R. JOAN GAUVEY 1928-2011

PAYNE – R. Joan Gauvey, age 83, died at 3:35 a.m. Friday, Feb. 25 at Dallas Lamb Nursing Home, Payne.

She was born Feb. 21, 1928 in Paulding County, the daughter of Clarence and Anna (Parady) Harp. She married Lloyd Sutton, who died in 1973. She then married Rex T. Gauvey, and he also preceded her in death. She worked in the activities department at Dallas Lamb Nursing Home for 13 years and was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Payne.

Surviving are a son, Darren J. (Sharon) Sutton of Payne; a daughter, Carol Snyder, Ponte Vedra, Fla.; a brother, C. James Harp, Payne; a sister, Genevieve Stumbo, Lakeland, Fla.; four grandchildren, Mitch Sutton, Amy Sutton, Master Sgt. Patrick Riley and Scott Riley; and seven great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by two sisters, Lois Ann Hudson and Janice Larson.

Private family services were held with the Rev. Ronald Johnson officiating. Burial was in Wiltsie Cemetery, Payne. Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to Dallas Lamb Activities Fund or Paulding Community Health Professionals – Hospice.

Condolences may be expressed at www.alspachgearhart.com

JAMES PENDERGRAST JR. 1926-2011

ANTWERP – James Grover Pendergrast Jr., 84, of Antwerp, went to meet his Lord on Saturday, Feb. 26 at his residence, following a lengthy illness.

He was born Oct. 24, 1926 in Eupora, Miss., the son of James Grover and Donnie (Morris) Pendergrast Sr. On Aug. 19, 1944, he married Doris Williams, who preceded him in death Dec. 21, 2009. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII on the U.S.S. Chicago. After serving his country, he and Doris moved to Ohio and started Pendergrast Farm Drainage. He retired in the late 1990s. He was an elder and member of the Paulding Church of Christ. He enjoyed attending church services, gardening, long car rides and eating out, but most of all, his family and friends.

Surviving are three sons, A. Brooks (Linda), James G. (Julie) and David R. (Elaine), all of Antwerp; three daughters, Donna L. (John) Knippen of Delphos, Sheila K. (Greg) Lewis of Woodburn and Shelly J. (Brock) Howell of Cecil; 11 grandchildren, Tad (Tianne), Scott (Kim), Amy (Jeff) Miller, Jenna (Brian) Gress, Jessica (Rusty) Bradford, T.J. (Melany) Knippen, Elizabeth (Adam) Cozad, Seth and Samantha Dailey, Justin and Skylar Howell; three stepgrandchildren, Kevin, Shanna and Connor Howell; six great-grandchildren, Brandon, Jonathon, Megan, Michael, Nicolaus and Roman; three great-stepgrandchildren, Joey, Henry and Brooke; a sister, Betty Jo Dixon; and many nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Jim Sam, Bedford, David, L.E. Archie,

Alvin and Cliffton; sisters, Dorothy, Annie Lee, Christine and Thelma; and a son-in-law, Kevin J. Howell.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 2 at Paulding Church of Christ with Pastor Chris Reno officiating. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Visitation is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, March 1 at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, and at the church one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

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

Condolences and fond me mories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

DALTON SKEENS 1994-2011

ANTWERP – Dalton Ray Skeens, 16, of Antwerp, passed away Monday, Feb. 21 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born April 6, 1994 at Wright Patterson AFB, Dayton, the son of Dennie and Paula (Judy) Skeens, who survive. A junior at Antwerp High School, he was a member of the track and cross country teams, Quiz Bowl and was in the drumline in the band.

Also surviving are a sister, Aly, of Antwerp; and grandparents, Joyce and David Judy of Lebanon, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Janet and Ray Skeens.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 at the Antwerp United Methodist Church, with visitation one hour prior. Dooley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Visitation is also from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 at the church.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials are to the Dalton Skeens Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 727, Antwerp OH 45813.

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

LLOYD PARSON

PAULDING – Lloyd Parks Parson, 74, of Paulding, passed away Monday, Feb. 21 at the Masonic Home of Louisville.

For 35 years, he was the owner-operator of Parson's IGA in Paulding. Lloyd was a member of the Paulding Chamber of Commerce, a very active member of Kiwanis Club, and also was a member of the Knights of Columbus as well as Grandmaster of the Order of Masons, Flatrock Lodge #580.

He was a devoted husband, loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Lloyd was a

role model for men: a promoter of good choices, fairness and kindness. He loved his family, fishing, and the Ohio State Buckeyes.

He is survived by his wife, Edna Parson; a daughter, Lisa Stevenson (Britt); a son, Tim Parson (Heather); grandchildren, Anessa Martin (Duane), Mekayla, Bailey and Ryan Parson; a great-grandchild, Olivia Martin; a sister, Joanne Webber; and a brother, William Parson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd Sr. and Allie Parson.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, with burial in Live Oak Cemetery. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the church on Saturday. Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for cancer research. This charity was close to Lloyd's heart.

LOIS SCHICK 1928-2011

OAKWOOD – Lois Colleen Schick, 82, Oakwood, died Monday, Feb. 21 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born on Sept. 19, 1928, in Paulding County, the daughter of Leo and Neva (Johnson) Jeffery. On Nov. 7, 1948, she married Gilbert C. Schick, who survives. She was a legal secretary for the former law firm of Cook, Hyman, McMaster and Webb, a secretary for the Walley Agricultural Services and a 4-H adviser for 25 years. She was a member and director of Sunday school for the children at the Paulding United Methodist

Church and a member of Gideon's International Auxiliary and she served as chaplain for the Defiance camp. She was awarded Mother of the Year for the American Mother's Association.

Also surviving are a son, Robert Schick; three daughters, Gloria (Eugene) Grimes, Ruth Ann (Dana) Bair and Lesa (Dave) Mansfield, all of Oakwood; grandchildren, Rob, Bonnie, Andrea, Nicole, Jonathan, Austin, Kylee and Michael; and great-grandchildren, Chase, Tyler, Brendon, Brooklyn, Emma, Jett, Michaela, Josiah, Isaac J, Kenyah, Wes and Jack.

She was preceded in death by a son, Bernard Allen Schick; a brother, Robert O. Jeffery; a sister, Wilma Kemler; and a great-grandson, Seth Quigg.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, at Paulding United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial will be in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to services on Saturday at the church.

Donations may be made to Gideon's International or Paulding United Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

TAMMY THOMAS 1969-2011

CECIL – Tammy Lynn Thomas, 42 years, of rural Cecil, passed away Friday, Feb. 1 8 in

her residence with her family surrounding her.

She was born Feb. 13, 1969 in Paulding, the daughter of McKenley J. and Eilene R. (Weber) Crisp. She was a 1987 graduate of Wayne Trace High School. On Oct. 23, 1993 in Paulding, she married Robert “Bobby” Thomas, who survives. A devoted homemaker, wife and mother, she had previously worked at the Polar Cone in Paulding, Stokely’s and Dana Weatherhead. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Hicksville. She was an avid collector of Precious Moments figurines, bells and Boyd’s Bears. She also enjoyed doing cross stitch as a pastime.

Also surviving are a daughter, Casey; her favorite dog, Patty; one sister, Wanda (Don) Sprow of Sherwood; two brothers, Douglas (Virginia) Crisp of Latty and Duane Crisp of Haviland.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Randy Crisp.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23 in the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home & Crematory, 230 E. Elm St., Sherwood, with Pastor Patrick Holt officiating. Burial will follow in Sherwood Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22 and also one hour prior to the service on Wednesday.

Memorial tributes in the memory of Tammy Lynn Thomas may be given to the family.

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

ELIZABETH LUST 1939-2011

ANTWERP – Elizabeth Anne Lust, age 71, of Antwerp, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 16.

She was born April 17, 1939 in South Norfolk, Va., the daughter of the late Paul and Virginia (Overton) Coughenour. On Sept. 8, 1962, she married Jack L. Lust, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Leland; a daughter, Mary (David) Wheeler; two sisters, Diane and Carolyn; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 21 at the Cecil Community Church, 203 S. Main Street, Cecil, with Pastor Ted Ramey officiating. Visitation will be held from 4-7:30 p.m. Dooley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the family.

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

RICHARD GUNDERMAN 1933-2011

PAULDING – Richard Lowell Gunderman, age 77, died Tuesday, Feb. 15 at The Gardens of Paulding.

He was born Nov. 3, 1933 in Paulding County, the son of William L. and Lilias F. (Musselman) Gunderman. On May 6, 1956, he married Leah Dean Haney, who survives. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Korean War. He was a shift foreman at Lafarge for 43 years. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Paulding, where he served as an elder. He was previously a Boy Scout leader and girls' softball coach. He was a lifetime member of Paulding VFW Post #587 and was a volunteer firefighter for 20 years. He enjoyed deer hunting, fishing and camping.

Also surviving are four children, Debra S. (Tony) Santo of Defiance, Lori J. (Kevin) Phlipot of Paulding, Bruce A. (Annie) Gunderman of Edgerton, Ind. and Brenda L. (John) Mathys, Columbus; a sister, Ruth (Bob) Riley, Paulding; and eight grandchildren, Derek, Tara, Steve, Angela, Shawn, Zach, Alex and Elliott.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Lewis D. and Paul W. Gunderman; and two sisters, Ferne I. Wonderly and Mabel M. Penton.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 at the First Christian Church, Paulding, with the Rev. Greg Bibler officiating. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding, with military graveside rites accorded by VFW Post #587.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to services on Saturday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the Serenity Park at the First Christian Church or the Alzheimer's Disease Research Foundation.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

MARCEILE TUOHY 1920-2011

DEFIANCE – Marceile J. Tuohy, age 90, died Wednesday, Feb. 16 at Community Health Professionals Hospice, Defiance.

She was born Aug. 16, 1920 in Dupont, the daughter of Dorr B. and Ethyl M. (Bair) Dimock. In 1946, she married Victor R. Tuohy, who preceded her in death on March 13, 2008. She was a member of the former St. Mary's Catholic Church in Junction and the Altar Rosary Society.

She is survived by a son, Dennis R. Tuohy, Defiance; three daughters, Carol (James) Birkemeier of Ottawa and Mary (Jerry) Price and Cheryl (Al) Tennyson, both of Defiance; 11 grandchildren, Jeff (Robin), Chris (Matt Kraeger), Julie, and Cari Birkemeier, Kim (Dave) Butler, Angie (Tim) Wolford, Tracy (Wes) Brigner, Jill (Shawn) Provines, Kelly (Aaron) Hopson, Cindy (John) Stever, and Trisha (Brad) Schlachter; 20 great-grandchildren; and three siblings, Ed (Carolyn) Dimock of Napoleon and Faye Kamphaus and Donna (Nolan "Tucker") Shisler, both of Oakwood.

She also was preceded in death by four brothers, Darold "Doc" Dimock, Paul Dimock, Harold "Bud" Dimock and Carl Dimock; six sisters, Thelma Bradford, Maxine Clark, Ada Squires, Eileen Myers, Betty Corey and Marlene Foos; and a grandson, Steve.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 21 at St. John Catholic Church, Defiance, with the Rev. Jacob Gordon officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 20 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to services at the church on Monday.

Preferred memorials are to Masses or Hospice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

JUDITH STETTER 1947-2011

OAKWOOD – Judith E. Stetter, 64, died Monday, Feb. 14 at her residence in Oakwood.

She was born Feb. 11, 1947, in Liberty Center, the daughter of Clyde and Stella (Waxler) Burdue. On June 11, 1966, she married Charles Stetter Sr., who survives. She was a waitress at McDonald's in Paulding and attended Family Christian Center, Defiance.

Also surviving are a son, Charles (Beth) Stetter Jr., Loganville, Ga.; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Donna McEwen of Cygnet, Patsy Myers of Defiance and Mary Stetter, Napoleon.

Preceding her in death were her parents; a son, Larry Stetter, in 2009; six brothers; and two sisters.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17 at Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home, Defiance.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16 and from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Hospice the Caring Way of Defiance County or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be left at www.HCSfuneralhome.com

ROGER ARDLEN 1939-2011

HAVILAND – Roger E. Ardlen, age 71, of Haviland, died at 3:22 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14 in Haviland.

He was born Dec. 12, 1939 in Warren, the son of Thomas and Kathryn (Schaff) Ardlen. He worked as a janitor at Campbell Soup and General Tire Corp. He was a member of the N.R.A. for many years.

Surviving are a daughter, Krista Gray of Defiance; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Anna Mae Harris.

Services will be held at noon Friday, Feb. 18 at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home & Crematory, Van Wert. Burial will be in Blue Creek Cemetery, Paulding County.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m.-noon Friday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the American Diabetes Foundation.

Condolences may be expressed at www.alspachgearhart.com

FLOYD BURKHART 1939-2011

OAKWOOD – Floyd E. Burkhart, 71, Oakwood, passed away Monday, Feb. 14 at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima. He and his wife were in an auto accident Friday night, near Lima, on their way back from Florida and were then hospitalized.

He was born Nov. 21, 1939 in Paulding County, the son of Albert and Gladys (Thrasher) Burkhart. On Aug. 16, 1958, he married Marilyn Critten, who she survives. He worked as a truck driver at Cooper Hatchery, a truck driver for The Crescent-News, and was a lifelong farmer. He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church in Defiance.

Also surviving are a daughter, Lisa Burkhart of Defiance; two sons, Terry (Connie) Burkhart of Defiance and Mike Burkhart of Defiance; a sister, Margaret (Dean) Wineland of Ney; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Catherine Clemens; and his parents.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18 at St. John's Catholic Church, Defiance, with Father Todd Dominique officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Defiance.

Visitation will be held from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17 at Lawson-Roessner Funeral Home, Defiance, with a 7 p.m. rosary service.

Suggested memorials are to the Polio Survivors Association.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.defiancefuneralhome.com

ELLEN MAY AMES 1931-2011

PAYNE – Ellen May Ames, 80, of Payne, passed away at 3:10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 at Dallas Lamb Nursing Home, Payne.

She was born Jan. 6, 1931, in Payne, the daughter of Arthur and Roiselen (Crawford) Fisher. On Dec. 17, 1948, she married Ralph Max Ames, who preceded her in death on Feb. 1, 1987. She retired after 30 years of service from Magnavox, Fort Wayne. She previously was employed at Rae Magnet Wire of Fort Wayne. She was a life member of the VFW Post in Antwerp.

Surviving are two daughters, Jackie (Kenny) Foor and Lori (Dennis) Clem, both of Payne; a son, Mick (Robin) Ames Jr., Fort Wayne; a sister, Nancy Wagner; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two stepgrandsons.

She also was preceded in death by one great-grandson.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17 at Dooley Funeral Home, Payne, with the Rev. Joseph Allen of St. James Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Lehman Cemetery in Payne.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16 and one hour prior to funeral

service on Thursday.

Preferred memorials are to the St. Paul United Methodist Church Food Pantry.

Condolences and fond memories may be sent to www.dooleyfuneralhome.com

MARY ANN RIGGENBACH 1937-2011

DEFIANCE – Mary Ann Riggenbach, 73, of Defiance, died at 2:15 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 11 at the Defiance Area Hospice Center.

She was born Dec. 29, 1937 in Shaw, Miss., the daughter of Everett and Willie (Brown) Taylor. In 1978, she married Gerald Riggenbach, who survives. She worked at GM Powertrain for 16 years. She attended First Church of God. She belonged to and actively supported HARC Ministries Inc. and the Disciple House ministry. Ann has served a lifetime of helping and assisting others in need by volunteering in many functions and church meals. She belonged to many prayer groups and gave her time and money to many efforts throughout her life. She always took a back seat to put others ahead in every effort. She was a happy person that many sought out to talk with, counsel and/or pray with. She had a great love for gardening, flowers, trees and cooking as well as sewing. Ann was a great person to know and will be dearly missed. She made a great impact for Jesus in many of her efforts.

Also surviving are her two brothers, Larry (Blackie) Taylor of Iowa, La., and Doug (Jerry) Taylor of Shaw, Miss.; three sisters, Barbara Cochran of Merigold, Miss., Peggy (Floyd) Shelton of Brownsville, Tenn. and Carol (Dennis) Burrell of Shaw, Miss.; five sons, Stanley (Roberta) Gagnon of Coldwater, Mich., Jeffery (Sue) Gagnon of Napoleon, Everett Gagnon of Hilliard, Steven Gagnon of Fort Wayne and Anthony (Renonna) Gagnon of Summerville, S.C.; one stepson, Troy Riggenbach (Amy) of Montpelier; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16 in First Church of God in Defiance with Pastor John Cattell officiating. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery in Paulding.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at the Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home and at the church one hour one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Preferred memorials are to HARC Ministries Inc. (Healing Addictions thru a Relationship with Christ) and The Discipleship House in Defiance. These are jail ministries serving CCNO that Ann was involved with.

Condolences to www.HCSfuneralhome.com

MARK DINGUS 1943-2011

PAYNE – Mark H. Dingus, age 67, of Payne, died Saturday, Feb. 12 at St. Rita's Hospital, Lima.

He was born Nov. 4, 1943 in Floyd County, Ky., the son of Walter and Winnie (Calton) Dingus. On Oct. 5, 1963, he married Sallie Conley, who survives. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1962-66. He was a graduate of Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, Ky. He was employed for 35 years at B.F. Goodrich, Woodburn, where he was a journeyman industrial electrician/mechanic, retiring in 2006. He enjoyed woodworking, time with his grandchildren, reading, and learning new things.

Also surviving are three daughters, Mary (Don) Pearse of Manhatten, Ill., Erika (Chis) Lobsiger of Van Wert and Carolyn (Jason) Belcher of Marion, Ind.; two sons, Mark Eugene (Helen) Dingus of Millersville, Md. and Tim (Delta) Dingus, Van Wert; three sisters, Dollie Wray Dingus, Danville, Ill., Mae (Zion) Swetnam, Pleasant Grove, Ala. and Marlene (Jerry) Soard, New Virginia, Iowa; four brothers, Walter Clyde Dingus Jr., Wilton Dingus and Charles Dingus, all from Martin, Ky., and Tom (Kathy) Dingus, Clintwood, Va.; and 12 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Chad; and a sister, Doris.

A private funeral service for the family will be held Wednesday, Feb. 16.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15 at the Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp.

Preferred memorials are to St. Judes Children's Hospital and American Diabetes Association.

DOROTHY HILLMAN 1919-2011

OAKWOOD – Dorothy Hillman, 91, of Oakwood, died at 8:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10 at Vancrest Health Care Center, Van Wert.

She was born Nov. 5, 1919 in Grover Hill, the daughter of Clyde and Bertha (Martz) Crone. She was a homemaker and a member of the Bryan Eagles Auxiliary and the Defiance VFW Auxiliary.

Survivors include her sons, Jack Allen (Jacqueline) Shisler and Nolan Gene (LaDonna) Shisler, both of Oakwood; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; 17 great-great-grandchildren; a brother, William Crone of Decatur, Ind.; and a sister, Bernice (Harvey) Myers of Van Wert.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Brian Shisler; a great-grandson, Bradley Slattman; two brothers, Clyde Crone Jr. and Rex Crone; and five sisters, Melva Myers, Ruth Coder, Betty Lehman, Evelyn Gorman and Edith Scarbrough.

Burial will be at a later date in Middle Creek Cemetery, Oakwood. Arrangements are being handled by Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood.

Condolences may be sent to www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com

LeROY SLATTERY 1917-2011

ANTWERP – LeRoy Slattery, 93, of Antwerp, passed away Thursday, Feb. 10 at his residence.

He was born Nov. 25, 1917 in Hicksville, the son of Frank and Kathryn (Bridenbaugh) Slattery. On Dec. 26, 1943, he married Frances Drexler, who survives. He was a farmer and owned and operated his own sawmill. He also provided transportation for several Amish families. He was a member of Antwerp United Methodist Church and had sung in quartets when he was younger.

Also surviving are two sons, Ronald (Cindy) of Antwerp and Lynn (Carol) of Oviedo, Fla.;

three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 at Antwerp United Methodist Church with the Rev. Michael Schneider officiating. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the church or Paulding Hospice.

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

JEANETTE SHOCK 1938-2011

DEFIANCE – Jeanette M. Shock, 72, Defiance, died Wednesday, Feb. 9 at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center, Toledo.

She was born July 6, 1938, in Payne, the daughter of Homer and Rae Louise (Randall) Harp. On June 15, 1958, she married Roger A. Shock, who survives. She was a homemaker and a member of Poplar Ridge Church of the Brethren. She was a member of the Ford-Fordson Club and the book club at the Defiance Public Library. She loved to make music and enjoyed art and gardening. She loved her dog, Butchie.

Also surviving are two sons, Gene (Christie) Shock of Defiance and David (Susan) Shock, Evansport; two daughters, Linda (Dale) Jourdan of York, Pa., and Diane Ludeker, Hillsdale, Mich.; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Ann (Sam) DeRosset, Sherwood; and a brother, John Harp, Oakwood.

Preceding her in death were her parents and a son, Jerry Shock.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14 at Poplar Ridge Church of the Brethren, Defiance, with the Rev. Patricia Meeks officiating. Burial will be in Poplar Ridge Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 at Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home, Defiance.

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

Condolences may be left at www.HSCfuneralhome.com

ROCKY WELLS 1954-2011

MELROSE – Rocky A. Wells, 56, Melrose, died at 7:07 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9 at St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center, Toledo.

He was born March 8, 1954, in Van Lear, Ky., the son of the late Samuel J. and Darlene (Howard) Wells. His significant other, Debbie Dermon, survives in Melrose.

Also surviving are three sons, Mike (Shane Hibbs) Wells of Louisville, Ky., and Rod Wells and Jason Wells, both of Melrose; three grandchildren; a sister, Fern Bowling of Van Lear, Ky.; a half-brother, Clifford Booth of Melrose; and three half-brothers and six half-sisters from the Wells' side of the family.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Continental, with Pastor Charles Eagle officiating. Burial will follow in Monroe Cemetery, Continental.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11 and one hour prior to the services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences can be sent to www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com

CATHERINE MEYER 1944-2011

ANTWERP – Catherine A. Meyer, 66, died Tuesday, Feb. 8 at Brookview Healthcare Center, Defiance, after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

Cathy, a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, was born Nov. 8, 1944, in Defiance, the daughter of Isadore and Helen (Walters) Bott. She was a 1962 graduate of Oakwood High School. On Jan. 28, 1967, she married John A. Meyer, who survives. She had worked at Grange Insurance-Culligan Water Softening, Defiance, and retired after 20-plus years as an insurance agent at Antwerp Insurance Agency.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hicksville. In earlier years, she was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Antwerp, where she served on the Altar Rosary

Society, Parish Council and was a CCD teacher. She was very involved in family activities.

Also surviving are two daughters, Sara (Todd) Green of Hicksville and Cheryl (Steve) Pomesky of Waynesburg; a son, Mike (Tomi) of Cecil; grandchildren, Brian, Jason, Brandon Green, Isabella Meyer, Emily, Alex, Elizabeth Pomesky; a sister, Alice (Bob) Breidenbaugh of Hicksville; and a brother, Raymond (Berta) Bott of Defiance.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Clarence Bott; and grandson, Lucas Meyer.

A Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hicksville, with Father Stephen Schroeder officiating. Burial will be at Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with a rosary service at 8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Paulding Area Visiting Nurses & Hospice or St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com

HARRY "JUNIOR" PHLIPOT 1929-2011

PAULDING – Harry A. Phlipot, age 81, died Monday, Feb. 7 at The Gardens of Paulding.

He was born Feb. 20, 1929 in Paulding, the son of Harry H. and Cora E. (Strabele) Phlipot. On May 2, 1953 he married Doris M. Hatfield, who survives in Paulding. He was owner/operator of the former Phlipot Ford Auto Sales Inc. in Paulding. He was a graduate of St. Joseph College and a member of the Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, and the Ford 500 Club.

Also surviving are five children, Anne (Raymond) Hershey of Akron, Thomas (Pam) Phlipot of Quincy, Mich., John (Sue) Phlipot of Sylvania, Michael (Sue) Phlipot of Phoenix and Sharon (Dick) Thomas, Defiance; a brother, James R. (Marilyn) Phlipot, Bonne Terre, Mo,; and 13 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Mark.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 12 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, with the Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial will be in Live Oak Cemetery.

Visitation will be 2-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11 with a Rosary Service at 7:30 p.m. at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Memorial donations may be made to Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Caring and Sharing Food Pantry or Pancreatic Cancer Action Network.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

MARIE DOOLEY 1934-2011

ANTWERP – Marie J. Dooley, 76, of Antwerp, formerly of Philadelphia, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 8, at Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia.

She was born June 19, 1934 in Philadelphia, the daughter of the late Victor J. and Mary (Murphy) Ruffenach. On May 1, 1954, she married Robert Dooley. She spent most of her life in funeral service until her husband's death on Oct. 6, 2002. She was active member of Divine Mercy Catholic Church (formerly Good Shepherd Church), where she had been a volunteer school librarian for many years, and the O'Mahoney Club, both in Philadelphia. She moved to Antwerp in 2003. She thoroughly enjoyed her friends in the Red Hat Society, her book club and bunco meetings. She was a devout member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish of Paulding County.

Surviving are six children, Robert (Michelle), Kevin (Nanette), Maureen, Brian (Milian), Cathleen (James) and Shawn (Michelle); sisters-in-law, Eleanor and Anne Ruffenach and Lucy Cohen; 18 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were her brothers, Victor II, Charles and Joseph Ruffenach; and one great-granddaughter.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14 at Divine Mercy Catholic Church in Philadelphia. Visitation will be from 9-10:30 a.m. at the church. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Yeadon, Pa.

Preferred memorials are to Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding.

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

FRED RUESS 1934-2011

ANTWERP – Fred D. Ruess, 76, of Antwerp, passed away Sunday, Feb. 6, safely into the arms of Jesus.

He was born May 7, 1934 in Kalamazoo, Mich., the son of the late Fred W. and Grace (Cook) Ruess. On April 10, 1953, he married his high school sweetheart, Mary Jane Stuut, who survives. He was a manager at Arrow Uniform Rental and also was a part-time police officer in Watervliet and Coloma, Mich. He also was a volunteer fireman in Watervliet and for the Westwood Fire Department in Kalamazoo.

Also surviving are a daughter, Cheri Lynn (Kenny) Collins of Cecil; a son, Jack (Nancy) of St. Joe, Mich.; two sisters, Carol Vanderslick and Margaret Ramos, both of Kalamazoo; a brother, Edward of Florida; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by his son, Douglas Fred; and six siblings.

Memorial services are at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11 at The Manor House, 204 Archer Drive, Antwerp. Memorial services also will be held at Midway Baptist Church, 7517 Red Arrow Hwy, Watervliet, Mich. at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12.

Burial will be in Coloma Cemetery.

Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, is in charge of arrangements.

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EVELYN MANZ 1926-2011

PAULDING – Evelyn Mae Manz, 84, of CR 111, died at 4:55 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, at her home.

She was born April 28, 1926 in Mansfield, the daughter of William J. and Mary V. (Fuher) Sauder. On April 25, 1948, she married Elias J. Manz, who survives. She was a devoted wife of 62 years. She was a homemaker and helped on the family farm east of Paulding, where they raised their family. She was baptized on Jan. 7, 1945 and she was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church for over 66 years.

She is also survived by seven sons, David (Kathy), Donald (Connie), Kenneth (Gwen), Lester (Karen), Russell (Vera) and Roger (Lisa), all of Paulding, and John (Diane) of Convoy; seven daughters, Emily (John) Rufener of Rittman, Susan (Roger) Gasser and Peggy Bauman of Paulding, Rebecca (Kenneth) Zollinger and Alice (Darrell) Widmer of Sterling, Barbara (Robert) Brink of Defiance, and Mildred (Jeffrey) Stoller of Orrville; 70 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; 94 great-grandchildren; four great-stepgrandchildren; and three brothers, Elmer and Kenneth (Sue) Sauder of Mansfield and Donald (Faye) Sauder of Nashville, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, four sisters, a daughter-in-law and a great-grandson.

Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, at the Apostolic Christian Church of Junction, 13582, Road 147, Defiance. Burial will be in Dotterer Cemetery. Den Herder Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Hours of visitation will be from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Latty Apostolic Church Fellowship Hall and one and one-half hours prior to services at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the Apostolic Christian Home for the Handicapped, 2125 Veterans Road, Morton, IL 61550 or to a charity of the donor's choice. Please omit flowers.

PHYLLIS HAYNER 1951-2011

OAKWOOD – Phyllis I. Hayner, 59, of Oakwood, passed away at 2:45 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 at her residence.

She was born July 18, 1951 in Logan, W.Va., the daughter of the late Willard and Marie (Davis) Hayner. She was a member of the Paulding Church of Christ, Paulding. She worked for 27 years at the PC Workshop in Paulding. She enjoyed attending church and working at the workshop. She also enjoyed her family, friends, traveling, bowling, swimming, listening to music and singing, and being involved in the Special Olympics.

Surviving are her sister, Shirley (Don) Lambert of Oakwood; a brother, Grady (Janet) Hayner of Harts, W.Va.; three nephews, Jim, Terry and Chris; and four nieces, Tina, Judy, Pat and Toni.

She also was preceded in death by three brothers, Bert, Stanley and Douglas Hayner; and one sister, Freda Eikleberry.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9 at Freeman Funeral Home, Chapmanville, W.Va. with Minister Lonnie Lambert officiating. Burial will be in Highland

Memory Gardens, Pecks Mill, W.Va.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood, and on Wednesday from 10 a.m. until the time of service at Freeman Funeral Home.

The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Paulding Church of Christ Building Fund or the PC Workshop.

BASIL "BAKE" HERTEL 1919-2011

ANTWERP – Basil R. "Bake" Hertel, 91, of Antwerp, passed away Friday, Feb. 4 at his residence.

He was born Aug. 13, 1919 in Antwerp, the son of Frederick N. and Abbie J. (Carr) Hertel. He proudly served in the U.S. Army during WWII. Bake fought in the D-Day invasion of Normandy, the Battle of the Bulge and assisted in liberating Nazi concentration camps in Nordhausen, Germany. He worked at BA Smith Lumber Company. Bake was also a self-employed carpenter, whose favorite pastime was being in his woodworking shop and cutting firewood. On Oct. 4, 1952, he married Teresa Arend, who survives. He was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Antwerp VFW Post 5087 and American Legion Post 253.

Also surviving are a daughter, Marilyn (Paul) Arceo of Fort Wayne; a son, Raymond (Linda) of Antwerp; a brother, Frederick "Mike" (Penny) of Antwerp; two stepgrandchildren; and three great-stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Caroline Sevey.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8 at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Antwerp. Military honors will be held at the church. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7 at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, with a Catholic Vigil Service at 6 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to the Antwerp V.E.T.S. Memorial, Divine Mercy Parish or Paulding Hospice.

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

PATRICIA ROBERTS 1932-2011

VANDALIA – Patricia L. Roberts, 78, of Vandalia, died Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2011 at VITAS Hospice, following an extended illness.

She was born Aug. 18, 1932 in Paulding, the daughter of the late George and Tirzah (Caplinger) Gorman. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and the Vandalia Senior Citizens. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles F. Roberts.

Surviving are her children, John Roberts of Vandalia, Charles David (Kathy) Roberts of Kansas, Daniel (Dianna) Roberts of Florida, and Suzanne (Chris) Atkin of England; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a brother, George Gorman; and si sters Lois Hunt and Edna Strahley.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8 at Morton & Whetstone Funeral Home, 139 S. Dixie Dr., Vandalia, with Kathy Roberts officiating. Burial will be at Forest Hills Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Tuesday from noon until the time of services.

DONALD GRIMES 1919-2011

PAULDING – Donald B. Grimes, 91, died Thursday, Feb. 3, at Community Healthcare Professionals Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center.

He was born May 6, 1919 in Oakwood, the son of Frank and Myrta (Adams) Grimes. On Aug. 17, 1957, he married Anna L. Pack, who preceded him in death on May 23, 1998. He was employed by the former Grizzly Manufacturing, and retired in 1980. He was a WWII U.S. Army veteran and a member of Paulding Church of the Nazarene.

He is survived by two brothers, John Grimes of Defiance and Archie (Carol) Grimes of Jewell; and two sisters, Elsie M. Harshman of Jeffersonville, Ind. and Laura Bosh of Defiance.

He also was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Verlin Grimes; and a sister, Lois Heilshorn.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, Feb. 6, at Paulding Church of the Nazarene. Burial was in Hedges Cemetery, Paulding County. Den Herder Funeral Home in Paulding was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to Paulding Church of the Nazarene or Paulding County Senior Center.

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GEORGE BRIGHT 1943-2011

ANTWERP – George Arthur Bright Jr., 67, died Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the Manor House Assisted Living in Antwerp.

He was born Oct. 5, 1943 in Paolo, Kansas, the son of George A. and Ester F. (Latham) Bright Sr., who both preceded him in death. In 1990, he married Carolyn S. Brown, who preceded him in death in May 2001. He was employed by B.F. Goodrich, retiring in 2004. He was a U.S. Marines veteran, a member of Antwerp VFW Post #5087 where he was a former chaplain, a member of American Legion #253 and the Antwerp Conservation Club.

He is survived by a daughter, Debra Sue (James) Evans of Ohio City; a son, Lonnie Smith, Cecil; three stepchildren, Raymond (Rachelle) Durham and Rodney (Barb) Durham, both of Paulding, and Becky Hampshire of Bryan; three sisters, Jo Ann Fuller of Tacoma, Wash., Nannette Arleen (Edward Ray) Cox of Choctaw, Okla. and Roberta Jean (Franklin) Borror of Garnett, Kansas; three grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; and three great-stepgrandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by a sister, Janeva Moser.

Funeral services will be conducted at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Military rites will be accorded by VFW Post #5087. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Defiance.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Monday.

Memorial donations may be made to Manor House of Antwerp.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

IMOGENE CANFIELD 1923-2011

PAYNE — Imogene Canfield, 87 of Payne, died Tuesday, Feb. 1, at Parkview Hospice in Fort Wayne.

She was born April 10, 1923, the daughter of Lucy (Lohr) and Thomas Koontz. She was a telephone operator for over 30 years.

She will be sadly missed by a daughter, Kathy Pendergrast of Payne; a son, Kenneth Canfield; 11 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Phyllis Kuhn and Margaret Fisher.

No services will be held at this time. The family was served by Dooley Funeral Home of Payne.

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

CATHLEEN MONROE 1951-2011

PAULDING — Cathleen Y. Monroe, 59, died Tuesday, Feb. 1, at Community Health Professionals Defiance Inpatient Hospice Services.

She was born Oct. 21, 1951 in Celina, the daughter of Richard and Helen (Shadrach) Hartwig. On Dec. 12, 1976, she married Walter E. Monroe, who preceded her in death on Jan. 31, 2005. She was employed by Paulding County Hospital, retiring in 2001.

She is survived by her father, Richard Hartwig of New Bremen; three brothers, Terry (Joyce) Shadrach of Hicksville, Tommy (Joyce) Higgs of Harlan, Ind. and Travis Hartwig of New Bremen; two sisters, Joni (Dan) Decator of Archbold and Jennifer (Ron) Jones of Defiance; and many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her mother, Helen Higgs and stepfather, David Higgs.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding with Pastor Ron Hofacker officiating. Burial will be in Wiltsie Cemetery in Payne.

Visitation will be 2–8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 at Den Herder Funeral Home, and one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

AMY CASTLEMAN 1971-2011

MONROEVILLE, Ind. — Amy M. Castleman, 40, of Monroeville, died at 12:48 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, at Parkview Hospital, shortly after being stricken a short time earlier at home as a result of complications from Lupus.

She was a graduate of Heritage High School Class of 1989 and I.P.F.W. School of Dentistry with an associate's degree in dental hygiene. She was presently employed with Dr. Kenton Bailey in Monroeville and Dr. Thomas J. Hoffman in Fort Wayne. She was married to Dennis J. Castleman, who survives in Monroeville.

She was a member of the St. Rose Catholic Church in Monroeville and the Lupus Organization.

She is also survived by three daughters, Madison J. Morgan M. and Sydney I. Castleman, all at home; her mother, Jane E. (Steve) Shoppell of Fort Wayne; a brother, Chris Evans of Fort Wayne; and her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Joseph and Jane Castleman of Monroeville.

She was preceded in death by her father, Thomas J. Evans, in 1995.

Prayer service is to be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, Monroeville. A Mass of Christian Burial is at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at St. Rose Catholic Church, Monroeville with Father Stephen Colchin officiating.

Burial will be in the St. Rose Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation is from 1 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4, 2011, at the funeral home, with a rosary service at 8 p.m.

Preferred memorials to St. Joseph HASA; Masses to the Church; or the Lupus Foundation of America.