ELDINE SMITH 1937-2011

MELROSE – Eldine Conley Smith, age 74, of Denton, Texas and formerly of Melrose, died at 3:37 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, at her residence.

She was born Jan. 24, 1937 in Shivley, W.Va., the daughter of Wilson and Hattie (Riddle) Conley. On April 10, 1951, she married Jack “Janet” Smith, who preceded her in death in 1988. She was a homemaker and a member of Paulding Church of Christ.

Surviving are three children, Ronald (Kristine) Smith of Montpelier and Jack (Patricia) Smith and Kathy (Rick) Porter, both of Denton, Texas; five grandchildren, Jamie, Josh, Ricky, Jeremy and Jackelyn; six great-grandchildren; four sisters, Olive Payne of Pecks Mill, W.Va., Jewell Farley of Harts, W.Va., Zella Strollings of Chapman, W.Va. and Juanita Harriman of Caldwell, W.Va.; and a brother, Homer Timmie Conley of Caldwell.

She also was preceded in death by two sons, Charles Edward and Timmie Lee “Timbo” Smith; and a sister, Renee Stollings.

A private funeral service was held Monday, July 4 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood with Pastor Alex Dickson officiating. Burial followed in Little Auglaize Cemetery, Melrose.

Preferred memorials are to Paulding County Church of Christ Building Fund or American Spinal Association in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be expressed at www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com

ELEANOR EDWARDS 1927-2011

GROVER HILL – Eleanor Jean Edwards, age 83, died Thursday, June 30.

She was born Nov. 6, 1927 in Van Wert County, the daughter of Charles and Mary G. (Bell) Moore. On March 21, 1947, she married Robert E. Edwards, who preceded her in death on Aug. 14, 1999. She was formerly Paulding County Clerk of Courts, retiring in 2005. She attended Country Chapel United Methodist Church, Haviland. She was a member of VFW Post #3740 Auxiliary, Ottoville; American Legion Post #297 Auxiliary, Payne, where she was a 33-year member; Paulding County Democratic Party and Paulding County Election Board; Sorority Beta Sigma Phi Club 37, Van Wert; and the former VFW #2873 Auxiliary, Grover Hill. She was a volunteer for American Red Cross and United Way of Paulding County.

She is survived by five children, Barb Bell of Phoenix, Gary (Kathleen) Edwards of Ottawa, Pamela (Robin) Eberle of Ottoville and Michael (Patty) Edwards and Terry “Smoke” (Pamela) Edwards, both of Grover Hill; 13 grandchildren; and 25 great grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a grandson, Jeffery Allen Coil; a granddaughter, Candace Jean Edwards; and a sister, Leora Young.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 2 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with the Rev. Paul Miller officiating. Burial will be in Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday, July 1 at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Memorial donations may be made to American Red Cross, the United Way or Hospice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

GEORGE VOGEL 1934-2011

DEFIANCE – George C. Vogel, 77, of Defiance, died Tuesday, June 28 at St. Luke's Hospital in Maumee.

He was born April 16, 1934 in Defiance County, the son of Henry and Irene (Dirr) Vogel. On July 18, 1964, he married Lauretta L. Rupert, who preceded him in death Feb. 28, 2006. A 1952 graduate of Ayersville High School, he was furnace chief at Johns Manville for 47 years, retiring in 1999. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Defiance Eagles, Bryan Eagles, AmVets #1991 and was president of the Johns Manville retirees for six years. He also was a president and trustee of the Fish & Game Club and taught a hunting course for 16 years. He volunteered for the Red Cross for 19 years.

Surviving are a son, George A. Vogel of Defiance; a brother, Glen of Defiance; and two sisters, Dorothy Lang of Hicksville and Rose Conkey of Hicksville.

Also preceding him in death were his parents; a sister, Evelyn Bosiak; and three brothers, Wilbur, Victor and Rogel.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 2 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Defiance with the Rev. David Brobston officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Memory Gardens.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Friday, July 1 at Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home in Defiance, and also at the church one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to the Kidney Foundation of Northwest Ohio or to the church.

Condolences may be left at www.hcsfuneralhome.com

LUDDY KEATING

ANTWERP – Ludmila M. “Luddy” Keating, 59, of Antwerp, died Saturday, June 25, 2011 at her residence.

She was born in Hicksville, the daughter of Joseph and Ludmila (Kozumplik) Adams. On Sept. 13, 1976, she became the beautiful wife of Kenny Keating, who survives. Luddy lived her life with purpose and integrity. She touched the hearts of many who knew her with her warm smile. She enjoyed sailing as well as raising and planting flowers. Through their ownership of Bailey’s Meadow and Keating’s Professional Paperhanging, Luddy and Kenny brightened many of our homes and gardens. Luddy was also a gifted artist and renowned sailor. Her true and lasting love was her husband, Kenny and her entire family. Luddy was a member of the Antwerp Congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses with many spiritual brothers and sisters who loved her very much.

Also surviving are siblings, John, Ben, Victor, Paul, Carl and Joe Adams, Ruth Herman, Helen Keane and Mary Ann Brinegar.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Richard Adams.

Her memorial service is at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, with visitation one hour prior, at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 2937 CR 424, Antwerp. Dooley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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

DONALD SLOOP 1945-2011

FINDLAY – Donald C. Sloop, 66, of Findlay, died at 8:33 a.m. Sunday, June 26 at Blanchard Valley Hospital, Findlay.

He was born May 11, 1945, in Findlay, the son of Dr. Ronald C. and Mary K. (Williamson) Sloop. He was a doctor of chiropractic, having graduated from the Palmer Chiropractic School in Davenport, Iowa. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served our country in Vietnam, and was a member of VFW #5645. Don retired from the Kuss Corp./Cummins Corp. He was engaged to Angie Engard of North Baltimore, who survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Mary K. Sloop of Findlay; his former wife, Sandra Coleman, and daughters, Amanda and Melinda Sloop, all of Indiana; a sister, Debra K. (Evan) Follas of Fishers, Ind.; and several nieces and nephews.

His father preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 30, at Coldren-Crates Funeral Home, Findlay, with Pastor Michael Bertsch officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Findlay, where full military rites will be conducted by the Hancock County Veteran's Memorial

Squad.

Visitation will be held from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 29 at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Online condolences may be made at www.coldrencrates.com.

JAMES JOHNSON 1931-2011

ANTWERP – James William Johnson, 79, of Antwerp, passed away Tuesday, June 21, at The Gardens of Paulding.

He was born Aug. 14, 1931 in Fort Wayne, the son of Kenneth and Violet (Knight) Johnson. On Aug. 16, 1949, he married Martha Reeb, who survives. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves and worked in construction. He was a social member of Antwerp VFW Post 5087.

Also surviving are two sons, William of West Palm Beach, Fla. and Russell of Antwerp.

Private services were held. Dooley Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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

PAUL SHINNERS 1931-2011

CECIL – Paul L. Shinners, 80, of Cecil, died Monday, June 20 at the Defiance Area In-Patient Hospice Center in Defiance.

He was born May 1, 1931, in Henry County, the son of Thomas and Caroline (Kammeyer) Shinners. On Oct. 26, 1957, he married Rita R. Shininger, who preceded him in death. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and served during the Korean War. He was engaged in farming and was a machine operator for Defiance Precision Products for 37 years, retiring in 1996. He was a member of Divine Mercy, Antwerp Campus. He was a former member of St. John's Catholic Church in Defiance, where he served as an usher.

He is survived by four sons, David (Waranyoo) of Howell, Mich., Michael (Shelley) of Arthur, James (Amy) of Auburn, Ind. and Kevin (fiancé Michelle Kaptur) Shinners of Livonia, Mich.; a daughter, Joyce (Mike) Stecher of Mark Center; four grandchildren; a brother, Richard "Dick" Shinners of Wauseon; and a sister, Donnabelle (Robert) Schwarzbeck of Grand Rapids, Mich.

He also was preceded in death by a brother, Patrick Shinners.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 24, at Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral home in Defiance with Father Allan G. Fillman officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Defiance with military rites conducted by VFW Post 3360.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 23 at the funeral home. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m.

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

Condolences may be sent to HCSfuneralhome.com

JACK PRINE 1931-2011

OAKWOOD – Jack L. Prine, 80, of Oakwood, formerly of Spencerville, died at 10:40 a.m. Tuesday, June 21 at St. Rita's Medical Center, Lima.

He was born Jan. 31, 1931 in Delphos, the son of Clifford and Nora (Stopher) Prine. He worked as a self-employed masonry contractor until his retirement. He enjoyed fishing and gardening, especially flowers. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, especially Colleen.

He is survived by his beloved companion, Colleen Jeffers, of Oakwood; four children, Jack (Bonita) Prine of Dayton and Randy (Virginia) Prine, Mary Blanchard and Chad Prine, all of Spencerville; a daughter-in-law, Jeannine Prine, of Spencerville; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a brother, Robert (Betty) Prine of Delphos; a sister, Norma (Donald) Moore of Grover Hill; a brother-in-law, Alfred Honigford of Ft. Jennings; and a sister-in-law, Mary Prine of Tulsa, Okla.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Micky; and siblings Lorraine Carder, Herschel Prine, Twila Ball, William Prine, Margaret Honigford and Richard, Melvin and Larry Prine.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 24 at the Thomas E. Bayliff Funeral Home in Spencerville.

Visitation is from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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

CAREY HAWKINS 1976-2011

TIFFIN – Carey Hawkins, age 35, of Tiffin, died Sunday June 19 at her parents' home in Fostoria.

She was born May 4, 1976 in Kettering, the daughter of Neal and Kay "Jean" (McOwen) Hawkins. She was manager and tax accountant for H&R Block in Tiffin and was also an artist, sculptor and painter. She was a 1994 graduate of Arcadia High School and attended Owens Community College in Findlay. She was an avid wildlife lover and received a wildlife rehabilitation license and worked as a former veterinarian tech.

Surviving are her parents; a brother, Jared Hawkins of Portage; a sister, Laura Maki, Tiffin; and nephew, Aaron Maki, Tiffin.

Funeral services will be held today, June 22 at Harrold-Floriana Funeral Home, Fostoria. Burial will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 25, at St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding. Den Herder Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to any area Humane Society or a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.hffh.net

FRANCES COMER 1920-2011

PAYNE – Frances L. Comer, 90, of Payne, passed away Saturday, June 18 at The Gardens of Paulding.

She was born Oct. 27, 1920 in Payne, the daughter of Frank W. and Bertha M. (Harden) Zartman. On Nov. 21, 1953, she married Ken Comer, who preceded her in death Jan. 16, 1998. She worked at Rea Magnet Wire and restaurants in Payne and was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, Payne.

Surviving are three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by her daughter, Doretta Kinnaley.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 21 at Dooley Funeral Home, Payne, with visitation one hour prior to her service. Burial will be in Lehman Cemetery.

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

WALTER LANG 1945-2011

GROVER HILL – Walter Floyd Lang, 66, of Grover Hill, died at 4:50 a.m. Thursday, June 16, at the Community Health Professionals Inpatient Hospice Center in Van Wert.

He was born March 27, 1945, in Defiance, Ohio, the son of Paul Clarence and Donelda (Dirr) Lang, who both preceded him in death. On Feb. 26, 1965, he married Elma Jean Farris, who survives. He was a U.S. Army veteran and was a truck driver for Sims Cabs in Payne. He is affiliated with the Pioneer Christian Ministries of Paulding.

He is also survived by three sons, Everett of Brussels, Wis., Walter Richard of Ravenna and Thaddeus Lang of Grover Hill; two daughters, Beth Ann Ross and Donelda Klewer, both of Cloverdale; two brothers, Robert Lang and Alonzo Dirr, both of Defiance; two sisters, Rachel Post and Sally Yocklin, both of Defiance; and 13 grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death were two brothers, Ralph “Buster” and Donald Lang; and four sisters, Mary Leonard, Doris Bauman, Norma Lee Lang and Ruth Ann Lang.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 23, at Pioneer Christian Ministries, located at 17936, Road 108, Paulding with Pastor Chuck Oliver officiating. Cowan and Son Funeral Home in Van Wert is in charge of the arrangements.

Hours of visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church.

Preferred memorials are to Pioneer Christian Ministries.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to cowanfuneralhome.com.

DOROTHY PHLIPOT 1929-2011

PAULDING – Dorothy S. Phlipot, age 81, died Wednesday, June 15 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born Sept. 6, 1929 in Rock Island, Ill., the daughter of Axel and Rosa Mary (Layer) Wickstandt. On Feb. 26, 1952, she married Harold A. Phlipot, who survives. She was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, and the Altar Rosary Society. She was previously employed by Paulding County Senior Center, the former Grizzly Manufacturing of Paulding for 19 years, Braun Industries of Oakwood and Continental Can in Van Wert, and was a volunteer for Community Health Professionals of Paulding.

Also surviving are two daughters, Karen (Jerry) Bortel and Patti (Jim) Bissell, both of Paulding; a son, Kevin (Lorie) Phlipot of Paulding; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Jennifer Jo Bissell in 1992; two sisters, Mary Frasier and Julia Akom; and two brothers, Fred and Raymond Wickstandt.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 20 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, with the Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. A memorial service and burial will be held at a later date. Den Herder Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Visitation will be Sunday, June 19 from 2-8 p.m. with a Rosary Service at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to Masses or Community Health Professionals of Paulding.

Online condolences may be made to www.denherderfh.com

RALPH STOLLER 1929-2011

PAULDING – Ralph E. Stoller, age 82, passed away Tuesday, June 14 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, with his loving family by his side.

He was born March 3, 1929 in Paulding County, the son of Arthur B. and Alice L. (Ginzel) Stoller. On Oct. 23, 2005, he married Esther (Kipfer) Stoller, who survives. He was a member of Latty Apostolic Christian Church, a lifelong resident of Paulding County and a dedicated self-employed farmer.

He is also survived by six sons, Barry (Kay) Stoller of Antwerp, Rick (Linda) Stoller of Perrysburg, Greg (Jan) Stoller of Oakwood, Brad (Gwen) Stoller of Defiance and Eric (Beth) Stoller and Brian (Patty) Stoller, both of Paulding; two daughters, Kathy (Arthur) Warr of Fort Wayne and Lisa (Jeff) Stykemain, Defiance; a brother, Russell (Melvene) Stoller, Paulding; a stepdaughter, Sally Stoller, Paulding; three sisters, Marjorie Fischer of Roanoke, Ill., Patricia (Earl) Gerber of Decatur, Ind., and Gloria (Kent) Miller, The Villages, Fla.; 20 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by wife, Ruth C. (Elston) Stoller in 1995 and wife Bertha “Tootie” (Kaufman Sinn) Stoller in 2002; and a sister, Barbara Keysor.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 18 at the Latty Apostolic Christian Church with church clergymen officiating. Burial will be in Latty Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery. Den Herder Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday, June 17 at the Latty Apostolic Christian Church Fellowship Hall and one hour prior to services on Saturday at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or Apostolic Christian Church Mission Fund.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

ANNA BUSSING 1935-2011

PAULDING – Anna Faye Bussing, age 76, died Saturday morning, June 11, at her residence.

She was born March 28, 1935 in Wichita Falls, Texas, the daughter of Duncan N. and Nancy A. (Moore) Littlejohn. On Jan. 21, 1954, she married George L. Bussing, who preceded her in death on Nov. 9, 2010. She was a receiving clerk for the former Dietrich Industries of Hicksville, retiring in 2004 after 25 years of service. She attended the Rose Hill Church of God of Paulding. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, crocheting and flower gardening.

Surviving are four sons, Steven (Beverly), Tim (Melody) and James (Amy), all of Paulding, and Chris (Dawn) of Rainbow City, Ala.; two daughters, Carol (Leon) Goyings and Joni Bussing, both of Paulding; a daughter-law, Mary Bussing of Paulding; 16 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Randy, in 2009; three brothers, Mix, Euwing and Lee Littlejohn; and two sisters, Effie Martin and Louise Littlejohn.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 15 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will follow in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, and one hour before services on Wednesday.

Preferred memorials are to Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be sent to wwwdenherderfh.com

NELLIE HARTMAN 1946-2011

VAN WERT – Nellie Mae Hartman, 64, of Van Wert, went to be with the Lord at 11:02 p.m. Thursday, June 9. She passed away at the Dekalb County Hospital in Auburn, Ind.

She was born June 20, 1946, the daughter of Elmer Marshall and Thelma (Rodman) Baker. She attended Wayne Trace High School, was a homemaker, and loved her family, crafting, quilting and sewing.

Nellie is survived by her loving husband of 47 years, Jerry L. Hartman; three daughters, Beverly J. (Kevin) Caldwell, Kelly R. (Stephen) Mengerink and April R. (Scott) Dicke; eight grandchildren, Joshua and Jerad Caldwell, Haley, Zachary, Gavin and Olivia Dicke, and Hannah and Abby Mengerink; one great-granddaughter, Kara Caldwell; two brothers, Elmer (Cheryl) Baker Jr. of Payne and Glenn (Joyce) Baker of Haviland; and five sisters, Erma Pratt, Rose Maples, Carolyn (Jerry) Goins and Toni (George) Searfoss, all of Haviland, and Joann (Roger) Barker of Defiance.

She was preceded in death by a brother, John Baker.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, June 13 at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home & Crematory, Van Wert, with the Rev. Jim Burns officiating.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday, June 12.

Preferred memorials are to Muscular Dystrophy Foundation or Lupus Foundation.

Condolences may be expressed at www.alspachgearhart.com

RUTH SMITH 1919-2011

ANTWERP – Ruth J. Smith, 91, of Antwerp, died Wednesday, June 8 at the Dallas Lamb Foundation Home in Payne.

She was born July 4, 1919 in Paulding County, the daughter of Charles and Myrtle (Stultz) Smith. She got her registered nurse degree in 1940 and she retired in 1984 from Dana Weatherhead as an occupational health nurse. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Cecil, First Families of Paulding County and Paulding County Genealogy Society.

She is survived by a sister, Grace Light, and a brother, Richard Smith, both of Antwerp, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ivan and Paul.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 13 at Dooley Funeral Home in Antwerp with the Rev. David Meriwether officiating. She will be buried at Rochester Cemetery.

Hours of visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, June 12 at the funeral home.

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

ALLAN RIDGWAY 1954-2011

ANTWERP – Allan J. Ridgway, 56, of Antwerp, passed away Sunday, June 5 at his residence.

He was born Aug. 27, 1954 in Bryan, the son of Jay and Audry (Wetmore) Ridgway. On March 9, 2000, he married Lisa Pier, who survives. He worked at Powertrain Components, Bryan, for eight years and Joe Schwartz Construction in Grabill for 20 years. He was a member of Antwerp Community Church, where he played the drums for the church praise and worship band.

Also surviving are his mother, of Hicksville; children, Tina (Judd) Price and Chris (Mandy) both of Hicksville, Nathan Pierce of Fort Wayne, Kris Markley of Van Wert and Lindsay Gutt of Antwerp; siblings Teresa (Lloyd) Beard of Butler, Ind., and Tom and Larry (Rose), both of Hicksville; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, Jonathan; and his father, Jay.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 8 at Antwerp Community Church, Antwerp. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville. Dooley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church with viewing one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Preferred memorials are to Fountain of Faith Medical Clinic, 1541 Buckskin Road, Hicksville OH 43526.

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

PRISCILLA McMAHEN 1961-2011

VAN WERT – Priscilla Sue McMahen, 49, of Van Wert, died in the morning on Monday, June 6, at her residence in Van Wert.

She was born June 20, 1961, in Paulding, the daughter of the late Jack Lavender and Martha May Flory, who survives. On Nov. 6, 1980, she married George McMahen, who survives in Van Wert. She attended Apostolic Christian Church of Junction.

Also surviving are a son, Terry Flory of Van Wert; two uncles in Lima and one uncle in California; and a sister in Georgia.

She was preceded in death by a sister.

Viewing and graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 9 at Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding. Ministers of the Apostolic Christian Church of Junction will officiate. Brickner Funeral Home, Van Wert, is in charge of arrangements.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider a donation to the family to

help with funeral expenses.

Condolences may be sent to bricknerfuneralhome@bright.net or left at the Web site, www.bricknerfuneralhome.com

ROGER SCHLEGEL 1927-2011

ANTWERP – Roger Lee Schlegel, 84, of Antwerp, passed away Monday, June 6 at Paulding County Hospital.

He was born March 25, 1927 in Sherwood, the son of William and Mable (Kissabeth) Schlegel. He served in the U.S. Army in WWII and was a member of the Antwerp VFW and American Legion Post and Mount Calvary Lutheran Church of Antwerp. On Nov. 8, 1950, he married Dorothy Hetrick, who survives. He worked for 23-1/2 years for the N.Y. & Central Railroad and 23-1/2 years for General Electric.

Also surviving are his children, Debra Bechtol, Lyle and Jerl, all of Antwerp; a brother, Alva of Swanton; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and two sisters.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 8 at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church of Antwerp.

Preferred memorials are to the church.

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

RUTH DERCK 1936-2011

ANTWERP – Ruth Bell Derck, 74, of Antwerp, passed away Friday, June 3 at her residence.

She was born July 26, 1936 in Antwerp, the daughter of Galen C. and Francis B. Derck. She worked for several years on the telephone switchboard in Antwerp before dial telephones. She also worked for several years as a photo finisher for Ehrhart Studios and later as a receptionist at Dana Weatherhead. She enjoyed painting, reading and knitting. It was a delight to visit with her family and friends, especially her nieces and nephews. Despite being stricken with polio as a child, she maintained a cheerful attitude and spent most of her life caring for her family after their mother's death.

Surviving are her sisters, Ann (Chuck) Wiedman, Jean (Paul) Reinhart, Mary (Kenny) Donat, Linda (Brooks) Pendergrast and Cindy (Mike) Knight, all of Antwerp; a brother, John, of Columbus; 27 nieces and nephews; and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents; two brothers, Robert and George; a half-brother, Tom Cottrell; and two nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 7, at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, with viewing one hour prior to her service. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday, June 6 and also one hour prior to services on Tuesday.

Preferred memorials are to Paulding County Senior Center.

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

EDWARD FRY SR. 1920-2011

CONTINENTAL – Edward A. Fry Sr., 90, of Continental, passed from this life into the hands of God at 2:53 a.m. Thursday, June 2 at Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice.

He was born Sept. 14, 1920 in Osnaburg Township, Stark County, Ohio, the son of James and Mary (Snyder) Fry. On Aug. 22, 1941 he married Arabell “Judy” Edds, who survives. He was a 1938 graduate of Canton McKinley High School, led the singing Fry Family for 16 years and worked for 36 years at Western and Southern Life Insurance Company in Lima. He was an Army veteran of WWII. He was a longtime member of Melrose Methodist Church, where he was a lay leader and worship leader, and presently worshiped at Free Christian Church, Continental, where his son, Jim, is pastor. Ed had a passion for witnessing to others about Christ, and lifting their spirits during hard times. His humor and faith will be remembered and always be a comfort to those who knew him.

Also surviving are a daughter, the Rev. Carol (Jerry) Retcher of Defiance; two sons, the Rev. Robert (Terry) Fry of Toledo and the Rev. James (Lisa) Fry of Continental; a daughter-in-law, Jayne (John) Mussery of Lake Gage, Ind.; 13 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Nelson (Opal) Fry of Delphos.

He also was preceded in death by his sisters, Laura Fry, Mary Miller and Esther Rocovitz; brothers, Clarence, Benny, Jimmy, Harold and Floyd Fry; and a son, Eddie Fry Jr.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 7, at the Free Christian Church of God, Continental, with the Revs. Lewis Kujawski, Mike Baxter and Donald Leonard officiating. Burial will follow in Monroe Cemetery, Continental, with military rites by the Continental American Legion. Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Continental, is in charge of arrangements.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. on Monday, June 6 at the church and one hour prior to services on Tuesday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor’s choice.

Condolences may be expressed at www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com