larry was the son of John R. and Pauline E. Rhoades Shireman.

He graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1964.

Larry earned a B.F.A. in Architecture from Tulane University; an A.A. in General Studies from Northern Virginia Community College, Summa Cum Laude; a B.S.W., Magna Cum Laude, from George Mason University; and an M.Ed. Psychological Foundations of Education, Summa Cum Laude, from the University of Virginia.

A gifted educator, Larry was a teacher, psychologist, coordinator and sponsor at Osbourn Senior High School in Manassas, Va., for 26 years.

His colleagues referred to him as a special human being who devoted his life to young people. His rewards are their successes.

The principal of Osbourn High School noted that Larry never disappointed anyone. His loyalty and dedication to the school and community are undisputed gifts.

At one point in his life, Dr. Shireman was a successful architect who gave up that career to work with students who were unsuccessful in school. He developed an alternative program which was expanded to include both a self-contained as well as a resource program. He used many creative means to reach the students he had worked with over the years.

He tutored many students so that they may pass and encouraged them to seek professional counseling so that they might live free of drugs or alcohol.

Larry was known to listen to kids and trying to help them through a crisis.

He was involved in many educational projects, including one program where he participated with needy youth in Annapolis, teaching young people to sail who would never otherwise have that opportunity. Several times a year he would take Osbourn students sailing as a means of helping them ride out the difficult times.

His community and professional outreach was extensive and included membership in many prestigious affiliations and participation as a delegate to countless educational programs and projects.

Dr. Shireman is survived by two brothers: Reg (Dorothy) Shireman of Monticello and Michael Shireman of Plymouth.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside services will be held in Leiter’s Ford Cemetery Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 3:30 p.m.

The Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth is in charge of the arrangements.
Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army in Plymouth.

Letters of condolence and sharing of memories may be made to the family Via: www.johnson-danielson.com.

Edith May Hess  Date of Death 9/24/2009

PLYMOUTH — Edith May Hess, 81 of Pretty Lake Trail, died at 5:37 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009 in St. Joseph Hospital, South Bend from complications due to tetanus.

Edith was born Aug. 30, 1928 in Plymouth, to Frank E. and Mary Ellen (Eversole) Ritenour. She was a graduate of LaPaz High School with the class of 1946.


Edith was a lifelong resident of Marshall County and a resident of Pretty Lake since 1950. Edith worked at Sloans Dress Shop for a period of four years. She then worked in quality control for 18 years at Pilgrim Farms retiring in 1986.

She was a member of the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church and Mary Martha Circle with whom she especially liked to cater meals. She also served as a den mother for the Cub Scouts and as a Blue Bird leader for several years.

Edith loved watching her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren grow up and celebrating their many achievements. She took delight in watching nature and the activity on Pretty Lake including sometimes enduring canoeing with Harold.

Together they loved to watch for the arrival of the snow geese every winter. She delighted in making jellies, breads and other goodies like decorated cakes for her family. She enjoyed planting flowers and working in her yard. Numerous camping trips took she and Harold to nearly all 50 states.


Also surviving is a sister, Edna (Merl) Swihart of Plymouth; a brother, Kenneth (Marie) Ritenour of Bourbon; and two sisters-in-law: Mildred Ritenour of Etna Green and Carolyn Neff of Granger, Ind.

Edith was also preceded in death by a daughter, Sheryl Guyse; a sister, Ruth Jackson; and three brothers: Andrew, Russell and Elmer Ritenour.

Visitation with the family and the sharing of their memories of Edith will be Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home.

Friends are invited to celebrate the life of Edith Hess at 10 a.m. Monday, Sep. 28, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. The Rev. Jim Irwin, pastor of the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Burial will follow in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Edith’s memory may be made to the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church.
Ruth Elizabeth (Bossert) Uebel  Date of Death 9/24/2009

CULVER — On Sept. 24, 2009, Ruth Elizabeth (Bossert) Uebel passed away at Millers Merry Manor in Culver, Ind. where she had been a resident for the past two and a half years.

Ruth had been a part of education in Indiana throughout her life. She was born in Laurel, Ind. Feb. 21, 1917 to Michael and Laura (Wolber) Bossert. Her father later was the County Superintendent of Schools in Franklin County and her mother had been a school teacher. She began teaching in a one-room school house in the “Pocket” area of Franklin County in 1937 where she got extra pay for coming in early and stoking the pot-bellied stove. She later taught second grade in a more modern classroom in Brookville, Ind.

She gave up being a classroom teacher when she married Lt. Martin Uebel in 1945 and moved to Culver. Before her “retirement” she was an active part of the Culver Academies, worked part-time in the Culver Academy library and was a Sunday School teacher for many years at Trinity Lutheran Church in Culver.

In her first year at Indiana University she attended on a $25 county scholarship and lived in the home of the basketball coach of that era, Everett Dean. There she took care of the Dean’s daughters so Mrs. Dean could attend the basketball games. During her years at IU she had the noted Alfred Kinsey as a professor. Ruth graduated from Indiana University where she met Martin in 1942.

She was a charter member of Trinity Lutheran Church (Culver) and was the Zone President of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League in the 1960s. She loved gardening which she did until her 88th year. She also loved to read and made trips with her husband and family throughout the United States and Europe.

Ruth’s husband, Martin, of 62 years preceded her in death in 2008. She was also preceded in death by her brother Robert Bossert.

She is survived by her sister, Frances Gilbert of Powell, Ohio. She is also survived by sons David (Judy) of Colorado and Mark (Dawn) of Martinsville, Ind.; three grandchildren: Ryan (Nicole) Uebel of Granger, LT jg Matthew Uebel, USN of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and Amy Elizabeth Uebel of Mystic, Connecticut and two great-grandchildren, Kaylee and Lauren Uebel along with beloved nieces and nephews.

Viewing hours will be from 5 to 7 p.m. EDT Monday, Sept. 28, 2009 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Culver.

A Christian funeral service will be Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009 at 9 a.m. EDT, also at Trinity, conducted by Rev. K.C. Dehning. A graveside service and burial will be at 3 p.m. that same day in Maple Grove Cemetery in Brookville, Ind. alongside the graves of Martin and her parents.

Gifts in her memory may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church or the Culver Academies Scholarship Fund.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.bonineodom.com.

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Wanda (Jeannie) Knowlton  Date of Death 9/25/2009


She is survived by her son, David Michael (Becky) Knowlton of Walkerton; a daughter, Michele (Jerry) Schultz of Walkerton; two brothers: Donnie (Nancy) Loehr and Gary Loehr, all of Curtis,
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Eva Fae Leap  Date of Death 9/25/2009

CULVER — Eva Fae Leap, 89, of Culver went to be with her Lord at 10:06 p.m., Friday, Sept. 25, 2009 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Born Sept. 6, 1920 near Jubilee school east of Kewanna in Fulton County, she was the daughter of the late Loran and Floy (Caldwell) Leap. She lived in Aubenaubee Township until 1970 when she moved to Culver.

Eva was a 1936 Leiters Ford High School graduate.

She was a member and pianist at Zion Gospel Chapel until it closed and she then attended Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Culver for the last 10 years. Eva was very devoted to her family, she loved animals, music, flowers and gardening.

She retired in 1976 from Ball Band Company now known as Uniroyal in Mishawaka to where she commuted weekly for more than 33 years.

Survivors include sister in law, Gladys Leap of Culver; six nieces and nephews: Ann Blair of Mentone, John Leap and wife Debbie of Rochester, Patsy Holcomb and husband Jerry of Anderson, Luanne Phillips of Fairborn, Ohio, Leon Sims and friend Brenda of Burr Oak and Loran Sims and wife Linda of Warsaw. She is also survived by several great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her twin sister, Treva Leap; sister, Beulah Adams; sister, Frances Sims; and brother, Manson Leap.

Graveside Services will be at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009 at Citizens I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Kewanna with Pastor Ron Lewellen officiating.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Emmanuel United Methodist Church, South Main St., Culver, IN, 46511.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Homes, 123 E. Main St., Kewanna.

Online Condolences may be made to the family at www.harrisonmetzger.com .

Walter E. Winenger  Date of Death 9/25/2009

SOUTH BEND — Walter E. Winenger, 68, died Friday, Sept. 25, 2009 at home. He is survived by his wife, Maryann; four daughters: Pamela Fulmer and Kristi Winenger, both of Granger and Kimberly Winenger and Kellie Wukovits, both of South Bend; a son, James Winenger of South Bend; five grandchildren and sister, Donna Yeager of South Bend.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28 at Palmer Funeral Home, Hickey Chapel, 17131 Cleveland Road, South Bend.
A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in St. Matthew’s Cathedral, 1701 Miami St., South Bend.

Contributions in memory of Walter E. Winenger may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN, 46637.

Roger A. Phillips  Date of Death 9/26/2009

PLYMOUTH — Roger A. Phillips, 78, 11146 Redwood Road, Plymouth, passed away Saturday, Sept. 26, 2009, at 12:25 a.m., at the Bremen Health Care Center, in Bremen, after battling cancer.

He was born Aug. 8, 1931, in Ironton, Mo., to George and Catherine (Staab) Phillips. Roger proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Korean War. On December 31, 1955, in Hamlet, Roger and Jeannette Nettouer were united in marriage.

Roger worked for NIPSCO for 35 years. He was a member of the Mentone Flying Club and enjoyed flying. He also thoroughly enjoyed playing golf and bowling. Roger loved spending precious time with his grandchildren.

Roger is survived by his wife, of 53 years, Jeannette Phillips; their daughter, Dawn (Matt) Garver of Plymouth; their son, James (Brenda) Phillips, of Atlanta, Ga.; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; his sisters: Barbara Henson and Kay Hillman; and his brothers: Sonny Phillips and Robert Phillips.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents, George and Catherine Phillips; a son, Tod Phillips; his sisters: Dorothy Howard and Faye Davis; and his brother, Donald Phillips.

In lieu of flowers, the family would like for memorials to be given to the Marshall County Cancer Association.

~VISITATION~
TUESDAY, SEPT. 29, 2009, FROM 1 to 2 P.M.
VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME
300 W. MADISON ST.
PLYMOUTH, IN, 46563

~FUNERAL~
TUESDAY, SEPT. 29, 2009, 2 P.M.
VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME
THE REV. JOHN BRANCH, OFFICIATING

~BURIAL~
NEW OAK HILL CEMETERY, PLYMOUTH

~MEMORIES MAY BE SHARED AT~
www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

Kimberly Christine Tanner  Date of Death 9/27/2009

FRANCESVILLE — Kimberly Christine Tanner, 46, died Sunday, Sept. 27 at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

She is survived by her husband, Mark; father, Stephen Thrall of Kenosha, Wisc.; mother, Sharon Lemeron of Francesville; a son, Mark (Linda) Tanner Jr. of Francesville; a daughter, Tammy Tanner of Francesville; a brother, Stephen Thrall of Virginia Beach, Va.; two sisters: Kelly Kainer of Victoria, Texas and Jennifer (Michael) Gunia of Marion, Iowa; and two grandchildren.
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Visitation will take place Wednesday, Sept. 30 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Kline Medaryville Mortuary and Cremation Service, 514 E. Main St., Medaryville.

Funeral services will take place Thursday, Oct. 1 at 10 a.m. at the Medaryville Christian Church.

Memorials may be made to the Medaryville Christian Church.

Naomi Ruth Brockey  Date of Death 9/28/2009

ROCHESTER — Naomi Ruth Brockey, 91, of Rochester, died Monday, Sept. 28, 2009 at 8:25 p.m. at her residence.

She is survived by two sons: James W. (Judy) Green Teel and John Green of Rochester; a step-daughter, Lynette Brugh of Rochester; a step-son, James (Becky) Brockey of Flower Mound, Texas; a sister: Mary (Francis) Hudkins of Bruce Lake Station; six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1 and one hour prior to the services Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester.

Funeral services will take place at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2 at the funeral home.

Interment will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in her name to The Women of the Moose or to Hope Hospice of Fulton

Donald Dimmitt  Date of Death 9/28/2009

ARGOS — Donald Dimmitt, 74, of Argos, died of congestive heart and kidney failure in Miller’s Merry Manor at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, 2009.

Don referred to himself as the “biggest junk man in Indiana,” standing 6-foot-8 in his work boots.

He was born the son of Paul W. and Alta Walters Dimmitt in Plymouth, IN. on December 29, 1934.

He graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1953, and served in the United States Army from 1957 to 1963.

On Nov. 15, 1959, in the Blissville Church of the Brethren, Don and Carolyn Long were married.

He started his Dimmitt’s Salvage Yard north of Argos on Old 31 in 1955, and was the owner and operator for more than 50 years.

A history buff, he loved cars, antiques and fishing.

He bought more than 40,000 cars in the years he was in business. He made his living selling parts off of them. Eventually, he had the biggest home-owned junkyard in Indiana.

He often said, “as long as you junk, you’ll never go hungry.”

Don is survived by Carolyn, his wife of almost 50 years and by a daughter and a son. His daughter is Barbara (Lonnie) Harner, Plymouth, and his son is Steven (Gail) Dimmitt, Argos.

Also surviving are nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Don was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Lewis E. Dimmitt.
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Friends may visit with the family and share their memories of Don Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the House of Prayer United Pentecostal Church, 12450 Plymouth-Goshen Trail, Plymouth.

Funeral services for Don will be Friday, Oct. 2, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. in the House of Prayer United Pentecostal Church. The Rev. Ron Humphrey, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery with military honors accorded by the Plymouth VFW and the American Legion.

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

Memorials in Don’s memory may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

Notes of condolence may be sent to the family via the funeral home’s Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com.

Robert W., Sr. Hoffer  Date of Death 9/28/2009

NAPPANEE — Robert W. Hoffer Sr., 81, of Nappanee, died Monday, Sept. 28, 2009 at Our Lady of Peace Hospital, South Bend.

He is survived by his wife, Beverly Hoffer; daughter, Joni Hoffer of Evanston, Ill.; sons: Robert (Denise) Hoffer Jr. of Goshen and Craig Hoffer of Elkhart; and a grandson.

Visitation will take place from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009 at Nappanee Missionary Church Chapel and one hour prior to services Friday.

Funeral services will take place Friday, Oct. 2 at 10 a.m. at the church.

Burial will follow at Union Center Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Nappanee Missionary Church "No Green Beans," or the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main St., Nappanee, was entrusted with arrangements.

Leon Jakubiec  Date of Death 9/28/2009

MEDINA, OHIO — Leon Jakubiec, 82, died Monday, Sept. 28, 2009 in Wooster, Ohio.

He is survived by a daughter, Laurie Wilford of Elk Creek, Mo.; a son, Robert Jakubiec of Medina, Ohio; a sister, Jane Macizszek of Hampshire, Ill. And two grandchildren.

Visitation will take place at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel Thursday, Oct. 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. CDT and Friday 10 to 11:30 a.m. CDT at the funeral home.

A Rosary service will be held Thursday, Oct. 1 at 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, Oct. 2 at noon (Central Time) at Holy Cross Church of Hamlet.

Burial will follow at the Holy Cross Cemetery.
Katherine “Kathy” Braasch  Date of Death 9/29/2009

ARGOS — Katherine “Kathy” Braasch, 52, of Argos, died Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009 at 10:39 p.m. at her residence following a lengthy illness.

She was born June 8, 1957 in Knox, to Vince and Geraldine (Puckett) Wittchen. She has lived in Argos since 1992 coming from Monterey, Ind.

She married “Steve” R. Braasch Oct. 10, 1982 in Knox and volunteered at Walnut Church of the Brethren “Chafia” Swap Shop.

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

She is survived by her husband Steve; two sons: Stephen A. Braasch Jr. of Argos and Shane R. Braasch of Lafayette; a daughter, Stephanie Braasch of Plymouth; his mother, Geraldine Wittchen of Knox; four sisters: Pam (Michael) Green of Plymouth, Laura (John) Raczkowski of Plymouth, Rhonda (Aubrey) Bolen of Louisiana and Juanita (Sam) Fugate of Rochester; three brothers: Orben (Bo) Barnett of Knox, Douglas (Joanie) Miller of Michigan City and Paul Miller of North Judson; and a maternal grandmother, Emma Lou Puckett of Knox.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, father, a brother and three sisters.

Friends may visit with the family Monday, Oct. 5, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos, and from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Plymouth Baptist Church, 11345 9A Rd, Plymouth, Ind.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, at the Plymouth Baptist Church with Rev. Doug Jividen of the Plymouth Baptist Church officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Plymouth Baptist Church, 11345 9A Rd, Plymouth, IN, 46563 or Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Northern Indiana Affiliate, 227 South Main Street, Suite 101, South Bend, IN, 46601. Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

David J. Dale  Date of Death 9/29/2009

PLYMOUTH — David J. Dale, 54, of Plymouth, died Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009 at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Rande Anne Dale; a daughter, Ashley Dale of Florida; a son, Kelly Dale of California; a step-daughter, Colleen N. Chrobak of Wisconsin; a step-son, Ry S. Klemp of California; his mother, Dona R. Dale of Donaldson; and sisters: Cynthia R. Falica of Illinois and Amy A. Severson-Smallcombe of Wisconsin.

The family asks that David be remembered at an open house Saturday, Nov. 28 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Lions Club depot/train station in Culver.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth, handled the arrangements.

PLYMOUTH — David J. Dale, 54, of Plymouth, died Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009 at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Rande Anne Dale; a daughter, Ashley Dale of Florida; a son, Kelly Dale of California; a step-daughter, Colleen N. Chrobak of Wisconsin; a step-son, Ry S. Klemp of California; his mother, Dona R. Dale of Donaldson; and sisters: Cynthia R. Falica of Illinois and Amy A. Severson-Smallcombe of Wisconsin.

Family services will be held at a later date.
Martha Dipert  Date of Death 9/29/2009

WALKERTON — Martha “Marty” Dipert, 82, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009 in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Marty was born July 24, 1927 in Elwood, Ind. To David and Agnes (Hesting) Kerr and lived in the area most of her life. She was a former ward secretary at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth; she attended the Koontz Lake Missionary Church and was a former member of the Walkerton OES.

Surviving are two daughters: Myrna Dipert of Walkerton and Janice (Robert) Morrison of LaGrange, Ga.; three grandsons: Wayne, Jason and Jeremy Morrison, all of South Bend; one great-granddaughter, Soren Sculati of South Bend; a sister, Norma Jahr of Walkerton; a brother, Bruce (Roz) Kerr of Portage; a special niece, Linda Roush; and life-long friend, Twilo Campbell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters: Dorothy Kerr, Rosabelle Roush and Phyllis Gibson; and one brother, John Kerr.

Friends may call Thursday, Oct. 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. EDT and Friday after 10 a.m. until the time of services at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel.

Funeral services will be Friday at 11 a.m. (Eastern Time) at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel with Pastor Brian Baughman officiating.

Burial will be at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Walkerton.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Koontz Lake Missionary Church.

Harvey E. Miller  Date of Death 9/29/2009

NAPPANEE — Harvey E. Miller, 95, of Nappanee, died Saturday, Sept. 29, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. at home, after a brief illness.

He is survived by sons: Glenn Miller of Welston, Mich. And Paul Miller of Niles, Mich.; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Tobe Miller of Osceola. Visitation took place after 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20 and will take place all day Monday, Sept. 21 at the Ura Hochstetler residence, 7716 W. 1100 N. Nappanee.

Funeral services will take place Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 9:30 a.m. at the David Borkholder residence, 783 Plymouth Goshen Trail, Nappanee.

Burial will follow at Borkholder Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Koontz Lake Missionary Church.

Eugene William (Gene) Riester  Date of Death 9/29/2009

CULVER — Eugene William (Gene) Riester passed away at Miller’s Merry Manor, Culver, Sept. 29, 2009.

Gene was born Oct. 24, 1921 to Robert and Augusta (Sue) Riester in Gary. Upon graduation from Lew Wallace High School in Gary, in 1939, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy achieving the rank of Seaman First Class and was stationed at Pearl Harbor during the attack Dec. 7, 1941.

He was also active in the battles of Midway and the Coral Sea. After his discharge from the Navy
in 1946, Gene returned to Gary. He married his wife, Katherine Mihalik March 19, 1948 in Gary, where he started his life-long career with NIPSCO, being transferred to Culver in 1961.

He retired from NIPSCO in 1983. In 1986 he joined the staff of the Town of Culver as the meter reader for Culver’s water and sewer utilities, retiring in 2001 at the age of 80. Gene was a member of St. Mary’s of the Lake Catholic Church. He was a lifetime member of the Finney-Shilling VFW Post 6919. He was also a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was active in the Lions Club, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife Katherine; and children: Barbara K. Riester of Culver, Sue A. “Suzi” (Mark) Smyth of Alexandria, Va., Amy Jo Riester of Culver, Eugene W. “Bill” (Milinda Liedtky) Riester, Jr. of Rensselaer, Margaret L. “Peggy” (Doug) Baumgarter of Loudon, Tenn., Jeffrey J. Riester of Noblesville, and Tina M. Hissong of Mattoon, Ill.; 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Robert and Raymond Riester and one grandchild, Jake Hissong.

A memorial service will be held at Odom Funeral Home, 104 E. Lakeshore Drive, Culver, Sunday, Oct. 4, from 4 to 8 p.m. (EDT). The VFW Honor Guard will provide a veteran’s service at 7:30 p.m.

A funeral mass is scheduled at St. Mary’s of the Lake Catholic Church, 124 College Avenue, Culver, Monday, Oct. 5, at 10 a.m. (EDT) followed by a luncheon at the VFW, 108 E. Washington St., Culver, provided by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105, (800-805-5856) or to the Culver Lions Club, P.O. 330, Culver, IN, 46511.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.odomfuneralhome.com.

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

**Marjorie Louise Welty  Date of Death 9/29/2009**

BREMEN — Marjorie Louise Welty, 87 of Bremen passed away Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2009 at the home of her daughter. She was born Sept. 11, 1922 at her home in Bremen to Jacob and Cora (Huff) Yockey.

On Aug. 5, 1944 she married Devon C. Welty. He preceded her in death on November 8, 1996. Marjorie graduated from Bremen High School in 1940, was a farmer’s wife and retired from Universal Bearings after 13 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bremen.

Survivors include two daughters: Gloria (Les) Graham of Bremen and Cheryl Welty of Wakarusa; and one sister, Mildred Davis of Bremen.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son Gregory Alan, two sisters, three brothers.

Friends may call Friday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. until the time of services at the First Baptist Church in Bremen.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. at the church and will be officiated by Pastor Ben Hammond. Burial will follow at the Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church in Bremen.
The Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen is assisting the family with arrangements.
Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

**Janice Patterson  Date of Death 9/30/2009**

BREMEN — Janice Patterson, 64, of Bremen, died Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009 at Bremen Health Care Center.

She is survived by sons: Richard (Lisa) Moren of Bremen, and William (Sarah) Patterson of Bremen; daughters: Susan (Jason) Bass of Shelbyville and Deana Baker; four granddaughters; and two brothers: Richard (Karen) Baker of Bremen and Dean Baker of LaPaz.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4 at the Mishler Funeral Home, 2030 S.R. 331, Bremen.

Funeral services will take place Monday, Oct. 5 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Marshall County 4-H and Bremen High School Athletics.

**Jean Graham  Date of Death 10/1/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Jean Graham, 67, of Plymouth, died Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, following an illness.

She is survived by her spouse Paul E. Graham; sons: Randy R. Graham, Terry A. Graham, Robert L. (Marie) Graham, and John Paul Graham, all of Plymouth; seven grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; sisters: Clara Winters of Rochester, Wanda Heliene of Terre Haute and Linda (Glenn) Anders of Plymouth; and brothers: Jack (Gloria) Cummins of Bourbon, Ray Cummins of Mishawaka, Jim (Lorraine) Cummins of Plymouth and Steve (Carol) Cummins of Etna Green.

Visitation will take place Monday, Oct. 5, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St.

Funeral services will take place Monday at noon at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at New Oakhill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

**Arthur “Junior” Hardy  Date of Death 10/1/2009**

SOUTH BEND — Arthur “Junior” Hardy, 83, of South Bend, formerly of Bremen, died Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009 at Memorial Hospital of South Bend.

He is survived by his wife Dolores; three sons: Dennis Hardy of Lakeville, Matthew Hardy of Seattle, Wash. And Michael (Karen) Mandino; daughters: Cheryl (Jim) Bellman of Bremen and Vicki Maust of Mishawaka; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Visititation will take place Monday, Oct. 5 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Mishler Funeral Home, 2030 S.R. 331, Bremen.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6 at the funeral home with Pastor Gary Hinkle officiating.
Burial will take place at Bremen Cemetery with military honors.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

**Terry Wayne Wiles  Date of Death 10/2/2009**

INDIANAPOLIS — Terry Wayne Wiles, 53, of Plymouth, died Saturday, Oct. 2, 2009 at 1:58 p.m. at the Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis.

He is survived by his wife Linda; mother, Alafare Lucille Wiles Owens of Linn, Mo.; a son, Todd Kenneth (Erica Helms) Wiles of Wheatfield; a daughter, Jessica Lynn (Craig Hartley) Wiles of Cross Plains; two grandchildren; and three brothers: Charles Edward Wiles of Lawton, Okla., (twin) Gerry (Kim) Wiles of Peru, Ind. And Bruce (Lisa) Wiles of Peru.

Visitation will take place Tuesday, Oct. 6 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru.

A graveside service will take place with military honors Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 2 p.m. at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico, Ind.

Memorials may be made to the family.

**Hulda R. Winterrowd  Date of Death 10/2/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Hulda R. Winterrowd, 89, of Plymouth, formerly of Rochester, died Friday, Oct. 2, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor.

She is survived by a daughter, Carol (David) Jensen of Plymouth; sons: Edward (Linda) Hartmann of Florida, John (Karen) Oden of Plymouth and David Winterrowd of Indianapolis; step-daughter Darlene Winterrowd of Plymouth; step-sons: Michael (Vicky) Winterrowd of Lakeville and Dennis Winterrowd of South Bend; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will take place Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 11 a.m. at Citizens Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Pamela J. Oswalt-Wendt  Date of Death 10/3/2009**

LAKEVILLE — Pamela J. Oswalt-Wendt, 53, died Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009 at University of Chicago Medical Center.

She is survived by her husband, Jere Wendt; daughters: Regina Zimmerman of South Bend, Jennifer Oswalt of Mishawaka, Julie Thompson of Niles, Amy (Michael) Andrews and Tosha Oswalt, both of Lakeville, and Wendy Wendt of Winter Park, Fla.; son, Clark Wendt of Wabash; 12 grandchildren; mother, Wanda Adkins of Belle, W.Va.; and brother, Jerry (Kay) Adkins, Jr. Of Dunlap.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10 at Palmer Funeral Home-River Park, 2528 Mishawaka Avenue, South Bend, where friends may visit from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday.

**Lelia Fern Smiley  Date of Death 10/3/2009**

ARGOS — Lelia Fern Smiley, 75, of Argos, died Saturday, Oct. 3, 2009 at 6:28 a.m. at her residence following a brief illness.

She was born Dec. 28, 1933 in Mishawaka to Charles William Lewis Henry and Mable Hulda
(Cox) Henry. She has lived in the Argos Community since 1988, coming from St. Joseph, Mich.

She married Jimmy Lee Smiley Jan. 19, 1952 in Plymouth. For several years she was the owner and operator of the “Royal Sundae” in St. Joe, Mich., and later was the manager of the Woolworth’s Store Restaurant in Fair Plain, Mich.

Lelia had spent 16 years with the Plymouth Historical Society Genealogy group were she and Jimmy traced their family finding her half-brother Evan Barden and Jimmy’s mother’s parents. Lelia was also an avid quilter.

She was a graduate of the LaPaz High School class of 1951, and a member of the North Lincoln Baptist Church in St. Joseph, Mich.

She is survived by her husband Jimmy Smiley; two sons: James Smiley (Shelia) of Briarbush, Ala. And William Smiley of Jones, Mich.; two daughters: Nancy Smiley of Plymouth and Connie (George) Bradford of Plymouth; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a sister, Bernice Green of Elko, Nev. She was preceded in death by her parents and 12 siblings.

Friends may visit with the family Tuesday, Oct. 6 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the funeral home with Chaplin Tom Padberg officiating.

Burial will take place at Rochester I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care; 112 S. Center St., Plymouth, IN, 46563.

Electronic condolences my be sent to the family at: memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com. Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Eva Benedict  Date of Death 10/4/2009

ARGOS — Eva Louise Benedict, 90, formally of rural Argos, passed away peacefully from this life into eternal life Sunday, Oct. 4, 2009 at Bremen Health Care Center. “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints” Psalm 116:15.

She was born in a farmhouse on the Fulton/Marshall County line road on Oct. 18, 1918. Her parents were the late Dean and Fern (Roose) Nellans.

Eva was named after Miss Eva Wingert, a former Argos teacher. She worked hard as a child and often recalled standing on a chair to make cakes for the hired hands on the farm.

She graduated from Richland Center High School in 1936 where she was awarded the Good Citizenship Award. She then attended Manchester College. She graduated from a two-year normal course, received her life teaching license, and later received her B.S. Degree from Manchester College in 1962.

Later, she married a high school classmate and the love of her life, Clinton E. Benedict Feb. 21, 1942 in a stone farmhouse just south and east of Argos. They were blessed with 53 years of marriage.

Eva taught elementary school in Marshall and Fulton counties for 24 years. She was a member of the Indiana and National Retired Teachers Association.

Her mother, two daughters and a granddaughter have been educators for four generations totaling more than 120 years! She was proud of her teaching family.
Since her husband served in World War II, she proudly displayed a star in her window for nearly five years. They wrote to one another daily.

Clinton served in the Army at Fort Hayes near Columbus, Ohio where she taught Bible School and they both taught Sunday School classes. Her husband served as a Chief Warrant Officer in the “European Theater of Operations”.

He served in England, France, and Italy.
She was very creative and enjoyed baking, gardening and traveling.

She made it possible for her family to vacation in California, the Grand Canyon, Florida, the Black Hills, the Great Smokey Mountains, the Rocky Mountains, and Yosemite and Glacier National Parks.

She was a member of Argos Bible church and the “31” Home Economics Club.

Eva was a very loving and devoted mother to her two daughters: Mary K. Goller (David) of Mishawaka and Linda L. Overmyer (David) of Tippecanoe. She dearly loved her two granddaughters: Lisa M. Overmyer of Virginia and Melissa M. Yoho of Mishawaka. Also surviving is a great granddaughter, Emma Grace Buszkiewicz.

In addition, one cousin, Ruth Schrader of Chesterton, and several nieces and nephews are surviving.

Her husband, Clinton E. Benedict; parents, Dean and Fern Nellans; and her brothers: Dee D. and Robert K. Nellans preceded her in death.

Eva’s family wishes to express their sincere appreciation and gratitude for the wonderful care given to her by Dr. Jason Marker and the Bremen Health Care Center.

The Earl-Grossman Funeral Home in Argos is in charge of the arrangements. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9.

The funeral will be Saturday, Oct. 10 at 10 a.m. in the Argos Bible Church with visitation one hour before the service.

Pastor Phillip Platz will be officiating.

There will be a private burial service at the Richland Center Cemetery, North of Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Argos Bible Church.

dora E. Whitmer  Date of Death 10/4/2009

NORTH LIBERTY — Dora E. Whitmer, 99, formerly of North Liberty, died Sunday, Oct. 4 at 5:50 p.m. at Saint Joseph's Regional Medical Center, Plymouth after an extended illness.

She is survived by four daughters: Linda Borton of North Liberty, Susan Boswell and Evelyn Gardner of Walkerton and Bonnie Hendricks of Plymouth; four sons: James of North Liberty, Eugene of Fulton, N.Y., Rollo of Valdosta, Ga., and Bert of Walkerton; 56 grandchildren; 128 great-grandchildren; 61 great-great-grandchildren and a brother, Raymond Naragon of North Liberty.

Visitation will take place from 2 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8 at the A.M. Manuel & Co. Funeral Home, 202 N. Main St., North Liberty and from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 9 at the North Liberty Church of the
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He is survived by his wife Georgina; four children: Carolyn (Todd) Baumruk, of Chicago Heights, Ill., Michael (Jennifer) Bostedo of Orlando, Fla., Krista Bostedo, Ottawa, Ill.; and Jennifer (David) Fitman of Plainfield, Ill.; four grandchildren; siblings: Carol (Edward) Jaeky of Indian Head Park, Ill., Patricia (Richard) Caffarelli of Plymouth, Richard (Margaret) Bostedo of Westmont, Ill. And Barbara (Keith) Johnson, Champagne, Ill.; and multiple nieces, nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

Family services will take place at a later date.

The Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, was entrusted with arrangements.

Memorial gifts may be made to the V.N.A. Hospice, 901 Woodland Ave., Michigan City, IN, 46360 or to the American Cancer Society.

Bremen — William L. "Bill" Stutzman, 90, of Bremen, formerly of Bourbon, died Monday, Oct. 5, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at Bremen Healthcare Center.

He is survived by a daughter, Kay Fisher of Nappanee; a son, Ray W. Stutzman of Mentone; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 15 great-great-grandchildren; sisters: Barbara Helmuth of Nappanee, Lizzie Troyer of Michigan, Lydia Mae Hochstetler of Nappanee, Mary Yoder of Nappanee, Annie Stutzman of California, Frannie (Eldon) Yoder of Salem, Mo. And Sylvia Kohler of Nappanee; and a brother, Joe Stutzman of Nappanee.

Visitation will take place from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8 at the Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main St., Nappanee and one hour prior to services Friday.

Funeral services will take place Friday, Oct. 9 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at South Union Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Nappanee — Gerald A. "Lefty" Robison, 76, of Nappanee, died Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009 at 6:15 p.m. at Miller's Merry Manor, Wakarusa, after a brief illness.

He is survived by a daughter, Gale (Larry) Koniecki of Marseilles, Ill.; sons: Doug (Linda) Robison of Millersburg and Dennis Robison of Goshen; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and sisters: Rosalie (Dale) Weaver of Nappanee, Shirley Cannon of Bremen and Nancy Davis of Goshen.
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Visitation will take place Friday, Oct. 9 from 2 to 8 p.m. at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main St. Nappanee.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, Oct. 10 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Union Center Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Miller's Merry Manor, Wakarusa.

Ronald E. Botset  Date of Death 10/7/2009

PLYMOUTH — Ronald E. "Ronnie" Botset, age 62, of Parkview Street, Plymouth, passed away at 9:08 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2009, at Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth.

Ronald was born April 26, 1947, in Plymouth, to Robert and Audene (Freese) Botset. He had been a lifetime resident of the Marshall County Area and had been a resident of Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home since Nov. 14, 1999. Ronnie's family wishes to thank the staff of Pilgrim Manor, for their many years, of kind and compassionate care.

Ronald is survived by his brother-in-law, Wayne Myers of Plymouth; his niece, Yavonda Myers of Warsaw; his great-nieces: Kelsey Boal and Kiare Boal of Warsaw; his aunt, Pauline Fites of Bourbon; his friend Chad Kaylor and his family of Argos; and many other friends.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Audene Botset and his sister, Pamela Myers.

~VISITATION~
MONDAY, OCT. 12, 2009, 5 to 7 P.M.
VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME
300 W. MADISON ST.
PLYMOUTH, IN, 46563

~FUNERAL~
TUESDAY, OCT. 13, 2009, 10:30 A.M.
VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME
THE REV. PAUL SPASIC, OFFICIATING

~BURIAL~
NEW OAK HILL CEMETERY, PLYMOUTH

~MEMORIES MAY BE SHARED AT~
www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

Constance Lyrel Morris Achorn  Date of Death 10/8/2009


She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1958. She graduated from Chatham College for Women in 1979 studying Art History and English Literature. Connie served in the Army Reserves in the late 1970s.

Connie was a long-time jewelry maker and was one of the founders of The Bead Society of Greater Washington DC and a member of the Washington Guild of Goldsmiths. She resided most of her life in the DC area.

She is survived by her husband, Carl Achorn; her children: Lisa Wick McLean (Steve) of Des Moines, Iowa and Greg Wick (April) of Indianapolis; her grandchildren: Misty Wick, Brittany McLean (Justin) Peters, and Conner McLean; her great-grandchildren: Emma and Jackson Peters; her siblings: Courtland D. Morris and Michelle Morris (Kenneth) Chapman; and her
Edward Brachich  Date of Death 10/8/2009

HAMLET — Edward Bracich, 75, died Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009 at Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis.

He is survived by his wife Carol; sons: Mark (Sharon) of Colorado and Jim (Shata) of Hamlet; daughters: Sherry and Kelly, both of Arizona; step-son, Mike (Rhonda) Edwards of Hamlet; step-daughter, Kelly Edwards of Hamlet; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; brothers: Wally of Munster and Bob of DeMotte; and sisters: Martha Bianco of Portage and Emily Santelik of Whiteland.

Visitation will take place Thursday, Oct. 15 from 1 p.m. (Central Time) until the time of services at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Funeral services will be Thursday at 4 p.m. at the funeral home chapel. Cremation will follow with burial at a later date.

Oliver J. Heckaman  Date of Death 10/8/2009

LAKEVILLE — Oliver J. Heckaman, 89, of Lakeville, died at 5:45 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009, at Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth.

He is survived by his wife Eleanor; his son, Larry (Merrie Kay) Heckaman of Plymouth; and his brothers: David Heckaman and Herb Heckaman, both of Lakeville.

Graveside services will be held Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the American Heart Association.

Dannie Ray Ritchie  Date of Death 10/8/2009

KNOX — Dannie Ray Ritchie, 69, died Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009 in Starke Memorial Hospital, Knox.

He is survived by two sons: Ricky Ray Ritchie and Ronnie Roy Ritchie; one sister, Maggie Everage; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Oct. 14 from 11 a.m. (Central Time) until the time of services at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Eagle Creek Cemetery, Knox.

Paul William Tucker  Date of Death 10/8/2009

WABASH — Paul William Tucker, 73, of Macy, died at 12:28 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, 2009 at Wabash County Hospital, Wabash.

He is survived by three daughters: Cynthia E. Tucker of Macy, Rev. Melody L. (Rev. William) Krisher of Arnold, Mo. And Diane L. Gall of Peru, Ind.; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will take place at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15 at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester with visitation two hours prior to the service.

Burial will follow the service at Mud Creek Chapel Cemetery, Macy. Memorials may be made to the Fulton County Cancer Association or Wabash- Miami County Home Health Care & Hospice.

Carolyn Sue Corcoran Zyzys  Date of Death 10/8/2009

Mrs. Zyzys was born April 26, 1941, in Plainfield, Ind., to the late Donald J. Corcoran and Viola Grace (Cooper) Wilcoxon.

Mrs. Zyzys attended Mooresville High School and graduated from Plainfield High School. She worked briefly in the insurance industry in Plainfield prior to working at the Richard Roudebush Veteran’s Medical Center in Indianapolis.

She later worked for a total of 19 years with the Federal Aviation Administration, primarily in Atlantic City, N.J., retiring in 1993. Mrs. Zyzys was an avid seamstress and also enjoyed sculpting. She was also very involved in family genealogy and enjoyed traveling abroad to do her genealogy research.

Above all, she enjoyed her family and was a proud homemaker.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, John Cosand.

Survivors include her husband, Edmund Zyzys, to whom she was united in marriage April 24, 1965, in Plymouth; children: Edmund Zyzys of New Jersey, Raymond Zyzys of Arizona, and Kelly Zyzys of New Jersey; sister, Sandy Smith of Mooresville; and a grandson, Zachary Zyzys.

Family graveside services were held Monday, October 12, 2009, in White Lick Cemetery, Mooresville. Rev. Dennis Payton officiated the service.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Carlisle & Son Funeral Chapel, Mooresville.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, by visiting www.stjude.org. Share a favorite memory or sign the online guest registry by visiting www.carlisleandson.com .

Eldon Frevida  Date of Death 10/9/2009

NAPPANEE — Eldon Frevida, 90, of Nappanee, died Friday, Oct. 9, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. at Goshen General Hospital.

He is survived by daughters: Janice (Melvin) Goss of Nappanee and Jolene (Daryl “Butch”) Hamman of Nappanee; a son, Donald (Betty) Fervida of Nappanee, four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place Sunday, Oct. 11 from 2 to 8 p.m. at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main St., Nappanee and one hour prior to services Monday.

Funeral services are Monday, Oct. 12 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Union Center Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Turkey Creek Church of the Brethren.

Barbara M. Kariger  Date of Death 10/9/2009

PLYMOUTH – Barbara M. Kariger, 56, a resident of Hillside Drive, Plymouth, died peacefully at her home in the company of family at 10:50 p.m. Friday, Oct. 9.

Barbara was born in LaPorte, Oct. 22, 1952. She is the daughter of Rolling Prairie residents, Paul E. and Marilyn R. (Pankowski) Nelson.
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She was a graduate of New Prairie High School and received her bachelors degree from Manchester College in 1975 and a Master in Education from Indiana University – South Bend in 1979.

On Dec. 27, 1975 in Rolling Prairie she became the bride of George H. Kariger. Together they dedicated their professional lives to the education of children including their own four children, two sons: Michael G. Kariger and Matthew P. Kariger both of Indianapolis, and two daughters: Melissa K. Kariger at Valparaiso University and Megan K. Kariger of Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Mich.

A brother also survives, Donald and wife Traci Nelson of Naperville, Ill. And children Dani and Zac.

Barb served as a reading teacher and aide in all grade levels of the Argos Elementary School from 1977 to 1982. She paused to raise her young family and in 1999 she returned as an aide and Title One Reading teacher at Webster Elementary until 2005. After that she continued as a substitute teacher in the Plymouth Community School system until her illness would not allow after being diagnosed with ALS in March of 2007.

The devoted staff and children of both schools made it possible for Barbara to accomplish daily tasks at home with handicap accessibility. She was also able to travel to the historic sights of Boston and experience the beauty of the Grand Canyon.

She was a member of St. Michael Roman Catholic Church, Plymouth. As hobbies she enjoyed scrap booking and collecting Christmas ornaments.

Barb’s family will receive friends Wednesday, Oct. 14 from 3 to 7 p.m. EDT in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place Thursday morning at 11 a.m. EDT in the St. Michael Catholic Church, 613 N. Center St., Plymouth.

Burial will follow in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

In Barbara’s own words she wished not to be remembered as a victim of ALS but rather for her love of all children and with that has requested that memorial gifts may be made to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, 2545 Farmers Drive, Indianapolis, IN, 46241-4305.

Word of condolence may be sent to the family via the Web site at www.johnson-danielson.com.

David M. Thompson  Date of Death 10/9/2009

WARSAW — David M. Thompson, 58, of Warsaw, died Friday, Oct. 9, 2009 at 8:45 p.m. at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

He was born Jan. 12, 1951 in Salem, Ind. To Richard and Mary Lou “Tash” Thompson and was a Warsaw resident for many years.

Thompson married Amy Gill June 12, 1982 in Warsaw. He worked as an EMT for the City of Warsaw and was a member of the St. Anne’s Episcopal Church, Warsaw.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Lou of Tyner; wife, Amy of Warsaw; two daughters: Mandy Neff and Kendra Thompson, both of Warsaw; two brothers: William Thompson of Eugene, Ore. And Steve Thompson of Plymouth; a sister, Debbie Mosson of Walkerton and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father. Thompson loved his daughters and Superman.

Visitation will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14 at St. Anne’s Episcopal Church,
Funeral services will take place at the church at 11 a.m. Wednesday with Father Daniel Martin officiating.

Burial will follow at St. Anne's Episcopal Church Columbarium, Warsaw.

McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, was entrusted with arrangements.

Electronic condolences may be sent to the family via the site at mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com

George W. "Babe" Bowen  Date of Death 10/11/2009

PLYMOUTH – George W. "Babe" Bowen, 91, passed away at home Sunday, Oct. 11, 2009, at 1 p.m.

George was born in Chicago, Ill. Feb. 22, 1918, the son of Charles E. and Jessie Beetsma Bowen, Sr. On December 27, 1939, George and Marjorie H. Maxson were married in Plymouth.

George worked at Studebakers for 23 years, until the plant closed. He then worked at Bendix, retiring after 16 years.

In George’s younger years, he played guitar with several bands in the surrounding area. He was also avid hunter, fisherman and golfer.

George is survived by Marjorie, his wife of 69 years; a son, Charles R. (Judy) Bowen; a daughter, Carolyn J (George) Buday; grandchildren: Keith A. Bowen, Kimberly A. (Scott) Wieczorck, Kevin A. (Laura) Bowen, Matthew M. (Hillary) Coons, Michael Skidmore; great-grandchildren Alex, Bryce and Connor Wieczorck, Ashley Bowen, David Sayer; Lexie and Harrison Coons; and a sister, Ruth Bowman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Charles E. Bowen, Jr.; and a sister, Lucille Books.

Friends are invited to share their memories with George’s family from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15 at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral Services will be held Friday, Oct. 16, at 11 a.m. in the funeral home, with Rev. Tom Padberg, Chaplain of the Center For Hospice and Palliative Care officiating.

Burial will be in Morris Cemetery, located on U.S. 6 west of LaPaz.

Memorial contributions in George’s name may be made to charity of the donor’s choice.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family through the funeral home’s Web site at: www.johnsondanielson.com.

James Croy  Date of Death 10/12/2009

CULVER — James “Jimmy” Croy, 39, of Culver, died unexpectedly at 10:08 a.m. Monday, Oct. 12, 2009 in Culver while walking the family dog, Gizzie.

He was born Sept. 26, 1970 to Scott and Debbie Croy, who survive. Additional survivors include his life-long partner, Michele Trusty; their son, Justin James Croy of Culver; his sister, Ragan Croy (Scott) Breiter; and brother, Nathanael J. Croy, both of Flower Mound, Texas.

He also leaves behind many close aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews, as well as
Jimmy graduated from Culver Community High School in 1989 where he was known and is remembered for his weight lifting and wrestling records. He owned and operated Croy’s Car Connections in Plymouth for several years and most recently was a dealer in antiques and collectibles.

Friends will remember him from flea markets and auctions where he engaged in his favorite hobby which was to buy things from people who wanted to sell things and to sell things to those who were looking to buy things.

He was a cigar aficionado and enjoyed fishing along with taking road trips with his family. Jimmy was an avid collector of Culver postcards and other Culver memorabilia. One of his favorite past times was spending time with his family and reminiscing, looking at photographs and reliving fond memories. Because of his kindness to all and his loving heart, he will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

A time of sharing memories with the family will be held at the Odom Funeral Home, Culver, Thursday, Oct. 15 from 2 to 8 p.m. and one hour before the service Friday at the church.

Rev. Floyd Allen and Paul Bigley will officiate funeral services at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 16 at the Gospel Lighthouse Church in Delong, Ind.

Interment will follow at the Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Memorials may be given in Jimmy’s memory to a trust for his son Justin at the First National Bank of Monterey.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at odomfuneralhome.com.

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.

Dale W. Geyer  Date of Death 10/12/2009


He is survived by his wife Ruby; sons: Larry D. (Jane) Geyer of Murrells Inlet, S.C. and Craig (Rebecca) Geyer of Bremen; a daughter, Beverly Ann (Larry) Hough of Lakeville; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15 at the Mishler Funeral Home, 2030 S.R. 331, Bremen.

Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16 at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Center for Hospice of to the South Bend Military Honor Park, Progress Drive in South Bend.

Shirley R. (Alliss) Lake  Date of Death 10/12/2009


She is survived by daughters: Mindy Beland of Goshen and Laura (Brian) Wilson of Wheat Ridge, Colo.; a granddaughter; sisters: Mary (Alliss) Knowles of Grand Tower, Ill., Virginia (Alliss) (Ernest) Rowe of Plymouth and Janet (Alliss) (Robert) Lortie of Ligonier, Ind.; and
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brother, Roger (Carol) Alliss of Frankfort, Ill.

Funeral services will take place Thursday, Oct. 15 at 2 p.m. at New Oakhill Cemetery Chapel, Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church, Warsaw or the Kosciusko County Hospice.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, was entrusted with arrangements.

David A. Lee Date of Death 10/12/2009


Born in Plymouth, the son of Virgil E. and Catharine L. Day Lee Aug. 27, 1946, Dave was a graduate of Plymouth High School in the class of 1964.


A self-employed carpet installer, Dave had installed carpet in many homes and businesses in the area. Dave enjoyed camping with family and friends in most of Indiana’s State Parks.

He also enjoyed watching television, especially NASCAR races, going to flea markets and spending time with his grandchildren.

David is survived by two sons and their families. They are Mark A. and fiancée Pam Mahler and their children: Austyn Lee, Ashley Mahler and Makaela Mahler and Scott D. and Dolly Lee and their children Crystal, and Scottie, Jr., all of Plymouth.

He is also survived by his mother, Catharine L. Lee of Peru, Ill.; a sister, Mary R. Burdon, both of Peru, Ill., and his mother and father-in–law, Dollie E. and Frank E. Bair Jr., of Plymouth.

Dave was preceded in death by his wife, Janet and father, Virgil.

Friends may visit with the family from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, 2009, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services, officiated by the Rev. Charles Krieg, will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009, in the funeral home.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Dave’s memory may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care or to the Boys and Girls Club of Marshall County.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family through the funeral home’s Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com

PLYMOUTH — David A. Lee, 63, of Plymouth, died Monday, Oct. 12, 2009 at Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth.

He is survived by sons: Mark A. (Pam Mahler) Lee of Plymouth and Scott D. (Dolly) Lee of Plymouth; mother, Catherine L. Lee of Peru, Ill.; sister, Mary R. Burdon of Peru, Ill.; and father and mother-in-law, Frank E. (Dollie E.) Bair Jr. of Plymouth.

Visitation will take place Friday, Oct. 16 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.
Funeral services will take place Saturday, Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care or the Boys & Girls Club of Marshall County.

Rosalie Weaver  Date of Death 10/12/2009

NAPPANEE — Rosalie Weaver, 79, of Nappanee, died Monday, Oct. 12, 2009 at 3 a.m. at her home.

She is survived by her husband Dale; sons: Roger (Ellen) Weaver of Goshen and Steve (Teresa) Weaver of Claypool; a daughter, Connie Fruchey of Newark, Del.; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and sisters: Shirley Cannon of Bremen and Nancy Davis of Goshen.

Visitation will take place Wednesday, Oct. 14 from 2 to 8 p.m. at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main St., Nappanee.

Funeral services will take place Thursday, Oct. 15 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Union Center Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Goshen Cancer Center or Goshen General Care at Home Hospice.

Kerry Weidner  Date of Death 10/12/2009

FORT WAYNE — Kerry Weidner, 52, of Milford, died Monday, Oct. 12, 2009 at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne.

He is survived by his wife Jacqui; sons: Joshua Weidner and Jordan Weidner, both at IU Bloomington; a daughter, Alyssa Weidner, at home; a step-son, Fred Hoyle of Milford; and one step-daughter, Emma Hoyle, of Milford; brothers: Kevin (Carolyn) Weidner of Glendale, Ariz. And Keith (Jill) Weidner of South Bend; sisters: Karen Prebys of Greenwood, Kathy (Kenny) Thomas of Chesapeake, Va., Karol Weidner of Chesapeake, Va., Karla (Fred) Malecki of Granger and Father Earl Weidner of Plymouth.

Visitation will take place Thursday, Oct. 15 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Milford.

Funeral services will take place Thursday at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society

The Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Milford was entrusted with arrangements.

Makena Kay Whybrew-Weisenberger  Date of Death 10/12/2009

ROCHESTER — Makena Kay Whybrew-Weisenberger, 9 days old, Macy, Indiana, died at 8:42 a.m. Monday Oct. 12, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

Survivors include her parents of Macy; sister, Gabriella Whybrew, Macy; grandmothers, Tamra Whybrew, Tippecanoe, Ronda Moore, Warsaw; great-grandparents, Donna Smith and Glenn Smith, Tippecanoe; Rosey Moore and Arte Moore, Wabash; and aunts and uncles.

Burial and graveside services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at Palestine
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Cemetery, Palestine.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Makena Whybrew Weisenberger Memorial Fund.

Online condolences may be sent to zimmermanbros@rtcol.com.

Arrangements by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

**John "Jack" Singleton  Date of Death 10/13/2009**

KNOX—John “Jack” Singleton, 79, died Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2009 in Starke Memorial Hospital, Knox.

He is survived by his wife Marie Lena; sons: John (Cindy) Singleton, Robert Singleton, Gary (April) Singleton, Kevin (Meredith) Singleton, all of Knox and Byron (Deb) Singleton and Chris (Miranda) Singleton, all of Plymouth; two daughters: Karen (Ron) Sobieck and Margaret (Craig) Singleton, all of Knox and many grandchildren.

Visitation will take place Friday, Oct. 16 from 4 to 8 p.m. (Central Time) at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel and one hour prior to funeral services Saturday.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Oct. 17 at noon at the funeral chapel.

Burial will be at the Fletcher Cemetery, Hamlet.

Memorial contributions may be given to Karen Sobieck.

**Nellie D. Conley  Date of Death 10/14/2009**

FORT WAYNE — Nellie D. Conley, of Tucson, Ariz. and formerly of Etna Green, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009 at 4:34 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, at the age of 70.

She was born Jan. 19, 1939 in Etna Green, to Robert Long and Dessel (Bach) Haynes. On June 15, 1957 she was married to Herman E. Conley, who survives.

She was a resident of Etna Green up until 1989, moving to Tucson, where she worked for 15 years at Fry’s Supermarket of Tucson in the Deli Department.

Nellie will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 52 years, Herman Conley (Tucson, Ariz.); three daughters: Colleen (husband Mark) Mast (Nappanee); Melanie Stenstrom (Etna Green); Becky (husband Don) Milliser (Plymouth); two sons: Jim (wife Becky) Conley (Etna Green); Patrick (wife Martha) Conley (Plymouth); and her sister: Patty (husband Tom) Pulliam (Fountain Hills, Ariz.).

She also leaves eight grandchildren: Justin Reed, Sara Reed, Athena Stenstrom, Andy Stenstrom, Alaina Stenstrom, Taylor Milliser, Blake Milliser, Trenton Conley; 11 step-grandchildren, and 15 step-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers: Leon E. Long and James A. Long.

Visitation will be Friday, Oct. 16, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, Warsaw.

Her funeral service will be held Saturday, Oct. 17, at 1 p.m. at Etna Green Church of Christ, 206 W. Broadway, Etna Green, with Pastor Jordan Ickes officiating.

Burial will be in Etna Green Cemetery, Etna Green.

Memorial donations can be made to Relay for Life – “Team Nellie,” 9859 Deer Trail, Plymouth, IN 46563, and would be appreciated by the family.
Wendell W. Nelson  Date of Death 10/14/2009

CULVER — Wendell W. Nelson, 79, of State Street in Culver, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 10 p.m. at Miller’s Merry Manor, Culver.

He was born in Argos Feb. 16, 1930, the son of the late Donald and Frances Evans Nelson.

He was a proud member of Argos High School graduating class of 1948. He was a charter member of the Argos High School FFA. Ad a young man interested in agriculture, he was an active participant in Marshall County 4-H. His senior year, he set the benchmark for others to try to achieve. With great effort and a vision, his work ethic was established during his teenage years. The fair results were paramount as he garnered grand champion beef, sheep and hog in addition to being appointed grand champ with showmanship. No one has ever come near his record-setting performance.

Two years later, July 23, 1950, at the Argos Congregational Church, he married his best friend and love of his life, Jean Biggs Nelson. On July 23, 2009, they celebrated 50 years of marriage. Their marriage yielded four daughters, Wendy, Judy, Shirley and Tracey; and son, Terry. Seven grandchildren were later added to the family.

As an original U.S. Sky Marshall, Wendell trained at Langley Air Force Base and Quantico Marine Corps Base. He later accepted a position with the U.S. Treasury Department, specifically U.S. Customs. He led an interesting, but usually secret, life as required by the government.

He worked with U.S. attorneys, wired airplanes and he also developed and provided sources that later brought down Noriega. Wendell was called to testify during Nixon’s impeachment hearings and he was highly decorated by our government with many accommodations, including one for marksmanship and another for thwarting a highjacking.

Wendell, with the true heart of a farmer, owned farms in rural Argos and rural Plymouth. Over the years, he enjoyed hogs and Holsteins. A favorite memory was the pony races he enjoyed as a young man at Plymouth, Bourbon and area county fairs.

As a politician, Wendell enjoyed helping his fellow Democrats into office. He enjoyed all types of athletic contests, including croquet and shuffleboard. He was known by family and close friends as a fierce competitor at whatever type of contest he engaged in, with a vision he persevered then prevailed. He was passionate about his family, enjoying the good times they shared. The past 20 years, he and Jean enjoyed time together wintering in Naples, Fla.

He is survived by his wife Jean, at home; children: Wendy Nelson of Kokomo, Judy Heliste and Richard of Carmel, Shirley Nelson and Michael and Vernon Hills, Ill., Terry Nelson of Argos, Tracey Morris and David of Palm Coast, Fla.; seven grandchildren: Kalen and Drew Heliste, Tyler Nelson, Matthew and Marcus Morris and William and Jonathon Ford. He is also survived by a brother, Glen Nelson and wife Geneva, of Highland. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Maurice.

A celebration of life of Wendell Nelson will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17 in New Oak Hill Chapel, with Pastor Steven Sherwood officiating. Entombment will be in New Oak Hill Cemetery.

Friends may visit with the family from 10:30 a.m. through the hour of service.

Memorials may be made to the Marshall County 4-H Fair general fund.

Good Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Richard W. Gaines  Date of Death 10/15/2009
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TIPPECANOE — Richard W. Gaines, 65, of Tippecanoe, formerly of Columbus, Ohio, died at 3:45 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15 in the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He is survived by five children including Ann Marie Gaines of Cleveland, Ohio; several grandchildren; sisters and brothers: Violet Ray, Shirley DeBow, Elizabeth Ward, Brenda Carter, Barbara Dickson, Loretta Keehn, Roger Gaines and Joseph Gaines; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from noon until 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19 in the New Oakhill Cemetery Chapel.

Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. in the chapel with burial to follow.

The Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, was entrusted with arrangements.

Raymond C. Daugherty  Date of Death 10/16/2009

PLYMOUTH — Raymond C. Daugherty, 54, of Plymouth, died Friday, Oct. 16, 2009, at 6.28 p.m. at his home.

He is survived by his daughter, Autum (Matt) Ruby of Argos; his son, Harley Daugherty of Argos; and two grandsons.

A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, Oct. 24 at 6 p.m. at the American Legion Post #27, Plymouth, where friends are invited to share memories and visit with Raymond’s family.

Van Gilder funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth is entrusted with arrangements.

Raymond C. Daughtery  Date of Death 10/16/2009

PLYMOUTH — Raymond C. Daugherty, 54, of Plymouth, died Friday, Oct. 16, 2009, at 6.28 p.m. at his home.

He is survived by his daughter, Autum (Matt) Ruby of Argos, Indiana; his son, Harley Daugherty of Argos; and two grandsons.

There will be no visitation. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, was entrusted with arrangements.

Betty R. Dering  Date of Death 10/16/2009

COLUMBUS, Ind. — Betty R. Dering, 87, of Columbus, died Friday, Oct. 16, 2009, at 3:45 p.m. at the Silver Oaks Health Campus.

Betty was born in Culver, June 28, 1922, the daughter of Millard C. and Blanche M. Cromley Finney.


Mrs. Dering retired from the Culver Military Academy where she worked in the office. She formerly was employed at the Culver Marina and was a long time member of the Marshall County Fair Board and served for many years as its Treasurer.

She was a member of White Creek United Methodist Church, Gideon’s Auxiliary, United Methodist Women in White Creek and Culver.

Survivors include her second husband, Glenn L. Dering; children: Gregory P. (Pat) Yapp of
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Springport, Ind., Richard D. (Jutta) Linhart of Idaho and Susan D. Francoeur-Amich (Doug) of Columbus; sisters: Lila Fenimore of Franklin and Thelma "Jean" Ringer of Lakeville; seven grandchildren and eight step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband; two brothers and one sister.

The funeral will be conducted at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21 at Barkes, Weaver & Glick Funeral Home on Jonathan Moore Pike with the Pastor Roger A. Walby officiating. Calling will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and 8:30 a.m. to time of service Wednesday.

A graveside service will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Culver Masonic Cemetery in Culver.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions be made to Gideons International.

Online condolences may be sent to Betty’s family and the video tribute may be viewed at www.barkesweaverglick.com.

Stephen T., MD Hampton Date of Death 10/16/2009

BEDFORD — Stephen T. Hampton M.D. died peacefully at home Oct. 16, 2009. He had courageously been fighting cancer for the past year.

He was born March 18, 1956 in Saginaw, Mich. He grew up in Argos where his father was in family practice.

After graduating from Argos High School he attended Purdue University and then attended Tulane University in New Orleans, La. He earned a degree in Biology and a master's degree in Pharmacology.

After working for the Department of Energy in New Orleans and Washington, D.C., he graduated from Tulane Medical School. After completing his orthopedic residency in Chicago at the University of Illinois, he moved to Anderson, and practiced for 16 years before moving to Bedford, Ind. In Bedford he worked for Dunn Memorial Hospital as part of South Central Indiana Orthopedics and Sports Medicine.

While in Anderson he was the team doctor for all athletics at Anderson University. He also taught and provided job shadowing opportunities for many high school and college students.

He is survived by his wife Julie (Snyder) Hampton whom he married Aug. 12, 1978; two daughters: Haley, 12, and Lauren, 8, who were the loves of his life; his parents: Dr. James and Frances Hampton of Naples, Fla.: one sister, Peggy Annis and her husband Larry of Monon; two brothers: David Hampton and his wife Traci of Edmond, Okla., and John Hampton and his wife Darci of Plymouth; his father- and mother-in-law Don and Marlis Snyder; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Doug and Kim Snyder; sister-in-law Karen Snyder; and brother-in-law Tim Snyder, all of Plymouth. Also several nieces, nephews aunts, uncles and cousins survive.

He was preceded in death by two brothers: Marc and Michael Hampton and his wonderful grandparents.

Funeral Services were held Oct. 21 in Bedford and graveside committal services were held later that day at Maplewood Cemetery on the campus of Anderson University in Anderson.

A memorial service will take place Sunday, Nov. 15, in Plymouth at Calvary Lutheran Church at 1 p.m. Family and friends are invited to attend.

Amber Starr McMillen Date of Death 10/16/2009
ARGOS — Amber Starr McMillen, 30 of Argos, died Friday, Oct. 16, at 10:23 p.m. at County Road 600 North in Starke County near Koontz Lake following a automobile accident.

She was born May 30, 1979 in Plymouth to Richard L. Dixon Jr. and Deborah Isom and had lived all of her life in the Marshall County area.

She is survived by three children: Seth Garrison, Hailey McMillen and Niko McMillen; her father, Richard L. Dixon Jr. and his fiancé Susan Good of Argos; three brothers: Ricky Dixon and wife Stacy of LaPaz, Chad Isom and Jason Banister of Plymouth; her paternal grandfather, Richard Dixon Sr. of Plymouth; and maternal grandmother, Roberta Isom of West Virginia.

She was preceded in death by a grandmother, Pat Dixon; and mother, Deb Conklin in July of 2009.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos with Rev. Robert Rice of the Walnut Church of the Brethren, Argos, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to 1st Source Bank c/o: Children of Amber McMillen Memorial Fund, 518 N. Michigan St., Argos, IN, 46501.

Electronic condolences my be sent to the family at: memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Patricia S. Hicks  Date of Death 10/17/2009

SOUTH BEND — Patricia S. Hicks, 84, of South Bend, died at 8:55 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009 in the Milton Home.

She is survived by two children: Rosemary (Tom) Berndt of South Bend and Eddie D. Hicks of Toledo, Ohio; three granddaughters; and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place Monday, Oct. 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will follow at 3 p.m. At the funeral home.

Burial will follow in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be given to the Milton Home c/o 206 E. Marion St., South Bend, IN, 46601 or Southern Care Hospice.

Leonard A. Walavich  Date of Death 10/17/2009


He is survived by a daughter, Mary (Terry) Bortell of Knox.

Visitation will take place from 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009 at Catherine Kasper Life Center Chapel, Donaldson.

Burial will follow at McKinley Gardens Cemetery, Winamac.

Arrangements are entrusted with Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth.
Larry E. Hatcher  Date of Death 10/18/2009

PLYMOUTH — Larry E. Hatcher, age 67, Nursey Street, Plymouth, passed away at 7:16 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009, at Elkhart Hospice House, Elkhart.

Larry was born May 28, 1942, in Finley, Ohio to Lester B. and Clara (Solomon) Hatcher. On June 9, 1963, Larry and the former Joyce A. Nier were united in marriage.

Together they raised their two children. Larry retired from Bendix Corporation in South Bend. He was a member of the Plymouth Moose Lodge and the Methodist Church of Bourbon.

Larry is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Joyce Hatcher of Plymouth; their daughter, Kathy (John) Wade of Plymouth; their son, Larry Hatcher, Jr. of Plymouth; his grandchildren: Mariah Norwick, Justin Nettroher, Nick Wade and Ashley Wade; his great-grandson, Braden Robinson; and his sister, Sandra (Mitch) Bradford of Crossville, Tenn.

The family would like for memorial contributions to be given to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 112 S. Center St., Plymouth, IN, 46563.

~VISITATION~
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21, 2009, 4 to 7 P.M.
VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME
300 W. MADISON ST.
PLYMOUTH, IN, 46563

~FUNERAL~
THURSDAY, OCT. 22, 2009, 10:30 A.M.
VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME
THE REV. MARK DAY, OFFICIATING

~BURIAL~
NEW OAKHILL CEMETERY, PLYMOUTH

~MEMORIES MAY BE SHARED AT~
www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

Ronald Lee Humes  Date of Death 10/18/2009

PLYMOUTH – Ronald Lee Humes, 63, a Plymouth resident for the past 26 years, died at his residence, surrounded by his loving family and Hospice, Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009, at 1 a.m.

Ron was born at home in Starke county Aug. 7, 1946, the son of Irvin S. and Mabel A. Dickson Humes. He had attended school in Knox.


An avid C.B Radio fan, he went by the handle “Carpenter Boy” when talking to his many friends. He also enjoyed attending fish fries at the Gospel Lighthouse Church in Delong, Ind.

Ron is survived by his wife, Jerry; five children: Michael Lee Humes of Anderson, Lori Ann and Scott Hammel of Argos, Kelly Lynn and Jesse Clark of Peru, Matthew Clayton Sumpter-Humes of Argos and Misty Marie Humes of Argos; several grandchildren; one great granddaughter; a brother, James (JoAnn) Humes and a sister, Anna Mae (Leonard) Messer, both of knox.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant child; an infant grandson, Austin D.
Overmyer; three brothers: Irvin S. Humes, Howard E. Humes, Robert Humes; and one sister, Katherine Humes.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, Oct. 21 from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services, officiated by the Rev. Floyd Allen, will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009, in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Burr Oak Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be given to the Neighborhood Center for the Toys for Tables program.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via the funeral homes Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com.

Virgie E. Umbaugh  Date of Death 10/18/2009

NAPPANEE — Virgie E. Umbaugh, 94, of Nappanee, died Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009 at LuAnn Nursing Home, Nappanee at 11:55 a.m.

She is survived by a son, Ralph Umbaugh of Nappanee; daughters: Helen (Loren) Stackhouse of Warsaw and Linda (Everett) Maurer of Nappanee; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and two brothers: Jim Gall of Oswego and Jake Gall of Elkhart.

Visitation will take place Tuesday, Oct. 20 from 2 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services Wednesday at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main St., Nappanee.

Funeral services will take place Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009 at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Union Center Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Southern Care Hospice.

Marilyn Weaver  Date of Death 10/18/2009

PLYMOUTH — Marilyn Weaver, 76, of 4th Road, Plymouth, died of natural causes at 9:32 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 18, 2009, in Elkhart Hospice House.

Marilyn was born in Plymouth Oct. 24, 1932. She was the daughter of Reathel Alice (Fruits) Gordon and Chester “Bluegill” Lyle Gordon.

Marilyn attended Plymouth schools and graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1951. She continued her education in Chicago as a medical records keeper and subsequently worked for more than 50 years for the Plymouth Hospitals in the Medical Records Dept.

Marilyn loved working with the cancer board and assisting doctors to brainstorm their way through difficult cancer cases to find possible solutions. She was the Director of Medical Records for more than 30 years.

On October 12, 1952, in Plymouth, she and Robert Weaver were married. Her husband of 57 years still lives in the home they built together with their own two hands.

Marilyn was involved with the Red Cross as a volunteer and as a member of the Disaster Committee. She was the 4-H instructor for North Township for 30 years and enjoyed knitting, cross-stitching sewing and music. While in high school she was part of a talented singing trio. She and Robert traveled extensively all over the U.S. and Canada.
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Marilyn leaves family who will cherish memories of her including three children: Daniel Weaver and Mike Weaver of Plymouth and Susan Weaver of Delray Beach, Fla. Her brother, Charles Lyle Gordon, of Plymouth, also survives, together with her grandchildren: Kimberly and Scott Weaver and Marilyn’s very much cherished great-grandchild, Cailyn.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents.

Friends are invited to celebrate Marilyn’s life with her family Sunday, Oct. 25, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held Monday, Oct. 26 at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Pastor Ruth Yoder of the Brethren Church, Plymouth, will officiate. Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth

Memorial contributions in Marilyn’s memory may be given to the Marshall County Red Cross.

Sharing of memories and letters of condolence may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com.

Glenrose E. Bunn  Date of Death 10/19/2009

ROCHESTER — Glenrose E. Bunn, 97, of Rochester, died Monday, Oct. 19, 2009 at Hickory Creek, Rochester.

He is survived by a daughter, Donna Hart of Logansport; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 21 at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester.

Private family funeral services will be held Thursday with burial to follow at Richland Center IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Richland Center United Methodist Church or to the Hickory Creek Activity Fund.

Philip K. Lash  Date of Death 10/19/2009

Philip K. Lash, 90, 6391 S. Indiana 19, Mentone, died at 8:50 a.m. Monday at the Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Philip was born to Raymond and Zelda Blue Lash on July 19, 1919, in Harrison Township, Kosciusko County, where he was a lifetime area resident. He was married April 14, 1956, at Burket to Violet E. Jones who passed away Nov. 22, 1986.

Philip was a school teacher at Mentone High School and Junior High teaching agriculture and science for five years. Along with teaching he was a grain and livestock farmer.

Philip graduated from Beaver Dam High School in 1937. Then he attended Purdue University where he studied agriculture and graduated in 1941. Philip also served his country in World War II in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Mentone Masonic Lodge for years and the Mentone United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his daughter, Ann and husband Paul Branson, South Whitley; his son, John and wife Darlene Lash, Mentone; and three grandchildren, Laura Lash, Indianapolis, David and wife Kyla Lash, Mentone, and Sarah Lash, Mentone.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Eleanor Chamberlain and Ruth Ellison.
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A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with the Rev. Doris Smith and Pastor Terry Vanlaningham officiating. By the families’ request, there will be no visitation prior to the service. Burial will be in Harrison Center Cemetery, Etna Green.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kosciusko Home Care and Hospice and Kosciusko County Helping Hands. Online condolences may be sent at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Paul E. Middleton  Date of Death 10/19/2009

PLYMOUTH — Paul E. Middleton, 78, a resident of North Oak Road since 1991, passed away at his home in the company of his loving family on Monday, Oct. 19, 2009 following an illness.

He was born Feb. 15, 1931 to Cleddie E. and Clem Z. Roberson Middleton in Pleasant Plains, Ark. And has resided in Plymouth the past 59 years. On April 5, 1953 in South Bend, Paul married Pansy J. Griggs who survives.

Paul retired from the Young Door Co. in 1993 after 27 years of service.

His longtime interest in flower and vegetable gardening with his Pansy has been most fulfilling. Another passion of Paul’s was computer technology which he embraced and loved to share with others.

Along with his family he was a member of the United Pentecostal Church – House of Prayer.

Surviving along with his wife Pansy of 58 years are three daughters: Wanda J. (Chuck) Rowe, Linda S. (Mike) Shirk and Darla K. (John Sr.) Wloch, all of Plymouth. Six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren also survive.

Four surviving siblings are: Alma Sliter, Mayona McDougal, Erlean Brown and D.C. Middleton with numerous nieces and nephews.

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

The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22 in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Services will be held in the funeral home Friday at 11 a.m. with Pastor R.D. Humphrey and assisted by Aaron Haug. Burial will follow in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be made to the House of Prayer, 12450 Plymouth-Goshen Road, Plymouth and the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 112 S. Center St. Plymouth, IN, 46563.

Words of condolence may be sent to the family via the Web site at: www.johnson-danielson.com.

Betty L. Ogle  Date of Death 10/19/2009


Betty was born Jan. 8, 1930 to Harland and Bertha Lancaster. She lived her entire life in the Walkerton area. Mrs. Ogle was an Eastern Star member and was very active in the senior citizens center. She was also a past president of the Walkerton Business Women’s Association.

Betty enjoyed sewing, playing cards and bowling. She will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and mother-in-law. Betty was preceded in death by her husband: Jim L. Ogle; three brothers: Clyde, Lyle and Donald Lancaster; four sisters: Eleanor Ballentine, Ruth Stalker, Erma Purvis and Carolyn Johnson.
Elsa E. "Mazie" Fraschetti  Date of Death 10/20/2009

HAMLET — Elsa E. “Mazie” Fraschetti, 68, died Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009 in Hospice House, South Bend.

She is survived by two daughters: Rachelle Foust of Grovertown and Tracy Jeffers of South Bend; one son, John Jeffers of Hamlet; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three step-children; six step-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; four sisters: Nancy Earnest, Imogene Clemmons and Monica Clemmons, all of Hamlet, and Willie Rajski of North Liberty; and one brother, Walt Clemmons Sr. of Hamlet.

Funeral services will be Sunday, Oct. 25 at 5 p.m. (Central Time) at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel, where friends may call Sunday from 1 p.m. until the time of services.

Cremation will follow with a graveside service Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 2 p.m. at Fletcher Cemetery, Hamlet.

Bobby J. Galloway  Date of Death 10/20/2009

ROCHESTER — Bobby J. Galloway, 62, of Rochester, died Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2009 at his residence.

He is survived by his wife Vicki; a daughter, Traci Honkomp of Rochester; son, Toby Galloway of Rochester; his mother, Mary Spurgeon of Logansport; sister, Sandra Sue Sturdivant of Logansport; brother, John F. (Gladys) Galloway of Rochester; and four grandchildren.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22 and one hour prior to services Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Rochester IOOF Cemetery with military rites. Memorials donations may be made to the Eagles Scholarship Fund.

Gertrude Marie "Trudy" Joseph  Date of Death 10/21/2009

PLYMOUTH – Gertrude Marie “Trudy” Joseph, 92, passed away at home on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 at 10:27 a.m. of natural causes.

Formerly of Windmill Park, she has made her home at 12747 Peach Road with her granddaughter Kim and James Lockwood of Plymouth.
She was born in LaCrosse, Ind., the daughter of James and Nola (Woods) Armentrout on January 31, 1917. Trudy has lived in the Marshall County area most of her lifetime.

Trudy retired in 1979 from Chamberlin’s in Arkon, Indiana as an inspector. But her best job as she put it was; "Bossing the rest of them around."

She married Ross Smith in June of 1932 he preceded her in death Thanksgiving Day of 1981. On February 29, 1983 in Logansport, she married David E. Joseph. Her heart was broken when David preceded her in death just six weeks ago on September 8, 2009.

They had attended the Plymouth Baptist Church.

Trudy is survived by two sons; Richard (Joyce) Smith of Holiday Island, Ark. And David (Linda) Smith of Loogootee, Ind. Also surviving are three step-daughters and one step-son they are; Christina Morlock of Plymouth, Rebecca (Jim) Fiely and Marsha (Joe) Gibbs all of Logansport and Phillip (Brenda) Joseph of Idaho and daughter-in-law; Dorothy Smith.

Twenty-five grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and nine great-great grandchildren survive as well.

A sister, Opal Widener of Rochester, and a brother Kenneth Armentrout of The Colony, Texas also survive.

She was preceded in death her spouse, a son; Robert Smith and son-in-law; John Morlock, one brother and three sisters.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday October 23, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth where services will be held at 11 a.m. with Rev. Glen Mitchell officiating.

Burial will follow services in the Reichter Cemetery, near Talma, Indiana.

Memorial gifts may be given to the Center for Hospice & Palliative Care, 112 S. Center St., Plymouth, Indiana 46563.

Words of condolence may be sent to the family via: www.johnson-danielson.com.

Harry Dale Kane  Date of Death 10/21/2009

BREMEN — Harry Dale Kane died Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009 in Bremen.

He is survived by his daughters: Jane (David) Yoder, Jan (Tim) Hardy, Jenny (Todd) Bennitt, Julie (Tracy) Miller, all of Bremen; Jill (Don) Mulvihill of Glen Ellyn, Ill., and Joann (Dave) Teune of Concord, N.H.; 17 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Ruth Kane of South Bend; and a brother-in-law and his wife, Del and Julia Lauver of Niles, Mich.

Friends and family are invited to a service at Nappanee Missionary Church Sunday, Nov. 8, at 2:30 p.m. A time of fellowship for all will follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Bremen United Methodist Daycare or to Nappanee Missionary Church.

The Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen was entrusted with arrangements.

BREMEN — Harry Dale Kane passed away Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009 in Bremen.

He was born Sept. 16, 1925 in North Liberty to Robert and Augusta (Hanson) Kane. He graduated from North Liberty High School in 1943 where he lettered in basketball and took part in school plays.
After graduation Harry joined the U.S. Army and left to serve his country during WWII in the Philippines and later was stationed in Japan as a sergeant. He returned home and married Wanda Ruth Lauver June 18, 1949, at North Liberty United Methodist Church. Wanda preceded him in death June 12, 2008.

Harry worked at Studebakers and retired from Bendix after 32 years. He farmed in North Liberty and moved to Bremen in 1971 when the Kane farmland was purchased for the development of Potato Creek State Park. He continued to farm in Bremen and was a member of Indiana Farm Bureau.

Harry is survived by his family who dearly loved him and greatly admired his strength and honesty in everything he did. His six daughters and spouses are: David and Jane Yoder, Tim and Jan Hardy, Todd and Jenny Bennitt, Tracy and Julie Miller, all of Bremen; Don and Jill Mulvihill of Glen Ellyn, Ill.; and Dave and Joann Teune of Concord, N.H.

Harry greatly enjoyed being part of the lives of all 17 grandchildren he was blessed with: Shannon (Mark) McBride, Ryan (Brooke) Libey, Shane Libey, Ben and Katelyn Yoder, Ruth, Ellen and Daniel Mulvihill, Dianne, Kevin and Bethany Hardy, Patrick, Aaron and Brian Teune, Laura (Kirk) Bates, Lenae and Lacey Bennitt. Harry also had seven great-grandchildren: Dane, Rylan and Jaleigh McBride; Brylie, Seth and Elle Libey; and Landon Bates.

Harry is also survived by his sister-in-law, Ruth Kane of South Bend; and a brother-in-law and his wife, Del and Julia Lauver of Niles, Mich. His parents preceded him in death as well as his brother, Marvin Kane; and sister, Mary (Kane) Albright.

Harry demonstrated to his family a strong work ethic and possessed a keen sense of who he was that earned him respect by all.

Friends and family are invited to a celebration of Harry's life at Nappanee Missionary Church Sunday, Nov. 8, at 2:30 p.m. A time of fellowship for all will follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Bremen United Methodist Daycare where Harry served as one of the founding board members and happily spent many years as “handyman” and stopped in for visits, or to Nappanee Missionary Church where he attended.

The Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com .

Barbara Ellen Arvesen Date of Death 10/22/2009

NORTH VERNON — Former Plymouth resident, Barbara Ellen Arvesen, 55, passed away Thursday morning in her North Vernon home following complications of a therapeutic hospital procedure performed the day prior.

Barb was raised in Plymouth, the daughter of Robert C. Arvesen Sr. and Janet L. (Van Asten) Arvesen. She graduated from Plymouth High School with the Class of ’72 and furthered her education at Indiana University, Bloomington and graduated from the School of Nursing. Barb was full of life and adventure which led her back to where she was born Feb. 27, 1954 to San Diego, Calif.

There she took a job doing rotations in the neo-natal intensive care units devoting her attention to little ones in greatest need of care. She also was active with the CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Program of San Diego County along with her brother Eric. She resided there from 1974 to 2009 moving to North Vernon earlier this year and made her home with companion Gregory L. Lanum.

Barb enjoyed traveling, camping and her greatest joy, visiting the Pandas at the San Diego Zoo
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where she was a member of the Zoological Society.

Surviving is her father Bob Arvesen, a resident at Lawrence Lake, Plymouth; and siblings: Nancy P. Bice of Marshall, Mich., Mark E. Arvesen of Plymouth, Jerry Arvesen of Bloomington, Karen M. Green, Patty L. Pynaert and Eric L. Arvesen, all of Plymouth. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Her mother Janet preceded her in death in 1983.

Service arrangements are incomplete at this time with the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth and will be announced at a future date.

The family would like any form of remembrance given as a memorial gift in Barbara E. Arvesen’s name to the San Diego Zoological Society, P.O. Box 120551, San Diego, CA, 92112-0551 or online at  www.sandiegozoo.org.

Notes of condolence may be sent to the family via the Web site:  www.johnson-danielson.com.

Cassandra "Bandanish" Basehoar  Date of Death 10/23/2009


She is survived by her husband, Robert; daughter, Desiree Badanish of Leesburg, Fla.; sons: Emery Badanish of Independence, Mo. And Floyd Badanish of Grand Rapids, Mich.; mother, Dorothy Schriver Schmelter of Plymouth; and a sister, Bonnie Edwards (Larry) Sheetz.

Visitation will take place Monday, Oct. 26 from 4 to 6 p.m. with a funeral service at 6 p.m. at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Visitation will also take place Tuesday, Oct. 27 from noon to 2 p.m. with a service at 2 p.m. at Lake Forest Cemetery Chapel, Grand Haven, Mich.

Burial will take place at Lake Forest Cemetery, Grand Haven, Mich.

Memorials may be made to the Calvary Lutheran Church, Plymouth.

Clairabelle Katherine Fletcher  Date of Death 10/23/2009

PLYMOUTH — Clairabelle Katherine Fletcher, infant, was stillborn at 1:48 a.m. Friday, Oct. 23, 2009 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

She is survived by her parents, Chad and Stacey Creighbaum Fletcher; maternal grandparents Katherine and Duane Flory of Tippecanoe; paternal grandparents Christina and Gerald Miller of Plymouth and Duane and Denise Fletcher of Medaryville; maternal great-grandmother Irene Creighbaum of Tippecanoe; paternal great-grandparents Frances and Randy Bailey of Knox, Harold and Jolene Manns of Knox, Earl and Arpha Fletcher of Winamac and Raymond and Irma Miller of Goshen and paternal great-great-grandmother Willie Russell of Knox.

Family services will be held at Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Arrangements are entrusted with Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth.

Vern R. Baker  Date of Death 10/24/2009

He is survived by his wife Phyllis; daughter, Betty (Mario) Arena; son, John (Terry) Baker; four grandchildren; sisters: Ruth Rensberger of Plymouth and Mary Alice Workman of Bluffton and many other friends and relatives.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Nov. 7 at 10 a.m. at Victory Lakes, 1055 W. Grand Ave., Lindenhurst, Ill.

Donations may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 2211 N. Oak Park Ave., Chicago, IL, 60707.

**Preston D. Cobb  Date of Death 10/24/2009**

GROVERTOWN — Preston D. Cobb, 63, died Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009 in his home. He is survived by his wife, Vetia; two sons: David of Plant City, Fla. and Preston Jr. of Richmond, Ky.; three granddaughters; and three sisters: Lilly Young and Brenda Minton, both of London, Ky. and Helen Cochran of Chesterton.

There will be no services or visitation.

Cremation will take place.

Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel was entrusted with arrangements.

**Elder Robbins  Date of Death 10/24/2009**


He is survived by his daughter, Bonnie Robbins of South Bend; a son, Wayne Robbins; foster daughter, Louise Weaver of LaFountain and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place one hour prior to the memorial service to be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31 at Mishler Funeral Home, 2030 S.R. 331, Bremen.

Memorials may be made to the cause of the donor's choice.

**Alma A. Rice  Date of Death 10/25/2009**

KOONTZ LAKE - Alma A. Rice, 88, died Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009 in LaPorte Hospital, LaPorte.

She is survived by two daughters: Eva Rice of Koontz Lake and Betty Rink of Goshen; a son, Bobby Rice of Koontz Lake; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place Wednesday, Oct. 28 at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel from 10 a.m. (Central Time) until the time of services.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the funeral chapel.

Burial will be at the Grovertown Cemetery.

**Heinz W. Schafer  Date of Death 10/25/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Heinz W. Schafer, age 85, of 678 Windmill Drive, Plymouth, passed away at 8:54 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009, at his home.

Heinz was born Feb. 21, 1924, in Dusseldorf, Germany, to Willi and Anna (Springer) Schafer. He started playing the violin at the age of five. He later studied at the Hamburg Conservatory
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Heinz M. Fritter, 69, of Plymouth, died on October 24, 2009.

He served with the German Air Force from May 1, 1941, during WWII, as a radio operator. Heinz immigrated to the United States in 1950. He and Lucille E. Andrews were united in marriage Feb. 13, 1954. Lucille preceded Heinz in death Dec. 18, 1997.

Heinz was retired from Kelly Buick, in Bremen, as an auto mechanic. He was a member of the First Church of Christ, in Plymouth. Heinz will be deeply missed by his loving family, and his cat, Sam.

Heinz is survived by his daughter, Peggy (Mark) Keller of Plymouth; his son, Willi (Erin) Schafer of Fort Wayne; his sisters: Marianne Ehnes of Great Falls, Mo. And Anneliese Grohmann of Hamburg, Germany. Also surviving are his grandchildren: Matthew Keller and Anne Keller, both of Plymouth.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the Marshall County Humane Society, P.O. Box 22, Plymouth, IN, 46563, or to the First United Church of Christ, 321 N. Center St., Plymouth, IN, 46563.

~VISITATION~
TUESDAY, OCT. 27, 2009, 4 to 7 P.M.
VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME
300 W. MADISON ST.
PLYMOUTH, IN, 46563

~FUNERAL~
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28, 2009, 10:30 A.M.
VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME
THE REV. ROBIN KEATING, OFFICIATING

~BURIAL~
TO BE HELD AT A LATER DATE

~MEMORIES MAY BE SHARED AT~
www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

Freddie "Jr." Fritter Date of Death 10/26/2009


He is survived by his sons: Rod (Sherri) Fritter of Bremen and Chris (Linda) Knill of Plymouth; his daughter, Angie (Jim) Huff of Plymouth; brothers: Jack (Genie) Fritter of Fort Wayne, and Tom Fritter of Argos; his mother, Florence Fritter of Argos; and sisters: Betty (Gail) Kaser of Teegarden, and Barbara (Sam) Cook of Argos.

Visitation will take place Friday, Oct. 30, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St. Plymouth, IN, 46563.

There will be no funeral services and cremation will take place. Memorials may be given to the Fritter family.

Gilbert Max Jaeger Date of Death 10/26/2009

ROCHESTER — Gilbert Max Jaeger, 58, Rochester, died at 11:17 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26, 2009 at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. He is survived by his wife, Linda Jaeger of Rochester; mother, Rose Jaeger of Crown Point; son, Donald Jaeger of Las Vegas, Nev.; daughter, Julie
Joseph W. VanVactor  Date of Death 10/26/2009


Joseph was born June 25, 1919, in Plymouth, to Clifford and Floe (Tracy) VanVactor. Joe and the former Anna May Wagner, were united in marriage Dec. 27, 1938. She preceded him in death June 19, 1982. On May 21, 1983 Joseph and the former Mardelle Kaufman, were united in marriage.

Joe served as a Sgt. in the United States Army during WWII with the 41st Infantry Division. He was stationed in the southwest Pacific from July of 1944 until February of 1946, when he was honorably discharged. He returned home to work with his father, Clifford, at Van’s Transfer Moving and Storage. He took over the family business, in 1962, and worked until his retirement, in 1982.

Joe was very active in the LaSalle Council of Boy Scouts. During the 1950’s, he held training sessions for the scout masters. He was a member of the V.F.W., the American Legion, and the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth.

Joe is survived by his loving wife, Mardelle Kaufman VanVactor of Plymouth; his daughter, Joanne I. VanVactor of Indianapolis; his sons: Jon (Ruth) VanVactor of Plymouth, Brent (Mary) Kaufman of Rochester, and Gary (Ellen) Kaufman of Goshen; his daughter-in-law, Deloris VanVactor of Knox; his step-sister, Betty Lou Warnock of California; 17 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and 27 great-great-grandchildren.

Joe was preceded in death by his sons: William “Bill” J. VanVactor, Sr. March 3, 2008 and James “Jim” C. VanVactor June 24, 2008; his sisters: Dorothy Louise VanVactor and Helen Virginia Banghart; and his brother, Robert Lewis VanVactor.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 112 S. Center St., Plymouth, IN, 46563 or to the First United Methodist Church, 400 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, IN, 46563.

~VISITATION~
THURSDAY, OCT. 29, 2009, 4 to 7 P.M.
VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME
300 W. MADISON ST.
PLYMOUTH, IN, 46563

~FUNERAL~
FRIDAY, OCT. 30, 2009, 9:30 A.M.
VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME
THE REV. DR. DEAN FAGER, OFFICIATING

~BURIAL~
NEW OAKHILL CEMETERY, PLYMOUTH
MILITARY GRAVESIDE SERVICES PRESENTED BY
AMERICAN LEGION POST #27

~MEMORIES MAY BE SHARED AT~
www.vangilderfuneralhome.com
Richard Jay “Dick” Houghton  Date of Death 10/29/2009


He was born in Plymouth, on March 1, 1949, the son of the late William Edward and Wanda Jayne (Ward) Houghton.

Dick graduated from Plymouth High School in the Class of 1967. He was a veteran of the United States Army during the Vietnam War. After his discharge he attended Indiana University, in Bloomington, where he graduated in 1975 with a degree in Business & Marketing. Dick currently was a Realtor/Manager at ReMax Legends and had worked for FedEx for the past six years.

He was a member of St. Matthew Catholic Church, MIBOR, National Association of Realtors, and the Indiana Association of Realtors.

Dick had a wonderful sense of humor and he loved to landscape, garden, kayak, fish, and most of all spend time with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Caryl (Hoskins) Houghton; six sons, Jon, Ted, Alex, Chris, Jeff, and Matthew; two sisters, Pat (Gary) Crum of Plymouth, and Cathy (Mike) Osowski of South Bend; and his step-sister, Marsha Martin of Plymouth.

Dick was preceded in death by his parents and his brother; William E. Houghton, Jr.

Friends are invited to call Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Matthew Catholic Church, 4100 E. 56th Street, Indianapolis. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Matthew Catholic Church at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 4, 2009.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Houghton Family Fund c/o ReMax Legends Group at any KeyBank or by mail to 5645 Castle Creek Parkway North, Indianapolis, IN, 46250.

You may sign Dick’s on-line guest book at www.harrywmoore.com

VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, IN 46563, has been entrusted with the local arrangements.

Gertrude Ritter  Date of Death 10/31/2009

NAPPANEE — Gertrude Ritter, 93, died Saturday, Oct. 31 2009 at LuAnn Nursing Home, Nappanee.

She is survived by grandsons Paul Evans Jr, John Claude Evans and Arthur Evans; two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation is Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee.

Services are Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Thelma Megill-Cobbler officiating.

Burial will be at Leesburg Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. John’s Lutheran Church.
Billie Geraldine (Franger) Swank  Date of Death 10/31/2009


She is survived by children: Sue (Dave) Lemler, Sharon (Marty) Luther, daughter Sheila (Jimmy) Sowder, John (Katie) Swank, Patrick and Jeff (Kim) Swank.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5 at the Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 6 at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at the Bremen Cemetery with a luncheon to follow at Grace United Methodist church fellowship hall. The Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen was entrusted with arrangements.

Betsy Mae Barnes  Date of Death 11/1/2009

ZIONSVILLE — Betsy Mae Barnes age 70 of Zionsville, IN (formerly of Bourbon) passed away unexpectedly Sunday, Nov. 1, in St. Vincent Hospital of Indianapolis.

Betsy was the daughter of Howard Dillingham and Esther Parks Dillingham born April 11, 1939 in Howard County, Ind. She was a resident of the Bourbon area and the past 20 years were at Zionsville. She married Ralph Barnes Oct. 30, 1989; he died in July of 2009. She was a retired nurse working in Bremen, Warsaw and the Cleveland Clinic, a short time in Hawaii and most recently in the Indianapolis area. She was a graduate of Bourbon High School class of 1958 and later from Memorial Hospital of South Bend School of Nursing.

Betsy enjoyed being a seamstress, reading, knitting, crocheting and she had a love for her dogs.

She is survived by her four children: Lisa and husband Jeff Dormire of Etna Green, Kathi and husband Seth Faulkner of Bourbon, Thomas and wife Amy Schaetzle of Knightstown and Marla and husband James Hendrix of Bourbon; along with five step-children; Kathleen Barnes, Tim Barnes, Beth Courtney, Julie Barnes and Jeff Barnes.

She also has nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild and a brother Jim & Sue Dillingham of Shreveport, La.

She was preceded in death by a step-son Jon and a brother Bill Reese.

A celebration of Betsy’s life will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 in Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home 115 S. Main St. Bourbon. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until the time of services Saturday in the funeral home. Burial will be in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery at Bourbon.

The family request, because of her love for dogs, memorial contributions be made in her memory to a Humane Society of your choice.

Theodore L. Linderman  Date of Death 11/1/2009

PLYMOUTH — Theodore L. Linderman, 84, of Plymouth, died Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. at his home.

He was born Sept. 23, 1925 in Plymouth, to Frank and Cloe (Hall) Linderman.

He retired from Rockwell Standard in Knox where he was employed for 17 years. Theodore enjoyed fixing TVs and fishing.

He is survived by sons: Frank (Glendora) Linderman of Argos, Rick Linderman of Plymouth,

Preceding her in death were two grandchildren.

There will be no services.

Cremation will take place with burial at a later date in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Elkhart Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements.

ARGOS — Theodore Linderman, 84, of Argos, died Sunday, Nov. 1 at his home. Visitation is Friday from noon to 2 p.m. at Van Gilder Funeral Home. Services are at 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be at New Oak Hill Cemetery, Plymouth.

**Genevieve L. Ousnamer**  
**Date of Death 11/1/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Genevieve L. Ousnamer, 80, formerly of W. 5D Road, Plymouth, passed away Sunday morning in the Catherine Kasper Life Center, Donaldson, where she has made her home since January of 2006.

Genevieve was born Oct. 5, 1929, the daughter of Evert and Oma (Berger) Thornton in Lakeville, having lived in the area all of her life; she was a graduate of Lakeville High School in 1947.

On February 15, 1948 she became the bride of Jack J. Ousnamer and together they enjoyed the next 55 years together before his passing in 2003. Family was all-important to the two of them; they enjoyed every moment together and captured nearly all in a vast collection of photo albums. They liked familiar surroundings and she and Jack spent more than 25 years traveling to the same hotel in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

A caring person to all, Genevieve spent special moments with grandchildren and many many hours as a Lutheran Braille Worker at the local Work Center within Calvary Lutheran Church of which she has held membership for more than 50 years.

Outside the home, Gen worked with Frank Leachman as a bookkeeper at Local Finance. After which she worked for Norcen Insurance nearly 20 years and retired in 1994.

Her family consists of a son, Robert D. and Carol A. Ousnamer of Casselberry, Fla. and their children: Ben (Jade) Ousnamer, Jackie Ousnamer, Michael LaMott and Nikki LaMott; daughter, Janet L. and Ken R. Houin of Plymouth and their children: Jeffery (Alinda) Houin, Christy (Bart) Sharp, Kurt Houin, and Lori (Travis) Smith; daughter, Peggy S. and Mike A. Reynolds of Plymouth and daughter, Andrea Reynolds; and Honorary Daughter, Linda Ousnamer of Palmer Lake, Colo. Ten great-grandchildren and one on the way complete her immediate family today. A sister-in-law Jean Ann Thornton of Mishawaka and several nieces and nephews also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents; spouse Jack; and two brothers: Kenneth Thornton and Harold Thornton.

The family will receive friends from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4 in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. Calling will continue after 8:30 a.m. until time of services at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 5 in the Catherine Kasper Chapel on the Campus of Ancilla Domini located at 9601 Union Road, Donaldson. Fr. Robert Bower of St. Nectarios Orthodox Church, South Bend will officiate.

Burial will follow in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.
Memorial gifts may be made in Gen’s name to Operation Quiet Comfort c/o 17671 13th Road, Plymouth, IN, 46563 or to Catherine Kasper Life Center, 9601 Union Road, Donaldson, IN, 46513.

Notes of condolence may be sent to the family via the Web site at www.johnson-danielson.com.

Joy L. Duzy  Date of Death 11/2/2009

ELKHART — Joy L. Duzy, 87, of Elkhart, died Monday, Nov. 2, 2009 at Memorial Hospital, South Bend at 11:59 p.m. after a short illness.

She is survived by daughters: Cindy Duzy and Sherrill Duzy, both of Elkhart; a son, Ron Duzy of Elkhart; a granddaughter and two great-grandsons.

Visitation will take place Thursday, Nov. 5 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main St., Nappanee and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Funeral services will take place Friday, Nov. 6 at 10 a.m at First Church of God, Nappanee.

Burial will follow at Hepton Union Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to First Church of God, Nappanee or the Elkhart County Humane Society.

Lois J. Meek  Date of Death 11/3/2009

NAPPANEE — Lois J. Meek, 83, of Nappanee, died Tuesday, Nov. 3 following a short illness.

She is survived by daughters: Linda and Glen DeMien of Nappanee and Gayle and Robert Griffie of Elkhart; sons: Rev. Gary and Lena Meek of Lynn, Ind. and Jerry and Roberta Meek of Nappanee; 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Thompson-Lengacher and Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee. Services are Saturday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home with the Rev. John Wrightsam officiating. Burial will be at Union Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Ribbon of Hope.

Phyllis J. Roy  Date of Death 11/4/2009

WARSAW — Phyllis J. Roy, 83, Warsaw, died Wednesday, Nov. 4, at Miller’s Merry Manor Nursing Home of Warsaw.

She is survived by her seven children: Georgia and Tom Coyle of Texas, Phillip and Carolyn Roy of Columbia City, Andrea (Roy) Jones of Columbus, Ohio, Sydney Roy of Warsaw, India and Tony Castenada of Munster, Dana and husband Craig Byrd of Camas, Wash. and Gina and Ken Ashpole of Leesburg along with sixteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She also has four sisters: Francis Sopher of Coeur D. Alene, Idaho, Martha Klevjier of Federal Way, Wash., Nancy & Marc Marcussen of Fall Brook, Calif., Ruth White of Eugene, Ore.; and a brother: Robert Baker of Washington Circle, Ohio.

Phyllis bequeathed her body to medical science therefore there will be no formal services at this time. However, the family would welcome friends from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home at 115 S. Main St. Bourbon, to help celebrate her life.

Burial with her husband in the Parks Cemetery will be at a later date. Memorial contributions may
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Howard E. “Bob” Schafer  Date of Death 11/4/2009

BREMEN – Howard E. “Bob” Schafer, 95, a lifetime area resident, died at 6:18 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2009 at the Community Hospital of Bremen.

Howard was born on Jan. 13, 1914, the second oldest of eight children of Elton P. and Pearl Baughman Schafer. At birth, Howard only weighed 3 lbs., 10 oz. His mother kept him on the oven door to keep his tiny little body warm. At age 16, he only weighed 65 lbs.

He grew up on a farm on Osborne Road in Lakeville, and quit school in the 8th grade to help with the family farm.

On June 24, 1939, Howard and Nina C. Albert were married in South Bend. They bought their farm on Oct. 14, 1940, where they still reside.

Besides farming, Howard also worked at the mint marsh, at the LaPaz elevator, drove school bus for Lapaz schools for 12 years, and was on the Marshall County ASCS Committee for over 20 years.

A hog farmer, Howard still enjoyed having hogs on the farm that his grandson takes care of. He was a charter member of the Marshall County Pork Producers, helping with their fund raisers, and also helped for many years at the Marshall County 4-H Fair.

Howard is survived by Nina, his wife of 70 years, two daughters: Janet Gottlieb of Hobart and Connie Ullery of Bremen, four grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and one great-great grandson.

Also surviving are a brother, Lyle Schafer of California, two sisters-in-law: Val June Schafer and Dorothy Schafer, both of Lakeville, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Four brothers: Ralph, Glenn, Roy and Charles Schafer and two sisters: Mildred Hayes and Mary Baughman.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6 in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Calling will continue after 9 a.m. until time of services at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7 in the Plymouth Missionary Church, 1350 E. Jefferson St., where he was a member, officiated by the Rev. Patrick Puglisi.

Burial will follow in Bremen Cemetery.

Memorial gifts in Howard’s name may be given to the Marshall County 4-H Fair Board.

Notes of condolence may be sent to the family via the Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com

Rosemond G. Swan  Date of Death 11/4/2009

CULVER — Rosemond G. Swan, 74, Culver, died Wednesday, Nov. 4, at 5:43 p.m., at her home.

She is survived by her daughter; Geneva Van Houten of Crystal, Mich.; her sons, Herman Maxon of Monterey, Francis Maxon of Missouri, Jeff Maxon of Michigan, and Phil Maxon of Culver; her sisters, Grace Cole of Plymouth and Bonnie Lee of Culver; her brothers, Rex Allen, Pat Allen of DeLong, and Russ Allen of DeLong; 14 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren;
and four great-great-grandchildren.

There will be no visitation or funeral services.

Van Gilder Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Friends may sign the guest book and share memories with the family at www.vangilderfuneralhome.com.

Jamie Lynn Vervynckt  Date of Death 11/4/2009

PLYMOUTH – Jamie Lynn Vervynckt, 30, died Wednesday, Nov. 4, at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, following an unexpected illness.

Survivors include her parents Steve and Brenda of Plymouth, her sister; Jennifer A. Vervynckt and fiancé Blaine Vermilyer and their son Colten of Walkerton, her brother; Joseph M. Vervynckt and Jessica Russo of Plymouth and maternal grandparents Max and Mary Shirley of Lakeville along with numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in the funeral home.

Burial will follow in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 8440 Woodfield Crossing, Suite 201, Indianapolis, IN 46240-4300.

Notes of condolence may be sent to the family via the Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com.

Jerry Wayne Cannon  Date of Death 11/5/2009

PLYMOUTH — Jerry Wayne Cannon, 54, of Plymouth, died Thursday, Nov. 5, at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Donna Cannon, of Plymouth, two daughters: Brenda (Kevin) Ketcham, of LaPaz, and Mandy (Jerimy) Carner, of Wakarusa; one son Kyle (Autumn) Cannon, of Plymouth; 10 grandchildren, one great-granddaughter; two brothers: Lester (Sue) Cannon, of Bremen and Larry (Rosina) Cannon, of South Bend; and one sister, Bonnie Hershburger as well as his mother-in-law Martha (Willard) Messman, of Plymouth.

Visitation is from 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, at Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov.9, at the funeral home with the Rev. Max Abbott officiating. Burial will be at Bremen Cemetery. Memorials contributions may be made to the family.

Justin M. DeCrow  Date of Death 11/5/2009

PLYMOUTH — SSG Justin M. Decrow, 32, a family man and career serviceman with the United States Army, was tragically killed in the events at Ft. Hood, Texas on Thursday, Nov. 5.

Justin, a resident of Evans, Ga. and formerly of Plymouth is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 13 years Marikay DeCrow, and his 13 year old daughter, Kylah N. DeCrow. He is also survived by proud parents: mother; Rhonda (Atkins) Thompson, step-father; Todd Thompson both of Plymouth and father; Daniel J. DeCrow and his fiancée, Colleen Becht, Dan is a Vietnam Veteran, they reside in Fulton, Ind. a brother; Cody Abel Thompson, maternal grandmother; Pauline J. Atkins and his in-laws; Roy C. and Sandy (Kriehbaum) Sickman all of Plymouth.
Justin was born September 11, 1977 in Valparaiso, and graduated from Plymouth High School in 1996, where he was involved in the wrestling and football programs. He also worked hard on the farm and was a good cook having worked at the Hayloft Restaurant. Justin possessed great technical skills when it came to a computer.

In March of 1996, he married Marikay Sickman and joined the military that summer. His daughter Kylah Nicole was born two weeks after he left for basic training. He served faithfully in the military for 13 years, and recently returned from South Korea where he specialized in satellite communications. He had been stationed at Fort Hood since September, and after finding out that he was being deployed to Iraq his wife and daughter continued to live in the family home near Fort Gordon.

Rhonda and Todd raised Justin to be a man of good character who loved and took exceptional care of his family. Justin and Marikay celebrated nearly 14 happy years of marriage. His infectious charm and wit always put others at ease, and drew him many friends. He will be greatly missed by all.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13 at Plymouth Wesleyan Church, 11203 S. Michigan Road.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14 in the Plymouth Wesleyan Church. The Rev. David Terhune will officiate.

With a Patriot Guard escort, burial will immediately follow with full Military Honors in Plymouth’s New Oakhill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family requests gifts in Justin’s name be given to Kylah Nicole’s College Assistance Fund, c/o 2508 Grier Circle, Evans, GA 30809.

The Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth is assisting with arrangements. Notes of condolence may be sent to the family at: www.johnson-danielson.com.

Thursday, 12 November 2009
PLYMOUTH — On the morning of Veterans Day, the body of Staff Sergeant Justin Decrow arrived at the South Bend Airport.

His ride to the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home was one to stop traffic as the South Bend Police Department and Plymouth Police Department — along with members of the Patriot Guard — escorted the hearse down U.S. 31 into Plymouth along Michigan Road.

Even through there was very little notice, folks pulled their vehicles over in a show respect.

Randy Danielson, of Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, said: “On behalf of the Decrow family, we would like to invite the general public to the visitation for Staff Sergeant Justin Decrow on Friday, Nov. 13 from 2 to 8 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Plymouth Wesleyan Church on South Michigan Road. On Saturday morning Justin’s body will be moved from the funeral home to the church in a military escort provided by the Patriot Guard and Plymouth Police Department. As a show of respect and thanks for Justin’s service to his country, the community is encouraged to be present along the Michigan Street route from the funeral home to the church between 11 and 11:30 a.m. Saturday morning.”

Local citizen Ann Gantz has gathered 500 American flags and will pass them out at the BP station Saturday so that citizens can have them as they stand along Michigan Street.

Gantz said, “I don’t even know the family, but felt like I had to do something.”

Citizens are encouraged to bring along their own flags and signs of support for the family of the soldier.
Sheri Lynn Pinter-Price  Date of Death 11/5/2009

BREMEN — Sheri Lynn Pinter-Price, 52, of Bremen, passed away Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009 at the Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis, after a lengthy battle with cancer.


Sheri was a 1976 graduate of Penn High School; she owned a trucking company, enjoyed golf and was an avid NASCAR fan.

Survivors include husband Gregory Price of Bremen; a son, Andy (Lacy Walker) Pinter of Bremen; a daughter, Melanie (Andy) McMillen of Plymouth; three sisters: Linda Evans of Clearwater, Fla., Pattie (Rick) Penzenik of South Bend, and Susan (Kelly) Klink of South Bend; her mother, Lois Walton of Granger; and mother- and father-in-law Harold and Alice Price of Bremen.

She was preceded in death by her father. She was loved by family and many friends.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9 at Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen.

Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10 at the funeral home.

Memorials contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or a cancer fund of the donor’s choice.

Dean C. Gridley  Date of Death 11/6/2009

PLYMOUTH – Dean C. Gridley, 88, of Plymouth, died of natural causes in Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, Friday, November 6, 2009.

Born in West Chicago Ill., October 8, 1921, Dean was the son of Floyd and Florence W. Dean Gridley

He graduated from West Chicago Schools in 1940.

In World War II, Dean served his country in the military in the Army Air Corps.

On November 4, 1972, in Plymouth, Dean and Mary E. Beam were married. Dean worked for the Del Monte Corp. for 23 years, retiring in 1985.

Dean enjoyed camping and traveling and had visited Italy and Ireland. He was a stamp collector and had fun making and running model trains.

Dean is survived by his spouse and three sons: Bruce E. (Roseanne) Gridley, South Carolina: Dr. Barry L. (Joanne) Gridley, Ohio, and Glenn Gridley, Plymouth.

Three step sons also survive. They are: Steven D. (Carol) Beam, Walkerton, Michael B. (Janet) Beam, Plymouth and Daniel D. (Jeanne) Beam, Warsaw.

A brother, Robert Conklin, Youngstown, Ohio, survives as well. He is also survived by six grandchildren, seven step grandchildren and 17 step great-grandchildren.

Friends are invited to share memories with the family on Tuesday, Nov. 10, from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Dr. Ron Liechty and the Rev. Robin Keating, pastor of the First United Church of Christ where Dean was a member, will officiate.
Caritas Rose (Harrell) Liggett  Date of Death 11/6/2009

INDIANAPOLIS — Sarita Rose (Harrell) Liggett, 66, of Indianapolis, died Friday, Nov. 6, 2009. She was born in Shelby County to Oren Cecil and Dorothy S. (Schnaitter) Harrell July 7, 1943. Mrs. Liggett graduated from Morristown High School in 1961 and Ball State University in 1966.

She became a Home Economics teacher at Manchester High School and Indianapolis Public Schools for 30 years, retiring in 2007. She was a member of the Indiana State Teachers Association, Marion County Democrats and Ball State Alumni Association; she attended Fairland United Methodist Church.

Liggett was an avid Colts fan and enjoyed an active lifestyle in Indianapolis, seeing the latest museum attractions and dining spots. Those who knew her say they were privileged to have had her in their lives and that she made a huge impact in many lives and will never be forgotten.

She is survived by sons: Brent (Kiki) Liggett of Fishers and Mark (Heather) Liggett of Austin, Texas; grandsons: Travis Liggett of Warsaw and Thomas Liggett and Grayson Liggett, both of Austin, Texas; and a granddaughter, Ryann Liggett of Fishers.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation will take place Tuesday, Nov. 10 from noon to 2 p.m. at Freeman Family Funeral Homes and Crematory, Carmony-Ewing Chapel, 819 S. Harrison St., Shelbyville.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with burial to follow at Forest Hill Cemetery.

Flossie Eash Beatty  Date of Death 11/7/2009

ROCHESTER — Flossie Eash Beatty, 83, Rochester, died Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009 Woodlawn Hospital.

She is survived by her husband, Loren; sons: Dennis Guyer and Gary Beatty, both of Rochester; five grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

A public graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 10 at the Akron Cemetery.

There will be no visitation. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester was entrusted with arrangements.

Ellen "Eloise" Edging  Date of Death 11/7/2009

PLYMOUTH — Ellen "Eloise" Edging, 83, 6th St., Plymouth, passed away peacefully in Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth, at 11:55 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009.

Ellen was born in Logansport Dec. 30, 1925. She was the daughter of Harry and Hattie Shearer Bopp. She graduated from Logansport High School in 1944. On May 29, 1958, in Logansport,
she and Samuel Edging were married.

For several years Ellen was the Administrative Assistant at Divine Heart Seminary. She enjoyed fishing vacations in Minnesota and loved her golden retriever, Bailey.

Ellen is survived by Sam, her husband of 51 years; and by their son, John R. and daughter-in-law, Gayle, Vautaw of Walton, Ind.; and their daughter, Sue Edging of South Bend.

Ellen was preceded in death by her parents.

Friends are invited to share memories and visit with the family from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services, officiated by the Rev. Father Bernard Galic, will be held at 10 a.m. in the funeral home Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009, in the funeral home.

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

Memorial gifts may be made to the Marshall County Humane Society P.O. Box 22 Plymouth, IN, 46563.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via the funeral home’s Web site at www.johnson-danielson.com.

**Bob Tharp  Date of Death 11/7/2009**

ROCHESTER — Bob Tharp, 87, of Rochester, died at 8:10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009 at Life Care Center, Rochester.

He is survived by his wife Dee; daughters: Cathy Lowe of Rochester and Peggy Sue (Clem) Smith of Osceola; four grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9 and one hour prior to services Tuesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester.

Funeral services will take place Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at IOOF Cemetery.

**Linda S. Brashere  Date of Death 11/8/2009**

GROVERTOWN-Linda S. Brashere, 62, died Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009 in Porter Hospital, Valparaiso Campus.

She is survived by her husband, Norman; a daughter, Norma (Kirk) Schubert of Donaldson; a son, Nick Tankersley of Chesterton; five grandchildren; sisters: Nina Kizerthershman, Judy Witten and Donna Whitaker; and brothers: Gerald Bastin and John Zimmerle.

Visitation will take place Friday, Nov. 13 from 5 to 8 p.m. (Central Time) and Saturday one hour prior to the service at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. a the funeral chapel. Burial will be in the Grovertown Cemetery.

**Margaret E. Furnas  Date of Death 11/8/2009**

MENTONE — Margaret E. Furnas, 85, if Mentone, died Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009 at Kosciusko Community Hospital.
Lucille T. Giarraputo  Date of Death 11/8/2009

NAPERVILLE, Ill. — Lucille T. Giarraputo, 88, of Naperville, Ill., formerly of Plymouth, died at 5:29 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009, in the Tabor Hills Heath Care facility.

She is survived by two daughters: Marianne F. (Robert) McKee of Boston, Ky. and Sandra A. Pogorelec of Naperville; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Michael’s Church, 613 N, Center St., Plymouth, Saturday, Nov. 14.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Lucille will follow the visitation at 1 p.m. Entombment will follow in the New Oakhill Mausoleum.

The Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home was entrusted with arrangements. Memorials may be made to St. Michael’s School, 612 N. Center St., Plymouth, IN, 46563.

PLYMOUTH — Lucille T. Giarraputo, 88, of Naperville, Ill., formerly of Plymouth, died of natural causes at 5:29 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009, in the Tabor Hills Heath Care facility.

Lucille was born in Chicago, Jan. 22, 1921. She was the daughter of Daniel and Felicia (Massaro) Purciarello. She graduated from Chicago’s McKinley High School in 1939.

On June 7, 1941, in Chicago at the Holy Family Catholic Church, Lucille became the bride of Frank Giarraputo. Frank died Dec. 4, 1999.

A homemaker first, Lucille moved to the Plymouth/Donaldson area from Chicago in 1950. An expert in the marketing field, she worked for Divine Heart Seminary for 10 years, retiring in 1979.

She enjoyed the Chicago Cubs baseball games and loved the time she spent with her children and grandchildren.

A member of St. Michael’s Catholic Church and its’ Altar Rosary, she was active with Harvest House and was an associate of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ and the Friendly 30 Club.

Lucille is survived by two daughters: Marianne F. (Robert) McKee of Boston, Ky. and Sandra A. Pogorelec of Naperville, Ind. Seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren, in addition to several nieces and nephews, survive as well.

She was preceded in death by her spouse, four brothers and three sisters.

Friends are invited to visit with Lucille’s family from 11 to 1 p.m. at St. Michael’s Church, 612 N, Center St., Plymouth, Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Lucille will follow the visitation at 1 p.m. The Rev. Father William Kummer will officiate.
Entombment will be in the New Oakhill Mausoleum.

The Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorial gifts in Lucille’s memory may be given to St. Michael’s School, 612 N. Center Street, Plymouth, IN, 46563.

Zigmund M. Napierkowski  Date of Death 11/9/2009

WALKERTON — Zigmund M. Napierkowski II, 30, died Monday, Nov. 9, 2009 in Memorial Hospital.

He is survived by his wife Lisa; a daughter, Charity Napierkowski of Walkerton; a son, Martin Napierkowski of Walkerton; his parents: Tina Napierkowski and Zigmund Napierkowski I, both of Ober; two sisters: Tracy Clary of Knox and Nicole Napierkowski of Winamac; one brother, Bryan Napierkowski of Walkerton; and grandfather, Ken (Doris) Ross Sr. of Hamlet.

Visitation will take place Thursday, Nov. 12 from 1 p.m. (Central Time) until the time of services at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Funeral services will be Thursday at 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the funeral home.

Eldon D. Roth  Date of Death 11/9/2009

WESTFIELD — Eldon D. Roth, 74, of Westfield, formerly of Bremen, died Monday, November 9, 2009 at the Maple Park Village in Westfield.

He is surivieved by daughters: Deborah (Charles) Hudson of Westfield and Shirley (Russell) Shapland of Elkhart; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters: Carol (Gordon) Hardy of Bremen and Rita Stanifer of Bremen; and brother, Bruce (Sherry) Roth of La Vergne, Tenn.

Visitation will take place from noon until time of services Friday, Nov. 13 at the Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Bremen.

Alfred L. Ryan  Date of Death 11/9/2009

FORT WAYNE — Alfred L. Ryan, 73, of Fort Wayne, died Monday, Nov. 9, 2009 at 12:30 a.m. at The Waters of Summit City Nursing Home, Fort Wayne following a lengthy illness.

He was born July 26, 1936 in Hammond to James Ivan Ryan Sr. and Ethel (Adams) Ryan and married Barbara S. (Lacefield) Ryan March 11, 1957 in Rochester.

He and his wife have lived in Fort Wayne the last four years, moving there from Rochester. Ryan was an over-the-road truck driver, retiring in 2000.

He served in the United States Air Force from May 27, 1955 to May 29, 1958 where he obtained the rank of Airman Third Class.

He is survived by his wife Barbara Ryan; sons: Ronald (Melody) Ryan of Fayetteville, N.C., Kevin (Tammy) Ryan of Lakeland, Fla., James Ryan III and his wife Gina of Norfolk, Va.; daughters: Bunnie Sullivan of Fort Wayne, Laurie (Brad) Rice of Papillion, Neb., Linda (Michael) Seewer of Louisville, Ky.; 19 grandchildren; one great-grandson; and a sister, Donna Kamp of Argos.

He as preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and three brothers.
Friends may visit with the family Wednesday, Nov. 11 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12 at the funeral home with Chaplin Charles Glenn officiating.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association; Chicago, Ill. Office; 30 North Michigan Ave., Suite 2015, Chicago, IL, 60602.

Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com. This email address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it.

Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos, was entrusted with arrangements.

Tina Shutske  Date of Death 11/9/2009

BREMEN — Tina Shutske, 55, of Bremen, died Monday, Nov. 9, at her residence following complications from a bone marrow transplant.


Visitation will take place from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11 at the Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 12 at the Agape Fellowship Church, Bremen. Burial will follow at the Bremen Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Agape Fellowship Church, Bremen.

Sister Charlette, PHJS Hess  Date of Death 11/10/2009

DONALDSON — Sister Charlette Hess, PHJS, 87, died Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2009 at Catherine Kasper Life Center, Donaldson.

Visitation will take place Thursday, Nov. 12 from 4:30 to 9 p.m. at Catherine Kasper Life Center, Donaldson. Funeral services will take place Friday, Nov. 13 at 11 a.m. at the Catherine Kasper Life Center. Burial will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery, Donaldson. Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

James D. "J.D." Watson  Date of Death 11/10/2009

PLYMOUTH — James D. “J.D.” Watson, 57, of Plymouth, died Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 4:20 a.m. at his home.

J.D. is survived by his mother, Jean Watson of Plymouth; his son, Gabrielle Gamall of California; his sisters, Andrea “Andy” and Stan Bunch of Columbus, Ind., Sara Lisa and Dan Doody of Bourbon, Jennifer Sue and Tom Read of Plymouth; his brothers, Bill and Lois Watson of Plymouth, Timothy A. “Homer” and Jeannie Watson of Plymouth, Charles M. and Della Watson of Argos, and Jon G. and Kathy Watson of Rochester. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

There will be no visitation. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth, is handling arrangements.
PLYMOUTH — James D. “J.D.” Watson, 57, of Plymouth, died Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 4:20 a.m. at his home.

He is survived by his mother, Jean Watson of Plymouth; his son, Gabriel Watson of Santa Rosa, Calif.; his sisters, Andrea “Andy” and Stan Bunch of Columbus, Ind., Sara Lisa and Dan Doody of Bourbon, Jennifer Sue and Tom Read of Plymouth; his brothers, Bill and Lois Watson of Plymouth, Timothy A. “Homer” and Jeannie Watson of Plymouth, Charles M. and Della Watson of Argos, and Jon G. and Kathy Watson of Rochester; several nieces and nephews and one grandchild.

There will be no visitation. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth, was entrusted with arrangements.

**Susan Elizabeth Davis**  
*Davis  Date of Death 11/11/2009*

INDIANAPOLIS — Susan Elizabeth Davis, 55, of Indianapolis, died Nov. 11, 2009 in her home after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Survivors include her children, Jeremy (Jill) Watson of Covington, Ky. and Samantha Watson of Indianapolis; granddaughter, Camryn Watson of Covington, Ky.; parents, William and Alma Jean Davis of North Judson; five sisters, Jennifer Davis (Charles) of Knox, Laura (Mike) Shalkozy of North Judson, Stephanie Hochstedler of Indianapolis, Barbara Davis of Dublin, Ohio and Margaret (Corky) Christoff of Mt. Airy, Md.; two brothers, Bill (Cheryl) Davis of Knox, and Jack (Cindy) Davis of North Judson; 19 nieces and nephews; and seven great-nieces and great-nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, Nov. 13, at 11 a.m. (EST) at Holy Spirit at Geist Catholic Church, 10350 Glaser Way, Fishers, Ind., with visitation from 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass at 11 a.m.

Graveside services will be held at St. Jacob Cemetery in North Judson, Saturday, Nov. 14, at 1 p.m. (EST).

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Starke County Community Foundation for Carolyn J. Davis Memorial Fund, in memory of Susan E. Davis.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.

**Marjorie June Johnson-Andersen**  
*Date of Death 11/11/2009*

ARGOS — Marjorie June Johnson-Andersen, 86, of Argos, died Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2009 at 5:15 a.m. at her residence following a lengthy illness.

He was born June 29, 1923 in Argos to Frank Orange Cowen and Hallie Belle Lowry and lived all of her life in the Argos community.


Marjorie worked as a teller at the State Exchange Bank in Argos, for 21 years and retired in June 1985. She was a member of the Poplar Grove United Methodist Church, Culver and she was a graduate of Argos High School with the class of 1941.

She is survived by her husband Harold; children: Beverly (Jerry) Gates of Argos, Dennis (Leah) Johnson of Argos, Randy (Debbie) Johnson of Plymouth, Indiana and Barbara (Timothy) Hackett
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Delores "Dee" Martin  Date of Death 11/11/2009

HAMLET — Delores "Dee" Martin, 82, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 11, in her home of an illness.

Mrs. Martin was born Aug. 10, 1927 in Gary, to Edward and Jennie (Anderson) Addison. On Nov. 28, 1947 in Hobart, she was married to Hobart Martin, who survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Laura Walters of Fayetteville, N.C.; two sons, Brent (Eileen) Martin of Plymouth and Brain (Brenda) Martin of Statesville, N.C.; and three grandchildren, Kevin Walters, Kirsten Martin and Erika Martin. She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers.

Mrs. Martin was co-owner of Farm Fertilizer of Hamlet from 1955-2003. She spent her winters in Florida with her husband for more than 20 years.

She was an avid golfer in both Indiana and Florida. She was a past-member of the Plymouth Country Club, a 1949 graduate of Ball State University and was a high school teacher for five years.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 1 p.m. (Central Time) at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel with Pastor Tom Padberg officiating.

Friends may call Saturday from 5 to 8 p.m. and Sunday one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the Oregon-Davis Elementary School Enhancement Fund.

Eleanor B. Wilson  Date of Death 11/11/2009

PLYMOUTH — Eleanor B. Wilson, 89, of Plymouth, died Wednesday, Nov. 11 at 8:05 p.m. at the Catherine Kasper Life Center.

Services will be at a later date. Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth, is handling arrangements.

Rev. Donald E., Sr. Miller  Date of Death 11/12/2009

ROCHESTER — Rev. Donald E. Miller, Sr., 86, of Rochester, died Thursday, Nov. 12, 2009 at 11:10 p.m. at his son's home in Lafayette.
He is survived by a daughter, Donna A. Lancaster of San Antonio, Texas; sons: Larry D. (Tammy) Miller of Lafayette, Donald E. (Yolanda) Miller Jr. of Rochester and William L. (Donna) Miller of Zanesville, Ohio; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a sister, Betty L. McFarland of Indianapolis and several aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

Visitation will take place Wednesday, Nov. 18 in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester at 3 p.m. Funeral services will take place Wednesday at 4 p.m. Burial will take place at Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

LaVerren “Jack” Dale Bradley Date of Death 11/13/2009

MISHAWAKA — LaVerren “Jack” Dale Bradley, 76, of Mishawaka, died at 10:24 a.m. Friday at Elkhart General Hospital.

He was born in Atwood, Nov. 24, 1932 to Wilbert and Margaret (Wallace) Bradley who preceded him in death. He married Esther Faye Pontius May 24, 1953.

She survives with three children: Freddie Dale (Cheri) Bradley of Wakarusa, Teddy Lynn (Darlene) Bradley of Mishawaka and Peggy Sue (John) Pierce of Granger; and one brother, Randy Bradley of Tennessee.

Also surviving are his grandchildren: Brooke “Bradley’ Shaw of Wakarusa, Nicolas Bradley of Mishawaka, Ryan Bradley of Mishawaka, Teddy Bradley Jr. of Mishawaka, Christa Bradley of Cleveland, Ohio, Brittany Pierce and Taylor Pierce, both of Osceola. His great grandchildren: Bryce Shaw and Camden Shaw, both of Wakarusa, also survive.

Preceding him in death with his parents are his brothers and sister: Eugene Bradley, Marlene Zentz and Wayne Bradley; along with one grandson, Christian Bradley; and a son, Larry Allen Bradley.

Mr. Bradley was a veteran of the United States Army and attended Cedar Road Missionary Church, Osceola. He retired from Uniroyal Corporation in 1987 and began a second career with HOMES & LIFESTYLES Magazine in 1987 and was active until his death. His hobbies were Woodworking and cars.

Friends are receiving guests from 5 until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17 at Bubb Funeral Chapel, 3910 N. Main St., Mishawaka and for one hour prior to the services Wednesday at the church.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Cedar Road Missionary Church.

Burial will follow at Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Charles “Pete” Griggs Date of Death 11/13/2009

TYNER — Charles “Pete” Griggs, 59, died Friday, Nov. 13, 2009 in Elkhart Hospice House at 3:25 p.m.

He is survived by his wife Carol; daughters: Casey Lott and Morgan Lott, both of South Bend; seven step-children: Carol Dombkowski and Donna Watts, both of Plymouth, Angelia Coad of Monterey, Deanna Payne of LaPorte, Daniel Payne of West Columbia, Texas, and Russell Payne of Culver; six brothers; five sisters; 23 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place from 12 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.
Leann Jean Schwartz  Date of Death 11/13/2009

NAPPANEE — Leann Jean Schwartz, 10, of Nappanee, died Friday, Nov. 13, 2009 at 8:40 p.m. at her home from complications from cerebral palsy.

She is survived by her parents, Devon and Esther Schwartz; a brother, David Lynn Schwartz, at home; sisters: Dora Elaine Schwartz, Cheryl Diane Schwartz, Ruby Fern Schwartz, Jolene Kay Schwartz, twin Leora Jane Schwartz, Debra Ann Schwartz and Sheila Rose Schwartz, all at home; paternal grandmother, Katie Mae Schwartz of Bourbon; and maternal grandparents, Roman and Martha Kuhns of Bremen.

Visitation took place at the family residence after 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14 and all day Sunday.

Funeral services will take place Monday, Nov. 16 at 9:30 a.m. at the Mark Stutzman residence, 7806 W. 750 N. Burial will follow at Graber Cemetery, Nappanee.

Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home were entrusted with arrangements.

Timothy “Ted” Singleton  Date of Death 11/13/2009

KNOX-Timothy “Ted” Singleton, 81, died Friday, Nov. 13, 2009 in his home.

He is survived by two sisters: Ruby Snyder and Betty Reese, both of Knox; three brothers: Ray Singleton, Joe Singleton Sr. and Tennis Singleton Jr., all of Knox; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. (Central Time) Saturday, Nov. 21 at the Washington Township Community Building, Knox. A celebration gathering will take place Saturday at the community building at 1 p.m. Cremation will take place. Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

Gerald B. Snyder  Date of Death 11/13/2009

HOLTVILLE, Calif. — Gerald B. Snyder, of Holtville, Calif., died Friday, Nov. 13, 2009 at Pioneers Memorial Hospital of Brawley, Calif.

He is survived by his sons: Lynn of Holtville, Calif. and Kenny of Yuma, Calif.; daughters-in-law Glyn and Ana; six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Hems Brothers Mortuary was entrusted with arrangements.

Burial will take place at Terrace Park Cemetery, Holtville, Calif.

Samuel Anderson  Date of Death 11/14/2009

BREMEN — Samuel "Sam" Anderson, 85, of Bremen, died Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009 at his residence.

He is survived by his wife Beverly; children: Rick (Karen) Anderson and Tamara Anderson, all of Bremen, Kelly Anderson of Poinciana, Fla., and Destiny (Barry) Mancuso of Bremen; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a brother, James (Polly) Anderson of Bremen; and a sister, Carol (Jack) Heinke of Bremen.
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Visitation will take place Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Mishler Funeral Home, 2030 S.R. 331, Bremen.

Funeral services will take place Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Bremen Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Lawrence P. Baumann  Date of Death 11/14/2009**

SOUTH BEND — Lawrence P. Baumann, 83, of South Bend, died Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009 in Sterling House, South Bend.

He is survived by step-daughters: June Summers of Tennessee and Deborah (Michael) Rach of Granger; step-son, William (Ruth Ann) Miller of South Bend; sisters: Alice Pearson of Plymouth, Lois (Art) Merrill of Argos, Joan Foust of Ocala, Fla. and Doris (Dean) Anders of Niles, Mich.; brother, Robert Baumann of Argos; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation took place from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17 at the Welsheimer Family Funeral Home, South Bend.

Funeral services took place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18 at the funeral home.

Burial followed at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Osceola. Memorial donations may be made to the donor’s choice.

**Phyllis Miller  Date of Death 11/14/2009**

MILFORD — Phyllis Miller, 80, of Nappanee, died Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009 at 1:55 p.m. at Lakeland Loving Care, Milford.

She is survived by a daughter, Connie (George) Newkirk of Nappanee; a son, Michael (Barbara) Miller of Bourbon; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister, Norma (Gary) Montgomery of Bourbon.

Visitation will take place from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18 at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main St., Nappanee.

Funeral services will take place Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Southern Care Hospice.

**Evelyn M. Milliser  Date of Death 11/14/2009**

PLYMOUTH – Evelyn M. Milliser, 93, passed away Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009 at 10:30 p.m. of natural causes in Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home.

Evelyn was the daughter of Lewis O. and Pearl J. (Rosebrook) Hurford. She graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1933.


Besides being a homemaker, she worked two years for Meck Industries and 24 years for Weidner’s Pilgrim Farms in quality control. She enjoyed raising her children, gardening, cooking, canning, doing embroidery, and reading.
Evelyn is survived by two sons: Robert L. and LeAnne Milliser of South Bend and John A. Milliser of Plymouth. Her seven grandchildren are: Anne (Roger) Pierce, Kay Beam, Joy (Frank) Jacquez, Brian Milliser, Holly Milliser, Heather Filson, and Justina Milliser. Thirteen great grandchildren, and one great-great grandson survives as well.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, a son Roger L. Milliser, a brother Lewis W. Hurford, and a sister Margaret (Hurford) Welch.

Friends are invited to share memories with her family from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2009, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will follow visitation at 1p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Charles Krieg will officiate.

Burial will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, Indiana.

Memorial gifts in Evelyn’s name may be made to The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 112 S. Center Street, Plymouth, IN, 46563.

The family wishes to thank all those at Pilgrim Manor, who so lovingly cared for Evelyn.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via the funeral home’s internet: www.johnson-danielson.com.

Mattie L. Rainey  Date of Death 11/14/2009

PLYMOUTH — Mattie L. Rainey, 92, of Plymouth, formerly of Kewanna, died at 4 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009 at Pilgrim Manor Healthcare Center, Plymouth.

Born April 2, 1917 in Hawkins County, Tenn., she was the daughter of the late Joseph and Rosa (Manes) MacLain. On May 15, 1937 she married Dorsie C. Rainey and he preceded her in death July 2, 1981.

Mattie was a former seamstress at Hart-Schaffner & Marx in Rochester and had also been a cook at Kewanna High School.

She was a member of Thornhope Community Holiness Church and she enjoyed quilting and working in her flower garden.

Survivors include daughters: Mary Fox of Mitchell and Carol Johnson of Ft. Wayne; son, Bruce (Joy) Rainey of Dandridge, Tenn.; brother, Lawrence (Mabel) MacLain of Kewanna; sisters: Jessie Hines of Royal Center, Ruth (James) Hart of Argos, Emily Brown of Knox, Flora (Austin) Conley, Marilyn Zartman, and Gladys Stutzman, all of Plymouth, and Merle Isaacs of Ft. Myers, Fla.; 13 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by brothers: Samuel “Hugh” and William Clifford MacLain; and sisters: Roxie Fry and Blanche Culver; and a son, Paul Rainey.

Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 18, at Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Homes, Kewanna.

Funeral services will take place at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 19, at the funeral home with Pastor David Webb officiating. Burial will be at Bruce Lake Cemetery, Kewanna.

Online Condolences may be sent to the family at www.harrisonmetzger.com.

Eric Roahrig  Date of Death 11/14/2009
CLEARWATER, Fla. — Eric Roahrig, 62, Clearwater, Fla. died Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009 at home.

Service information may be found at www.sylvanabbey.com or by calling 727-796-1992.

BORN: January 19, 1947
DIED: November 14, 2009
LOCATION: Clearwater, FL

Visitation:  * Thursday November 19, 2009
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Funeral Service: Friday November 20, 2009
10:00 AM
Sylvan Abbey Funeral Home
2853 Sunset Point Road
Clearwater, FL 33759

Ray N. Carey  Date of Death 11/15/2009


He is survived by his wife Patricia; sons: Mike (Janet) Carey of North Liberty and Chuck (Jennie) Carey of Plymouth; a sister, Phyllis (Bill) Wayne of Calif.; brothers: Jim (Beth) Carey of Fla. and Al (Delores) Carey of Fla.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place Tuesday, Nov. 17 from 4 to 8 p.m. at M.C. Smith Funeral Home, Knox.

Funeral services will take place Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Bass Lake Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Knox cross country, John Glenn cross country or soccer or Oregon-Davis girls basketball team programs.

Grace M. Creviston  Date of Death 11/15/2009

TIPPECANOE — Grace M. Creviston, 86, of Tippecanoe, died Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009 at 12:12 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.


Visitation will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19 at Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon. Funeral service will take place at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20 at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Tippecanoe Cemetery, Tippecanoe.

Pollyanna Smith  Date of Death 11/15/2009

GROVERTOWN-Pollyanna Smith, 76, died Sunday, Nov.15, 2009 in Porter Hospital, Valparaiso Campus.

She is survived by her husband, Harold; a son, Dennis Smith of Grovertown; one daughter, Diane Stacy of Knox; one grandson; brothers: Donald (Donnis) French of Georgia and Larry
Connie Nees Vansteenberg  Date of Death 11/15/2009

ROCHESTER — Connie Nees Vansteenberg, 64, of Rochester, died Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. at Hickory Creek Health Care of Rochester.

She is survived by a sister-in-law, Dorothy Bryant of Rochester; three nieces; and five nephews.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17 and an hour prior to services Wednesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 West 18th Street, Rochester.

Funeral services will take place Wednesday, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Rochester’s IOOF Cemetery. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to Hickory Creek, Hope Hospice or the Alzheimer’s Association.

Richard Alan Best  Date of Death 11/16/2009

NAPPANEE — Richard Alan Best, 87, of Nappanee, died Monday, Nov. 16, 2009 at his home.

He is survived by his wife, Maryellen; son, Randall (Karen) Best of Massillon, Ohio; daughters: Cynthia (Roger) Heckaman of Syracuse, Cathlin Stuntz of Republic, Mo. and Elizabeth (Phil) Keiser of Sauk City, Wis.; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; and a brother, William (Kris) Best of Nappanee.

Visitation will take place from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 Saturday, Nov. 21 and one hour prior to services Sunday at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main St., Nappanee.

Funeral services will take place Sunday, Nov. 22 at 2 p.m.

Burial will follow at South Union Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Kidney Center Association or the Hospice of Springfield, Mo.

Jerry DeVane Blanchard  Date of Death 11/16/2009

ROCHESTER — Jerry DeVane Blanchard, 65, of Rochester, died at 2:18 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, 2009 at The Center for Hospice & Palliative Care, South Bend.

He is survived by his wife, Sue; daughters: Kim Corbin of Rochester and Tammy Boetsma of Rochester; sons: Daniel Blanchard of Austin, Texas, Christopher (Angie) Blanchard of Austin, Texas and Kairon (Amber Kale) Corbell of Rochester; and two brothers: Bobby (Nancy) Van Lue of Rochester and Larry Van Lue of Rochester.

Visitation will take place one hour prior to services Monday, Nov. 23, 2009 at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester.

Funeral services will take place Monday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will take place at a later date at Rochester IOOF Cemetery, Rochester.
Memorials may be made to the First Church of God, Rochester.

**John Paul Larson  Date of Death 11/17/2009**

ROCHESTER — John Paul Larson, 63, of Rochester, died at 6:15 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17 at his home.

He is survived by his wife Beth; a daughter, Taylor Larson of Peru, Ind.; sons: John Larson of Kansas City, Mo., Ryne Martin of Indianapolis, D.J. Stair of Rochester and William Stair of Rochester; mother, Shirley Larson of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; sisters: Nancy Watts of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. and Berta (Ted) Sabatello of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; sisters-in-law: Jennie (Ryan) Mullett of South Bend and Missy Martin of Rochester; brother-in-law, Kevin Martin of Rochester; and mother-in-law, Sally Martin of Rochester.

Visitation will take place one hour prior to services Friday, Nov. 20.

Funeral services will take place at 3 p.m. Friday at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester.

**Richard M., Sr. Day  Date of Death 11/18/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Richard M. Day Sr., 92, of Plymouth, died Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009 at 11:32 a.m. at Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home.

Visitation will take place Saturday, Nov. 21 from 1 to 2 p.m. at New Oakhill Cemetery Chapel, Plymouth.

Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday with burial to follow.

Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth was entrusted with arrangements.

**Douglas Gangloff  Date of Death 11/18/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Douglas Gangloff, 47, of Plymouth, died Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009 at 8:08 a.m. in Fulton County.

Visitation will take place Sunday, Nov. 22, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will take place Monday, Nov. 23 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to St. Michael Catholic Cemetery.

**Helen Wyness Marr  Date of Death 11/18/2009**

Helen Wyness Marr, 52, of Russiaville, passed away at 1:15 a.m. Wednesday in her home following an extended illness.

Helen was born Sept. 5, 1957, in Maracaibo, Venezuela, to Betty Lucy Eileen Thomas Marr and Dennis Trevor Llewellyn Marr, MBE, of Raglan, Wales, United Kingdom. Her father, Dennis, was the honorary British consul in Venezuela.

Helen spent her childhood in Venezuela and came to the United States in the 1970s to receive a high school education in Vermont. After graduation she was reunited with her parents in Marco Island, Fla., where she worked in hotel management for the Ritz-Carlton and Radisson Hotels. Helen remained in the Marco Island and Naples, Fla., area until moving to Indiana in 1991. Upon her move to Indiana she attended Indiana Wesleyan University and worked for the state of Indiana’s Department of Education as a migrant case worker.
Helen enjoyed traveling to Florida to visit friends, made a trip to Venezuela and returned to Wales several times to visit her parents. She enjoyed music, friends, playing board games, golf, campfires, the outdoors and all of her animals including Boots, Buddy, Maddie, Emily, Schatzie and Ms. Celie. Helen was a member of the American Quarter Horse Association and the American Buckskin Association.

Helen is survived by a life "ole soul" companion, Linda Rae Politz, and Indiana Mom Helen Sr., both of Kokomo; one sister, Fiona Llewellyn Marr, Raglan, Wales; one niece, Dr. Eliana Romero Teague and husband Ryan Neilan Teague, and great-niece Alicia Rhys Teague, all of Houston, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Stout & Son Funeral Home, Russiaville Chapel, 200 E. Main St., Russiaville. Pastor Jason Grant will officiate. Friends may call one hour before the service at the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to www.stoutandson.com.

Thank you to all the friends, family and neighbors for their fabulous support and prayers and to the Visiting Nurses Home Health Care and VNS Hospice for their caring hands and hearts.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to any of the following: the Hospice of your choice; the Scleroderma Foundation, Attn: Donations, 300 Rosewood Drive, Suite 105, Danvers, MA 01923, www.sclerodermafoundation.com; the National Kidney Foundation, 30 E. 33rd St., New York, NY 10016; or to www.nationalkidneyfoundation.com (all in memory of Helen Marr).

Eleanor L. (Zartman) Winrotte  Date of Death 11/18/2009

THREE RIVERS, Mich. — Eleanor L. (Zartman) Winrotte, 81, of Three Rivers, Mich., formerly of Plymouth, died Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2008. Cremation was conducted.

A memorial service will held Saturday, April 25, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Three Rivers.

Memorial donations may be sent to UMCOR in care of the United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are being handled by the Eickhoff, Farrand, Halverson Chapel of Three Rivers.

Harold "Barky", Jr. Bartman  Date of Death 11/20/2009

SYRACUSE — Harold "Barky" Bartman Jr., 84, of Syracuse, died Friday, Nov. 20, 2009 at 2:14 p.m. at Goshen General Hospital after a short, unexpected illness.

He is survived by a son, Joe (Marilyn) Bartman of Syracusu; a daughter, Kathryn Bartman of Milford; four grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and sisters: Betty (Leroy) Chokey of Nappanee, Ruth Filley of Rochester, and Carmen Bickham of Rochester.

Visitation took place from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main St., Nappanee.

Funeral services will take place Monday, Nov. 23 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at South Union Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.
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Barbara Carol Wilkinson Winegardner  Date of Death 11/20/2009

CULVER — Barbara Carol Wilkinson Winegardner, 54, of Culver, formerly of Logansport, died at 9:52 a.m. Friday, Nov. 20, 2009 at the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

She is survived by a daughter, Valerie (Joe) Brown of Russiaville; a sister, Patricia Ann Wilkinson of Culver; and two grandchildren.

Visitation will take place Tuesday, Nov. 24 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Kroeger Funeral Home, 711 E. Market St., Logansport.

Funeral services will take place Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Logansport.

Doris M. Hillman  Date of Death 11/21/2009

Doris M. Hillman, 86, 1729 Wabash Ave., Rochester, and formerly of Battle Creek, Mich., passed away at 5:15 a.m. Saturday at her residence.


Mrs. Hillman was a member of the Westlake Presbyterian Church, Battle Creek, Mich., Ladies of the Lake Quilters and the Cal-Co Quilters Guild. She was a fabric artist who enjoyed creating hand-pieced quilts and gathering her quilting friends. She was an accomplished needlewoman, creating hand-embroidered samples and decorative objects. She had retired from the Kellog Co. after 23 years of service, and enjoyed birthday club and golf league in her younger days. Mrs. Hillman loved traveling with her daughters and enjoyed trips to the West Coast, New Orleans, the Caribbean and the Mediterranean.

Survivors include her daughters, Charis and husband Ron Conrad, Salem, Ore., and Lynn and husband Don Groenleer, Rochester; her son, Roy and wife Brenda Hillman, Battle Creek, Mich.; and five grandchildren, Loriel and husband Gerry Donaghy, Portland, Ore., Christopher Hillman and Jamie Hillman, both of Battle Creek, Mich., Nicholas and wife Kae Groenleer, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Chloe Conrad, Salem, Ore.

The family expresses their gratefulness for the loving staff at Wynnfield Crossing and the tender touch provided by Hope Hospice. God is good.

A memorial service will be conducted at a later date at Westlake Presbyterian Church, Battle Creek, Mich.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County or the Westlake Presbyterian Church, Battle Creek, Mich. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be sent to zimmermanbros@rtcol.com.

Kenyon "Ken" Keith Jones  Date of Death 11/21/2009

Kenyon "Ken" Keith Jones, 66, of 7241 S. 875 West, Claypool, died Saturday at 1:57 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital Coronary ICU Fort

Wayne after suffering a massive heart attack Thursday. He died surrounded by his loving family.

Ken was born Nov. 28, 1942, in Mentone to Mervin and Bernice Sine Jones. He graduated from
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Mentone High School in 1960. On June 23, 1962, he married Linda L. Blackburn; she survives. He was a lifetime grain and livestock farmer. He loved to hunt and fish and loved to watch sports on TV. Ken was a loving husband, father and grandfather that will be greatly missed.

Ken is survived by his wife, Linda L. Jones, Claypool; six children, Melanie and husband Carl Rosander, Cassopolis, Mich., Sharon and husband Dan Roberts, Claypool, Audra and husband Jim Rhodes, Plymouth, Mervin and wife April Jones, Mentone, Keith and wife Nicole Jones, Akron, and Valinda Jones Warsaw; 10 grandchildren, Ryan and Kendra Roberts, Chelsea, Brittany and Grant Rhodes, Chase, Wade and Reed Jones, and Gretchen Jones and Jostyn Jones; four stepgrandchildren, Caleb and Devin Bandow (Jones); Tifanie Lacefield (Rosander) and April Doll (Rhodes).

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation for Ken will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at King Memorial Home, 101 North Tucker St. Mentone. Following Ken's wishes there will be a private family burial in the Mentone Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Mentone Youth League or the Mentone EMS. Online condolences can be sent to the family at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

Donnabelle Miller  Date of Death 11/22/2009

BOURBON — Donnabelle Miller, 86, of Bourbon, died Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009 at 11:20 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home.

She is survived by her two sons: Bruce David Miller of Bourbon and Terry Eugene (Lynn) Y. Miller of Warsaw; two granddaughters; and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place from 2 to 4 and 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27 at Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St. Bourbon.

Funeral services will take place at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28 at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Sandridge Cemetery, Bourbon.

Elsie Etta Rush  Date of Death 11/22/2009

ROCHESTER — Elsie Etta Rush, 83, of Rochester, died at 8:10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009 at Hickory Creek, Rochester.

She is survived by daughters: Lucinda (Roy) Rudd of Rochester and Carla (Dennis) Ringle of Ocklawaha, Fla.; a sister, Gertie Townsend of Twelve Mile; and a brother, Leonard Musselman of Twelve Mile.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25 at the Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester.

Funeral services will take place at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Rochester IOOF Cemetery, Rochester.

Donald E. Stump  Date of Death 11/22/2009

NAPPANEE — Donald E. Stump, 86, of Nappanee, died Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009 at 11:45 p.m. at Goshen General Hospital after a short illness.

He is survived by sons: Rodney (Maribeth) Stump, Mark (Ronda) Stump and Clark (Kay) Stump,
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all of Nappanee; a daughter, Judith (John) Klotz of Nappanee; seven grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; a brother, Dale (Glenice) Stump of Milford and companion Betty Searfoss of Nappanee.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24 and one hour prior to services Wednesday at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main St., Nappanee.

Funeral services will take place Wednesday, Nov. 25 at noon at the First Brethren Church, Nappanee.

Burial will follow at South Union Cemetery, Nappanee.

Memorials may be made to the First Brethren Church.

Violet Jane “Duke” Reader Wimmer   Date of Death 11/22/2009

NEW PARIS — Violet Jane “Duke” Reader Wimmer, of New Paris, died Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009 at 2:15 p.m. at the home of her daughter, after a four-year battle with cancer.

She is survived by her children: Ada (Lyle) Miller of Nappanee, Thomas (Sandy) Wimmer of Argos, Mark (Najwa) Wimmer of Syracuse, Teresa (Tom Cline) Wimmer of Rhinelander, Wis., Greta (Tim) Burtsfield of Millersburg, Debbie (Dan) Ostrander of Goshen and Daniel Wimmer of New Paris; 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 24 at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, 1911 S. Main St., Goshen and Saturday, Nov. 28 at Hildebrand-Darton-Russ Funeral Home, Rhinelander, Wis.

Funeral services will take place Saturday at 11 a.m. at Hildebrand-Darton-Russ Funeral Home, Rhinelander, Wis.

Burial will follow at Northland Memorial Park, Rhinelander, Wis. Memorials may be made to the family.

Emily Sue Henderson   Date of Death 11/23/2009

ARGOS — Emily Sue Henderson, 66, of Argos, died Monday, Nov. 23, 2009 at 12:02 p.m. at her residence following a year-long illness.

She was born Oct. 6, 1943 in Saginaw, Ala. to James Edward Smith and Mae Alizria (Hamrick) Smith. She had lived in the Argos Community for 24 years.


She worked at BPC Manufacturing in Plymouth, for 20 years where she was on the Safety Controls Committee. She was a member of the American Sewers Association.


She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Garland L. Smith; and mother-in-law, Geneva Henderson.
Cremation has taken place with burial at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to: The Family of Emily Sue Henderson, Attn: Henderson Memorial, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos, IN, 46501.

Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at: memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**Jan Carter Strem  Date of Death 11/23/2009**


He is survived by his wife Leslie; sons: Jaron Strem of Indianapolis and Logan Strem of Rochester; mother, Pauline Strem of Crookston, Minn.; brothers: Todd (Julie) Strem of Crookston, Minn. and Cory Strem of Deluth, Minn.; and uncle and aunt, Eldon and Lavonne Jallo of Fertile, Minn.

Visitation will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27 at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Funeral services will take place at 4 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the sons’ education fund.

**Dean R., Jr. Marks  Date of Death 11/24/2009**

BREMEN — Dean R. Marks Jr., 60, of Bremen, died Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009 at 9:34 p.m. at Community Hospital of Bremen.

He is survived by his wife Donna; son, Brian Marks of Bremen; daughter, Shelly Daugherty of South Bend; two granddaughters; a brother, Richard (Carol) Marks of Bremen; and a sister, April Wesley of Elkhart.

Visitation took place Friday, Nov. 27 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Mishler Funeral Home, 2030 S.R. 331, Bremen.

Funeral services will take place Saturday, Nov. 28 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow.

**Calvin J. Shumaker  Date of Death 11/24/2009**

BREMEN — Calvin J. Shumaker, 82, of Bremen, died Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009 at Miller’s Merry Manor, Wakarusa.

He is survived by his wife Charlotte; daughter, Janice (Dave) Rexstrew of Bremen; son, Jack (Cindie) Shumaker of Grand Island, Fla.; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; sisters: Vonna Miller of Michigan, Lavera (Don) Ames of Plymouth and Diana Hundt of Bremen.

Visitation will take place Monday, Nov. 30 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Mishler Funeral Home, 2030 S.R. 331, Bremen.

Funeral services will take place Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Tom Hostetler officiating.

Burial will follow at Bremen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Community Hospital of Bremen.
Earl M. Leonhard  Date of Death 11/25/2009

SOUTH BEND — Earl M. Leonhard, 87, residing in South Bend, passed away peacefully Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 25, 2009 in his home, surrounded by his loving wife and family.

He was born May 7, 1922 in Plymouth, the son of Earl E. and Mildred (Myers) Leonhard.

On March 19, 1944 in the First United Brethren Church, South Bend, Earl was united in marriage to Ruth L. Wilson. He is survived by his loving wife Ruth of 65 years. Also surviving are two daughters: Jessica Leonhard of South Bend, and Jennifer (Don) Pamachena of Brownsburg, Ind.; six grandchildren: Trevor Toll, Whitney Toll, Landon Toll, Nathan Coddens, Andrew Leonhard, and Edward Leonhard; two step-grandchildren: Aubrey (Isaiah) Helms, and Gregory Pamachena; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, John A. Leonhard in 1996, and a brother, John J. Leonhard.

He attended the University of Notre Dame for two years, and proudly served his country in the United States Army-Air Force as a pilot, flying the B-24 Bomber in 52 missions during WWII.

Mr. Leonhard was owner and operator of Leonhard Vending & Leonhard Distributing Companies for 47 years, retiring in 1983. From 1955 to 1975, he was Agency Manager of 1st United Life Company.

He was a member of Trinity Evangelical Free Church, and former member and president of People’s Church in downtown South Bend.

The family received friends from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27 at the Palmer Funeral Home-Guisinger Chapel.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, at Palmer Funeral Home-Guisinger Chapel, 3718 S. Michigan St., South Bend. Rev. Paul Nye and Rev. John McFarland will officiate.

Graveside services and military honors will follow at Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Contributions in memory of Mr. Leonhard may be offered to Trinity Evangelical Free Church, 61770 Miami Road, South Bend, IN, 46614.

Online condolences to the Leonhard Family may be made to www.palmerfuneralhomes.com

Charles M. Grover  Date of Death 11/26/2009

ARGOS – Charles M. Grover, 87, of North Grove Street Argos, passed away at 8:25 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, at his residence after a courageous 40-year battle with cancer. His family remained at his side.

Chuck was born at home in Plymouth, the son of Harry B. and Myrtle May (Smith) Grover on Dec. 21, 1921. He was a lifetime Plymouth/Argos area resident.

On June 25, 1960 in Plymouth he took as his bride the former Dolores M. Pletcher who survives. Together they worked for the Bendix Corporation; Chuck for 30 years as an assembler. They did many things together in their 49 years of marriage like raising two daughters and experiencing their families develop while enjoying the grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as traveling to 49 different states.

Chuck accomplished various activities in his life; like his solo flight and pilot’s license from Plymouth Municipal Airport, playing the steel guitar and organ, gardening large patches of ground including success with pear trees and grape vineyard. He also enjoyed fishing,
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completing jigsaw puzzles and assisting with tasks at the upholstery shop.

He is survived by his wife Dolores, two daughters; Donna L. (Dwight) Hite of Culver and their children; Nicole, Travis and Cody and Barbara A. (Bruce) Pearson of Argos and their families; Kristin (Tony) Lidgard and April (Adam) Tener along with great-grandchildren; Morgan Hite, Kalei Carlton and Riley Tener.

A sister-in-law; Maxine Grover of Plymouth also survives with several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers; Marvin and his wife Edith Grover and Lester Grover.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, November 29, 2009 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth where services will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday with the Rev. Leonard Jackson officiating.

Burial will follow services in the Poplar Grove Cemetery, on S.R. 10 west of Argos.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 112 S. Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563.

Notes of condolence may be sent to the family via the Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com .

Larry Lee McConkey  Date of Death 11/26/2009

BAXTER, Tenn. — Larry Lee McConkey, 67 of Baxter, Tenn., died at 9:45 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, 2009 at Cookeville Regional Medical Center, Cookeville, Tenn.

He is survived by children Crystal (Steve) Duke of Nashville, Tenn. and Shad (Kerri) McConkey of Avon, Ind.

Visitation will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29 at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 West 18th Street, Rochester.

Funeral services will take place Sunday at 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Donald W. Frazier  Date of Death 11/27/2009

HAMLET — Donald W. Frazier, 74, died Saturday, Nov. 28, at 7:44 p.m. in LaPorte Hospital.

Donald was born July 12, 1935, in Hamlet, IN, to William and Elsie (Edwards) Frazier and lived in the area all of his life. He is survived by his wife, Carol, of Hamlet, IN; two sons, Richard (Deann) Frazier of Knox, and Donald P. Frazier, Sr. of Hamlet; one daughter, Phyllis (Curt) Mustard of Grovertown; two brothers, Gerald Frazier of LaCrosse, IN, and William Frazier of New York; seven grandchildren, Curt Jr., Christopher, Amanda, Abagail, Tom, Don Jr., and Tiffany; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. CST at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel with Rev. Rose Woodke officiating.

Burial will be at the Fletcher Cemetery, Hamlet.

Friends may call Wednesday two hours prior to the services at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 7363 E. 21st St., Indianapolis, IN 46219, or the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Indiana Chapter,
Dave Hostetler  Date of Death 11/27/2009

BOURBON — Dave Hostetler, 61, of Bourbon, died Friday, Nov. 27, 2009 at 7 a.m. at his residence after a one-year struggle with cancer.

He is survived by his wife Naomi; son, Davy Hostetler of Bourbon; daughters: Heidi (Floyd) King of Leola, Pa. and Melanie (Vancen) Miller of Bourbon; four grandchildren; brothers: Andy (Nancy) Hostetler of Nappanee, Eli (Katie) Hostetler of Farmington, Mo., Daniel (Carol) Hostetler of Utica, Ohio, Mark (Cathy) Hostetler of Bremen, Nathan (Miriam) Hostetler of Martinsburg, Ohio and Jonathon Hostetler of Mt. Perry, Ohio; sisters: Sylvia (Pete) Wagler of Cochranton, Pa., Bertha (Richard) Miller of Martinsburg, Ohio, Ruth Hostetler of Martinsburg, Ohio, Karen (Vern) Garber of Strawberry, Ark., and Laura Hostetler of Cumberland, Md.

Visitation will take place from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 Saturday, Nov. 28 and Sunday, Nov. 29 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Sandy Ridge Mennonite Church, Bourbon.

Funeral services will take place Monday, Nov. 30 at 10 a.m. at Nappanee Missionary Church.

Burial will follow at Bethel Conservative Church Cemetery, Nappanee.

Memorials may be made to Sandy Ridge Mennonite Church, Bourbon.

David W. Gerrard  Date of Death 11/28/2009

PLYMOUTH — David W. Gerrard, 63, of Plymouth, died at 11:35 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 28, 2009, at the VA Northern Indiana Health Care System in Fort Wayne.

He is survived by his sons: Eric Gerrard of Lakeville and James Gerrard of Alaska; daughters: Amanda (Brian) Tobolski of Plymouth and Amelia Hibner of Argos; and a nephew.

A Memorial Service will be held Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m., at the Faith Christian Chapel, 20876 Pierce Road, Lakeville.

Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth, was entrusted arrangements.

David Lee Upp  Date of Death 11/28/2009

ROCHESTER — David Lee Upp, 76, of Rochester, died Nov. 28, at 11:47 a.m. at his residence.

He is survived by his son, Jerry Upp of Fisher, W.V.; sister-in-law, Kathie Adams and husband Kevin of Rochester; brother-in-law Charles Wallace of Lafayette; and amily friends: Marcia Utter of Kewanna and Calvin Reffett and wife Verna Lee of Rochester, as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A celebration of the life of David Lee Upp will be Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 10 a.m. at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 West 18th St., Rochester.

The Rev. Bill Chappel, Rochester Fire Department chaplain, will officiate. Friends may visit with his family from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday and an hour prior to his service.

He will be honored with military and firefighter’s rites.

Memorials — in lieu of flowers — may be made to the Rochester Fire Department.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.
Doris Ellen (Senff) Weaver  Date of Death 11/28/2009

LAPAZ — Doris Ellen (Senff) Weaver, 84, went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at 6:17 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, 2009, at her home in LaPaz.

She was born July 27, 1925, in Bremen, to Harvey Delbert and Laura Mae (Leeper) Senff. She married Elson Elias Weaver Aug. 14, 1944. He preceded her in death on June 15, 1997. A lifetime resident of Marshall County, Doris lived around the Argos and Plymouth areas and attended school in Argos.

She was a dedicated housewife and mother. She worked at Stauffer’s (United Foam) factory in Bremen and after its closing she was a successful Avon Representative and won many awards. She and her husband were owners/operators of Weaver’s Kitchen Elephant Ear Concessions from 1983 to 2004 and organized the LaPaz Community Craft Show for 19 years.

She attended New Song Community Church in Plymouth with her family. She is survived by 10 children: Sandy (Jerry) Jackson of Warsaw, Nelson Eugene (Video) Weaver of Rochester, John (Sue) Weaver of Arkansas, Mary Joan (John) Thomas of Walkerton, Pam (Terry) Hansen and Donald (Vicki) Weaver, all of Bremen, Charles (Alma) Weaver of Mishawaka, Patricia Roberts and Anita (Ron) Belt, all of LaPaz, and Angela Smith of Plymouth; three sisters: Vera Heinke and Bonnie (Harold) Bagley, all of Bremen, and Thelma (Dave) Miller of Walkerton; and two brothers: Robert Senff of Illinois and Russell (Fern) Senff of Arizona. She is also survived by a step-son-in-law, Herb Crone of South Bend; 26 grandchildren; 55 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Along with her loving husband of 52 years, Doris was preceded in death by her parents; stepdaughter, Patsy Crone; two brothers: Eldon and Delbert Senff; and four sisters: Arlena Emerick, Mae Twattle, Lucille Sarber and Lomeda Laudeman.

Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at New Song Community Church, 400 N. Kingston Rd., in Plymouth. The Revs. Justin Chambers, Jim Gilmer, and Rick Gaul will officiate a memorial service immediately following at the church.

Burial will follow at Oakhill Cemetery in Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 112 S. Center St., Plymouth, IN 46563.

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She attended New Song Community Church in Plymouth with her family. She is survived by 10 children: Sandy (Jerry) Jackson of Warsaw, Nelson Eugene (Video) Weaver of Rochester, John (Sue) Weaver of Arkansas, Mary Joan (John) Thomas of Walkerton, Pam (Terry) Hansen and Donald (Vicki) Weaver, all of Bremen, Charles (Alma) Weaver of Mishawaka, Patricia Roberts and Anita (Ron) Belt, all of LaPaz, and Angela Smith of Plymouth; three sisters: Vera Heinke and Bonnie (Harold) Bagley, all of Bremen, and Thelma (Dave) Miller of Walkerton; and two brothers: Robert Senff of Illinois and Russell (Fern) Senff of Arizona. She is also survived by a step-son-in-
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**Alvin Beery  Date of Death 11/29/2009**

BREMEN — Alvin Berry, 74, of Bremen, died Sunday, Nov. 29, 2009 at Bremen Health Care Center.

He is survived by his wife, Charlene; son, Shawn Beery; daughters: Kim Dunning, Gina (Sonya Stutzman) Beery; two grandchildren; one great-grandson and sister, Pat (Dennis) Richey.

Visitation will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2 at Mishler Funeral Home, 2030 S.R. 331, Bremen.

Funeral services will take place at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3 at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Bremen Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association.

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He is survived by his wife, Charlene; son, Shawn Beery; daughters: Kim Dunning, Gina (Sonya Stutzman) Beery; two grandchildren; one great-grandson and sister, Pat (Dennis) Richey.
Visitation will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2 at Mishler Funeral Home, 2030 S.R. 331, Bremen.

Funeral services will take place at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3 at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Bremen Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

**George Richard "Dick" Danielson  Date of Death 11/29/2009**


He is survived by his wife Phyllis; daughter Mary Foxwell of Indianapolis; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Dec. 10 at Faith Lutheran Church, Sarasota.

National Cremation and Burial Society, Sarasota was entrusted with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Faith Lutheran Church, 7750 Beneva Road, Sarasota, FL, 34238 or TideWell Hospice and Palliative Care, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL, 34238.

**June Hopp  Date of Death 11/29/2009**

PLYMOUTH — June Hopp, 94, of Plymouth, died Sunday, Nov. 29, 2009 at Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth.

She is survived by two grandchildren.

Family services were held.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth was entrusted with arrangements.

**Sandra S. (Brodbelt) Lewis  Date of Death 11/29/2009**

MICHIGAN CITY — Sandra S. (Brodbelt) Lewis, 52, of Michigan City, formerly of Plymouth, died Sunday, Nov. 29, 2009 at her residence.

She is survived by daughters: Bobbie Jo, Jennifer, Sarah, Jessica and Diana Lewis, all of Michigan City; sons: Kevin Gaines of LaPorte and Robert Lewis of Michigan City; mother, Elsie Brodbelt of Plymouth; sister, Connie Garman of Argos; brothers: Glenn Brodbelt Jr. of Plymouth, David Brodbelt of South Whitley and Rex Brodbelt of Plymouth; and 11 grandchildren.

Visitation will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3 at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will take place at 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.
Burial will follow at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

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

MICHIGAN CITY — Sandra S. (Brodbelt) Lewis, 52, of Michigan City, formerly of Plymouth, died Sunday, Nov. 29, 2009 at her residence.

She is survived by daughters: Bobbie Jo, Jennifer, Sarah, Jessica and Diana Lewis, all of Michigan City; sons: Kevin Gaines of LaPorte and Robert Lewis of Michigan City; mother, Elsie Brodbelt of Plymouth; sister, Connie Garman of Argos; brothers: Glenn Brodbelt Jr. of Plymouth, David Brodbelt of South Whitley and Rex Brodbelt of Plymouth; and 11 grandchildren.

Visitation will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3 at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will take place at 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

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

**Marie Viola Mitchell Postewaite  Date of Death 11/29/2009**

METAMORA, Ill. — Marie Viola Mitchell Postlewaite, 98, of Metamora, Ill., formerly of Loda, Ill., and Plymouth, Ind. passed away Nov. 9, 2009.

She was born in Culver July 17, 1911 the daughter of Oden and Pearl Nifong Mitchell. She married James C. Postlewaite Sept. 21, 1930.

Marie is survived by four daughters: Jeanie (Richard) Miller of Plymouth, Sandra Mulberry of Metamora, Ill., Peg (Gene) Simon of Missoula, Mont., and Judy (Virgil) Martin of Venice, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

A service for the celebration of the life of Marie Viola Mitchell Postlewaite will take place at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 30 at the United Methodist Church in Loda, Ill.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her name to Chaddock (a ministry of the United Methodist Church for children and families), 204 S. 24th St., Quincy, IL, 62301.

**Adalene C. Schoner  Date of Death 11/29/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Adalene C. Schoner, age 95, of Plymouth, passed away at 6:10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, 2009, at the Catherine Kasper Life Care Center in Donaldson.

Adalene was born Nov. 22, 1914, in Plymouth, to Benjamin and Florence (Richard) Xaver. Adalene was a lifetime resident of the Plymouth area.

She began her career as a secretary, then being promoted to management, during her 33-year career at Nipsco. Adalene enjoyed playing the organ for Saint Michael Church, where she was a member.

She also belonged to the Altar Rosary Society, Harvest House, Right to Life, as well as Friends of Ancilla.

Adalene is survived by her daughters, Rita (Deacon Ron) Morrow of Kokomo, and Marylyn Berfield of Bowling Green, Ohio. Also surviving is Adalene’s sister, Lorraine Havens of South Bend; her brother, Gerald Xaver of Greenville, S. C.; 12 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.
Adalene was preceded in death by her son, David Schoner; her brother, Francis Xaver; and her granddaughter Vicky Berfield.

Memorials contributions may be given to Right to Life, Ancilla College, or to Saint Michael Catholic Church.

~VISITATION~
SUNDAY, DEC. 6, 2009, 2 to 8 P.M.
SCRIPTURE SERVICE, GIVEN BY DECON RON MORROW
SUNDAY, DEC. 6, 2009, 7:00 P.M.
VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME
300 W. MADISON ST.
PLYMOUTH, IN, 46563

~FUNERAL~
MONDAY, DEC. 7, 2009, 11 A.M.
SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
THE REV. FATHER WILLIAM KUMMER, OFFICIATING

~BURIAL~
NEW OAKHILL CEMETERY, PLYMOUTH

~MEMORIES MAY BE SHARED AT~
www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

Heather S. Mattern  Date of Death 11/30/2009

NAPPANEE — Heather S. Mattern, 32, of Nappanee, died Monday, Nov. 30, 2009 in a motor vehicle accident.


Visitation will take place from 2 to 8 Friday, Dec. 4 and one hour prior to services Saturday at the Nappanee Missionary Church Chapel.

Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 at the church.

Burial will follow at South Union Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to a trust fund for the Mattern children through Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main St., Nappanee.

Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home was entrusted with arrangements.

Michele Lynn Tyler  Date of Death 11/30/2009

ROCHESTER — Michele Lynn Tyler, 34, of Rochester, died at 9:15 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30 at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

She is survived by her mother, Anna Tyler of Rochester; a brother, Ronald D. Tyler Jr. of Rochester; and a sister, Jennifer Dople of Rochester.
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Visitation will take place at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 14 at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Funeral services will take place Monday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

James R. Wringer  Date of Death 11/30/2009

PLYMOUTH — James R. “Jim” Wringer, 92, died at noon Monday, Nov. 30, 2009 at his residence.

He is survived by sons: Ralph Wringer of Plymouth and Jerry (Shirley) Wringer of Nappanee; and daughter, Marilyn (David) Pigors of Hendersonville, N.C.

Visitation will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 4 at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Sharon Lee Downey  Date of Death 12/1/2009

FORT MYERS, FLa. — Former Rochester resident, Sharon Lee Downey, 62, of Ft. Myers, Fla. passed away unexpectedly at her residence Dec. 1, 2009.

Sharon was the daughter of Wayne and Marguerite Goodman Downey. She was born Oct. 8, 1947 in Vincennes and grew up with her sister Sally in Bruceville.

In 1965, Sharon graduated with her class at North Knox High School. Seven years later, in 1972, she moved to Rochester. Spending most of her adult life in the Rochester and Plymouth communities she was employed early on at Topp’s in the office.

Interested in a variety of occupations, and known for her versatility, she enjoyed working at the Fulton County Welfare Department, WROI, Quick’s Lanes and the Marshall County Clerk’s office. Sharon enjoyed the friendships she made with customers at Ribordy’s and later Walgreen’s Drug Store.

In the mid 90s she began wintering on Florida’s Gulf coast. Enjoying the warmth year round, in 1998 she made Ft. Myers her permanent residence. She most recently was a pharmacy technician at Costco of Ft. Myers.

An avid reader Sharon especially enjoyed the novels authored by Nora Roberts. She was delighted to dance and sing and was a member of the Sweet Adelines of Plymouth. She was also a life member of the First Christian Church.

To chill out on a warm Florida day, Sharon could be found poolside, near her condo. She also enjoyed girl’s nights out at the movies, hitting the festival events or dining at a favorite restaurant like Big Al’s. Always enjoying being on the go, Sharon enjoyed visiting the local night spots. A lover of the outdoor life, Sharon could be seen cruising on her bicycle while catching a cool breeze. Wading in the warm Gulf waters at Vanderbilt Beach, while watching the serenity of sunset, was another activity that brought great joy to Sharon.

Sharon is survived by two beautiful daughters Jackie King and husband John of Sarasota and their children: Jordan, Jeremey, Jason, Jaimee, Jennifer and Janna King; and Beth Bickle and husband Chris and their children: Renae and Bradly Bickle of Rochester; her children’s father, William L. Pea of Eden Prairie, Minn.; a sister, Sally Keller and husband Max of Crawfordsville.

Also surviving are a nephew, Keith Keller; two nieces: Karen Keller and husband Jeff, Kathy Lee and husband Toby; one great-nephew, Josh Keller and three great-nieces: Kaitley and Ali Keller
and Eliza Lee.

Preceding her in death are her parents and grandparents.

Friends may visit with her family from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7 and an hour prior to services Tuesday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 West 18th Street, Rochester.
A celebration of the life of Sharon Lee Downey will be held Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 10 a.m. at the The Rev. Ron Leichty will officiate. There will also be visitation in Bruceville at the McClure-Utt Bruceville Chapel Wednesday, Dec. 9 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
A public graveside service will be held at the Bruceville Cemetery Thursday, Dec. 10 at 11 a.m. Rev. Glen Turner will preside.
Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at www.goodfamily@rtcol.com.
Burial will follow at Bruceville Cemetery Thursday, Dec. 10 at 11 a.m.

Lanny Royce Geyer  Date of Death 12/1/2009

MARION — Lanny Royce Geyer, 60, of Marion, formerly of Nappanee, died at 3:27 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2009 at his residence.

He is survived by his mother, June Geyer of Nappanee; and brothers: Joel (Benita) Geyer of Syracuse, Barry (Karen) Geyer of Nappanee, Todd Geyer of Minneapolis, Minn., and Tim Geyer of Nappanee.

Visitation will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 7 at the Nappanee Church of the Brethren.
Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Monday at the church.
Burial will follow at Union Center Cemetery, Nappanee.
Memorials may be made to the Nappanee Public Library or the Nappanee Church of the Brethren.

Sarah B. "Sally" Schafer  Date of Death 12/1/2009

PLYMOUTH — Sarah B. “Sally” Schafer, of Castle Drive, Plymouth, died, following an illness, at her residence where she had lived for the past 14 years, at 2:05 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2009.

Sally was 79 years old.

Born in Culver, Aug. 13, 1930, she was the daughter of Samuel and Lilly (Seese) Buswell and attended Culver schools.

In January of 1948, Sally and Charles H. Schafer were married in Jeffersonville. They enjoyed traveling together and winters in the Florida Keys. For several years they owned and operated the Down to Earth woodstove store in Plymouth and were the proprietors of the Long Pointe Bed & Breakfast on Lake Maxinkuckee.

Sally was a homemaker. She loved to cook and try new recipes. She enjoyed word searches, reading romance novels and growing flowers. She appreciated nature and everything in it, particularly birds and encouraged the humane treatment of all animals.

One of the highlights of her life was a trip to Europe in June of 2000, given as a graduation gift to her family. She appreciated music and had played the flute.
A member of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, she was also an avid Humane Society supporter.

Sally is survived by Charles, her spouse of almost 62 years; and by their son, Robert and spouse Valerie Schafer of Plymouth; four grandchildren: Lee R. Schafer, Sarah A. Schafer and Elesha J. Schafer, all of Plymouth; and Samuel C. and spouse Echo M. Schafer of Bourbon. Five great-grandchildren also survive.

A sister, Mary Lou Loftus, Va., and a brother, John (Anne) Buswell, Indianapolis, survive as well.

Sally was preceded in death by two sons: Charles H. Schafer and Earl “Bud” W. Schafer; and a brother, Jack Buswell.

Friends are invited to share their memories and visit with Sally’s family from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, 2009, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Sally will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, in the funeral home with the Rev. Chuck Krieg officiating.

Burial will be in the Culver Masonic Cemetery.

Memorial gifts in Sally’s memory may be made to Best Friends Animal Society - Dog Town, 5001 Angel Canyon Road, Kanab, Utah, 84741.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via: www.johnson-danielson.com.

**Shirley Bramble Scheffer  Date of Death 12/1/2009**

ROCHESTER — Shirley Bramble Scheffer, 66, of Rochester, died at 6:40 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2009 at St. Vincent’s Hospital of Indianapolis.

She is survived by her husband, Donald; daughters: Penny (Ron) Shireman of Rochester and Lori (Shawn) Eaton of Caledonia, Mich.; two granddaughters; sisters: Carol (Dean) Jensen of Rochester, Donna (Otis) Reynolds of Remington and Darlene (Tim Tomicello) Bulington of Remington; brothers: Larry Atkinson of Monticello, and Steve Atkinson of Pontiac, Ill.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3 and one hour prior to the service Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St. Rochester.

Funeral services will take place at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 4 at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at the Remington Cemetery, Remington.

**Paul E. Schneider  Date of Death 12/1/2009**

BREMEN — Paul E. Schneider, 87, of Bremen, died Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2009 at Bremen Healthcare Center after a short illness.


Visitation will take place from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 Monday, Dec. 7 at First Baptist Church, Bremen and one hour prior to services Tuesday.

Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8 at the church.

Burial will follow at Bremen Cemetery.
Eldon E. Thornton  Date of Death 12/1/2009

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Eldon E. Thornton, 86, died Dec. 1, 2009 at Fort Myers, Fla.

He is survived by his wife Geraldine (Ousnamer); children: Judy (Ken) Becknell of Granger and Fort Myers, Fla., Nancy Thornton Amor of Plymouth, Ronald (Sherry) Thornton of Fort Myers, Fla., Bruce (Diana) Thornton of Fort Myers, Fla.; 15 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will take place Monday, Dec. 7 at 4:30 p.m. at the Bremen Missionary Church.

Memorials may be made to the Eldon Thornton Memorial Fund, 9780 Lake Fairways Blvd. N. Fort Myers, FL, 33903 or the Bremen Missionary Church.

Madelyn Pearl Hart Smith  Date of Death 12/2/2009

QUINCY, Ind. — Madelyn Pearl Hart Smith, died Dec. 2, 2009 in Plymouth.

She is survived by daughters: Wynona Smith Jones of Plymouth, Dixie Smith Moye’ (Lemuel) of Houston, Texas, and Lois Smith Sheeler of Dallas, Texas; grandson Derek Jones; granddaughters: Shelby Jones and Kylie Sheeler; and great-grandchildren: Lena, Ellie, and Davis Jones; and sister Eva Smith; as well as several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service to celebrate Madelyn’s life will be held Sunday, Dec. 20 at 2 p.m. at Plymouth Wesleyan Church in Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor’s choice.


After having been raised in Quincy, with her seven brothers and sisters, Madelyn lived most of her adult life on the west side of Indianapolis.

She was a long-standing member of Fleming Garden Christian Church, where she participated in the Ladies Council, Ladies Auxiliary, and served on several other committees and programs.

She was involved in local politics for several years on the precinct level, and filled various positions on election days. Madelyn was a member of Eastern Star, worked on the Rhodes PTO, and was retired from Rhodes Elementary School of Wayne Township where she was the World’s Best Cafeteria Lady!

She is preceded in death by her husband of 44 years, Dallas Orville Smith; sisters: Lucille Kegley, Ruth Carpenter, Kathleen Day, Omadean Cummings; brothers: Wayne Hart and Venice Hart; and grandsons Travis Sheeler and Infant Boy Jones. She is survived by daughters: Wynona Smith Jones of Plymouth, Dixie Smith Moye’ (Lemuel) of Houston, Texas, and Lois Smith Sheeler of Dallas, Texas; grandson Derek Jones; granddaughters: Shelby Jones and Kylie Sheeler; and great-grandchildren: Lena, Ellie, and Davis Jones; and sister Eva Smith; as well as several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service to celebrate Madelyn’s life will be held Sunday, Dec. 20 at 2 p.m. at Plymouth Wesleyan Church in Plymouth.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the donor’s choice.

Anna Rose Heim  Date of Death 12/3/2009
WALKERTON — Anna Rose Heim, 84, passed away Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009 in Miller’s Merry Manor, Walkerton.

Mrs. Heim was born May 11, 1925 in Walkerton, to John and Minnie Clark and lived in the area all of her life.

On Feb. 10, 1950, in Argos, she was married to William Heim Jr., who preceded her in death in 2002.

Survivors include two sons, Barry Heim of Walkerton and Noel Heim of South Bend and two grandsons.

She was a second grade teacher at Walkerton Elementary School for many years and was a member of the Walkerton United Methodist Church.

There will be no services or visitation.

Cremation will take place.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Alzheimer’s Association, 50 E. 91st St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46209-4830.

Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel is handling arrangements.

Ernest E. Shaffer Date of Death 12/3/2009

PLYMOUTH — Ernest Eugene Shaffer, 98, of Windmill Drive, Plymouth, died of natural causes in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth Campus, at 12:55 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009

Ernest was born in Walnut Twp., Marshall County, Dec. 2, 1911. He was the son of Joseph Richard and Minnie Belle Casey Shaffer. In 1923, he completed the ninth grade at Argos High School.

A lifetime resident, Ernest was married to Alice Thompson Stull April 3, 1983 in the Plymouth Wesleyan Church.

In WWII, Ernest served his country in the United States Army, enlisting in 1945 and honorably discharged in 1949.

He worked as an inspector for McCord’s for 30 years, retiring in 1976.

Ernest enjoyed fishing and taking care of a large and productive garden. Ernest also enjoyed doing word search puzzles. He was a member of the Plymouth Wesleyan Church and the Farm Bureau.

Ernest is survived by his wife, Alice, two step-daughters and two step-sons. His step-daughters are Linda (David) McCarthy, Michigan City, and Barbara (Robert) Milligan, Lake Park, Fla. His step-sons are Larry (Mary Lee) Stull South Bend, and Roger Stull, Plymouth.

He is survived by nine step-grandchildren: Sherie Netzel, Chris Pischke, Melissa Jackson, Denny Stull, Doug Stull, Darrin Stull, Joe Reitzug, Nick Reitzug, and Mary Beth TeSelle.

Ernest is also survived by 13 step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Clarence Shaffer.

Friends are invited to share their memories of Ernest with his family Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, from 3 to 6 p.m.
Funeral Services for Ernest will be held in the Plymouth Wesleyan Church, 11203 S. Michigan Rd., officiated by the Rev. John Branch, at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 7, with calling one hour prior to services.

Burial with full military rites, conducted by the Plymouth American Legion Post #27 and Plymouth VFW Post 1162 will be in New Oakhill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Plymouth Wesleyan Church 11203 S. Michigan Rd. Plymouth, IN, 46563.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the family through the funeral home’s Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com

Memorial may be made to Plymouth Wesleyan Church.

**Betty L. Burns  Date of Death 12/4/2009**

WARSAW — Betty L. Burns, 79, of Warsaw, formerly of Plymouth, passed away at 5:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, 2009 at Mason Health Care, Warsaw.

She was born Oct. 8, 1930 in Winchester, Ind. to Marvin and Gladys (Hoagston) Coddington. She married Walter Burns, Jan. 24, 1953 in Indianapolis and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband Walter; a daughter, Sharon (Brett) Walters of Bourbon; a son, Steven (Charlene) Burns of Granger; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A private family service will be held with Pastor Dennis Bollenbacher, Chaplain, Mason Health Care, Warsaw officiating with burial to follow at Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw, was entrusted with arrangements.

**Maxine E. Grover  Date of Death 12/4/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Maxine E. Grover, 82, of Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth, died of natural causes in the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, at 3:32 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, 2009.

A resident of Marshall County most of her life, Maxine was born Dec. 30, 1926 in Elkhart, the daughter of William and Josephine Margaret Bollencher McCalmont.


Maxine worked at Morris’ Five and Dime store and at Wards during the 1950’s. She said she “didn’t retire, I just quit.”

She was a member of the VFW in Plymouth and a former member of the Bible Baptist Church. She enjoyed crossword puzzles and delighted in finding the words in word puzzles.

Maxine was close to a number of family members. She is survived by two nieces: Donna (Dwight) Hite of Culver and Barb (Bruce) Pearson of Argos; two nephews: Jim (Judy) Grover of Culver and Jerry (Joyce) Grover of Greenfield; five great-nieces: Kristin (Tony) Lidgard, April (Adam) Tener, Nicole Hite and Kathy Grover; and Debby (Jerry) Carlson: three great-nephews: Mike (Bobbie Jo) Grover, Travis Hite and Cody Hite; and a sister-in-law, Dolores M. Grover of Argos.

Maxine was preceded in death by her parents and a half-sister, Helen Holderman.
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Visitation will be from 4 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2009, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Maxine will follow visitation at 5 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. George L. Swank will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery.

Memorials in Maxine’s memory may be made to a charity of the donor’s choice.

To send online condolences and sharing of memories, visit: www.johnson-danielson.com.

Larry W. Hardison  Date of Death 12/4/2009


He is survived by his wife Brenda; his mother, Edna Hardison of Indianapolis; daughters: Kathy (Rick) Rice and Sandra Knorr, both of Indianapolis and Cassy Hardison of Knox; two sons, Berlie (Ashley) Hardison of Winamac and Shane Hardison of Michigan; one step-son, Brian Armstrong of Illinois; seven grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Visitation will take place Tuesday, Dec. 8 from 11 a.m. (CST) at Community Gospel Baptist Church, Knox until the time of services.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the church.

Burial will be at the Crown Hill Cemetery, Knox.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Kidney Foundation or ABATE.

Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel was entrusted with arrangements.

Chester R. Kaminski  Date of Death 12/4/2009

HAMLET-Chester R. Kaminski, 87, died Friday, Dec. 4, 2009 in his home.

He is survived by his wife Katherine (DeLache); a daughter, Deborah (Jack) Rush of Port Aransas, Texas; a son, David (Janice) Kaminski of Hamlet; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

There will be no visitation.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. (Central Time) at Holy Cross Church of Hamlet.

Burial will be at the Holy Cross Cemetery where military graveside services will be conducted.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Center for Hospice & Palliative Care, 112 S. Center St., Plymouth.

Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel was entrusted with arrangements.

Jimmy W. Linville  Date of Death 12/5/2009


He is survived by a daughter, Tammy (Monty) Blanton of Nappanee; two grandsons; sisters: Cathy (James) Flickinger of Mishawaka, Pat Loomey of Cuba, Mo., Karen (Howard) Sellers of
Syracuse and Deb (Leon) Sterling of Nappanee.

Visitation will take place from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9 at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main St., Nappanee.

Funeral services will take place Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Jimmy W. Linville memorial fund.

Kenneth D. Rader  Date of Death 12/5/2009

BREMEN — Kenneth D. Rader, 89, a lifetime Bremen resident, died Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009 at Bremen Healthcare of Bremen.

He was born Sept. 18, 1920 in Bremen to Leroy and Florence (Dumph) Rader.

He married Mary Ellen Shafer Oct. 2, 1941; she survives.

He graduated from Bremen High School in 1939. Before working as a farmer full time he had worked for Sunset Hill Farm of Valparaiso and Liberty Coach of Bremen. He had also worked for several years as a substitute bus driver for Bremen schools.

Kenneth was a member of Bremen United Methodist for more than 70 years where he had served as a trustee, the president and treasurer of the win a couple class. He was also a longtime member of the Indiana Farm Bureau, president of the German Township Farm Bureau, and director of the Fulton-Marshall Co-op for several years.

He is survived by his wife Mary Ellen; children: Sue (George) Schmitt of Phoenix, Ariz., Sally (Larry) Preece of Sykesville, Md., Rosalie Rader of Bremen, and Don (Phyllis) of Aurora, Colo.; a brother, Richard (Thelma) Rader of Bremen; a sister, Louise (Maynard) Hochstetler of Bremen; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Marie Sharp.

Visitation will take place from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, at Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the funeral home with Pastor Kevin Miller officiating.

Memorials may be made to Hospice or the Bremen United Methodist Church.

The Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

Marc Alan Saxton  Date of Death 12/5/2009

INDIANAPOLIS — Marc Alan Saxton, 60, Indianapolis, died Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. Fri. Dec. 11 at Shirley Brothers Irving Hill Chapel, Indianapolis.

Funeral services will follow at 6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Ann Marie Tuttle  Date of Death 12/5/2009
ARGOS — Ann Marie Tuttle, 71, of Argos, died at 3:25 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, 2009 at Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth, following a three-month illness.

She was born March 10, 1938 in Argos to Frank Harrell Sr. and Harriett Brockus. She lived all of her life in the Argos community.

Ann married Richard L. Tuttle Oct. 24, 1959 in Plymouth at St. Michael Catholic Church. She was a housewife and homemaker and a member of the St. Michael Catholic Church of Plymouth.

She is survived by her husband Richard; daughters: Rose Krull of Rochester and Dede (Jeff) Crum of Culver; sons: Richard L. Tuttle Jr. of Crown Point and David W. (Debra) Tuttle of Rochester; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a brother, Frank (Connie) Harrell Jr. of Argos.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, Barry L. Tuttle (August 5, 1973).

Friends may visit with the family from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8 at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the funeral home with Rev. Father William Kummer of St. Michael Catholic Church, Plymouth officiating.

Burial will take place at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Argos Alumni Association, Attn: Pam Rosebush, 309 Van Vactor St., Argos, IN, 46501.

Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at: memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

Julia Mae (Brown) Adley  Date of Death 12/6/2009

ROCHESTER — Julia Mae (Brown) Adley, 85, of Rochester, died at 5:55 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009 at Hickory Creek, Rochester.

She is survived by her children: Marsha and John Roberts, Mary Anne and Mark Heishman, and Carl and Cathy Adley, all of Rochester; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will take place from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10 and for one hour prior to the service Friday at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at the IOOF cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church or Hickory Creek

Lawrence Gray, Sr. Owens  Date of Death 12/6/2009

ARGOS — Lawrence Gray Owens Sr., 74, Argos, died Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009 at 5:30 a.m. at his residence, following a lengthy illness.

He was born April 3, 1935 in Salyersville, Ky., to Elzie and Eda (Allen) Owens and had lived in the Argos community since 1950, coming from the Bass Lake and Knox area.

He married Vada (Scott) Owens Dec. 30, 1955 in Plymouth.
He was a dairy farmer and had a route where he hauled milk for local farmers. He was an avid bowler, bowling in leagues in Rochester for the Plow Boys team. He and his wife square danced with the Swinging Dudes. He was a graduate of Argos High School, class of 1954.

He is survived by his wife, Vada Owens, of Argos; two sons, L. Gray Owens Jr. and wife Sandy of Rochester; and Bryan Owens and wife B. Louise of Tippecanoe; one daughter, Vonda Delf and husband Dale of Hamilton, Mich., nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers: Allen Owens and Ray Owens, and a great-grandchild.

Friends may visit with the family Wednesday, Dec. 9, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, at the funeral home, with the Rev. Brian Sewell of the Whippoorwill Community Church, Rochester, officiating.

Burial will take place at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hope Hospice of Fulton County, 420 Main St., Rochester, IN 46975

Electronic condolences may be sent to the family at: memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

**John B. Smith  Date of Death 12/6/2009**


He is survived by his wife Ellen; children: John (Janice) Rose Jr. of Culver, Peggy (Steve) Smith of Big Sandy, Tenn., Fred (Lisa) Rose of Okeechobee, Fla., Harold (Barb) Rose of Big Sandy, Tenn., and Theresa Rose of Argos; siblings: Marianne Fisher of Nappanee, Irene Kmicikewicz of Nappanee, Francis Brady of Texas, Albert Rose of Plymouth, and Charlie Rose of Nappanee; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9 at M.C. Smith Funeral Home, Knox.

Funeral services will take place at noon Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at St. Jacobs Cemetery, North Judson.

**Lucille I. Snyder  Date of Death 12/6/2009**

COLUMBIANA, Ohio — Lucille I. Snyder, 97, of Columbiana, formerly of Plymouth, died at 8 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009.

She is survived by two daughters, Kathleen (Vernon) Bame of Bowling Green, Ohio, Charlotte Jones of Alamogordo, N.M., and Bowling Green, Ohio; one son, Lowell (Cheryl) Snyder of Columbiana, Ohio; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation and funeral services were held Dec. 9, 2009 at theSeederly-Mong and Beck Funeral Home in Columbiana with Rev. John Bartholomew and Pastor Douglas DeMar officiating.

Burial was in Columbiana Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests that donations be made to The Way Station, 769
Melissa M. Eckert  Date of Death 12/7/2009

PLYMOUTH — Melissa Marie Eckert, also affectionately known as “Liz”, “Little Eskimo” and “Mama”, 77, died at her residence at 11:10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 7, 2009.

She will be remembered lovingly for her devotion to her five grandchildren and her “little monkey,” her great granddaughter. She liked to tell stories and play with her little ones.

Melissa was born Aug. 31, 1932. She was the daughter of Jessie and Minnie Whitesell Gaines. She graduated from Lincoln High School with the class of 1950.

On July 6, 1952, Melissa and Merle E. Eckert, Sr., were married in the First Assembly of God Church. Melissa worked as a telephone operator for the phone company and as a floor clerk and cashier for Grant’s store.

A strong believer in God, she was an avid and devoted reader of the Bible.

Melissa enjoyed word puzzles; she teased her family and friends a lot and was good at cheating in Uno and playing games such as checkers with her grandchildren.

Melissa is survived by her husband, a son, and three daughters. Her son is Merle Eugene Eckert, Jr. of Plymouth; and her daughters are Cynthia Maria (Kenneth) Johnson, Jonesboro, Ark.; Beth Ann Riggins of Mentone; and Linda Kay Whitt of Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Friends are invited to share memories and visit with Melissa’s family from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services, officiated by the Rev. Lowell Ott, will be held in the funeral home Thursday, Dec. 10, at 11 a.m. Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Melissa’s memory may be made to the Leukemia Society, 921 E. 86th. St., Suite 205, Indianapolis, IN, 46240.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via: www.johnson-danielson.com

Tina Marie Ewing  Date of Death 12/7/2009

KOONTZ LAKE — Tina Marie Ewing, 46, of Koontz Lake, formerly of South Bend, died in Hospice House, South Bend, Monday, Dec. 7.

Survivors include her husband, Marion; one daughter, Jennifer Penrod of South Bend; one son, Haven Ewing at home; mother, Sharon and Thom Howard of South Bend; father, Gerald and Chris Huys of Orlando, Fla.; two sisters, Tracy (Gary) Baeb of Orlando and Tonya Beck of Koontz Lake; one step-daughter, Chalee Ewing of Osceola; two step-sons, Talon Ewing and M.C. Ewing, both of South Bend; grandmother, Martha Howard of Lakeville; as well as cousins and nephews.

A memorial service will be held Friday at 4 p.m. (Central Time) at the Koontz Lake Missionary Church with Pastor Brian Baughman officiating.

Visitation is one hour prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given in Tina’s memory to the Tina Ewing Trust
Dr. William H., D.O. Fish  Date of Death 12/7/2009

ROCHESTER — Dr. William H. Fish D.O., 84, of Rochester, died at 9:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, 2009 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He is survived by his wife Beverly; daughters, Deborah (Chris) Barrick of Indianapolis and Jennifer (Mark) Hott of Rochester; a son, Jack Price of Fort Wayne; a sister, Dr. Maxine (Don) Huffman of Pella, Iowa; and brothers, John (Joann) Fish of Raleigh, N.C. and Lance (Linda) Fish of Des Moines, Iowa.

Visitation will take place from 1 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester.

Funeral services will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.


Harold O., Sr. Price  Date of Death 12/7/2009


He is survived by sons Harold O. (Linda) Price II of Denver, Col. and John A. and Betty Price of Wheatland, Wy.

Visitation will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 11 at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Masonic funeral services will take place Friday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church, 8985 S.R. 17, Plymouth, IN, 46563.

Stella S. Baugher  Date of Death 12/8/2009

WALKERTON — Stella S. Baugher, 91, of Walkerton, died Dec. 8, 2009 after a short illness.

She is survived by one son, Roy E. “Bud” Baugher, Jr.; and one daughter: Elsie (Edward) Webb, both of Walkerton, as well as several grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday, Dec. 13 at Nusbaum-Elkin Funeral Home, 408 Roosevelt Rd., Walkerton, following visitation. Cremation followed.

WALKERTON — Stella S. Baugher, 91, of Walkerton, died Dec. 8, 2009 after a short illness.

She is survived by one son, Roy E. “Bud” Baugher, Jr.; and one daughter: Elsie (Edward) Webb, both of Walkerton, as well as several grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday, Dec. 13 at Nusbaum-Elkin Funeral Home, 408 Roosevelt Rd., Walkerton, following visitation. Cremation followed.
David Castro  Date of Death 12/9/2009

BOERNE, Texas — David Castro, 54, formerly of Plymouth, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009.

He was a professional trapper with the Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service.

He is survived by his wife Cindy; daughters: Danielle, Gabriella and Jessica, and sons, David and Ryan, all of Texas, and daughter Jamie, of Bremen; seven grandchildren; brothers: Albert of San Antonio, Guadalupe and Ernie of Brownsville, Texas, Casey of Hesperia, Calif. Joe of Plymouth; and sister, Diana Haycraft of Plymouth.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Guadalupe and Marina Castro of Plymouth.

Services were held in San Antonio, Texas.

Donald E. Malcolm  Date of Death 12/9/2009

FORT WAYNE — Donald E. Malcolm, 74, of Fort Wayne, formerly of Nappanee, died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2009 at Byron Health Center, Fort Wayne.

He is survived by daughters, Faye McFarland of Culver and Sandy Malcolm of Denver, Colo.; sons: Greg (Daisy) Malcolm of Fort Wayne, Roger (Cheryl) Malcolm of Natick, Mass. and Adam (Allison) Malcolm of Windmere, Fla.; brothers, George (Kate) Malcolm of Nappanee and Robert Malcolm of Elkhart; sister, Dorothy Rink of Millersburg; and former wife, Marianne Malcolm.

Visitation took place from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15 at Union Center Church of the Brethren, Nappanee.

Funeral services took place at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Burial followed at Union Center Cemetery, Nappanee.

Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, 950 N. Main, Nappanee.

A. Jayne Gault  Date of Death 12/10/2009

ETNA GREEN — A. Jayne Gault, 66, of Etna Green, died Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009 at 3:28 p.m. at her residence of natural causes.

She is survived by her children: Sally (Scott) Kauffman of Bourbon, Scott Trowbridge of Etna Green and Steve Trowbridge of Warsaw; step-children: Dawn (Leonard) Gagnon of Silver Lake and Kent (Missy) Gault of Bloomington; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; her mother, Betty Davis of Etna Green; and brother, Doug (Connie) Davis of Ligonier.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14 in the Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St. Bourbon, and for one hour before services in the church Tuesday. Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15 in the Etna Green Church of Christ 206 W. Broadway Etna Green. Burial will take place in the Etna Green Cemetery at Etna Green. The family would welcome memorial contributions to Etna Green Church of Christ in her memory.

Shirley Gay Hayes  Date of Death 12/10/2009

KNOX — Shirley Gay Hayes, 41, of Knox, formerly of Chicago, Ill., died Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009 at Starke Memorial Hospital.
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She is survived by her husband Martin; children: Jennifer (Bruce) Williams, William Jones and Ashley Bierod; siblings: Gerald (Irene) Minard, Patricia, Julie (A.D.) Brackins and Kathleen (Keith) Schlamadinger; seven grandchildren and many additional family members.

Visitation was held Tuesday, Dec. 15 at Damar-Kaminski Funeral Home & Crematorium, Justice, Ill.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial took place at Resurrection Cemetery, Justice, Ill.

Marjorie Schlosser Date of Death 12/10/2009

PLYMOUTH — Marjorie Matilda Schlosser, 90, of Plymouth, died Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009 at Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, Plymouth.

She is survived by nephews Richard Dye of Oakland, N.J. and John Dye of Henderson, Nev.; and nieces: Mary (Dye) McQueen of Nashville, Tenn., Diana (Dye) Erickson of Minneapolis, Minn. and Katherine (Dye) Hensel of Houston, Texas.

Visitation will take place Saturday, Dec. 12 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will take place Saturday at noon at the funeral home. Burial will take place at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army, 128 Charles St., Plymouth, IN, 46563.

Charlotte J. Sizemore Date of Death 12/10/2009

BREMEN — Charlotte J. Sizemore, 67, of Bremen, died Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009 at Community Hospital of Bremen.

She is survived by her husband Austin; sons, Mark (LeAnn) Sizemore of Texas and James Sizemore of Bremen; daughters, Arlene (Colby) Niles of Bremen and Darlene Sizemore of Bremen; several grandchildren; her mother, Ella Honaker of Ohio and sisters: Kay (Bill) Doyle, Vicky Taylor and Karen, all of Ohio.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 at Mishler Funeral Home, 2030 S. R. 331, Bremen. Funeral services will take place Monday, Dec. 14 at First Baptist Church, Bremen. Burial will follow at Bremen Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Diabetes Association.

Joan N. Andrews Date of Death 12/11/2009

NAPPANEE — Joan N. Andrews, 65, of Nappanee, died Friday, Dec. 11, 2009 at 3:35 a.m. following an extended illness.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Andrews; son Jon (Allison) Andrews of Wakarusa; daughters Jennifer (Ty) Martin and Janelle (Carl) Salinas, both of Nappanee; and eight grandchildren.

Visitation is at the Nappanee Missionary Church Chapel from 2 to 8 p.m. today, Dec. 14, and for one hour prior to services, which will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the church, with her brother, Stan Noffsinger officiating.

Burial will be at Union Center East Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Joan Andrews Memorial Fund. Arrangements are being handled by Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee.
Virginia LaBere  Date of Death 12/11/2009

GROVERTOWN — Virginia LaBere, 89, passed away in her home Friday, Dec. 11, 2009.

Mrs. LaBere was born Aug. 3, 1920 in Walkerton, and lived in the area all of her life. On June 28, 1946 in Walkerton, she was married to Francis LaBere, who preceded her in death in 1994.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, James and Lillian Scarbrough; three sons: Ron, Richard and Raymond LaBere; and one sister, Mary Cripe.

Survivors include two sons, Roy (Rose) LaBere of South Bend and Garry LaBere of Walkerton; four grandsons, Ron, David, Roger and Jeff LaBere; three granddaughters, Donna Litteral, Mary Jane West and Ashley LaBere; six great-grandsons; seven great-granddaughters and many great-great grandchildren. She was a homemaker.

Friends may call Tuesday, Dec. 15 from 4 to 8 p.m. (EST) and Wednesday one hour prior to the service at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Walkerton.

Roy O., Jr. Tracy  Date of Death 12/11/2009

VALPARAISO — Roy O. Tracy Jr. 56, of Valparaiso formerly of Plymouth, passed away Friday, Dec. 11, 2009 at the Porter Valparaiso Hospital Campus.

He was born March 4, 1953 in Plymouth to Roy and Clarice (Ross) Tracy.

He worked in the construction industry for many years.

He enjoyed fishing and re-finishing old furniture.

He is survived by his step-mother, Evelyn Tracy, and four sisters: Lynn (Robert) Putt of Rensselaer, Connie (Robert) Moore of Rensselaer, Marsha (Jack) Shearer of Valparaiso and Karen (Mike) Morrill of Rensselaer.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one step-brother.

Cremation rites will take place at Angelcrest crematory.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society or VNA Hospice of Porter Co.  MoellerFuneralHome.com

Rolland D. Fisher  Date of Death 12/12/2009

LAKEVILLE — Rolland D. Fisher, 80, of Lakeville, died at 1 a.m. Saturday at Hospice House, South Bend.

He is survived by his wife Lorraine D. Fisher; daughters: Mary Fisher, Elaine Brown, Susan Fisher and Leslie Fisher all of Lakeville; sons: Jim Fisher of Nappanee, Sam and Carl Fisher of Bremen, and Vernon Fisher of Lakeville; 11 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; sisters, Rosemary Willet of Lakeville and Marilyn Gerding of Mishawaka; and a brother, Junior Fisher of Plymouth.

Memorial Services were held at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14 at the United Pentecostal Church, 1174 Lake Street, Walkerton.
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Dale J. Krohn  Date of Death 12/12/2009


He is survived by a son, Mark, of Kingsman; a daughter, Lynette Wedemyer of Kingsman; seven grandchildren; and a sister, Jerry Morrison of Rochester. Burial took place at Phoenix Memorial Park, Phoenix, Ariz.

Cathern "Kate" Christner  Date of Death 12/13/2009

NAPPANEE — Cathern “Kate” Christner, 92, of Nappanee, died at 9:35 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009 at Luann Nursing Home, Nappanee.

She is survived by a son, Jon (Judy) Christner of Middlebury; two grandsons; two step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mary Evelyn Watkins of Nappanee.

Visitation will take place from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19 at the Grace Point Presbyterian Church, Nappanee.

Funeral services will take place Saturday at 11 a.m. at the church. Burial will follow at Hepton Union Cemetery, Nappanee.

Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home was entrusted with arrangements.

Gladys Lucille DeVault  Date of Death 12/13/2009


She is survived by her husband Robert; daughters, Katie Rose of Plymouth and Lucy (Ronnie) Kinsey of LaPorte; step-daughters, Dora (Arnold) Erloes of Hobart and Diane DeVault of Knox; sons, David (Carol) Stacy of LaPorte and Mark (Amy) Stacy of LaPorte; sisters: Virginia Clemons of Knox, June Allen of North Judson and Dorothy Clemons of Brems; brothers, Guy Cole of Murphysboro, Ill. and Gerald Cole of Knox; and nine grandchildren.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16 at Braman & Son Memorial Chapel, 108 S. Main St., Knox.

Funeral services will take place at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17 at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Round Lake Cemetery.

James M., Jr. Music  Date of Death 12/13/2009


He is survived by children: Dennis (Tonya) Pletcher of Etna Green, Sally Pletcher of Warsaw, Pamela Yungandreas of Bremen, Matt Music of Chicago, Ill., Ted Music of Etna Green, Gwen Music of Phoenix, Ariz., George (Wendy) Music of Atwood, Julia (Todd) Whetstone of Tab, Ind., Becki (George) Marks of Bourbon, Carmen (Don) Chapman of Bourbon, Angie Dickson of Syracuse and Shelli (Ron) Sinkey of Hixson, Tenn.; 22 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; his mother, Julia Osborne of Warsaw; sisters: Ruby (Garnett) Newsome, Lynn (Joe) Ousley, Claudette Sybil (Phil) Gates and Wanda Lou Willard, all of Warsaw.

Visitation will take place from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17 at the Etna Green United Methodist
Funeral services will take place at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 18 at the church.

Burial will follow at Etna Green Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Etna Green United Methodist Church or the Cancer Association.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon, was entrusted with arrangements.

Marc K. Ousnamer  Date of Death 12/13/2009

NOTRE DAME — Fifty-two year-old Marc K. Ousnamer has been a familiar face on the campus of Notre Dame for the past 18 years and 11 days as a boiler operator in the power plant. Always reliable, he reported to work Sunday and in the early evening hours suffered an unexpected apparent heart attack.

Despite the appreciated best efforts of the Notre Dame Fire and EMS staff located nearby, Marc passed away at 6:39 p.m.

Marc was born in the Indianapolis area Dec. 8, 1957. He was raised in Plymouth, the son of Buddy Wayne and Jo (Lacher) Ousnamer.

He was a graduate of the Plymouth High School Class of 1976 and following graduation immediately joined the U.S. Navy in the spirit of serving his country. He continued to serve for eight years and became an expert boiler operator.

On Feb. 9, 1986 he took as his bride the former Debbie K. Bridgman, having made their home on West 6C Road in Plymouth. Marc's easygoing nature was apparent in his lifestyle and treatment of others, which included being a multi-generational dog lover.

One pastime has been cutting wood for heating seasons the past several years in the company of Kevin and Zach. He enjoyed the likes of Blues and Jazz bands and solo times simply riding his bike.

He is survived by his wife Debbie; mother, Jo Ousnamer; and brother, Craig A. (Nancy) Ousnamer, all of Plymouth. His mother-in-law, Barb (Bob) Harmon also survives of North Judson.

Marc was preceded in death by his father, Bud and father-in-law Robert Bridgman.

The family will receive friends Wednesday, Dec. 16 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth, where services will be held Thursday at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Charles Krieg officiating.

Preferred are memorial gifts in Marc's name to the Marshall County Humane Society, P.O. Box 22, Plymouth, IN, 46563.

Notes of condolence may be sent to the family via the Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com.

Sharon A. Dille  Date of Death 12/14/2009

ARGOS — Sharon A. Dille, 73. of Argos, died at 12:51 a.m. Monday, Dec. 14, 2009 at her residence following a sudden illness.

She is survived by her husband Bill Dille; sons: Bob (Jane) Dille of Argos, Steve Dille of Argos, and Brian (Karen) Dille of Plainfield; a daughter, Vicki Dille of Argos; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brothers, Jim Thompson of Warsaw, and Terry Thompson of Argos; and a sister,
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Judy (Danny) Good of Argos.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16 at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos.

Funeral services will take place at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 17 at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 30 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 2015, Chicago, IL, 60602 or the American Heart Association, Attn: Danielle Henry, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas, 75231.

Sarita (Shrock) Graf  Date of Death 12/14/2009

WESTLAKE, OHIO — Sarita (Shrock) Graf, died Monday, Dec. 14, 2009 in Westlake, Ohio.

A graveside service will be held Saturday, Dec. 19, at 11 a.m. at the Union Center Cemetery in Nappanee.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Mennonite Church, 900 W. Market St., Nappanee, IN 46550. Visit www.chambersfuneral.com for more.

Elsie Maude Ringer  Date of Death 12/14/2009

PLYMOUTH — Sweet infant, Elsie Maude Ringer of Plymouth, was born into Heaven at 2:16 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14 at Memorial Hospital, South Bend.

Elsie Maude is the precious daughter, who was dearly loved by her parents, Rodney and Jessica Faith Cannon Ringer.

She is survived by her twin brother Jacob Alfred Ringer; her loving maternal grandparents, Charles and Nancy Cannon of Leiters Ford; and her adoring paternal grandparents, Helen Ringer of Argos and Gene and Robbie Ringer of Culver. Elsie Maude was cherished by her great-grandparents Robert and Doris Kirkland of Riverview, Fla. along with numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A celebration of Elsie Maude’s arrival to Heaven will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21 at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Friends may visit with her family two hours prior to her service. Pastor Robert Metzger will officiate.

Interment will be in the Washington Cemetery, Culver.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to the family at goodfamily@rtcol.com.

Pamela K. Boyer  Date of Death 12/15/2009

WINAMAC — Pamela K. Boyer, 61, died Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009 in Parkview Hospital, Ft. Wayne.

She is survived by her fiancé, James Fuerst of Winamac and close friends, Norb and Helen Wilson of Winamac.

Visitation will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. (Central Time) Saturday, Dec. 19 at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be given to the First Baptist Church of Winamac.
**Carl N. Manns  Date of Death 12/15/2009**

WINAMAC — Carl N. Manns, 32, died Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009 in Winamac.

He is survived by a daughter, Danielle Manns of Plymouth; parents, Laureen Cooper of North Judson and Carl Manns of Knox; grandparents, Hester Manns of Knox and Marcells and Niles Cooper of DeMotte; sisters: Laureen Manns of Mishawaka, Stacy Leszek of North Judson and Carlyn Manns of Knox.

Visitation will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Central Time) Friday, Dec. 18 at Rannells Funeral Home, Hamlet Chapel. Funeral services will take place Friday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be given to the family.

**Dorothy Elizabeth Booth  Date of Death 12/16/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Dorothy Elizabeth Booth, 92, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 16 at Pilgrim Manor, Plymouth.

Henriette (Dyhrberg) and Hans Hansen, Dorothy’s parents who immigrated from Denmark, were especially proud their daughter was born on America’s Independence Day July 4, 1917 in Detroit. Mich.

Prior to his death in 1992, she was married for 52 years to her husband Douglas William Booth, living in southeastern Michigan until retiring and relocating to New Port Richey, Fla. in 1983. In 1993 she moved to Plymouth, Ind.

Dorothy was past president of the Oakland County Lawyers’ Wives of Michigan.

Throughout her life she was a dedicated volunteer at many churches, schools, and hospitals in the communities in which she lived. Her varied interests included gardening, reading, sewing, knitting, music, spectator sports, and playing cards. She and her husband loved to dance.

In her later years she especially enjoyed being present at the highlight reel events of her grandson. All children held a special place in her heart.

She is survived by her grandson, Douglas Hansen Booth and son, Robert Hansen Booth, both of Plymouth; and daughter, Constance (Arnold) Kummerow of Clinton Township, Mich.

Dorothy will be buried next to her loving husband and wonderful parents in Grand Lawn Cemetery in Detroit.

**Marla Jean Tom  Date of Death 12/16/2009**

SPRINGFIELD, Va. — Marla Jean Tom, 66, Springfield, Va, formerly of Argos, died at 1:45 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2009 at Hospice In-Care, Arlington, Va. She had battled cancer for nine years.

She was born Feb. 3, 1943 in Argos to Howard Sr. and Rosebud (Dinsmore) Ferrell. She grew up in Argos and moved to Virginia in 1961.

Marla married Marvin Tom in August of 1978 in Virginia.
In September of 1961 she went to work for the CIA and retired in 2006 from the CIA, but continued to work for a private contractor for the CIA until three weeks ago.

Growing up in Argos she was a member of the Girls Rainbow Assembly and attended the Argos United Methodist Church. She was a graduate of Argos High School with the class of 1961.
She is survived by her husband Marvin; son, Jason Tom (and special friend Mindy) of Fairfax, Va.; mother, Rosebud Ferrell of Plymouth; sister, Deborah (Ron) Kline of Plymouth; nephew, Jeff (Ellen) Ferrell of Rochester; nieces, Amy (Rich) Miller of Argos and Traci (Larry) Tippmann of Cincinnati, Ohio; four great-nieces; and three great-nephews.

She is also survived by many wonderful friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Howard Ferrell Sr.; a brother, Howard Ferrell Jr.; sisters, Sue and Terri Lee Ferrell; and nephews, Todd and Doug Ferrell.

Visitation will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23 at the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, 208 N. Michigan St., Argos.

Funeral services will take place at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Rev. Robert Rice officiating.

Burial will take place at Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial contributions may be made to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Northern Indiana Affiliate, 227 S. Main St., Suite 101, South Bend, IN, 46601.

Electronic condolences my be sent to the family at: memorials@earl-grossmanfuneral.com .

Arrangements have been entrusted with the Earl-Grossman Funeral Home, Argos.

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**Jessie Jane (Lax) Carlson  Date of Death 12/17/2009**


She was born Aug. 14, 1940 in East Chicago, Ind. to Forest and Mary (Budnyk) Lax. She married Roger Carlson in 1960 and they moved to Plymouth in 1971.

Jessie worked for the Head Start Program in Plymouth for more than 20 years and retired in 2004. She was a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Donaldson.

Jessie had a passion for travel and went to Florida every February to keep her spirits up. Over the years, she visited Paris France, Venice, the island of Cypress, Puerto Rico, Havana Cuba, and Viet Nam.

Jessie was preceded in death by her husband Roger in 2005 and her parents. She is survived by her siblings: Marian (Lax) Hoffman of South Bend, Donald (Teresa) Lax of Crown Point, Jay (Helen) Lax of Hammond, Patsy (Lax) Ryan of Chesterton; in-laws: Carolyn (Carlson) Vinovich of Florida, Leonard and Nancy Carlson of LaPorte; children: Eric and Jasmin Carlson of Plymouth, Len and Brenda Carlson of Plymouth, and Dawn (Carlson) and Gregg Grubb of Angola; grandchildren: Kale, Kate and Ken Carlson, Morgan, McKenzie and Claire Grubb; one great-grandchild, Mylee Jane Grubb; and many nieces and nephews.

Jessie had a loving and courageous spirit that will be greatly missed. She loved spending time with her family and found a reason to enjoy every day. She lived her life with dignity and grace that her family will aspire to in years to come. Jessie wanted to make a difference in the fight against cancer and she donated her body to the I.U. Medical School for cancer research.

There will be a Celebration of Life Memorial Service at the Evangelical Covenant Church in Donaldson, Sunday, Dec. 20, 2009 at 4 p.m. (Eastern Time).

In lieu of flowers, Jessie requested that everyone perform a random act of kindness — smile at a stranger, take a friend to lunch, or do something to make someone’s day a little brighter.
Robert Gene Davenport  Date of Death 12/17/2009

PLYMOUTH — Robert Gene Davenport, 80, of Plymouth, died 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009, at Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn; a daughter, Jean E. Norwood of Des Moines, Iowa; a step-son, Lee (Renee) McAfee; a step-daughter, Lynn Wilcox; two grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will take place from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27 at Van Gilder Funeral Home, 300 W. Madison St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will take place at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 28, at the Inwood United Methodist Church, 11211 Hawthorne Road, Inwood.

Burial will take place at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Inwood United Methodist Church.

PLYMOUTH — Robert Gene Davenport, 80, of Plymouth, passed away at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009, at Miller’s Merry Manor, in Plymouth, after having been released from Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, two days prior.

Robert was born March 19, 1929, at home in LaPaz, to Allen R. and Hazel (Schroeder) Davenport. He spent most of his life growing up on a farm on King Road in Plymouth. He graduated from Plymouth High School in the Class of 1947. He married Jean O. McAfee Aug. 6, 1948. After her death in 2001, he found love again, and married Carolyn Joyce (Staley) McAfee Sept. 3, 2006.

He retired from Reliance Electric, formerly Dodge Manufacturing Company, after working several years in the foundry. Bob enjoyed working with wood and later in life, enjoyed going to live theatre performances.

Robert is survived by his loving wife, Carolyn McAfee; his daughter, Jean E. Norwood of Des Moines, Iowa; his step-son, Lee and Renee McAfee; his step-daughter, Lynn Wilcox; his granddaughter, Angela J. Norwood; his grandson, Andrew Norwood; and his step-grandchildren: Jennifer McAfee, Mallory McAfee, and Ethan Wilcox. He was a favored uncle to many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Ginger in 2005; two sisters; and four brothers.

The family requests that memorial contributions be given to the Inwood United Methodist Church.

~VISITATION~
SUNDAY, DEC. 27, 2009, 3 to 6 P.M.
VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME
300 W. MADISON ST.
PLYMOUTH, IN, 46563

~FUNERAL~
MONDAY, DEC. 28, 2009, 10:30 A.M.
INWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
11211 HAWTHORNE ROAD
PLYMOUTH, IN, 46563
THE REV. GAIL LAW, OFFICIATING

~BURIAL~
NEW OAKHILL CEMETERY, PLYMOUTH
George R. Fleming  Date of Death 12/17/2009

PLYMOUTH — George R. Fleming, 66, of Plymouth, died at 10:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009, at the Hospice House in Elkhart.

George was born May 16, 1943, in Regina, Ky. He was the son of Russell and Juanita Fleming. They preceded him in death.


George was an OTR Semi-Truck Driver for most of his life. He enjoyed telling stories of his trips across the country. While his health still permitted, he was an avid fisherman and hunter.

He was a member of the Good News Baptist Church, of Plymouth, and loved to tell people of the saving grace of Jesus.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Fleming of Plymouth; his son, Everett (Tosha) Fleming of Gulf Shores, Ala.; his daughters: Anita (Robert) Grizzell of Chatsworth, Ga., Elizabeth Partridge of Plymouth, and Jacqueline (Michael) Yates of Plymouth; his step-son, Daniel Overholser of Cocoa, Fla.; his brother, William (Evelyn) Fleming of Shelbyville, Ky.; six sisters: Betty Ostburg of Longview, Wash., Cora Gaither of Corpus Christi, Texas, Libby Edwards of Shelbyville, Ky., Alice Anderson of Pikeville, Ky., Jennifer (Sam) Rose of Ashcamp, Ky., and Deana Rhea Fleming of Georgetown, Ky.; his mother-in-law, Marie Wilhelm of Plymouth; his sister-in-law, Rose (Ed) Fritz of Plymouth; his brother-in-law, Kenneth (Linda) Wilhelm of Camden, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Becky and his sisters Anita Cherry and Shirley Owen

Memorials may be made to the Boys & Girls Club of Marshall County
312 E. Jefferson St., Plymouth, IN, 46563.

~VISITATION~
MONDAY, DEC. 21, 2009, 4 to 7 P.M.
VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME
300 W. MADISON ST.
PLYMOUTH, IN, 46563

~FUNERAL~
TUESDAY, DEC. 22, 2009, 10:30 A.M.
VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME
THE REV.’S JOHN BRANCH AND ED FRYBERG, OFFICIATING

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www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

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He was preceded in death by his daughter, Becky and his sisters Anita Cherry and Shirley Owen.

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William Edward Hartman  Date of Death 12/18/2009

WALKERTON — William Edward Hartman, 65, of Walkerton, died Friday, Dec. 18, 2009 in Hospice House, South Bend.

He is survived by his wife, OnaLee “Onie” Northam: children: Matt Hartman, Ronnie Hartman, Robin Robinson and Melissa Hartman; step-children, Debbie (Tom) Hall and Alan (Angela) Northam; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; his mother, Mary Hartman; and one sister, Deloris Mayle.

Visitation will take place at 2 p.m. (EST) Monday, Dec. 21 until the time of service at Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel.

Funeral services will take place Monday at 4 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will take place at a later date at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Walkerton.

Memorial contributions may be given to The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., 111 Sunnybrook Court, South Bend, IN, 46637.

Esther Elizabeth Mullett  Date of Death 12/18/2009

NAPPANEE — Esther Elizabeth Mullett, 90, Nappanee, died at 4:02 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, 2009 at Bremen Healthcare.

She is survived by sons: Kenneth (Liz) Mullett of Nappanee, Paul E. (Sonja) Mullett of Nappanee...
and Eugene D. Mullett of Milford; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Linda Miller of Nappanee.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21 at North Main Street Mennonite Church and one hour prior to services Tuesday.

Funeral services will take place at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22 at the church.

Burial will follow at Hepton Union Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Mennonite Board of Missions. Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, was entrusted with arrangements.

**Geneva A. Thomas Date of Death 12/18/2009**

PLYMOUTH — Geneva A. Thomas, 97, of Plymouth, died Friday, Dec. 18, 2009 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

She is survived by daughters, Jean Clouse of Palmyra, Va. and Janice Rankin of Greenville, Tenn.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27 at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 28 at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 400 N. Center St., Plymouth.

Burial will take place at Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

**Barbara Diane Trump Date of Death 12/18/2009**

WARSAW — Barbara Diane Trump, 55, of Warsaw, died at 6:04 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, 2009 at her residence.

She is survived by sisters: Kate (Harold) Biltz of Warsaw, Lorie Hofman of South Africa, Anna Lou (Clell) Michel of Tipton and Betty Trump of Warsaw; brothers: Robert (Nancy) Trump of Tippecanoe, Richard (Mallie) Trump of Tippecanoe, and Russell (Beth) Trump of Argos; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will take place from 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22 at Pleasant View Bible Church, 2782 W. 200 North, Warsaw.

Funeral services will take place at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Burial will follow at Tippecanoe Cemetery.

McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw was entrusted with arrangements.

**Mildred G. (Peggy) Washnock Date of Death 12/18/2009**

BREMEN — Mildred G. (Peggy) Washnock 89, of Bremen, passed away at 6:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, 2009, at the Bremen Health Care in Bremen.


Peggy worked at General Telephone and Bell Telephone Companies, as a telephone operator.

She was a member of Saint Michael Catholic Church, in Plymouth, and had lived in Marshall County for around 38 years.

Mildred is survived by her son, James and Sandi Thomas of Willcox, Ariz.; her daughter, Sharon and Karr Hendrickson of Peoria, Ariz.; her step-daughters: Mary and Robert Stief of Mishawaka, JoAnn and Robert Minier of Elkhart, and Sueann and Don Sommer of Mishawaka; her step-son Frank Washnock of Wyatt; five grandchildren; 11 step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; nine step-great-grandchildren; and her sister, Marian Lukowski of Mishawaka.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, John and Herbert Caddy.

Memorial contributions may be given to the:
American Diabetes Association
Northwestern Indiana Local Association
10872 Queen Road
Plymouth, IN, 46563

~VISITATION~
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23, 2009, 11 A.M. to 1 P.M.
VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME
300 W. MADISON ST.
PLYMOUTH, IN, 46563

~FUNERAL~
WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23, 2009, 1 P.M.
VAN GILDER FUNERAL HOME
THE REV. FATHER WILLIAM KUMMER, OFFICIATING

~BURIAL~
CHAPEL HILL MEMORIAL GARDENS
OSCEOLA, INDIANA

~MEMORIES MAY BE SHARED AT~
www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

Eddie D. Wright  Date of Death 12/18/2009

PLYMOUTH — Eddie D. Wright, 72, a lifetime Marshall County resident, living in Culver since 2006, died of natural causes at 11:59 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, 2009 in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He was born in Plymouth Feb. 26, 1937, the son of Edgar Dale and Edna Grace (Miller) Wright. He was a member of the Plymouth High School class of 1955. He played four sports: Football, basketball, track and baseball.

On January 20, 1955, in Knox, Eddie and Eileen Johnston were married.

Eddie was hardworking and talented. He was a brick layer at Inland Steel and then started the Modern Roofing and Siding Co. in Plymouth. He was also a driver for the Plymouth Fire Department for 10 years.

Eddie and Eileen owned and operated Wright’s Landing, a popular bar and restaurant for 29 years. They retired in 2001.
Elmore, a natural athlete and for years involved with the Men’s Slow-pitch League as a pitcher and for 20 years he enjoyed golfing with his buddies every Thursday night, also playing in fundraisers for many causes.

Self-taught, he played the guitar and harmonica.

Eddie is survived by Eileen, his wife of almost 55 years, and by their two sons, a daughter, and seven grandchildren.


Eddie was preceded in death by sisters: Audrey Rush, Edna Pearl McCan, Roger Wright and an infant brother, Jimmie Wright.

Friends of Eddie will be welcomed by his family from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21 at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Eddie will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2009, at the funeral home. The Rev. Dr. Ronald Liechty will officiate.

Memorial gifts in Eddie’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Community Foundation — Fireman’s Scholarship Fund, 2701 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, IN, 46563 or the Marshall County Cancer Association.

Sharing of memories and letters of condolence may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com.

Robert E. Boocher  Date of Death 12/19/2009

BREMEN — Robert E. “Bob” Boocher, 84, of Bremen, died at 10:31 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Mishawaka. He was born April 12, 1925 in South Bend, to Daniel F. and Grace (Green) Boocher.

He graduated in 1946 from Madison Township High School in Wyatt, and lived most of his life in the Bremen area. He served in the United States Army during World War II and was married May 23, 1948 in Bremen, to Phyllis V. Silvey who survives.

He retired from the RV industry after more than 30 years of service and was formerly employed at Studebaker Corporation in South Bend. He was a member of the Nappanee Missionary Church and the American Legion Post 191 in Bremen.

He is survived by his wife Phyllis; daughters: Rebecca (William) Hasse of Syracuse; Deborah (Richard) Eberhardt of Bremen; and Valerie (Tem) Kite of Elkhart; sons: Stephen Boocher of Elkhart; Douglas (Glenda) Boocher of Bremen; and Rob Boocher of Goshen; 12 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and sisters, Lavone (William) Steele of Mishawaka and Genevieve (Ernest) Couch of Alabama.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers: Lester, Delbert and Daniel Jr. Boocher.
Visitation will be from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, at the Nappanee Missionary Church Chapel, 70417 State Road 19, Nappanee.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23 in the church sanctuary with Pastor Norm Reimer of the church officiating.

Burial will follow in the Bremen Cemetery with military graveside rites performed by the Bremen American Legion Post 191.

Memorial bequest may be given to the Robert Boocher Funeral Fund c/o Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse, IN, 46567. Envelopes will be available at the church.

To send condolences to the family in Mr. Boocher’s memory please visit www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

All arrangements are being handled by Owen Family Funeral Home in Syracuse.

**Madelyn Grace Diamond  Date of Death 12/19/2009**

NAPPANEE — Infant Madelyn Grace Diamond, born at 2:18 a.m., died at 4:37 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009 at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

She is survived by her parents, Christopher and Jennifer (Cox) Diamond of Nappanee; a brother, Trent Diamond, at home; grandfather, Leonard (Nancy) Diamond of Ky.; grandparents, Thomas and Eileen Eby of Goshen and Anthony and Teresa Cox, of Tippecanoe; great-grandparents, Luke and Ocella Pletcher of Elkhart; great-grandmother Sandy Cox of Plymouth; and great-great-grandmother Wanda Lowry of Plymouth.

Private family services are planned.

Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee, was entrusted with arrangements.

**Neil Dean Downey  Date of Death 12/19/2009**

WALKERTON — Neil Dean Downey, 84, of Walkerton, died Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009 in his home after an illness.

He is survived by his wife, Edna; two daughters, Ardene (Ron) Bellinger of Walkerton and Karen Badgley of Koontz Lake; one son, Dale (Julie) Downey of Walkerton; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mildred Berry and Dixie (Robert) Janney, both of Canton, Mo.; and one brother, Sam Downey of Bryan, Texas.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. (Eastern Time) Tuesday, Dec. 22 at Rannels Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel, and one hour prior to the services Wednesday.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23 at the funeral home. Burial will follow at the Woodlawn Cemetery where military graveside services will be conducted by the Walkerton American Legion.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Walkerton American Legion Post #189 or to the Walkerton United Methodist Church.

**Marilyn Ann Hall  Date of Death 12/19/2009**

ROCHESTER — Marilyn Ann Hall, 75, of Rochester, died at 3:22 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009 at Life Care Center.

She is survived by her husband Earl; daughters: Vickie (Tom) Snyder of Temperance, Mich.,
Kathy Powers and Deborah “Deb” (Jon) Fultz, all of Rochester; eight grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter; sisters, Mary Phillips of Warsaw, Geri (Robert) Hawley of Claypool; a brother, Nelson (Gladys) Holloway of Burket; and sister-in-law Hilde Belle “Red” Holloway of Burket.

Visitation took place from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21 at Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester and one hour prior to services Tuesday.

Funeral services will take place at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22 at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Hope Hospice of the American Cancer Society.

Myra E. Oliver  Date of Death 12/19/2009

FORT WAYNE — Myra E. Oliver, 94, of Fort Wayne, formerly of Culver, died at 4:40 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009 at Woodview Health Center, Fort Wayne.

She is survived by her sons, Bruce (Karen) Oliver of Fort Wayne, Russell (Susie) Oliver II of Raleigh, N.C.; sister, Elizabeth MacCauley of Clinton Township, Mich.; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, at Odom Funeral Home, Culver.

Funeral services will take place at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Culver Education Foundation, 1300 Academy Road, Culver, IN, 46511 in memory of Russell D. and Myra E. Oliver.

Charles R. Bowen  Date of Death 12/22/2009

SYRACUSE — Charles "Charlie" R. Bowen, 97, of Syracuse, formerly of Bremen, died Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2009 at Miller's Merry Manor, Syracuse.

He is survived by six grandchildren.

Visitation will take place from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 27 at the Mishler Funeral Home, 2030 S.R. 331, Bremen.

Funeral services will take place at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 28 at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Bremen Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Bremen United Methodist Church.

Lois Eileen Overland  Date of Death 12/22/2009

DONALDSON — Lois Eileen Overland, 83, of Donaldson, died Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2009 a the Catherine Kasper Life Center, Donaldson.

She is survived by her husband Robert; a daughter, Patti Jo (Martin) Freels of St. John; a son, Brother Bob Overland FS of Donaldson; and a brother-in-law, Kenneth Overland.

Visitation will take place from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23 at Catherine Kasper Home Chapel.
Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the chapel.

Burial will follow at Elmwood Hammond.

Memorials may be made to the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Ministry.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, was entrusted with arrangements.

**Pearl E. Wolff  Date of Death 12/22/2009**

WALKERTON — Pearl E. Wolff, age 96, of 20016 West 4B Road Walkerton, passed away at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2009, at Miller's Merry Manor in Plymouth.

Pearl was born Nov. 25, 1913, in Walkerton, to John A. and Ida I. (Cover) Gardner. Pearl and Raymond A. Wolff were united in marriage Dec. 22, 1934. He preceded Pearl in death July 18, 1978.

Pearl was a lifetime resident of the Marshall County area. She was a member of the Tyner United Methodist Church, where she belonged to the Women's Church Group. She also enjoyed teaching Sunday School in her church. Her greatest joy was being a homemaker, mother, and caring for her family. Her grandchildren were very special to her and she loved them very much.

Pearl is survived by her daughter, Janet (Daniel) Smith of Walkerton; her sons, John (Rosemary) Wolff of Walkerton and James (Connie) Wolff of Walkerton.

Pearl is also survived by five grandsons; one granddaughter; five great-grandsons; two great-granddaughters; and several nieces and nephews.

Pearl was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Wolff; her sisters, Myrtle E. Walter and Flossie Fitzgerald; and her grandson, John.

Memorials may be made to the: Tyner United Methodist Church

~VISITATION~
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2009, 10:00 A.M.-NOON
TYNER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
TYNER, INDIANA

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TYNER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
THE REV'S MICHAEL DIXON AND DAVID INSKEEP, OFFICIATING

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300 WEST MADISON STREET
PLYMOUTH, INDIANA, 46563

**Walter N. Rhodes  Date of Death 12/23/2009**

WALKERTON — Walter N. Rhodes, 61, of Walkerton, died Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2009 in his residence.
He is survived by his girlfriend, Cheryl Burns of Walkerton; a son, Walter Brooks Rhodes of Anderson; a daughter, Lucinda Doolittle of South Bend; and four grandchildren.

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will take place at 1 p.m. Jan. 9 at Nusbaum-Elkin Funeral Home, 408 Roosevelt Road, Walkerton, with family visitation two hours prior to the service. Ash burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

**Charles Eugene "Pop" Stacy  Date of Death 12/23/2009**

KNOX — Charles Eugene “Pop” Stacy, 82, of Knox, died Wednesday, Dec. 23 in Argos.

He is survived by his sons, Larry (Penny) Stacy of Argos, Gary Stacy of Knox; daughter Renee (Rick) Scarborough of Knox; nine grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and a sister, Mammie Barnett of Plymouth.

Visitation is at 11 a.m. until the time of services Saturday at Braman & Son Memorial Chapel. Services are at 3 p.m. with Rev. Jeff Little officiating.

Burial will be at Crown Hill Cemetery.

**Nina Alice Howatt  Date of Death 12/24/2009**

ROCHESTER — Nina Alice Howat, 68, of Rochester, died at 1:08 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24, 2009 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis.

She is survived by her husband Terry Howat Sr.; and children: Michael Howard of Rochester, Mark Howard of Rochester, Aaron Wayne Howat, Terry Fred Howat and Anita Marie Howat.

Private family services were held at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester.

Electronic expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family via goodfamily@rtcol.com.

**Robert H. Albert  Date of Death 12/25/2009**


Born on Christmas Day, 79 years ago in LaPaz, he was the son of Foster and Elaine Pratt Albert. Robert graduated from LaPaz High School in the class of 1948.

He and his wife, Shirley Crum, were high school sweethearts and were married Aug. 21, 1948, in LaPaz. Bob, a farmer, was also a member of the Indiana National Guard.

A lifelong Marshall County resident, Robert was the owner and operator of several successful businesses: the Albert Bowling Lanes, the Albert Texaco and Sinclair Stations, and the Alibi Restaurant.

He was also a Union-North school bus driver for more than 35 years and a volunteer fire fighter for the LaPaz Fire Department and a member of the Building Corporation of the LaVille Elementary School in 1982. A regular and strong supporter of LaVille Athletics, his enthusiasm and loyalty will be greatly missed.

Bob enjoyed old cars and he collected antique tractors. A natural carpenter and mechanic, he was great with his hands.
An excellent bowler, he traveled around the county bowling in competitions. He enjoyed going to auctions and playing poker with his friends.

Bob is survived by his loving wife, Shirley; a son, David (Susan) Albert; and a daughter, Deborah (Robert) Konopinski, all of LaPaz. Four grandchildren survive as well: Kane Shuppert, Plymouth; and two grandsons, John and Jacob Albert LaPaz; and Ruth Albert, a granddaughter, LaPaz.

Three great-grandchildren also survive. They are Olive Laurence, a great granddaughter; and Kaneda and Quinn Shuppert, great grandsons. Bob was preceded in death by his parents and Dale Albert, a brother.

Friends are invited to visit with and share memories of Bob with his family from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28 at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. Funeral services for Bob will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29 in the funeral home. The Rev. Steve Cox, pastor will officiate.

Interment will be in the Mausoleum of the Bremen Cemetery, Bremen.

Memorial gifts in Bob’s memory may be made to the LaPaz Fire Dept. or LaPaz-Lakeville Ambulance Service, 411 S. Michigan St., LaPaz, IN, 46537.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com .

William R. Cook  Date of Death 12/25/2009


He is survived by his wife Vida; daughters, Mary Ann (Rodger) Funk of Angola; son, Edwin J. (Joyce) Cook of Monticello; seven grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will take place at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30 at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe. Road, Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will take place at noon Wednesday at the funeral home.

Entombment will follow at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to the A Hope Center or Woodburn Christian Children’s Home.

Phyllis Ann Faulkner  Date of Death 12/25/2009

BOURBON — Phyllis Ann Faulkner, 80, of Bourbon passed away on Friday, Dec. 25, 2009 at 4:44 a.m. in her home surrounded by her family after a brief battle with Pancreatic Cancer.

Phyllis was born the daughter of Ernest Edward Neidig and Mabel Marie Craig Neidig on July 28, 1929 at Bourbon.

She had been a resident of the Bourbon area all her life. She married Max Robert Faulkner on June 2, 1949, he survives.

Phyllis retired from the Triton School Corporation after fifteen years, she was a first grade teacher and retired in 2001. She was a graduate of Bourbon High School, Valedictorian of the Class of 1947. She continued her education at Indiana University where she received her BS Degree and MS Degrees in Elementary Education. She even earned an Eli Lilly Grant to study education in Belize in 1996. She was a faithful member of the Bourbon United Pentecostal Church where she also touched many young lives. Phyllis enjoyed Gardening, bird watching,
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sewing, knitting sand reading in her spare time.

She is survived by her husband, Max and their six children: Teresa Ann and husband Mokhles Sedra of Cairo, Egypt, Eric Robert and wife Pamela Faulkner of Indianapolis, Nathan Max Faulkner of Bourbon, Seth David and wife Kathi Faulkner of Bourbon, Kirby Todd Faulkner of Evansville and Christopher Faulkner of Atwood. She also has ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Other family includes her Sister; Ruth and husband Bill Gombos of Livingston, Va.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Lynn Maxine Faulkner, a granddaughter, Carissa J Faulkner/Bruner, her sisters and brothers; Roma Dinius, Marjorie Cook, William Neidig, Joe Neidig, Gene Springer and Jim Neidig.

A celebration of Phyllis’s life will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30 in the Bourbon United Pentecostal Church with Pastor Mark Cottrill officiating.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Bourbon United Pentecostal Church.

Burial will be in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery at Bourbon.

The family would welcome memorial contributions to United Pentecostal Church in her memory.

You may send condolences via e-mail to the family at: deaton-clemensfh@cyberlinkint.com.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Betty Ruth Montgomery  Date of Death 12/25/2009

CULVER — Betty Ruth Montgomery, 64, of Culver passed away on Dec. 25, 2009 at her home.

Betty was born on June 25, 1946 in Blue Field, WV to Quintin and Rose (Hendricks) Armstrong.

In 1983 she married LB Montgomery. He survives.

While in Culver Betty was an active member of VFW 6919 Ladies Auxiliary, and she was famous for her Corner Tavern chicken recipe. She was an active contributor to Cub Scout pack 290. Betty loved to cook and to watch over her grandchildren.

She is survived by her sons: Chuck (Ruth) and Joe (Nicki) Dilts of Culver; daughter: Kimberly (Mike Zentz) Dilts of Argos; stepchildren: Anthony, Christina and April, living in Kentucky; brother John Armstrong of Monmouth, Ill.; and 17 grandchildren, as well as many more that she called her children and grandchildren, and her many friends, who will all miss her dearly.

She was preceded in death by her parents and Brother Claude Armstrong.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Jan. 16 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Culver VFW Post #6919.

Memorial contributions can be made to the VFW National Children’s Home or Culver EMS Volunteers.

CULVER — Betty R. Montgomery, 63, of Culver, died Friday, Dec. 25, 2009 at her residence.

She is survived by her husband L. B. Montgomery; sons, Chuck (Ruth) Dilts and Joe (Nicki) Dilts of Culver; daughter Kimberly (Mike Zentz) Dilts of Argos; step-son, Anthony R. Montgomery of Ky.; step-daughters, Christina Roberts and April of Ky.; brother, John Armstrong of Monmouth, Ill.; and 15 grandchildren.
Howard W. Reed  Date of Death 12/25/2009

NORTH JUDSON — Howard W. Reed, Jr., 32, of North Judson, died at Starke Memorial Hospital Friday, Dec. 25.

He is survived by his parents: Debra (Howard) Reed of North Judson, fiancee Kimberly Manns of North Judson, daughter Samantha Reed of Culver, and several aunts and uncles.

Visitation is Tuesday, Dec. 29 from 4 p.m. until the time of services at Braman & Son Memorial Chapel.

Services are at the funeral home at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday with the Rev. Jeff Little officiating.

Midwest Cremation Center will handle burial.

James R. "Smiley" Guyse  Date of Death 12/26/2009


He is survived by his wife, Nancy Guyse; son, Tyler Hartel of Michigan; step-son, Justin Donovan of Warsaw; step-daughters, Jodi Reynolds and Nicole Duttin, both of Warsaw; sisters: Linda (Bill) Unruh of North Judson; Roberta (Sam) Barnett of Walkerton, Chris Koehn of Plymouth, Judy Ouellett of Walkerton, and Donna Guyse of Plymouth; and many grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will take place from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30 at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, 2290 Provident Court, Warsaw.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31 at the funeral chapel. Burial will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the Web site at mchattonsadlerfuneralshapels.com.

Raymond E. Kline  Date of Death 12/26/2009

CULVER — Raymond E. Kline, 92, of Culver, and Fort Pierce, Fla., passed away Dec. 26, 2009, at Clarkston Specialty Healthcare, Clarkston, Mich., where he had been a patient for the last month.

Raymond was born Dec. 3, 1917, in Culver, to Edgar and Nellie Kline. He graduated from Culver High School and attended Moody Bible Institute.

On March 24, 1940, he married Daralys J. Leland in Culver.

Raymond opened Kline’s TV and Appliance store on June 18, 1952, and was in business for approximately 40 years. Ray belonged to the Gideons, providing him exciting opportunities to distribute Bibles in numerous countries, including some “iron-curtain” countries.

He was an active member of the Grace Baptist Church in Plymouth, for many years and later attended Antioch Baptist Church in Rochester.

Ray and Daralys enjoyed traveling all over the world together, their journeys taking them to more than 60 countries. For the last five years, Ray shared his time with son Tim and family in Indiana and daughter Carol and family in Michigan.
Raymond is survived by son: Tim (Cindy) Kline of Peru; daughter: Carol (Steven) Holtzclaw of Oxford, Mich.; daughter-in-law: Christine Kline of Indianapolis; grandchildren: Matthew Kline, Camille Brugh, Amber Terry, Arielle Adenew, Avin Kline, Kris Holtzclaw, Kristen Brody; and great grandchildren: Steven, Erik and Audrey Brody and Elizabeth and Jacob Holtzclaw.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Daralys; son, Paul Kline; and sister, Josephine Powell.

Visitation with the family will take place at Odom Funeral Home, Culver, Wednesday, Dec. 30, from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., with funeral at 2 p.m.

Graveside service to follow for the family at Washington Cemetery, Culver.

Memorial contributions may be given to Moody Bible Institute, 820 N LaSalle Blvd, Chicago, IL 60610-3284. Condolences may be sent to the family via the obituary page at www.odomfuneralhome.com.

The Odom Funeral Home, Culver, is in charge of arrangements.


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Joyce Marie Patton  Date of Death 12/26/2009

WAKARUSA — Joyce Marie Patton, 78, of Bremen passed away on December 26, 2009 at Miller’s Merry Manor in Wakarusa.

She was born Nov. 16, 1931 in Plymouth and was the daughter of the late Rufus and Floy (Berkey) Jones. She graduated with honors in 1949 from Lincoln High School, Plymouth. She married Russell Patton in November 1983. He preceded her in death in 1988.

She was an employee of Bremen Community Hospital for several years and volunteered at various community services in Bremen.

Joyce was loved by all who knew her. She was an avid crocheter and enjoyed giving her craft pieces to friends and family. A very talented musician, she could play the piano and organ for hours without reading written notes. She was always ready to give a helping hand to anyone when needed.


She is also survived by two sisters: Wanda Clark of Warsaw, Mary (Don) Walter of Franklin, Ohio; one brother John Thomas of Plymouth and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010 at the Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen. Visitation will be one hour before the service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the organization of your choice.

The Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Dorothy Marie Roach  Date of Death 12/26/2009

BREMEN — Dorothy Marie Roach, 81, of Bremen, died Saturday, Dec. 26, 2009 at Community Hospital of Bremen.

She is survived by one son: James (Vickie) Hinesley of Angleton, Texas; one daughter: Jennifer (Alex) Bryant of Bremen; grandchildren: Todd, Jamie and Phillip Hinesley of Angleton, Texas and Derek Cheek of Fishers, Melissa Cheek of Bremen and Alex Bryant, Jr. of Bremen; one brother: Joe (Emma) Plowman of Lamark, Texas; and two sisters: Alice Balzer of Cape Elizabeth, Maine and Betty (Lawrence) Sevin of Frisco, Texas.

Services will be private.

Entombment will be in Galveston Memorial Park, Hitchcock, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the organization of donor's choice.

The Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mishlerfuneralhomes.com.

Michael L. Bonham  Date of Death 12/27/2009

TIFFIN, Ohio — Michael L. Bonham, 64, of Tiffin, died Sunday, Dec. 27, 2009, at Arlington Care & Rehabilitation Center, Columbus.

He is survived by his sister, Susan Kendall; and brother-in-law, Robert Bright of Columbus; a niece; and a grand-niece and nephew.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial Mass was held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30 at St. Mary Catholic Church, Tiffin, Ohio.

A Rosary was prayed 20 minutes prior to the Mass. The family invited guests to join them for a time of food and fellowship following the Mass at St. Mary Catholic School Rec Room. Those unable to attend Mike's Mass may share personal condolences with the family at www.hgmackfuneralhome.com. Memorial contributions can be made to Community Hospice Care, 181 E. Perry St., Tiffin, OH, 44883.

Paul E., Sr. McBride  Date of Death 12/27/2009

PLYMOUTH – Paul E. McBride, Sr., A minister of the Church of the Brethren, passed away at 5:30 a.m. on Sunday, December 27, 2009. He was 82 years-old.

Paul was born on September 23, 1927, to George and Mary Sheneman McBride in Lakeville, Indiana. He graduated from Lakeville High School in 1945, where he was a member of the varsity basketball team.

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taught at Ivy Tech (South Bend) for several years.

In 1983, after 32 years, Paul retired from Bendix as a maintenance electrician.

He enjoyed doing electrical and HVAC work where he was able to continue a personal ministry with his fellow man.

Paul is survived by Carol, his loving wife of 61 years, his daughter Linda (H.C.) Colwell of South Bend, his son, Paul Jr. (Marcia) of South Bend, and four granddaughters: Tina (Robert) Gruber of Mishawaka, Sherry (Mark) Bickel of Goshen, Tonya Colwell at Manchester College and Melissa (Brent) Cooksey of Noblesville.

Paul is also survived by five great-grandchildren: Madeline Gruber, Ethan and Logan Bickel and Mathew and Morgan Cooksey.

Paul’s brother James (Nancy) McBride of South Bend also survives.

A grandson, Peter McBride, preceded him in death.

Friends are invited to visit with Paul’s family from 4 to 8 pm on Wednesday, December 30, 2009, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. Funeral services for Paul will be at 11:00 am, Thursday, December 31, 2009, in the Plymouth Church of the Brethren on the corner of Baker and Michigan Streets, next to the funeral home.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery in Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Paul’s memory may be made to the Plymouth Church of the Brethren, 1130 North Michigan Street Plymouth, Indiana 46563 or to a charity of one’s choice.

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Letters of condolence and sharing of memories may be sent to the family via the funeral home’s Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com .

Lucile Marie Overmyer  Date of Death 12/28/2009

CULVER — Lucile Marie Overmyer died at her home in Culver, at 10:45 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, 2009, surrounded by her loving family. Lucile was 90 years old.

She was born 100 miles from Marshall County in Raub, Ind. Aug. 25, 1919, the daughter of Orville H. and Anna Matkin Perkins.

Lucile graduated from Raub High School with the class of 1938 and from the Memorial Hospital Nurses’ Training program shortly thereafter. She won her nurses’ cap and the heart of Glenn Overmyer after meeting him through his sister Mildred, a classmate at Memorial.

On March 28, 1942, she and Glenn were married in Plymouth. Glenn died June 2, 2004.

During World War II, Lucile worked at the Kingsbury Ammunition Plant as a nurse, she later worked as a nurse at Parkview Hospital in Plymouth. She also did private duty care as a nurse all over Marshall County; her door was always open to anyone and everyone, students, family, and friends.

Her helping hand was always available to anyone that needed it. Lucile last practiced nursing at the Culver Academy for 30 years, retiring in 1995.

She was a very active person all of her life. She helped in the garden, worked in the Hospital Auxiliary and loved to play any kind of cards — especially Pinochle. She enjoyed working puzzles and working in the thrift shop of the Wesley United Methodist Church, Culver.

She is survived by a large and loving family. She leaves two sons, both in Culver: Michael and Connie Overmyer and Kevin and Melodie Overmyer. Two daughters also survive; they are Patricia and James Watson, Decatur, Ill. and Nancy Overmyer, Indianapolis.

Seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren also survive. They are: Sean and Sherry Overmyer with their children Hannah and Olivia; JB and Jean E. Overmyer and their children Ali, Brianna and Luci; Heather Overmyer; Garth Overmyer; Matthew and Liz Watson and their daughter Erica; Adam Watson and Suzanne and Dan Barth and their children Hannah and Grace. Extended family member Carolyn Saft survives as well.
Lucile was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Glenn and by a son, Gary Overmyer. Three brothers: Kenneth, Marvin and Donald Perkins and a sister, Winifred Perkins, also preceded her in death.

Visitation with the family will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010, at the Wesley United Methodist Church, 511 School St., Culver.

A memorial service will be held in the church following visitation at 1 p.m. Pastor Larry Saunders will officiate. Interment will be held at a later date in the Burr Oak Cemetery, Culver.

The Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers memorial gifts in Lucile’s memory may be made to the Glenn and Lucile Overmyer Scholarship Fund c/o The Marshall County Community Foundation, The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care or The Wesley United Methodist Church Music Fund.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via: www.johnson-danielson.com.

Kenneth Dean Bryant  Date of Death 12/29/2009

ROCHESTER — Kenneth Dean Bryant, 88, of Rochester, died Tuesday, Dec. 29, Rochester.

He is survived by his wife: Rowena G. Bryant, at home; two daughters: Janice Koch and husband, Gene, of Rochester and Mary Sundine and husband, Steven, of Rochester; a son: Ronald Bryant and wife, Shawn, of Rochester; five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of the life of Kenneth Bryant will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3, at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St. Rochester, with Chaplain Charles Azbell and Rev. Junior Bose officiating.

Friends may visit with the family from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home.

The Rochester IOOF Lodge # 47 will conduct a service at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Interment will be at the Rochester IOOF Cemetery, where military graveside rites will be conducted by the LeRoy Shelton American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Memorials may be made in his name to Bethlehem Baptist Church or to Hope Hospice of Fulton County.

Aleta F. Long  Date of Death 12/29/2009


She is survived by daughters: Barbara (Robert) McQuinn of Forest, LuAnn Wiseman of Marcellus, Mich., and Linda (Max) Flenar of Etna Green; sons, Larry (Mary Ellen) Long of Warsaw and Robert (Judy) Long of Milford; 16 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a sister, Hazel "Skip" Ewing of Etna Green.

Visitation will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29 at the King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30 at Etna Green Church of Christ.

Burial will follow at Etna Green Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Ralph J. Long Scholarship Fund at he Etna Green Church of Christ.
Geraldine “Jeri” (Elliott) Miller Traphagan  Date of Death 12/29/2009

NILES — Geraldine “Jeri” (Elliott) Miller Traphagan, 78, of Niles, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2009 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Plymouth.

Jeri was born Jan. 19, 1931 in Marion, Ind. to the late David and Estella D. (Lewis) Elliott.

Jeri always showed a hard work ethic and was an entrepreneur. She worked for several years at Snelling Services before starting her own employment agency in Roseland and Elkhart. She also worked for many years in credit management in local hospitals and nursing homes. Jeri was currently employed by the Century Center where she greeted everyone with a smile as a hostess or parking booth attendant.

In her spare time Jeri enjoyed traveling and camping. She traveled both nationally and internationally. An avid fan of the Highlander Series, Jeri traveled to California where she met and became acquainted with Adrian Paul as well as other movie stars. Jeri loved all movies and always stayed current on movie stars and their lives. She also enjoyed European history and archeology. Jeri was a very determined and carefree lady. Although she was always busy, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were always a priority and she always found time for them.

She is preceded in death by her parents, a son: Jay Gordon Miller in 1988, two brothers: Richard and Wayne Elliott and a sister Yvonne Hanks.

Jeri is survived by three daughters: Kathryn Miller Denaut of Plymouth; Linda Miller of Niles; Ann (Josh Payne) Traphagan of Niles; 10 grandchildren: Jeff G. Miller, Alycia and Danny Denaut, Ian and Nicole Miller, Lacey, Jay and Chad Wiemuth, Cody Schilke and Jacob Sams; three great-grandchildren: Kila Stamper, Lily Sherwood and Connor Denaut and two nieces: Judith Dixon Eldridge and Vicki Hanks Baker of Marion.

A time of visitation will be held at Brown Funeral Home Saturday, Jan. 2, 2010 from 4 until 7 p.m. A funeral service will be on Sunday at 1 p.m., visitation one hour prior. A private interment will be held Monday at Silverbrook Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in Jeri’s memory to her family.

Condolences, photos and memories may be shared with the family at www.brownfuneralhomeniles.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home, Niles.

Florence A. Surface  Date of Death 12/30/2009

NAPPAANE — Florence A. Surface, 93, of Nappanee, died Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2009 at 10:25 a.m. at Anglemeyer Clinic, Nappanee, following a short illness.

She is survived by her husband, Harold Surface; daughters: Judy Barr of Nappanee, Joyce Churchill of Berger, Mo. and Jackie (Randle) Brock of Liberty, Texas; 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation is at the Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee, Saturday, Jan. 2 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

There will be no services; cremation will follow.

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Roy D. Trump  Date of Death 12/30/2009

BREMEN — Roy D. Trump, 3590 King Road, Bremen, died of natural causes at his residence at 1:35 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2009. Roy was 86-years-old.

A lifelong resident of Marshall County, Roy was born in Bremen March 30, 1923, the son of Orville H. and Ada Way Trump.

He was a graduate of LaPaz High School.

On March 10, 1946, at their home on Oak Road, Roy and Nina M. Shafer were married.

A construction worker, for 25 years Roy worked for Moriarty Builders which was bought out by Wickes. After Wickes he went on to work for the Glenmark Industries in Plymouth.

He loved farming and helping other farmers. He loved to sing and work in the yard. He sang in a church quartet and was a director of music at the Shiloh Wesleyan Church, where he was a dedicated lifetime member.

Roy enjoyed bowling in the church bowling league.

Roy is survived by, Nina, his loving spouse of nearly 64 years and by their four children. They are two sons, Larry and Diana Trump, South Bend: and Les and Jackie Trump, Plymouth, and two daughters, Mary Ann and George Troyer, Mocksville, N.C. and Paula and Henry Tibbs, Plymouth.

Two brothers, Allen and Mary Ellen Trump, Argos, and Ross and Norma Trump, North Manchester, also survive, together with 13 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Norma and Don LaBere.

Roy’s family will be happy to receive friends to celebrate Roy’s life Monday, Jan. 4, 2010, from 2 to 8 p.m. at the Johnson–Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, and will continue for one hour prior to services on Tuesday in the church.

Funeral services for Roy will be held Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2010, at 11 a.m. in the Shiloh Wesleyan Church, 10532 4B Road. Pastor John Perkinson will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial contribution’s in Roy’s name may be given to The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care, 112 S. Center St., Suite C, Plymouth, IN 46563 or The Shiloh Wesleyan Church at 10532 4B Road, Plymouth, IN 46563.
Letters of condolence and the sharing of memories may be sent to the family via the funeral home's Web site: www.johnson-danielson.com.

PLYMOUTH — Roy D. Trump, 86, of Bremen, died Wednesday, Dec. 30, at his residence.

He is survived by his wife, Nina M. Trump of Bremen; daughters: Mary Ann and George Troyer of Mocksville, N.C. and Paul and Henry Tibbs of Plymouth; and sons: Larry and Diana Trump of South Bend and Les and Jackie Trump of Plymouth; along with brothers: Allen and Mary Ellen Trump of South Bend and Ross and Norma Trump of Argos.

Visitation is Monday, Jan. 4, from 2 to 8 p.m. at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth, and Tuesday at the church one hour before services.

Services are Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Shiloh Wesleyan Church, located at the corner of 4B and King Roads in Plymouth. Burial will be at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorials may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care or Shiloh Wesleyan Church.

Wayne F. Chipman  Date of Death 12/31/2009

BLOOMINGTON — Wayne F. Chipman, 80, of Bloomington, died Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009 at Bloomington Hospital.

He is survived by his wife Betty Thacker Chipman; daughters: Sherry (Forrest) Schinbeckler of Plymouth, Jill (Terry) Sparks of Bloomington, Judy (Keith) Morran of Bloomington, and Julie (Lynn) Romas of Brazil; a son, Jim (Kate) Thacker of St. Louis, Mo.; a sister, Betty G. Baker of Bloomfield; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation took place from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 3 at Day Funeral Home, Bloomington.

Funeral services took place at 11 a.m. at United Presbyterian Church, Bloomington.

Burial followed at Vallhalla Memory Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to United Presbyterian Church, Bloomington.

Online condolence may be sent to the family at www.MeM.com .

Beatrice E. (Steiner) Faulkner  Date of Death 12/31/2009

PLYMOUTH — Beatrice E. Faulkner (Steiner), 90, of Plymouth, died Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009 at her daughter’s home in Niles, Mich.

She is survived by a daughter: Mary Ann (Walter) McLaughlin of Niles, Mich.; and two grandchildren, a sister and a brother.

Visitation is Tuesday, Jan. 5, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services are Wednesday, Jan. 6 at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Sandridge Cemetery, Bourbon.

Memorials in Bee’s memory may be made to Hospice at Home, Inc., 4017 Chamberlain Road, Buchanan, MI 49107.

Condolences may be sent electronically to www.johnson-danielson.com .