MANDY WALTERS 1980-2011

CLOVERDALE – Mandy Lee Walters, 30, of Cloverdale, died at 4:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at Lima Memorial Hospital.

She was born Sept. 12, 1980, in Paulding, the daughter of Larry and Diana (Sharp) Carnahan. She was a 1998 graduate of Wayne Trace High School and a 2001 graduate of Rhodes State College. She was employed by Central Mutual Insurance companies as a programmer analyst. On July 2, 2004, she married Carl William "Bill" Walters, who survives. She was a devoted and loving wife, daughter and sister. She deeply loved her pets. She enjoyed spending time with family, friends and her pets, shopping, reading and going to nieces' and nephews' sporting events. She always loved little ones. She was an avid Wolverines fan even though their house was divided. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. She was a member of Mandale Church of Christ in Christian Union.

She is also survived by a sister, Amy (Ben) Fleagle of Cloverdale; two sisters-in-law, Tasha (Jon) Okuly and Jessica Walters, both of Van Wert; nieces and nephews, Dessiree Blackmore, Lyrie Okuly, Peyton Okuly, Evan Okuly, Mackenzie Fleagle, Kelsey Fleagle, Jose Sanchez II and Jadence Sanchez; and her god-sons, Cody Bailey and Jose Sanchez II.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 4, at Cowan and Son Funeral Home in Van Wert with Pastor Don Rogers of the Mandale Church of Christ in Christian U nion officiating. Burial will be in Sherman Cemetery, Brown Township, Paulding County.

Visitation will be held from 2-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3.

Preferred memorials are to the ASPCA or March of Dimes.

Expressions of sympathy may be forwarded to cowanandsonfuneralhome.com

WAYNE HUMBARGER 1918-2011

ANTWERP – Wayne Humbarger, 92, of Antwerp, passed away Thursday, Jan. 27 at Dallas Lamb Foundation Home, Payne.

He was born June 18, 1918 in Paulding, the son of Theodore and Iva (Hubert) Humbarger. On March 29, 1939, he married Betty Friend, who preceded him in death Feb. 24, 2003. He was a farmer who enjoyed his hunting and fishing trips to Minnesota.

Surviving are two sons, Ted (Janet) of Van Wert and Lynn of Antwerp; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by his sisters, Augusta Rodman and Alvera McIntosh.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1 at the First Baptist Church, Antwerp, with Pastor Todd Murray officiating. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31 at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, and one hour prior to services on Tuesday.

Preferred memorials are to Dallas Lamb Activity Fund.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

RUTH WENDLING 1920-2011

SHERWOOD – Ruth L. Wendling, 91, Sherwood, passed away Monday, Jan. 24 at Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers, Bryan.

She was born on Jan. 11, 1920, in Paulding, the daughter of Dr. William "Doc" and Madge I. (Crawford) Sellers. She was a 1937 graduate of Paulding High School then attended International Business College in Fort Wayne. On Dec. 3, 1949, she married Albert J. Wendling, who preceded her in death June 15, 1992. She had worked for the Grizzly Corporation in Paulding. Following her marriage, she became a devoted homemaker, caring for her family. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Sherwood, and the Ladies' Aide group at church. She was a former volunteer for the Defiance County Red Cross and also delivered Meals On Wheels when she was able. She was an avid reader and thoroughly enjoyed attending her grandchildren's sporting and other school events.

Surviving are her five children, Ann (Don) Hange of Defiance, Barbara (Rod) Knox of Auburn, Ind., Cathy (Michael) Delaney of Houston, Charles Wendling of Galesburg, Mich., and William (Holly) Wendling of Sherwood; 10 grandchildren; and one sister, Joan (Monte) Hoover of Paulding.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter-in-law, Mary Wendling; and two brothers, Richard and Robert Sellers.

Funeral services for Ruth L. Wendling will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 28 at St. John Lutheran Church, Sherwood, with Pastor Mark DeLassus officiating. Burial will follow in Sherwood Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 2-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, in Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, Sherwood, and one hour prior to services on Friday at the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Lutheran Church, Sherwood.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com.

ALEX BEVINS 1989-2011

Alex Paton Bevins, 21, of Defiance, died Monday, Jan. 24 in an industrial accident at Advantage Powder Coating.

He was born May 31, 1989, in Defiance, the son of Robert Bevins and Patricia (VanVlerah) Meyer. He was a 2007 graduate of Paulding High School and a 2009 graduate of International Business College with a degree in computer science. He loved hanging out with his friends and family, playing World of Warcrafts, fast cars and playing with his little brother Caden. He was employed as a machine operator at Advantage Powder Coating in Defiance.

Surviving are his mother, Patricia (Jeff) Meyer of Cecil; his father, Robert Bevins of

Defiance; two brothers, Cody Bevins of Defiance and Dilon Bevins of Cecil; two half-sisters, Paige Meyer of Cecil and Maize Bevins of Defiance; two half-brothers, Levi Bevins of Defiance, and Caden Meyer of Cecil; grandparents, Lee and Sharon VanVlerah of Defiance and Della Bevins of Defiance; and a stepgrandmother, Freda Meyer.

He was preceded in death by a grandfather, William Bevins; great-grandparents, Leo and Dorothy VanVlerah; great-grandmother Faye Salyer-Dooley; great-grandfather, Barney Hayden; a stepgrandfather, Gerald Meyer; and Uncle Jack Bevins.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 at Lawson-Roessner Funeral Home in Defiance with Deacon Don Meyer officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27 and 2-8 p.m. Friday.

Suggested memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be shared with the family at www.defiancefuneralhome.com at Alex's tribute wall.

FLORENCE SANDERSON 1924-2011

PAULDING – Esther Florence Sanderson, age 86, died Sunday, Jan. 23 at the Community Health Professionals of Defiance Inpatient Hospice.

She was born Dec. 8, 1924 in Paulding County, the daughter of Fred and Bessie (Leslie)

Hartwig. On Feb. 23, 1945, she married Doyle J. Sanderson, who preceded her in death on Nov. 16, 2007. She was previously employed as a bookkeeper by Baughman Tile Mill, retiring in 1990. She was also previously employed by the Paulding Equity Exchange, the former Ducats Dry Goods, and Soil and Water Conservation of Paulding County. She was a member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of Paulding.

She is survived by two sons, Dennis (Cheryl) Sanderson of Paulding and Delmar (Elia) Sanderson, Willoughby; two brothers, Fred (Louise) Hartwig of Van Wert and Ray (Wilma) Hartwig, Haviland; three sisters, Mary Gray of Paulding, Deanna (Robert) Adkins of Oak Hill and Frieda (Ralph) Hammond, Cloverdale; four grandchildren, Craig (Ranae), Kurt (Marie), Brett (Samantha) and Carrie; and two great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul and Richard; and two sisters, Carrie Cotterman and Jenny Mae Green.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 28 at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church with the Rev. Karen Stetins officiating. Burial will be in Paulding Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to services at the church on Friday.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

LARRY VERFAILLIE 1952-2011

PAULDING – Larry J. Verfaillie, age 58, died at 2:26 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22 at his residence after an extended illness.

He was born Dec. 28, 1952 in Paulding County, the son of Frank J. and Evelyn G. (Eagleson) Verfaillie. On Sept. 10, 1994, he married Ladonna L. (McCoy) Bechtol, who survives. He retired in 2009 from Alex Products Inc. of Paulding. He was a firefighter for the Paulding Fire Department for 13 years. He was a mechanic for the former Dietrich Industries Inc. of Hicksville. He attended the First Christian Church of Paulding.

Also surviving are two stepdaughters, Michelle Bechtol of Defiance and Amy Bechtol of Sherwood; and three stepgrandchildren, Robert, Rhianna and Reece.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with the Rev. Gregory Bibler officiating. Burial will follow at St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25 at the funeral home and one hour before services on Wednesday.

Preferred memorials are to Hospice or to Ladonna Verfaillie.

RONALD BROWN 1932-2011

BUTLER, Ind. – Ronald K. “Buzz” Brown, 78, Butler, died Thursday, Jan. 20 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born on Dec. 23, 1932, in Paulding County, the son of Theodore and Irene (Doyle) Brown. He was a 1950 graduate of Defiance High School and a graduate of Tri-State University with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. On Sept. 14, 1957, in Bryan, he married Nancy Lemons, who survives. He retired from Indiana Department of Transportation as the Northeast Indiana area engineer in 2003, after 41 years of service.

gt;Also surviving are three daughters, Marcia (Jerry) Xanders of Syracuse, Ind., Sherri (Joseph) Sida of Ballwin, Mo. and Natalie (Josh) Zachrich of Bryan; three brothers, Rogel Brown of Okeechobee, Fla., Arnold Brown of Ney and Theodore Brown of Defiance; a sister, Barbara Mack of Brunersburg; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 24 at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Paul Patton officiating. Burial will be at Fountain Grove Cemetery in Bryan.

Visitation will be from 2-7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23 at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Butler Library or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

GERALD GIESIGE 1955-2011

McCLURE – Gerald Richard Giesige, 55, of McClure, died Wednesday, Jan. 19 at Hospice of NWO, Perrysburg.

He was born Oct. 11, 1955 in Napoleon, the son of Earl and Ruth (Lauer) Giesige. In 1995, he married LoriAnn VanVlerah at the Oakwood United Methodist Church, and she survives. He was a 1974 graduate of Patrick Henry High School and was an employee for the Campbell Soup Company in Napoleon for 35 years. He was a former member of the Calvary Worship Center in Defiance and attended Country Chapel Christian Union Church, McClure. He was a devout Christian and loved to spend his free time walking, writing in his journal, and studying the Bible.

Also surviving are his mother, Ruth of Ottawa; two stepdaughters, Betsy and Megan; a son, Justin; two brothers, Don (Joyce) Giesige of Continental and Tim (Sharon) of Mansfield; and four sisters, Marilyn Giesige of Lima, Pam Giesige of Ottawa, Deb (Jack) Myers of Ottawa, and Chris (Greg) Barlage of Sandston, Va.

Gerald's wishes were to be cremated and services will be announced at a later date. Rodenberger Funeral Home in Napoleon is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Northwest Ohio in Perrysburg or The James Whitcomb Hospital for Children, One Children's Square, Indianapolis IN 46202.

Online condolences may be made at www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com

SHARON CHAPMAN 1943-2011

PAYNE – Sharon L. Chapman, 67, of Payne passed away at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20,

at her residence.

She was born on May 7, 1943 in Edgerton, Ind., the daughter of the late Daniel and Mary (Ambrose) Grabner. On March 29, 1969 she married Richard Chapman, who survives. She was a homemaker.

Also surviving are two daughters, Susan (Charles) Tebbe of Holland, Mich. and Sarah (Chad) Thornell of Convoy; two sons, Richard Jr. (Wendy) of Middleville, Mich. and Daniel of Onondaga, Mich.; a brother, William (Sharon) Grabner of Hillsboro, Ore.; and three grandchildren, Charles Tebbe and Robert and William Chapman.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 24 at Dooley Funeral Home, Payne, with Pastor David Dignal officiating. Burial will be in Lehman Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23 at the funeral home and also one hour prior to services on Monday.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

GRACE KEYSOR 1911-2011

VAN WERT – Grace V. Keysor, 99, of Van Wert, loving mother and grandmother, went to be with the Lord at 8:50 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, at the Van Wert Manor Nursing Home.

She was born July 21, 1911, in Champaign, Ill., the daughter of George H. and Viola J. (Gibbink) Fiock. On April 8, 1932, she married Elmer C. Keysor, who preceded her in death on Nov. 15, 1987. She was a homemaker and had previously worked at the Scott Equity Exchange and the Aeroquip Corporation in Van Wert. She had been a member of the former Scott United Methodist Church in Scott.

Surviving are four daughters, Delores (Harvey) Thatcher of Middle Point, Colleen (Tom) Myers of Haviland, Noreda (William) Hoaglin of Fort Myers, Fla. and Diana (Louis) Crow of Van Wert; a son, George (Sharon) Keysor of Paulding; a sister, Dolly Fiock of Noblesville, Ind.; 22 grandchildren; 73 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were three sisters, Pearl Shaffer, Mildred Bauer and Olive Castle; and a brother, Earl Fiock.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 24, at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home and Crematory in Van Wert. Burial will be in Blue Creek Cemetery in Paulding County.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 24, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials may be directed to the Scott Fire and EMS or to the Van Wert Manor Activities Fund or to the donor's choice.

REV. JIM EDWARDS 1939-2011

ANTWERP – The Rev. James L. Edwards, 71, of Antwerp, passed away at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19 at his residence.

He was born Jan. 24, 1939 in Berwyn, W.Va., the son of Steve and Ruby "Lake" (Turner) Edwards. Jim felt blessed beyond measure, because he asked Jesus Christ to come into his heart. Shortly after, in 1957, Jim received another blessing; he married his wife Lorene. They were married for 40 beautiful years, until her death in 1998. The Lord also blessed Jim, allowing him to serve two great churches, the Second Baptist Church of Defiance for 20 years and the First Baptist Church of Antwerp for 30 years. Jim's prayer was to praise God for all he had given him and now the greatest gift of allowing him to come home with Christ.

Surviving are two daughters, Susan (Douglas) Zeller of Antwerp and Pam (Ric) Casilli of Lynn, Mass.; a son, Tim of Antwerp; a sister, June Hale of Mark Center; two brothers, Bert of Bristol, Va. and Harold of Weston; two grandchildren, Steven and Nichole; and three great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by his sister, Theda Miller; and a brother, Grey.

His funeral service is at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22 at First Baptist Church of Antwerp, with Pastors Todd Murray, Levi Collins and Allen Miller officiating. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery. Dooley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21 at the church, and one hour prior to services on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials are to the First Baptist Church of Antwerp.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

MARY LITZENBERG 1926-2011

PAYNE – Mary L. Litzenberg, 84, of Payne, passed away at 8:10 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at her residence.

She was born April 23, 1926 in Payne, the daughter of Alphons and Eva (Pepiot) Wannemaker. On Aug. 23, 1947, she married Ross Litzenberg, who preceded her in death on Aug. 28, 1991. She worked at Paulding County Hospital for 25 years and farmed with her husband. She was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish and the Altar/Rosary Society. She enjoyed painting and ceramics.

Surviving are two daughters, Linda (Carl) Baumert of Antwerp and Julie (Dave) Thomas of Cecil; four sons, Michael (Carol) and Steven (Michelle), both of Antwerp, and Mark (Cindy) and Marvin (Judy), both of Payne; two brothers, Richard and Robert, both of Payne; 16 grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She also was preceded in death by three grandchildren, Charlie and Scott Baumert and Shelley Litzenberg; and 12 sisters and brothers.

A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 20 at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Payne. Burial will be in Wiltsie Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19 at Dooley Funeral Home, Payne, with the rosary recited at 8 p.m. Viewing also will be from 9-9:30 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Divine Mercy School or American Cancer Society.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

CHARLES JOHANNS 1930-2011

PAULDING – Charles E. Johanns, age 80, died Friday, Jan. 14 at his home.

He was born June 22, 1930 in Paulding County, the son of Leo and Bertha (Reinhart) Johanns. On Jan. 3, 1953 he married Frances Theresa Ochmanek, who survives. A U.S. Air Force veteran, he was a retired farmer and a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding VFW Post #587, Paulding Eagles Aerie #2405, Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Council #2584, Paulding Consumers, Paulding Equity and was a former board member for the Production Credit Association.

Also surviving are his children, Michael (Tamara) Johanns, Gregory Johanns and Karen (Rick) Varner, all of Paulding, and Keith (Cindy) Johanns of Dublin; two brothers, Francis (Inga) Johanns of Castle Rock, Colo. and James Johanns of Paulding; two sisters, Marie Vastano of Fort Wayne and Celeste Walden of Phoenix; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Tony; two brothers, Cletus and Paul; and three sisters, Otilla Bakle, Veronica Minnick and Betty Seibert.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, with the Very Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial will be in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding, with military graveside rites accorded by VFW Post #587.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding,

with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to Masses, Hospice or a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

ELIZAB ETH BENNETT 1915-2011

ANTWERP – Elizabeth R. Bennett, 95 of Antwerp, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 12 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Hicksville.

She was born Jan. 27, 1915 in Duluth, Minn., the daughter of George and Elizabeth (Briggs) Schlecht. In 1938, she married Thomas Bennett, who preceded her in death in 1991. She cared for residents at area nursing homes and patients in homes as a licensed practical nurse.

Surviving are two daughters, Marian (Roger) Schlagbaum of Monte Vista, Colo. and Elizabeth (Mike) Flores of Garden Grove, Calif.; three sons, Tom (Nancy) and Tim (Ruth), both of Antwerp, and Mark (Karen) of Payne; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were her siblings, Marian Wahl and Howard, Robert and William Schlecht.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16 at Dooley Funeral Home,

Antwerp, with Pastor Kevin Doseck officiating. Visitation is from noon-2 p.m. Sunday.

Preferred memorials are to Paulding Hospice, 250 Dooley Drive, Paulding OH 45879.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

HOWARD KLINGLER 1926-2011

BRYAN – Howard Wayne Klingler, 84 years, of The Heights of Hillside Country Living, died Sunday, Jan. 9 at Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers, Bryan, where he was a patient.

He was born Dec. 4, 1926 in Paulding, the son of Raymond G. and Mabel D. (Krick) Klingler. He was a 1944 graduate of Paulding High School and then attended the Ohio State University. He was an Army veteran of WWII. In May 1947, he married Mary Lou Fischbach, who preceded him in death in 1998. He then married Marian J. Eberly (Wasnich) on Jan. 9, 1999 in West Unity, and she survives.

pre;"> Howard began his working career working at Toledo Scale. He then moved to Libbey-Owens-Ford in Toledo. Howard and Mary Lou then moved to Phoenix where he became a partner in Space Craft Manufacturing which he owned until his retirement in 1984. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in West Unity, where he formerly served as an elder. He also was a member of the committee that addressed and built the addition to the current church in West Unity. He had formerly been a longtime member of Bethany Bible Church in Phoenix for over 30 years. He enjoyed woodworking, playing card games and dominoes and was a member of the Kunkle Card Club. Howard traveled with Honor Flight, touring the Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. in May 2008.

Also surviving are three daughters, Annette (Stewart) Pequignot of Mahomet, Ill., Sandra (Greg) Cooper of Tucson and Nancy (Mike) Rupp of Phoenix; three stepdaughters, Judy Burns and Mary (Ron) McCrea, both of West Unity, and Wendy (Javier Garcia) Wasnich of Ashland; one stepson, Ken (Nancy) Wasnich of Archbold; one sister, Eloise Funk of Scottsdale, Ariz.; 10 grandchildren, 10 stepgrandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren and great-stepgrandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by a daughter, Sally Klingler; a brother, Carroll Klingler; a sister, Rae Dean Wilhelm; and a stepson-in-law, Bob Burns.

Visitation will be held from 2-5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13 at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, West Unity, where funeral services will follow at 5 p.m. Thursday with Pastor Dorothy Ritchey Moore officiating. Orr Funeral Home, West Unity, is in charge of arrangements.

Additional services will be held at Hansen's Mortuaries, Phoenix, at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 with burial to follow in Phoenix Memorial Park. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church in West Unity or to Hillside Country Living – Activities Fund, Bryan.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.orrfh.com

JUSTUS STOLLER 1926-2011

PAULDING – Justus R. “Jud” Stoller, 84, died at 7:55 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8 at The Gardens of Paulding.

He was born July 24, 1926, in Paulding County, the son of Herbert W. and Leah (Laukhauf) Stoller. On Dec. 20, 1947, he married Ruby M. Sites, who survives. He was a member of the Latty Apostolic Christian Church of Latty. He farmed for 60 years, retiring in 2001.

Also surviving are a son, Donald (Gail) Stoller of Paulding; two daughters, Teresa Rywalski of Toledo and Rhonda (Scott) Gerber of Kokomo, Ind.; five grandchildren, Matthew, Kylee, Lindsay, Ella and Macy; four great-grandchildren; three sisters, Pauline Wieland of Paulding and Velma Williams and Ruth (Jim) Reinhard, both of Bluffton, Ind.; and three sisters-in-law, Deloris Stoller and Elaine Stoller, both of Paulding, and Dorothy Stoller of Leo, Ind.

He was preceded in death by a son, Dennis; a son-in-law, Paul Rywalski; four brothers, Nelson, Willis, Edwin and Ernest Stoller; and three brothers-in-law, Jim Williams, Joe Rice and Howard Wieland.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12 at the Latty Apostolic Christian Church. The church clergymen will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11 at the church fellowship hall and one hour before services at the church on Wednesday morning.

Memorials are to Morton Home for the Handicapped, Morton, Ill.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

DONNA JEAN THEIS 1943-2011

PAULDING – Donna Jean Theis, age 67, of Paulding, died Friday, Jan. 7 in Worthington.

She was born Dec. 29, 1943 in Defiance, the daughter of Donald and Edna (Champion) Dodson Sr. In 1961, she married Kenneth Theis Sr, who preceded her in death in 1996. She was the manager of the Five Span Inn Inc.

Surviving are a son, Terence Theis; a brother, Donald Dodson Jr. of Defiance; and a sister, Judy (Richard) Shawver, Defiance.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; and a son, Kenneth Theis Jr.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11 at Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home, Defiance. Burial will be in Junction Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10 at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be left at www.HCSfuneralhome.com

NANCY FOLTZ 1937-2011

PAULDING – Nancy Jo Foltz, 73, Paulding, died Thursday, Jan. 6 at her residence.

She was born April 17, 1937 in Defiance County, the daughter of Emanuel and Margaret (Bruner) Street. On Dec. 30, 1956, she married Robert E. Foltz, who preceded her in death July 10, 2009. She was a beautician and the owner and operator of the former Nancy's Beauty Salon of Paulding. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Paulding.

Surviving are one daughter, Angie (Mick) Coak of Paulding; two sons, Robert Foltz of Cincinnati and Michael (Lori) Foltz, Paulding; two sisters, Margaret Long of Middle Point and Roberta Durre of Payne; one brother, Harry Street of Hicksville; six grandchildren, Kara, Kelsy, Michael, Megan, Jeremy and Scott; and four great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Mary Lou "Betty" Fellers Landrie; and one brother, John Street.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11 at the First Christian Church of Paulding with the Rev. Greg Bibler officiating. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. There will be calling at the church one hour before services on Tuesday morning.

Preferred memorials are to First Christian Church or the American Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

WANDA BENNETT 1928-2011

OAKWOOD – Wanda Jean (Keck) Bennett, 82, of Oakwood, died at 4:25 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6 at The Gardens of Paulding.

She was born Feb. 14, 1928 in Paulding County, the daughter of Ralph and Ilo (Meyers) Keck. On May 29, 1948, she married Kenneth Eugene "Gene" Bennett, who survives in Oakwood. She was a homemaker most of her married life but had worked several jobs throughout the years. She was a very active member of Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, Oakwood. She was a member of a ladies club and also played with several card groups.

Survivors also include two daughters, Sharon (Arden) Peck of Defiance and Karen Dangler of Paulding; three grandchildren, Jeanna Peck, Jamison (Melissa) Peck and Leslie (KC) Long; and two great-granddaughters, Addyson Rose Long and Edreanne Paige Peck.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Bradly Dangler; a brother, Bernard Keck; and a sister, Donna Cary Ray.

Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 10 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood, with the Rev. Eric Dailey officiating. Burial will follow in Sherman Cemetery, Oakwood.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, and one hour prior to services Monday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, Oakwood.

Condolences may be expressed at www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com

JOY GOELTZENLEUCHTER 1953-2010

LATTY – Joy Lynn Goeltzenleuchter, age 57, died Friday, Dec. 31 at the Convoy Care Center.

She was born Sept. 1, 1953 in Paulding County, the daughter of Glen L. and Myrtle E. (Boroff) Goeltzenleuchter. She attended Friends United Methodist Church of Latty.

Surviving are two sisters, Nancy (Rick) Mabis of Antwerp and Glenna (Paul) Stabler of Payne; a brother, Rex (Toni) of Defiance; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grandparents, William and Jennie (Neal) Boroff and Vern and Frannie (Bolinger) Goeltzenleuchter; and a niece, Anna Christine Roth.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Jan. 5 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Pastor Todd Murray officiating. Burial was in Paulding Memorial Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to PARC Lane Center, Paulding.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

BEVERLY JEAN WALKENSTINE RIOUX 1935-2010

Beverly Jean Walkenstine Rioux, 75, formerly of Antwerp, died Friday, Dec. 31 in Ocean Springs, Miss.

She was born Oct. 4, 1935, the daughter of August and Mildred (Miller) Walkenstine. She was a member of the Antwerp First United Presbyterian Church. A 1953 Antwerp High School graduate, she was a basketball cheerleader, in plays and in the honor society. During her first marriage, she participated in an Indiana farmers' wives organization. She worked diligently until retirement, starting at Doering & Long's (later Panico's).

She is survived by two sisters, Joanne Webb of Antwerp and Marilyn Harris, Fort Wayne; two daughters, Lana Smith of Ocean Springs, Miss. and Terri Sanislo of Chester, Va.; three grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Kay Brittsan; a daughter, Sherry Simson; first husband, Lloyd Smith; and her second husband, Glenn Rioux.

A memorial service will be held Friday, Jan. 7 at the Villa Maria Retirement Apartments, Ocean Springs. Bradford-O'Feefe Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations can be made in Jean's name to the Ocean Springs Municipal Library.

View and sign register book at www.bradfordokeefe.com

LELAH WOLFE 1913-2011

CLARKSVILLE, Va. – Lelah Ione Laisure Wolfe, 97, passed away Monday, Jan. 3 at the home of her daughter, Vicki Wolfe Brown.

She was born Dec. 9, 1913 in Hoagland, Ind., the daughter of Bert and Rosilee Deerin Laisure. She was a 1932 graduate of Antwerp High School. On Oct. 4, 1939, she married Bernard Wolfe, who preceded her in death. She worked alongside of her husband in a hatchery and later at Spangler's Candy Co. She was a loving, kind and gentle wife, mother, grandmother and sister.

Surviving are her daughter, Vicki (Richard) Brown of Clarksville, Va.; a son, Terry (Karen) Wolfe of Bakersfield, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8 at Sherwood United Methodist Church in Sherwood.

The family will receive friends 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5 at Watkins Cooper Lyon Funeral Home in Clarksville, and from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7 and one hour prior to services Saturday at Sherwood United Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.wclfh.com

DICK SCHILB 1925-2010

ANTWERP – Paul Richard Schilb Sr., 85, of Antwerp, passed away at 7:45 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31 Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center.

He was born July 14, 1925 in Antwerp, the son of Robert Andrew and Mary Rebecca (Hawver) Schilb. He was a Purple Heart veteran of WWII. On Sept. 1, 1946, he married Vivian King, who survives. Dick worked most of his life for Schilb & Sons, retiring from Friend Furniture & Flooring, Antwerp. He was Past Master of the former Antwerp Masonic Lodge and past Worthy Patron in 1959 of the former Eastern Star Hope Chapter of Antwerp. He also served one term on the Antwerp Village Council. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Antwerp, where he served 60 years as an elder. He also was a member of Hicksville Masonic Lodge #0478, 60-year member of the Eastern Star Van Wert Chapter 48, Antwerp VFW Post 5087, Antwerp American Legion Post 253 and the D.A.V.

Also surviving are a daughter, Janese, Fort Wayne; a son, Rick (Peg), Fort Wayne; grandchildren, Derreck, Andy and Kim Schwehn and Aaron (Ashley) Schilb, all of Fort Wayne, and Mikael Schilb of Columbus; great-grandchildren, Max, Charlie and Henry Schilb and Luke and Adam Schwehn; and a brother-in-law, Richard Yearling, Fort Wayne.

He also was preceded in death by a brother, Robert.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5 at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, with viewing one hour prior. Pastor Mike Pennington will officiate.

Visitation is also from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4 with a Masonic service at 8 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to the church or Paulding County Hospital.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

HELEN "GRACE" BENNETT McCLURE 19151-2010

OAKWOOD – Helen Grace McClure, 95, Oakwood, joined her Heavenly Father at 11:33 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 30 at the Meadows of Leipsic.

She was born Nov. 4, 1915 in Dupont, the first child of Frank and Maggie Alice (Hunt) Westenbarger. The family soon moved to a rural Fort Jennings farm, where she grew up. Grace attended elementary school in Fort Jennings and high school in Kalida, where she graduated first in her class. Following high school graduation, she attended Bowling Green Normal University, training to be an elementary school teacher. She taught in Kalida, Cygnet and Sylvania, leaving teaching soon after she married Homer Bennett on Dec. 25, 1941.

She became a farm wife, helping with the farming and raising a garden. She later returned to education, teaching in Oakwood and Grover Hill until she retired in 1972. Homer passed away on Aug. 26, 1985 and Grace continued to live on the family farm. She was a member of Oakwood United Methodist Church (now Twin Oaks) for over 60 years. For several of those years, she was a Sunday School teacher in the youth department and was a member of Friendship Sunday School Class. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, playing cards and traveling. She was a member of the Washington Township Neighbors Home Demonstration.

In August 1993, she married longtime family friend Raymond McClure, who died on June 9, 1998.

Grace is survived by two children, Jeanne (Bill) Calvert of Oakwood and John (Sue) Bennett of Lima; four grandchildren, Jed Calvert, Jared Calvert, Sarah Bennett and Karen (Nick) Schieltz; a granddaughter-in-law, Jenn Calvert; and five great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death also by a brother, Dale Westenbarger; a sister, Louise Litten Winters; a grandson, Jevin Calvert; a granddaughter-in-law, Melissa Calvert; and a great-granddaughter, Bethany Calvert.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 3 at Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, Oakwood with Betty Penner officiating. Burial will follow in Prairie Chapel Cemetery, Oakwood. Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials contributions may be made to Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, the Oakwood Library or the charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to www.heitmeyerfuneral.com

HAZEL SCHWAB WINNER 1916-2011

CECIL – Hazel Marie Schwab Winner, age 94, died Sunday, Jan. 2 at The Gardens of Paulding.

She was born Aug. 14, 1916 in Defiance County, the daughter of George Lee and Sara Ella (Johnson) Caryer. In 1934, she married Henry E. Schwab, who preceded her in death on Feb. 20, 1972. On Sept. 23, 1973, she married Basil B. Winner, who preceded her in death on Nov. 20, 1982. She was employed by the former Johnson's Restaurant, and the 5 & 10 Store, both of Paulding. She was a member of the Paulding Senior Center.

She is survived by three children, Donnave Cooper of Arlington, Texas, Delmar (Karen) Schwab of Payne and Duane (Bonnie) Schwab, Cecil; three stepchildren, Ron (Erlene) Winner of Paulding, Jim Winner of Fort Wayne and Susan (Bob) Schmunk, Ann Arbor, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Leo Caryer; three sisters, Violet Winebriner, Virginia Coon and Valene Sailer; and two grandsons, Dean Schwab and Frank Sinclare.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 6 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will be in Rochester Cemetery, Cecil.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5 and one hour prior to services on Thursday.

Memorial donations may be made Paulding County Senior Center or Mark Center United Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

RUTH FOUST 1931-2010

PAULDING – Ruth Ellen Foust, 79, of Paulding, died Monday, Dec. 27 atThe Gardens of Paulding.

She was born April 30, 1931 in Van Wert County, the daughter of Ernest and Hesper (Roberts) Kimmey, who both preceded her in death. On June 26, 1949, she married Elmer H. Foust, who preceded her in death on April 22, 2008. She was a member of Paulding United Methodist Church. She was the first woman employed as a U.S. Postmistress in Paulding County and was employed by the Paulding Post Office for 20 years and Melrose Post Office for five years. She was a Cub Scout leader and a 4-H adviser.

She is survived by three sons, Mark of Huron, Tenn., Roland of Bedford, Ind., and Gordon "Heavy" Foust of Paulding; two daughters, Kathleen (Tom) Reinhart of Paulding and Lori (Keith) Deming of Defiance; a brother, David (Jan) Kimmey of Wetsel; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, Dec. 31 at Den Herder Funeral Home in Paulding with the Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial was in the Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill.

Memorial donations may be made to Paulding United Methodist Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

FRANK FRENCH 1937-2010

DECATUR, Ill. – Franklin D. French, 73, of Decatur, died Friday, Dec. 17 in his sleep at his home.

He was born Nov. 6, 1937, in Fort Wayne, the son of Ralph and Ilah (Madison) French. He graduated from Payne High School in 1955. He was a boxer in the Golden Gloves. He served in the U.S. Navy in the Seabees in the Philippines and Alaska. He graduated from the American Institute of Baking in Chicago and earned master's certificates from the Illinois Institute of Technology. In May 1960, he married Barbara Davis, who survives.

Frank was in the baking industry over 50 years. He was an active member of the American Association of Cereal Chemists, American Society of Baking, Institute of Scientific Education, and Food Technologists International. He served on the Education Board of AIB. He accepted a position offer from Archer Daniels Midland. He retired as the director of technical services for ADM Milling in Kansas in 2004. His hobby and enjoyment was cooking and grilling out and hosting pool parties in his backyard. He was an avid reader and was in book clubs for more than 30 years and loved the Chicago Bears.

Also surviving are a daughter, Christine (Steve) Neisslie and grandsons Ryan and Jeff Neisslie of Oreana, Ill.; a son, Ralph (Carol) and granddaughter Madison French of Appleton, Wis.; and extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Richard French; and a sister, Sally Murray.

A "Celebration of Frank's Life" will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22 at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (UUFD), 3773 North MacArthur Road, Decatur, Ill. Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, Decatur, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis or to UUFD.

Online memories and condolences may be shared with Frank's family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com