**SHIRLEY PARKER 1943-2011**

**CECIL – Shirley Ann Parker, 67, Cecil, died at 7:33 p.m. Friday, April 29 at Baton Rouge Care Center, Lima.**

**She was born May 29, 1943, in Van Wert, the daughter of Waldo and Mary M. (Mullins) Zimmerman. In 1960, she married Carroll Parker, who preceded her in death in 2001. She was a homemaker and worked at the former Hill's Department Store and the former Foster's Canning, Napoleon. She also helped with home care.**

**Surviving are a son, Richard Parker, Cecil; a daughter, Marsha Parker, Cecil; two brothers, Ronnie (Janet) Zimmerman of Michigan and Robert Wesley Gaskill, Van Wert; three sisters, Sharon (Bob) Barnes, Judy Grub and Becky Ladd, all of Van Wert; 11 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.**

**Also preceding her in death were her parents; two sons, Jimmie Lee and Michael Wade Parker; a granddaughter, Lydia Gutierrez; and a great-granddaughter, Aryianna Garcia Wieland.**

**Services were held Wednesday, May 4 at Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home, Defiance. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery, Defiance.**

**Preferred memorials are to the family.**

**Condolences may be left at www.HCSfuneralhome.com**

**LEAH RUSSELL 1916-2011**

**MANDALE – Leah Juanita Russell, 94, of Mandale, died Saturday, April 30 at her daughter's residence in Ottoville.**

**She was born Dec. 6, 1916 in Paulding County, the daughter of Sam and Ada (Eller) Stemen. On May 26, 1936, she married Donald Russell, who preceded her in death in 1986. She was co-owner of Russell's Market in Mandale. She was a member of the Auglaize Chapel Church of God, Oakwood and a former member of the Mandale Community Club. She loved to go fishing and enjoyed making clowns with her husband.**

**Surviving are seven children, Arline Gloor of Paulding, Rex Russell of Defiance, Ruth (Tom) Wilmoth of Ottoville, Thelma Lannan of Defiance, Kenneth (Suzanne) Russell of North Madison, Donald (Carol) Russell of Defiance, Kevin Russell of Mandale; 24 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and friends.**

**She also was preceded in death by a son, Paul Arthur Russell; seven brothers; six sisters; a granddaughter; and a great- stepgrandson.**

**Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 4 at Auglaize Chapel Church of God with the Rev. Stan Harmon officiating. Burial will follow in Hedges Cemetery, Broughton.**

**Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 3 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood, and at the church one hour prior to services on Wednesday.**

**Preferred memorials are to Auglaize Chapel Church of God.**

**Condolences may be expressed at www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com**

**JOHN HARRIS 1932-2011**

**MESA, Ariz. – Former Paulding resident John H. Harris, 78, passed away at 5:04 a.m. Wednesday, April 20, in Mesa, Ariz.**

**He was born July 17, 1932 in Paulding, the son of Emma Vinegar and James William Harris, both preceding him in death. In 1965, he married Betty Wells in the St. Joseph Catholic Church of Paulding, and she preceded him in death March 5, 2010. John was devoted to his country, family and community; he served in the United States Armed Forces, stationed in France for two consecutive tours of duty during the Korean War from 1952-63. During his service, he also became a decorated boxer for the Army. Following his military service, he became a deputy sheriff in the Paulding County Sheriff's Department where he served for 14 years and earned the moniker "Big John". He later worked for General Motors in the Defiance foundry as a security guard, retiring from General Motors as a foreman after 30 years of service. He supported the local community as an active member of the Paulding County School Board for numerous years.**

**John will be deeply missed by his two sons, John "Jack" Harris Jr. of Columbus and Michael Harris, Elmira, N.Y.; a daughter, Shannon (Harris) Branham of Mesa; grandchildren; Nicholas, John (Alex), Morgan, Jackie, Marlena, Adelle and Marlon (Zeke);**

**a sister, Helena Dorsey of Westchester, Ohio; two in-laws, Walter Wells of Paradise Valley, Ariz. and Brenda (Wells) Vappie of Mesa; and many dearly loved nieces and nephews.**

**He also was preceded in death by a sister, Jacqueline Hunter; and a brother, Guy Vinegar.**

**Services will be held Tuesday, May 3 at Mariposa Gardens Memorial Park and Funeral Care, Mesa.**

**Online condolences may be sent by going to www.mariposagardens.com**

**JEAN SCALES 1923-2011**

**Wilma "Jean" Scales, 88, formerly of Fort Wayne, passed away Saturday, April 30 at Dallas Lamb Foundation in Payne.**

**She was born on April 2, 1923 in Bloomington, Ind., the daughter of Frank M. and Rosetta (Vaught) Hunter. She worked as a custodian at Indiana University for 15 years before retiring in 1988. She enjoyed watching television and reading her Bible.**

**Surviving are a daughter, Patricia Willingham of Payne; siblings, Albert Wayne Hunter and Donald Pate, both of Indianapolis, Joan Stahl of Van Wert and Vady Pate of Farmington, Mich.; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 15 great-great-grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren; seven great-stepgrandsons; and seven great-great-stepgrandchildren.**

She also was preceded in death by a great-grandson; and three brothers, William Hunter, Leonard Pate and Eddie Pate Jr.

A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4 and also one hour prior to services on Thursday.

Preferred memorials are to the American Alzheimer's Association.

Please visit www.elzey-patterson-rodakfuneralhome.com to leave online condolences.

MARGUERITE GRAFT 1918-2011

Marguerite C. Graft, 93, passed away Saturday, April 30, at Markle Health Care Center.

She was born Feb. 7, 1918 in Allen County, Ind., the daughter of Carl and Bonita (McBride) Hulvey. She married Edwin Fredrick Graft, who preceded her in death in 2008. She had worked at General Electric and later was a salesperson for the Sears Catalogue Center along with farming with her husband, Edwin. She was a member of New Hope Lutheran Church.

Surviving are her children, Larry (Karon) Graft of Grover Hill, and Judith (Don) Milholland, Connie (Mike) Johnson, Ronald (Susan) Graft and Ted (Susan) Graft, all of Uniondale, Ind.; two sisters, Pauline Sorg of North Manchester, Ind. and Mary Ellen

**Gotselig of Bloomington, Ill.; 18 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.**

**Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 4 at New Hope Lutheran Church, Ossian, Ind. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery.**

**Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 3 at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, Ossian, Ind., and at the church one hour prior to services on Wednesday.**

**Preferred memorials may be made to New Hope Lutheran Church or a charity of the donor's choice.**

**Please visit www.elzey-patterson-rodak.com to leave online condolences**

**DAVID FLOSS 1951-2011**

**FORT WAYNE – David Allen Floss, 60, of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday, April 26 at Regency Place in Fort Wayne.**

**He was born Feb. 26, 1951 in New Jersey to Robert A. and Evelyn (Schlosser) Floss. He graduated from Paulding High School and received his degree from Bethel College where he graduated magna cum laude. He was employed at Super-Valu for 32 years and would have retired this April 30.**

**“David was a loving son, brother and uncle to many nieces and nephews. He loved his cat, Joker, and was an avid movie buff. He was known for his kindness and extreme generosity to others and his great sense of humor.”**

**He is survived by his stepfather, Williams Romes, Defiance; five brothers, Robert (Sharon) Floss Jr. of Urbana, Darriel (Connie) Suffel and John (Angie) Romes, both of Defiance, Randy (Mickey) Suffel of Paulding and Tony Suffel, Waterville; a sister, Joyce Gerber of Indiana; and a very special stepmother, Lorna (Ed) Bataille, Toms River, N.J.**

**He was preceded in death by his mother, Evelyn (Schlosser) Romes; his father, Robert Floss Sr.; and two sisters, Linda Romes and Janice Hancock.**

**Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Father Joseph Gaughan officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.**

**Visitation one hour prior to the service and from 2-4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 29 at the funeral home.**

**Preferred memorials are to S.P.C.A.**

**PAUL TRAXLER 1928-2011**

**HICKSVILLE – Paul C. Traxler, 82 of Greenville, S.C., formerly of Hicksville, died Saturday, April 2 at home after a long illness.**

He was born June 8, 1928 in Butler, Ind., the son of Terry and Lucille (Dove) Traxler. He was a machinist at Zollner Piston, Fort Wayne. He proudly served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War and was a lifetime member of the VFW. He was also a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Hicksville.

Surviving are his wife, Marguerite Lockhart-Traxler; two stepchildren, Diana McCalla of Greenville and Diana (Dale) Egly of Hicksville; a sister, Phyllis Kearns of LaOtto, Ind.; 17 stepgrandchildren and many great-stepgrandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by his first wife, Inez (Geiger) Traxler; two stepsons, Daniel Lockhart and Robert Collins; a brother, Robert; and a sister, Virginia Ward.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, May 6 in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp. Dooley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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

MILDRED HORG 1949-2011

CONTINENTAL – Mildred H. Horg, 61, of Continental, died at 3:51 p.m. Tuesday, April 26 at Putnam County Ambulatory Care Center, Glandorf.

She was born Dec. 27, 1949, in Lima, the daughter of Morey and Dorothy (Shaner) Drew. She was a housewife.

**She is survived by her mother, Dorothy of Paulding; a son, Bobby Horg of Continental; and a sister, Connie (Gary) Shepherd of Kalida.**

**She was preceded in death by her father, Morey; and a brother, Sam Drew.**

**Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, April 29 at Monroe Cemetery.**

**Hours of visitation will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, April 29 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home in Continental.**

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

**Condolences may be expressed at www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com.**

**HULDA CARLISLE 1932-2011**

**OAKWOOD – Hulda Delores "Boots" Carlisle, age 79, died Tuesday, April 26 at The Gardens of Paulding.**

**She was born March 19, 1932 in Paulding County, the daughter of Andrew T. and Viola Mae (Cotterman) Gillett. On Feb. 26, 1949, she married Raymond G. Carlisle, who preceded her in death on June 15, 1992. She was previously employed by Campbell Soup, Napoleon.**

**She is survived by nine children, Raymond (Patricia) Carlisle and W. Tom (Linda) Carlisle, both of Paulding, Joseph (Barbara) Carlisle of Mark Center, Steve (Danett) Carlisle of Cecil, John Carlisle of New Haven, Daniel (Helen) Carlisle of Oakwood, Tony (Amy) Carlisle of Melrose, and Ruth Ann (Jerry) Warner and Cynthia (Joe) Shipley, both of Fort Wayne; a special friend, Jack Vance, Paulding; three brothers, Andrew (Ruth Ann) Gillett of Van Wert, Leroy (Barbara) Gillett of Bryan and John Gillett, San Diego; three sisters, Bernetia Verfaillie of Paulding, Roberta Norling of Oakwood, and Lulah (Dick) Miller of Edon; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.**

**She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Bonnie Sue Carlisle; and two sisters, Lydia Price and Faith Taylor.**

**Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 29 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will be in Bowholtz Cemetery, Jackson Township.**

**Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday, April 28 at the funeral home and from 9 a.m. until time of services on Friday.**

**Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.**

**Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com**

**EVELYN JACKSON 1927-2011**

**DEFIANCE – Evelyn R. Jackson, age 83, of Defiance, died at 7:25 p.m. Sunday, April 24 at St. Vincent Medical Center in Toledo.**

**She was born Nov. 23, 1927 in Paulding County, the daughter of Guy F. and Eva Jane (Stuart) Heazlit. On Feb. 5, 1949, she married Robert J. Jackson, who survives. She was an aide at Ayersville Schools, retiring in 1987 after 17 years of service, and also had previously worked at Defiance Middle School and Nationwide Insurance. She was a member of Ayersville United Methodist Church.**

**Also surviving are a son, Kirk (Kelly) Jackson of Holgate; two daughters, Jane (Dennis) Roeschley of Graymont, Ill. and Debra (Rex) Wreede of Defiance; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister, Edith Dryfuse of Colonial Heights, Va.**

**She was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Heazlit; and a sister, Ruby Stevenson.**

**Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 28 at Ayersville United Methodist Church with the Rev. Clarence Dinnen officiating.**

**Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. today, April 27 at Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home in Defiance, and at the church one hour prior to services on Thursday.**

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

**DOROTHY OSBORNE 1922-2011**

**PAYNE – Dorothy Pearl Rone Osborne, 88, of Prestonburg, Ky., formerly of Payne, passed away Feb. 19, 2011.**

**She was born Feb. 27, 1922, the daughter of Elwood and Victoria (Bratcher) Rone. On June 21, 1941, she married Edgar Osborne, who preceded her in death March 20, 1988. She retired from North American Van Lines in Fort Wayne and Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky, Prestonburg.**

**Surviving are her children, Carol Snellenberger Brady and Michael Osborne; four grandchildren, Nelson Snellenberger II, Jeffrey Snellenberger and Christopher and Anita Osborne; two great-grandchildren; and three stepgrandchildren.**

**She also was preceded in death by a brother, Elwood Rone Jr.**

**Visitation from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at Dooley Funeral Home, Payne with services at 2 p.m.**

**Preferred memorials are to Payne Friends of the Library, PO Box 736, Payne OH 45880.**

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

**ANNA MAE FRESHWATER 1920-2011**

**ANTWERP – Anna Mae Freshwater, 90, of Antwerp, passed away Wednesday, April 20 at**

**Laurels of DeKalb, Butler, Ind.**

**She was born Aug. 20, 1920 in Oakwood, the daughter of Frank and Gail (Stauffer) Carnahan. On Sept. 18, 1943 she married Howard Freshwater, who preceded her in death in 1992. She worked at Brune Printing in Paulding for more than 30 years.**

**Surviving are a daughter, Karen of Antwerp; and two sisters, Eleanor Fellers of Paulding and Dorothy Lothamer of Fort Wayne.**

**She also was preceded in death by 10 siblings.**

**A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 30 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Paulding. Dooley Funeral Homes of Antwerp and Payne is in charge of arrangements.**

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

**MAXINE GORDON 1920-2011**

**PAYNE – Maxine V. Gordon, 90, of Payne, passed away Sunday, April 17, at her residence.**

**She was born July 12, 1920 in Fort Wayne, the daughter of Frank and Eleanora (Schone)**

**Alter. On June 14, 1952 she married Paul Gordon, who survives. She was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish of Paulding County. She was active in the Rosary/Altar Society and the church funeral dinner committee. Maxine was also a proud supporter of Paulding County Right to Life and many other church missions.**

**Also surviving are two daughters, Linda (Dennis) Sullivan of Indianapolis and Eileen (Marc) Durette of Minocqua, Wis.; three sons, David (Debra), Ken and Bill (Lori), all of Payne; siblings, Frank Alter of Tampa, Fla., Helen Darling of Decatur, Ind., Joseph and Raymond Alter, both of Fort Wayne, and Jerome Alter of Sidney, Australia; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.**

**She was preceded in death by a son, Richard; and siblings, Albert Alter and Mary Jane Caines.**

**A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 21 at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Payne. Burial will be in St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery.**

**Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 20, at Dooley Funeral Home, Payne, with the Rosary recited at 8 p.m. Visitation is also, 9-9:30 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.**

**Preferred memorials are to Paulding County Right to Life, P.O. Box 14, Paulding OH 45879.**

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

**JOE MOORMAN 1930-2011**

**PAYNE – Joseph A. Moorman, 81, of Payne, passed away Sunday, April 17 at his residence.**

**He was born April 1, 1930, in Van Wert, the son of Russell and Pauline (Otis) Moorman. He served in the U.S. Army as a PFC in the Korean War and was a truck driver. On Oct. 21, 1972, he married Rose Ross, who preceded him in death June 10, 2010. He was a member of the Payne American Legion Post, Van Wert Masonic Lodge, Moose Lodge and VFW.**

**Surviving are two stepdaughters, Jean Carver of Edgerton, Ind. and Jan Lawson of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Joy Gaberdale of Newark and Judy Berres of Phoenix; two brothers, Jim of Convoy and Paul; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.**

**He also was preceded in death by two sisters, Jewel Amstutz and Sandra Gahman.**

**Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 20 at Dooley Funeral Home, Payne, with the Rev. Joe Allen officiating. Burial will be in Wiltsie Cemetery, with military honors.**

**Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 19 at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Wednesday.**

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

**GEORGE SPITNALE 1927-2011**

**OAKWOOD – George J. Spitnale, 84, of Oakwood, died at 4:10 a.m. Wednesday, April 13 at Manatee Memorial Hospital in Bradenton, Fla.**

**He was born March 12, 1927 in Cloverdale, the son of Ross and Vesta (Prowant) Spitnale. On June 8, 1947, he married Helen Keck, who survives in Oakwood. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII, serving as a member of The Lucky 7th in Austria. He worked at the Lima Locomotive Plant in Lima building steam locomotives, was a telegrapher for Nickel Plate Railroad for 20 years, operated heavy equipment and retired as an over-the-road truck driver. He spent the last 20 winters in Florida where he enjoyed woodcarving, shuffling and being around people. He loved hunting and fishing.**

**He attended Twin Oaks United Methodist Church in Oakwood, was an assistant Scout Master of Troop 19, a former Oakwood councilman, was one of Oakwood's first EMTs, coached girls' softball, was a life member of F.&A.M. Masonic Lodge #570 in Continental for over 60 years, and a life member of both the Continental American Legion and Ottawa VFW. He was a former Republican Committeeman.**

**Also surviving are three sons, Daniel G. (Janet) Spitnale of Defiance, Dean C. (Gail) Spitnale of Connecticut and David J. Spitnale of Naples, Fla.; a daughter, Sue (Charles) Guyer of Kokomo, Ind.; 19 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a brother, Dale (Edna Mae) Spitnale of Oakwood; and a sister-in-law, Judy Spitnale of Cloverdale.**

**He was preceded in death by two brothers, Jake and Henry; and two grandsons, Troy Daniel Spitnale and Samuel Nicholas Spitnale.**

**Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 20 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood, with Pastor Chris Baker officiating. Burial will follow in Cascade Cemetery, Cloverdale, with military rites by the Continental American Legion and the Ottawa VFW.**

**Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Monday, April 18, from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 19 and one hour prior to services Wednesday. There will be a Masonic Service at 8 p.m. Monday and a VFW Service 7 p.m. Tuesday.**

**Memorial donations may be made to the F.&A.M. Masonic Lodge in Continental or Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, Oakwood.**

**Condolences may be sent to www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com**

**RUTH ZIGOVITS 1926-2011**

**PAULDING – Ruth A. Zigovits, age 84, died Thursday, April 14 at her home after an extended illness.**

**She was born June 11, 1926 in St. Marys, the daughter of George and Lula (Gilliland) Losher. On May 21, 1948, she married Joseph Zigovits, who survives. She was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, Catholic Study Club, a funeral caller for the church, CCD teacher for 21 years and CCD principal. She was a member of Holy Rebels Support Group, Paulding County Hospital Auxiliary for 30 years, co-manager of the Hospital Gift Shop for 25 years, a member of the Benevolent Society (Bargain Bin), Meals on Wheels for Paulding County Senior Center and the Hungarian Magyar Club of Dayton.**

**Also surviving are two sons, J. Michael (Mini) Zigovits, Farmington Hills, Mich., and G. Christopher (Amy) Zigovits, Indianapolis; three daughters, Teresa Zigovits of Toledo,**

**LuCinda Zigovits of Oxford and Katherine (Michael) Dangler, Snellville, Ga.; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.**

**She was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, G. Kenneth and Richard Losher.**

**A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, April 18 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, with the Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.**

**Visitation will be from 3-6:30 p.m. Sunday, April 17 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with a rosary service at 6 p.m. Visitation also will be held one hour prior to services on Monday at the church.**

**Memorial donations may be made to Masses, Community Health Professionals Hospice of Paulding County or PCH Auxiliary Gift Shop.**

**Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com**

**FRANKLIN FRENCH**

**PAYNE – Family and friends are invited to a military graveside service for Franklin French at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 23, in the Lehman Cemetery, Payne.**

**He graduated from Payne High School in 1955 and served in the Navy as a Seabee from 1955-57. He passed away Dec. 17, 2010.**

**Following the service, a pie and coffee reception will be held for family and friends at the Dog House Restaurant, Payne.**

**GERRY MOBLEY 1942-2011**

**PAULDING – Geraldine "Gerry" M. Mobley, age 68, died Tuesday, April 12 at her residence following an extended illness.**

**She was born April 29, 1942 in Paulding County, the daughter of Paul R. and Dorothy L. (Dotterer) Devers. On Oct. 21, 1960, she married Nolan R. Mobley, who survives. She was a member of Junction Christian Bible Church and an Oakwood EMT for 20 years. She was previously employed by R&B Fabrications.**

**Also surviving are a son, Rodney (Joanne) Mobley, Paulding; a daughter-in-law, Angie Mobley, Antwerp; a brother, Jack Devers, Bryan; three sisters, Floella Handy of Hicksville, Phyllis (John) Worthan of Montpelier and Judy (Larry) Harper, Edgerton, Ohio; and four grandchildren, Corbin, Alyssa, Jessie and Kyle.**

**She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Paul "Travis" Mobley; a brother, Larry Devers; and a sister, Shirley Johnson.**

**Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 16 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with the Rev. C. Joseph Fifer officiating. Burial will be in Paulding Memorial**

**Cemetery.**

**Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday, April 15 at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Saturday.**

**In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials made to the Junction Christian Bible Church.**

**Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com**

**ABIGAIL KUDRIN 2011**

**Abigail "Abbey Rose" Kudrin, age 4 months.**

**Beloved daughter of Sam (Parma, Ohio) and Suzi (Wunderle, Paulding, Ohio); loving granddaughter of Jim and Sandy Kudrin and Ted and Cathy Wunderle; niece to Steve and Sarah Ochap, Jake Kudrin, Marcus and Kinga Wunderle, Tom and Nichole Wunderle, Andrea Kudrin and Heath and Gabi Hanson; cousin of Lauren and Kyle Wunderle and Amya, Darius and Harper.**

**Funeral services at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 16 at North Royalton Christian Church, North Royalton, Ohio. Interment Milan Cemetery, Milan.**

**Family will receive friends 2-4 and 5-8 p.m. Friday, April 15 at the Mallchok Funeral Home, Parma.**

**In lieu of flowers, please make donations to any Key Bank for the Abbey Rose Fund.**

**DAVID HART 1937-2011**

**ANTWERP – David C. Hart, 73, of Antwerp, passed away Friday, April 8 at his residence.**

**He was born Dec. 29, 1937, in Berne, Ind., the son of Carl and Mary Jo (Williams) Hart. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1955-58 and was a truck driver at United Trucking. On Nov. 23, 1979, he married Roberta Bunn, who survives. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Antwerp and the Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association, where he was a board member for nine years.**

**Also surviving are three children, David (Paula) Hart of Fort Wayne, Steve (Kimberly) Lucas of Antwerp and Cheri (Bud) Baer of Van Wert; a sister, Myra Walker of Vista, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.**

**He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Kathleen Kean.**

**Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 13 at First Baptist Church, Antwerp, with the Rev. Todd Murray officiating. Dooley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.**

**Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, April 12 at the church and one hour prior to services on Wednesday.**

**Preferred memorials are to Roberta Hart, P.O. Box 452, Antwerp OH 45813.**

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

**LESLIE BEVERLY 1951-2011**

**GREENVILLE – Former Paulding resident Leslie M. Beverly, age 59, died Wednesday, April 6 at the Wayne Health Care Center, Greenville.**

**She was born Sept. 4, 1951 in Paulding County, Ohio the daughter of Earl Junior and Betty Lou (Highwarden) Beverly.**

**She is survived by three brothers, Earl Beverly of San Antonio, Kent Beverly of Paulding and Elliot Beverly, Dallas; and a nephew, James Earl Beverly, San Antonio.**

**She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Gregory A. Beverly; and a sister, Sarah E. Beverly.**

**Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 13 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Pastor Pat Holt officiating. Burial will be in Rochester Cemetery, Cecil.**

**Visitation will be from noon until time of services on Wednesday at the funeral home.**

**In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.**

**Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com**

**WILLIAM ALT 1931-2011**

**LONDON, Ohio – William Ralph Alt, 79, of London, died at 12:45 p.m. Friday, April 8 at the Madison House, London.**

**He was born July 31, 1931 in Putnam County, the son of Henry Francis and Luella Mary (Ricker) Alt. He was a member of Saint Patrick Church, London, and a former member of Saint Matthew Church, Gahanna and Saint Michael Church, Findlay. He was 3rd degree and lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus, Saint Michael Parish. He had been employed by the Vigoro Inc. Industries, Findlay, and had been office manager with the WR Grace Company, Gahanna, for 32 years. He loved to work in the garden and was an avid woodworker.**

**Surviving are his loving wife of 54 years, Dorothy Alice (Phlipot) Alt; three children, Kathy J. (Brad) Roynon of Findlay, Douglas A. (Susan) Alt of West Jefferson and Cynthia M. (Steve) Bostwick of Cincinnati; brothers and sisters, Viola Topp of Leipsic, John Alt of**

**Saline, Mich., Ghnelda Schimmoeller of Fort Jennings, Bernard (Dorothy) Alt of Fort Wayne, Robert (Carolyn) Alt of Leipsic and Kenneth (Sandy) Alt of Temperance, Mich.; grandchildren, Taylor, Mallory, and Westley Roynon, Daniel and Justin Alt, Ariana, Vaughn, Natasha and Vera Bostwick; and numerous nieces and nephews and many many dear friends.**

**He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Richard and Daniel; a grandson, Brian Roynon; and a stepsister, Frances Alt.**

**A funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 12 at Saint Patrick Church Parish Center, London, with Father Mark Ghiloni officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services. An interment service will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Saint Mary Cemetery, Leipsic. Rader-Lynch and Dodds Funeral Home, London, is in charge of arrangements.**

**Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or to Saint Patrick Church.**

**Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.rldfuneralhome.com**

**GRETNA STEVENS 1942-2011**

**VAN WERT – Gretna L. Stevens, 68, of Van Wert, died at 4:45 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, at Lima Memorial Hospital.**

**She was born Oct. 18, 1942, in Van Wert, the daughter of John and Esther (Cox) Dempsey, who both preceded her in death. On July 17, 1962, she married Donald W. Stevens, who survives in Van Wert. She had worked  as a sales clerk for the Mr. Wigg's and Heck's Department Stores in Van Wert. She was in the acappella high school choir and was a former volunteer for the American Red Cross. She was also a member of the Van Wert Victory Church in Van Wert.**

**Also surviving are three daughters, Melanie (Thomas) Norman, Christie (Keith) Ridenour and Vanessa Stevens, all of Van Wert; two brothers, Maurice (Mary Ellen) Dempsey of Virginia Beach, Va. and Donald (Sue) Dempsey of Convoy; four sisters, Beverly (Larry) Schoonover of Lakeland, Fla., Saundra Schwinnen of Montpelier, Linda (Terry) Neer of Paulding and Johnette Waltmire of Van Wert; seven grandchildren, Jeffery (Colleen Valentine) Ridenour, Britney Ridenour, Tommy, Travis, Tyler and Tanner Norman and Misty Couch; two great-grandchildren, Cameron Norman and Aleah Long; and many nieces, nephews and in-laws.**

**Also preceding her in death were three sisters, Helen Osting, Nellie Schabbing and Mary Dempsey.**

**Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday April 10, at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home, Van Wert.**

**Visitation will be from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, prior to services.**

**Preferred memorials are to the Van Wert Victory Church.**

**DONNA GERSCHUTZ 1937-2011**

**OAKWOOD – Donna Jean (Carnahan) Gerschutz, 74, of Oakwood, died Wednesday, April 6, at The Gardens of Paulding.**

**She was born Jan. 7, 1937 in Paulding County, the daughter of Clair and Alberta (Tipsword) Carnahan. On Dec. 29, 1971, she married Nicholas V. Gerschutz Jr., who preceded her in death on March 31. She retired after many years from the Zeller Corporation in Defiance. She loved gardening and feeding her hummingbirds. She also loved to crochet, cook for her family, and her dog, Tab. She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Junction.**

**She is survived by a daughter, Karin (Mike) Thomas of Paulding; three sons, Michael (Angie) Sharp and Craig Sharp, both of Paulding, and Brian (Jaime) Gerschutz of Oakwood; four stepdaughters, Gloria Brown of Napoleon, Debra (Ken) Ott and Dianne (Bruce) Hefflinger, both of Defiance, and Pamela (Tony) Shelton of Kingsport, Tenn.; a stepson, Gary (Crystal) Gerschutz of Holgate; 31 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Richard (Gert) Carnahan and George (Sue) Carnahan, both of Oakwood; and a sister, Sue (Ray) Rager of North Carolina.**

**She was preceded in death by her parents; a stepson, Kenneth Gerschutz; two stepdaughters, Patricia (Eugene) Niese and Cheryl (Dave) Alvord; and a great-granddaughter, Kiera Duncan.**

**Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 9 at the First Church of God, Defiance, with the Rev. Rick Rufenacht officiating. Burial will follow at Sherman Cemetery, Oakwood.**

**Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Friday, April 8 at Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home, Defiance.**

**In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Ohio Parkinson Foundation**

**Northwest Region.**

**LILLIANA DEARING 2006-2011**

**PAULDING – Our dear sweet Lilliana Jenean Rose "Lilly" Dearing, age 4, joined our Lord in Heaven at 6:23 p.m. Saturday, April 2 at the Paulding County Hospital.**

**She was born May 21, 2006 in Paulding County, the daughter of Amanda "Mandy" Briner and Todd Dearing II, who both survive.**

**She is also survived by her maternal grandmother, Tammy (Saul) and Darryl Eicher; paternal grandfather, Todd R. Dearing; maternal grandfather, Glenn L. Briner; uncles, James Kleman, Jessie Kleman and Danny Kuhn; an aunt, Tiffany Dearing; and cousins, Katie Kleman, Reina Kleman and Kemper.**

**Lilly was preceded in death by her paternal grandmother, Kimberly Jenean Dearing; and maternal great-grandfather, James J. Saul.**

**Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, April 8 at the Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Pastor Dwayne Richardson officiating. Burial will follow at Paulding Memorial Cemetery.**

**Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, April 7 at the funeral home and from 9 a.m. Friday until service time.**

**Memorial donations may be made to Lilliana Jenean Rose "Lilly" Dearing Account at the First Federal Bank, 905 N. Williams St., Paulding OH 45879.**

**Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com**

**GEORGIALEE YOUNG 1937-2011**

**PAULDING – Georgialee Young, 73, of Paulding, died at 6:45 a.m. Sunday, April 3 at the Defiance Area In-Patient Hospice.**

**She was born April 10, 1937 in Paulding County, the daughter of George and Eva (Keck) Sunday. She retired as supervisor for Paulding County Developmental Disabilities. She was a member of Auglaize Chapel Church of God, Oakwood.**

**Surviving are a daughter, Cindy (Jerry) Burt of Paulding; a son, Tom (Kay) Young of Virginia Beach, Va.; three grandchildren, Brody (Tracie) White, Colten White and Georgina White; a great-granddaughter, Alayna White; and a brother, Don Sunday of Columbus.**

**She was preceded in death by her parents.**

**Funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 7, at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood, with Pastor Robert Merriman officiating. Burial will follow in Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill.**

**Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 6 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood, and one hour prior to services on Thursday.**

**Preferred memorials are to PC Workshop in Paulding or Hospice of Defiance.**

**Condolences may be expressed at www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com**

**NICHOLAS GERSCHUTZ JR. 1930-2011**

**OAKWOOD – Nicholas V. "Nick" Gerschutz Jr., age 80, died on Thursday, March 31 at Paulding County Hospital.**

**He was born April 14, 1930 in Henry County, the son of Nicholas and Frances (Wagner) Gerschutz. On Dec. 29, 1971, he married Donna Jean Carnahan, who survives. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Junction, and former member of Eagles Club and Defiance County Coon Hunters Association. He was a retired Teamster, driving for Freightway Corp. for 28 years. Nick loved the great outdoors and was an avid fisherman and hunter. His favorite indoor activity was watching his favorite team, the Cleveland Indians.**

**Also surviving are two sons, Brian (Jaime) Gerschutz of Oakwood and Gary (Crystal) Gerschutz of Holgate; four daughters, Gloria Brown, of Napoleon, Pamela (Tony) Shelton of Kingsport, Tenn., and Debra (Ken) Ott and Dianne (Bruce) Hefflinger, both of Defiance; two stepsons, Mike (Angie) Sharp and Craig Sharp of Paulding; a stepdaughter, Karin (Mike) Thomas of Paulding; 31 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Mary Rose Battershell of Hicksville and Lillian (Schwab) Chinni of Defiance.**

**He was preceded in death by four brothers, Alt (Rita) Gerschutz, Al (Love) Gerschutz,**

**Francis (Catherine) Gerschutz and Bob (Rita) Okuly; a son, Kenneth Gerschutz; two daughters, Patricia (Eugene) Niese and Cheryl (Dave) Alvord; and a great-granddaughter, Kiera Duncan.**

**A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 5, in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Defiance, with Father Tim Kummerer officiating. Burial will follow in Sherman Cemetery, Oakwood.**

**Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Monday, April 4 at Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home, Defiance.**

**In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Nick's honor to the Diabetes Foundation or the charity of the donor's choice.**

**Online condolences may be left at www.hcsfuneralhome.com**

**JIMMY LEE FLOYD 1954-2011**

**PAULDING – Jimmy Lee Floyd, 57, of Paulding, died Saturday, April 2, at the Defiance Regional Medical Center.**

**He was born March 14, 1954, in Beckley, W.Va., the son of Charles and Katherine (Grahm) Floyd, who both preceded him in death. He lived in Baltimore until he was age 12 and then moved to Defiance. He owned and operated Floyd's Repair for the past 23**

**years, where he serviced car dealerships all over northwest Ohio. His passion was his Harley-Davidson, which he has owned and rode since the early 1970s. He also loved the Baltimore Orioles from the time he was young and was a diehard Colts and Buckeye fan. He loved trapping and hunting and restoring old cars. He was working on a 1966 Mustang. He loved classic cars and antique treasures and collected them regularly. He was a great storyteller especially while driving his pontoon down the river.**

**Surviving are Karen Caris, the love of his life for 19-1/2 years; two sons, Jason (Tara) of Big Piney, Wyo. and Jared Floyd of Defiance; two daughters, Sara (Ross) Becker and Megan Floyd, both of Defiance; four grandchildren, Malaki Pabon, Gretchyn Pabon, Alex Cruz and Draxton Floyd; two stepchildren, Marcus and Sage Mahaffey; and three sisters, Deb Walters and Belinda Hamman, both of Defiance, and Cindy Britton of Sturgis, Mich.**

**Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 7, at Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home in Defiance, with the Rev. Tim Yazel officiating. Burial will be in the Riverview Memory Gardens in Defiance.**

**Hours of visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 6 at the funeral home.**

**Preferred memorials may be directed to Defiance Hospice in honor of his mother.**

**Condolences may be sent to www.HCSfuneralhome.com**

**ROBERT TRACY 1924-2011**

**GROVER HILL – Robert M. Tracy, 86, of Grover Hill, died at 10:45 a.m. Thursday, March 31, at the Van Wert Manor Nursing Home in Van Wert.**

**He was born Sept. 11, 1924, in Cleveland, the son of Claude and Ada (Korf) Tracy. He married Betty J. Ashbaugh, who survives in Grover Hill. He retired from the Continental Can Company in 1982, following over 30 years of service. He was a member of the Van Wert Amateur Radio Club.**

**Also surviving are two sons, Floyd (Shirley) and Gary Tracy, both of Van Wert; a daughter, Roxana (Lonnie) Lytle of Grover Hill; six grandchildren, Allyssa (Nic) Alvarez, Carlee (Brad) Denning, Matthew (Lydia) Miller, Traci (Greg) Hollenbaugh, Gene (Melissa) Tracy and Travis Tracy; and seven great-grandchildren.**

**He was preceded in death by a daughter, Janet Miller; a son, Lloyd Tracy; and six sisters, Alberta Ours, Lucille Morrison, Wilma Bish, Lois Thrasher, Bea LeMonds and Inez Lawther.**

**Graveside services will be held at noon Wednesday, April 6, at the Maumee Cemetery in Antwerp. There will be no calling hours. Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home in Van Wert is in charge of the arrangements.**

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

**MICHAEL LINDSEY 1947-2011**

**ANTWERP – Michael Albert Lindsey, 63, of Antwerp, passed away peacefully at 4:06 p.m. Saturday, April 2 at Paulding County Hospital.**

**He was born on May 26, 1947, in Paulding County, the son of the late Arland and Ula (Norwood) Lindsey. Mike was known for his jovial personality, especially when he was at the Antwerp Shell or working at the IGA.**

**His graveside service is at 10 a.m. Wednesday April 6, at Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp, with Deacon Robert Nighswander officiating. Dooley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.**

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

**VELMA KECK 1917-2011**

**OAKWOOD – Velma G. Keck, age 93, died Friday, April 1 at Paulding County Hospital.**

**She was born Oct. 17, 1917 in Paulding County, the daughter of Ray and Minnie (Font) Thomas. On Oct. 23, 1940, she married Millard T. Keck, who preceded her in death on Nov. 12, 1997. She was a registered nurse, retiring from GM Powertrain in Defiance. She was a nurse also at Paulding County Hospital. She was a member of the Twin Oaks United Methodist Church of Oakwood, formerly the Oakwood United Methodist Church.**

**Surviving are two sons, Ray V. (Carla) Keck of Defiance and Larry T. (Terry) Keck of**

**Fulton, Mo.; two sisters, Edna Parrish of Coon Rapids, Minn. and Evelyn (Dale) Deisler of Upper Sandusky; three brothers, Donald Thomas of Indian Wells, Calif., Kenneth (Bonnie) Thomas of Indianapolis and Loren (Luella) Thomas of Paulding; 11 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.**

**She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Ann Keck Engel; a grandson, Todd Engel; a great-grandson, Derek Harrison; and two brothers, Robert and Carl Thomas.**

**Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 5 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Pastor Eric Dailey officiating. Burial will be in Sherman Cemetery, Oakwood.**

**Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Monday, April 4, at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Tuesday.**

**Preferred memorials are to the Oakwood Library Fund or Twin Oaks United Methodist Church in Oakwood.**

**Online condolences may be left at www.denherderfh.com**