RODNEY WEBB JR. 1991-2011

DEFIANCE – Rodney A. Webb Jr., age 20, of Defiance, died Sunday, July 24 in Paulding County as the result of an automobile crash.

He was born June 15, 1991 in Hicksville, the son of Rodney and Terri (Rhodes) Webb Sr. He was a 2010 graduate of Fairview High School, where he was involved in track and football. He was employed at Spartech in Paulding. He enjoyed being with friends, and loved Fairview High School and Ohio State football, playing guitars and music.

Surviving are his mother, Terri (Mike) Mosby of Kimmel, Ind.; his father, Rodney Sr. (Shelia Yoh) Webb of Defiance; brothers, Jacob Brooks of Defiance and Shawn Brooks, Christian Gibson, Zack Mosby, Cody Mosby and David Mosby, all of Kimmel, Ind.; sisters, Ashley Mosby of Kimmel, Ind., and Danielle Yoh of Defiance; paternal grandparents, Mike (Carol) Keezer of Defiance and Jeff (Sandy) Richie of McClure; and maternal grandmother Rosie Rhodes of Ligonier, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Max Rhodes; and his best friend, Alex Ellert.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6 at First Baptist Church in Defiance with the Rev. Tim Yazel officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Defiance.

Visitation is from noon-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5 at Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home, Defiance.

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

CLAYTON HOWELL 1938-2011

PAULDING – Clayton E. Howell, 72, of Paulding, passed away Saturday, July 30 at his residence.

He was born Sept. 18, 1938 in Paulding, the son of Floyd and Lula Mae (Smith) Howell. On Dec. 4, 1958, he married Marjorie Harrow, who survives. He served in the U.S. Army and worked at BF Goodrich, Woodburn. He loved horse racing, Nascar and his Boston Terriers. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Paulding.

Also surviving are his children, Tonya Meyer and Robert Howell, both of Paulding, Marsha (Steve) Franklin of Antwerp, and Tammie Shrider and Daniel (Debra) Howell, both of Paulding; siblings, Genelta (Sam) Levos, Rita and Sandy Howell, all of Paulding, and Larry (Kathy) Grueter of Kalamazoo, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Judy Donnett; stepfather Robert Grueter; and stepmother Doris Howell.

His funeral service is at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 3 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Paulding, with the Rev. Karen Stetins officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 2 at Dooley Funeral Home in Payne, and also one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Preferred memorials are to Paulding County Hospital Home Health Care.

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

REGINA DONNELL 1913-2011

ANTWERP – Regina Donnell, age 98, of Antwerp, passed away Sunday, July 31 at her residence.

She was born Feb. 8, 1913 in Antwerp, the daughter of Joseph and Daisy Mae (Zuber) Dunderman. In 1935, she married Arlie Donnell, who preceded her in death in 1985. She was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish of Paulding County.

Surviving are a daughter, Judy Clinton of Antwerp; a son, Jim of Antwerp; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a sister, Catherine Harmann; and a brother, Raymond Dunderman.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 6 at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Antwerp. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery.

Visitation is 5-7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5 at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, with a Catholic Vigil Service at 7:30 p.m. Visitation also will be held from 9-9:30 a.m. Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to the church.

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

TAMELA GIBSON 1970-2011

SCOTT – Tamela S. “Tammy” Gibson, 41, of Scott, died Wednesday, July 27, as the result of a car crash in Van Wert County.

She was born July 15, 1970 in Sandusky, the daughter of Linda L. (Funkhouser) Donaldson of Haviland and the late Alfred L. Meggitt. On Oct. 7, 1994, she married Jason Gibson, who survives in Scott. She owned and operated the Scott Variety Store.

Also surviving are her children, Lindsey N. and Alexis R. Gibson, both of Scott; her stepmother, Parketta Meggitt of Norwalk; her stepfather, Richard “Doder” Akom of Scott; her mother-in-law, Tolanda Mosier of Van Wert; father-in-law, Harold E. Gibson of New Port Richey, Fla.; three brothers, Robert L. Meggitt of Franklin, Ind., John W. Meggitt of Van Wert and A.G. (Christina) Meggitt of Norwalk; four sisters, Karen L. Meggitt, Laurie A. Bergman and Amy E. (Jeff) Cotterman, all of Scott, and Kristin R. (Dustin) Fitch of Sebring, Fla.; two sisters-in-law, Lori (John) Banet of Holiday, Fla. and Susan (Weston) Mills of Van Wert; and 21 nieces and nephews.

She also was preceded in death by her stepmother-in-law, Patti Gibson; a brother-in-law, Mike Gibson; and two sisters, Cynthia and Susan Meggitt.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, July 31 at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home and Crematory in Van Wert with the Rev. Donald Marlowe officiating. Burial will be in Scott Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday, July 30 at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be expressed at www.alspachgearhart.com

DELBERT ASHWORTH & DALLAS ASHWORTH

PAULDING – Delbert W.R. Ashworth was stillborn Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at the Hicksville Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville.

Dallas J.D.W.R. Ashworth, age one week, died Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at the Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born July 19 in Hicksville.

They are survived by their parents, Justin and Tasha L. (Weaver) Ashworth, Paulding; a sister, Nevaeh Ashworth, Paulding; grandparents, Shawn and Shelley Mullins, Paulding, and Joe and Shannon Moreno, Van Wert; great-grandparents, Deborah Peoples and Wilma Mullins, both of Paulding, and Larry Longwell, Van Wert; uncles, Jeremiah Holloway and Mason Moreno; a great uncle, James Whiting; and great aunt, Sonja Proxmire.

They were preceded in death by great-grandparents, Barbara Longwell and Sammie Mullins.

Graveside services will be conducted at a later date.

Donations in memory of Dallas and Delbert may be made to Den Herder Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

ROGER DANGLER 1944-2011

VAN WERT – Roger Dangler, 66, of Van Wert, died the morning of Monday, July 25 at his home.

He was born Aug. 28, 1944, in Van Wert, the son of Chester and Isabel (Kiggins) Dangler. He married Marcia Snyder, who survives in Van Wert. He retired from Herbert E. Orr Company in Paulding after 40 years.

Also surviving are four children, Peggy (Steve) Ferguson of Scott, Phillip Dangler of Paulding and Eric (Mandi) Dangler and Jessica Dangler, both of Van Wert; three stepchildren, Tina Hammond, Eric (Allison) Hammond and Neil (Tonya) Hammond, all of Van Wert; a brother, Paul (Della) Dangler of Van Wert; a sister, Darlene Fulk of Decatur, Ind.; his father-in-law, Hermie Snyder of Scott; three nieces, Michelle (Billy) Bressler of Decatur, Ind., Renee Runyon and Jackie Murray; 11 grandchildren, Amanda and Amber Ferguson, Derrek Dangler, Hope Dangler, Harley, Alicia and Jordon Danylchuck, Mia Kelley, Rylan and Kylerr Burnett and Arianna Snyder; nine stepgrandchildren, Starrae and Crystal Protsman, Eric "EJ" Hammond Jr., Nick Hammond, Markie Agler, Chris Goins, Tanner Houser and Logan and Mercades Hammond; and two great-grandchildren,

Braddex Agler and Gavin Hammond.

He was preceded in death by his parents; nieces, Kimberly Bowersock and Paula Ann Dangler; a nephew, Mitchell Eugene Barns Jr.; a great-niece, Brandi Bowersock; and brothers-in-law, Robert and Tony Grieshaber.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 29, at Brickner Funeral Home in Van Wert. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Van Wert.

The family will receive friends from 2-8 p.m. Thursday, July 28, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

BEVERLY PHILLIPS 1947-2011

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Beverly I. (Pratt) Phillips, 63, of Green Cove Springs, Fla., died Sunday, July 3 at the Jacksonville Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla.

She was born Oct. 22, 1947, the daughter of Joseph W. and Cydona (Jewell) Pratt. She

graduated from Blue Creek High School in 1965. She married Larry Phillips and on June 26, 2011, they celebrated 46 years of marriage. He survives. She previously worked at Moose Haven (Empire Hall) as a supervisor.

Also surviving are her father, Joseph Pratt; a daughter, Kim (David) Beine of Jacksonville, Fla.; brothers and sisters, Jim (Linda) Blythe of Toledo, Dennis (Buck) Sandi Pratt of Fort Jennings, Stan (Deb) Pratt of Scott, Joan (Jerry) Tope of Paulding, Rocksanna (Terry) Daniels of Broughton, Ima (Don) Butler of Continental, Donald (Janet) Priest, William (Laura) Priest and Jeffrey (Wendy) Priest of Grover Hill, Ruth (Eddie) Noggle of Van Wert, Pamela Chadwick of Madison, Wis., Marilyn (Terry) Everly of Portage and Michele (John) Porter of Grover Hill; a sister-in-law, Sharon Blythe of Van Wert; her stepmother, Norma Priest of Grover Hill; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Cydona (Jewell) Pratt; her father, Walter Priest; and two brothers, Gerald "Butch" Blythe and Joseph Raymond Priest.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, July 29 at the Harvest Field Church in Scott with Pastor Terry Martin officiating. Burial will be in the Scott Cemetery. The arrangements were handled by Hardage-Giddens, Rivermead Funeral Home in Orange Park, Fla.

ROBERT YOH 1928-2011

PAULDING – Robert E. Yoh, age 83, died Sunday, July 24 at Community Health Professionals Hospice, Defiance.

He was born March 29, 1928 in Adams County, Ind., the son of George W. and Florence N. (Friend) Yoh. He graduated from Oakwood High School in 1946. On May 16, 1947, at St. John's Lutheran Church, Oakwood, he married Rose Mary Bussing, who preceded him in death on Oct. 13, 2006. They had been married 64 years. He was employed by

Compo Corporation, Defiance, retiring in 1992 after 45 years of service.

He is survived by two sons, Jerry Lee Yoh, Oakwood, and Robert L. Yoh, Defiance; two daughters, Mary (Dan) Mansfield, Defiance, and Susan (Henry) Dobbelaere, Oakwood; three grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

He also was preceded in death by two brothers, Gary and William "Bill" Yoh; two sisters, Neocia Dimock and Yvonne Matli; and a granddaughter, Dawn Smith.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 27 at Den Herder Funeral Home. Burial will be in Sherman Cemetery, Charloe.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 26 at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Memorial donations may be made to Community Health Professionals Hospice, Defiance.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

WILLIAM HESSLER 1927-2011

PAYNE – William J. Hessler, age 83, died Monday, July 25 at the Country Inn Enhanced Living Center, Paulding.

He was born Aug. 22, 1927 in Paulding County, the son of John D. and Lucile Ann (Clark) Hessler. On Nov. 29, 1952 he married Martha E. Snyder, who survives in Payne. He was employed by BF Goodrich, retiring in 1988, and was a WWII U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Payne, and the BF Goodrich Retirement Club.

Also surviving are six children, David (Dawn) Hessler of Milan, Mich., Michael (Deb) Hessler of Van Wert, John (Gina) Hessler of Payne, and Nancy Hessler, Janis Hessler and James Hessler, all of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Rose Mary Sharp of Rochester, Mich. and Marie Kilpatrick, Nashville; 12 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John Hessler; and a sister, Christina Zuber.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 30 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Payne. Burial will be in St. John the Baptist Cemetery, Payne with military graveside rites accorded by Payne American Legion Post #297.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 27 with a rosary service at 8 p.m. at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Memorial donations may be made to the National Arbor Foundation.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

ROY SOUDERS JR. 1930-2011

VAN WERT – Roy Souders Jr., 81, Van Wert, died at 9:35 a.m. Thursday, July 21 at Van

Wert Inpatient Hospice Center.

He was born May 1, 1930, in Pocasset, Okla., the son of Roy A. and Fannie F. (Shipp) Souders. On May 28, 1955, he married Eleanor M. Branch, who survives in Van Wert. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving in the Korean War. In 1957, he graduated from the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Oklahoma. He spent 35 years in the property and liability insurance industry. He was a member of the professional Society of Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters, CPCU. In 1991, he received a national honor by the Society when he was selected a Standard Setter for his contributions to the insurance industry and his community. The last 26 years of his career was spent as an employee of The Central Insurance Companies of Van Wert. He retired in 1992 as senior vice president-operations.

He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church, serving in many capacities. He was founder of the Van Wert Chapter of Compassionate Friends and served as leader for over 10 years, then three years as northwest Ohio regional coordinator. He served as a member of the board of directors for the YMCA and the Wassenberg Art Center, and was a trustee for the Van Wert County Hospital. He was a recipient of the Ray Miller Award from the Van Wert Chamber of Commerce and a former member of the Van Wert Rotary Club.

Other survivors include a daughter, Becky (Rick) Craft of Paulding; two brothers, Robert E. (Marjorie) Souders of Ft. Worth, Texas, and Richard W. (Nancy) Souders of Pocasset, Okla.; a sister, Oleta F. Salek of Midwest City, Okla.; and three grandchildren, Jason R. Craft, Lauren R. Craft and Amanda G. Craft.

He was preceded in death by a son, Neal B. Souders.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 26, at First United Methodist Church, Van Wert. The Revs. Gus Christo-Baker and Paul Miller will officiate. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Van Wert.

The family will receive friends after the service.

Preferred memorials are First United Methodist Church or Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center.

Arrangements were handled by Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home & Crematory, Van Wert.

Condolences may be expressed at: www.alspachgearhart.com

RICHARD "DICK" "ACE" ADAMS 1933-2011

OAKWOOD – Richard "Dick" "Ace" Adams, 78, of Oakwood, died at 5:41 p.m. Wednesday, July 20 at Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center.

He was born July 6, 1933 in Oakwood, the son of Virgil V. and Ruby Floella (Clay) Adams. On Dec. 6, 1959, he married Clara May Linnabary, who preceded him in death Aug. 25, 2005. He retired in 1995 after working 35 years at General Motors in Defiance. He was a member of Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, Oakwood. He was an Army veteran. Dick was a life member of Oakwood American Legion Post #341 and Grover Hill VFW Post #2873, and a member of Defiance Elks. He was a past county commander of the American Legion. He worked at the library and he umpired for many years for Acme and high school baseball leagues in the Oakwood area. He ran the Labor Day softball tournament for many years in Oakwood and later the tournament was named after him.

Surviving are his children, April Wassermann of Findlay, Matt Adams of Defiance and Ricky Adams of Napoleon; two grandchildren, Jill (Jared) Lerch and Zachary Wassermann; and a great-grandchild: Adelina Lerch.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a granddaughter, Holly Wassermann; a half-brother, Max Adams; and two half-sisters, Yulida Forney and Erma Dix.

Funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. Monday, July 25 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood, with Pastor Eric Dailey officiating. Burial will follow in Sherman Cemetery, Oakwood with military rites by Oakwood American Legion.

Visitation will be held from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday, July 24 and one hour prior to services Monday.

Preferred memorials are to the Oakwood Ball Association or Oakwood American Legion.

Condolences may be sent to www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com.

WILLIAM H "BILL" "OLE MAN" BROWN 1949-2011

OAKWOOD – William H "Bill" "Ole Man" Brown, 62, of Oakwood, died at 2:40 p.m. Wednesday, July 20 at his residence.

He was born May 9, 1949 in Paulding County, the son of Alvin and Emma "Katie" (Yenser) Brown. He was a heavy equipment operator for Webb Bros. Construction and had been a truck driver for Five Span Marina. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam era. He spent 15 years as a member of the Auglaize Volunteer Fire Department, from January 1978 to January 1993. He was a life member of the Defiance VFW Post #336 and the Defiance AmVets; a member of the Defiance Eagles and a member of the Auglaize Emerald Fox Club.

He is survived by his mother, of Junction; his significant other, Delores Vaughn of Oakwood; three children, Tammy (Kenny) Theisen and Steve (Kaylin) Brown, both of New Bavaria, and Doug (Renae) Brown of Evansport; five stepchildren, Melissa Ranes of Grover Hill, Thomas Gee and Melony (Tony Barham) Gee, both of Oakwood, and Nathan (Kim Marin) Gee and Crystal Gee, both of Melrose; four grandchildren, Brok and Kacee Theisen and Will and Taylor Brown; 13 stepgrandchildren; one great-stepgrandchild; three sisters, Lora Lee (Bud) Ratliff of Oakwood, Wanda (Cecil) Curry of Foster, Ala., and Kelly (Kirk) Hale of Northport, Ala.; and a brother, Alvin Ray (Becky) Brown of Junction.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 23 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood, with Pastor Chuck Schmunk officiating. Burial will follow in Sherman Cemetery, Oakwood, with military rites by Defiance VFW and AmVets.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday, July 22 and one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Condolences may be expressed at www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com

REGIS STUCK 1942-2011

ANTWERP – Regis Stuck, of Antwerp, passed away Tuesday, July 19, at Saint Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born Feb. 9, 1942 in Adena, the son of the late Walter and Kathryn (Doyle) Stuck. He served in the U.S. Army from 1966-68. On May 23, 1970, he married Darlene Parrett, who survives. He worked as a brick mason and then a truck driver.

Also surviving are a son, Michael, Antwerp; a granddaughter, A.J., Antwerp; two brothers, William of Zanesville and Bernard of Newark; and a sister, Boots Spear of Fort Wayne.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 23 at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp. He will be laid to rest at Bethel Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday, July 22, and one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to Antwerp EMS, P.O. Box 1046, Antwerp OH 45813.

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

WAYNE HITTLE 1936-2011

PAULDING – LeRoy "Wayne" Hittle, age 74, died Thursday, July 14 at Inpatient Hospice Center, Van Wert.

He was born Dec. 20, 1936 in Middle Point, the son of Roy and Cleo (Evans) Hittle. On Nov. 7, 1970, he married Carol Sue Fockler, who preceded him in death on May 17, 1998. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving during the Vietnam Era, honorably discharged as a sharp shooting sergeant. He was one of 20 first class engineers and boiler operators in the state of Ohio. He retired from the city of St. Marys, Falstaff Brewing Co., Pet Milk and Advanced Auto. He was an avid welder and auto mechanic. He was a member of RC Airplane Club and Radio Ham Operator (EMA) Amateur Radio, Van Wert.

He is survived by his children, Kami Wagner of Montpelier, Kari (Jeff) Young of Van Wert, Saundra Wagner of Montpelier, Sheryl (Jim) Coon of New Bremen, Tamara (Todd) Germain of Fort Wayne and Jeff Hittle of Cleveland; 10 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and his faithful companions, Cocoa and Princess.

He also was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Michael W. Hittle.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 21 at Den Herder Funeral Home. Burial will be in Paulding Memorial Cemetery with military graveside services accorded by VFW Post #587.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 20 at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Thursday.

Donations may be made in memory of Wayne to Den Herder Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

CLIFFORD HUMMELL 1927-2011

GROVER HILL – Clifford Dean Hummell, age 84, died Saturday, July 16 at The Gardens of Paulding.

He was born Feb. 20, 1927 in Paulding County, the son of Noel and Prescillia (Parsons) Hummell. On Dec. 24, 1946, he married Lou Ann Welch, who survives. He was employed as a foreman by Masolite in Fort Wayne, and was a farmer. Clifford loved woodworking and created many treasured pieces of art from wood. In the winter, you might find him working on a 1,500-piece jigsaw puzzle and enjoying time with his family. During the summer months he spent many days fishing at his cottage at Huyck Lake, Mich. He was also an avid gardener, and grew many different varieties of vegetables and fruits.

Also surviving are two daughters, Janis (Danny) Price of Defiance and Deb Paputsakis, Paulding; a sister, Marjorie Phlipot, Paulding; grandchildren, Kylee (Joe) McMichael, Drew Price, Sara Paputsakis and Rachel (Steven) Binnix; and great-grandchildren, Grant and Savannah McMichael.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 26 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will be in Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Monday, July 25 at the funeral home, and one hour prior to services on Tuesday.

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

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

BRANDON RODDY SAYLOR 2011

DEFIANCE – Brandon Eugene Roddy Saylor died on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at the Defiance Regional Medical Center.

He was born July 12 at the Defiance Regional Medical Center, the son of Brandon L. Saylor and Amanda Roddy, who both survive.

He is also survived by a brother, Aiden Brice DeWaters; three sisters, Faith Lynn Saylor, Trinity Claris Rose Saylor and Allie Renee Saylor; grandparents, Brian (Beverly) Saylor of Melrose, Robert Roddy Jr. of Defiance, and Jenny (Doug) Albert of Defiance; great-grandparents, Drew and Katherine Fouchea of Sparta, Mich., Robert and Donna Roddy Sr., Chuck and Janice Sisco and Dinah Scott, all of Defiance, Enouch Saylor of Oakwood and Velma Albert of Oakwood; and an uncle, Trevor Lee Saylor and his fiancé, Brianna Watson, of Oakwood.

He was preceded in death by great-grandparents, Claris Saylor, Charles Scott Sr. and Forrest Albert.

Services were held Monday, July 18, at Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home in Defiance with the Rev. David Brobston officiating. Burial was in the Sherman Cemetery in Paulding.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

TONI DOSTER 1989-2011

OTTAWA – Antonia “Toni” Ruth Doster, age 21, died Wednesday, July 13 from injuries sustained in an auto accident.

She was born Sept. 12, 1989 in Defiance County, the daughter of Robert E. and Lisa J. (Shellenbarger) Doster. She was employed by Innovative Support Services.

She is survived by her mother, Lisa (Terry) Morrow, Paulding; her father, Robert E. Doster, Dupont; a brother, Stephen Doster, Columbus Grove; two sisters, Bobbi Doster of Paulding and Amanda Doster, Defiance; four nephews and a niece; and half brothers and sisters, Austin, Jessie, Madison, Robert Jr. and Caleb.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Kenneth and Roberta (Schlegel) Shellenbarger and Robert and Marilyn (Kittle) Doster; and a nephew, Johnnathan Hobbs.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 19 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday, July 18 at the funeral home and one hour prior to

services on Tuesday.

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

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

VETA HOLT 1927-2011

OAKWOOD – Veta V. Holt, 83, of Oakwood, died 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 13 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born Dec. 13, 1927 in Defiance, the daughter of Wallace and Inza (Boucher) Relyea Sr. On Jan. 12, 1947, she married Clyde G. Holt, who preceded her in death on Jan. 22, 1990. She was a homemaker and a member of Prairie Chapel Bible Church, Oakwood. She taught Sunday school for 40 years and was an avid seamstress.

Surviving are three children, Connie (Gary) Harter of Oakwood, Patrick (Marcia) Holt of Grover Hill and Sandra (Rodney) Taylor of Continental; eight grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; four brothers, Richard (Marlene) Metz of Bryan, Wallace (Pat) Relyea Jr. of Continental, Paul (Betty) Relyea of Defiance and Marvin "Pete" (Linda) Relyea of Paulding; and four sisters, Revella (Harold) Buchanan of Defiance, Reba (George) Hahn and Carolyn Carnahan, both of Bryan, and Marilyn (Homer) Greear of Sherwood.

Also preceding her in death were a granddaughter, Tiffany Taylor; three brothers, Don Metz, Russell Metz and an infant brother; and a sister, Ada "Mae" Cole.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, July 18 at Prairie Chapel Bible Church, Oakwood, with the Rev. Earl Chapman officiating. Burial will follow in Monroe Cemetery, Continental.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday, July 17 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood, and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

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

Condolences can be sent to www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com

JAMES SCOTT SR. 1946-2011

PAULDING – James D. Scott Sr., age 64, died Friday, July 15.

He was born Oct. 18, 1946 in Paulding, the son of Ora L. and Ethel Sara (Ranes) Scott. On Sept. 3, 1966, he married Donna J. Fabian, who survives. He served in the U.S. Army during Vietnam. He was employed by American Electric Power, retiring in 2007. He was a member of the Paulding Church of the Nazarene, lifetime member of Paulding VFW Post #587, and the NRA.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kimberly (Josh) Grimes of Oakwood and Kristina (Jamie) Varner, Paulding; a son, James (Theresa) Scott, Huntertown, Ind.; three brothers, Bernard (Sharon) Scott of Van Wert, Frank Scott of Parrotsville, Tenn. and Lewis (Annabelle) Scott, Texas; a sister, Doris Grubb, Paulding; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Irene Haney; and a grandson, Kyle Varner.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Monday, July 18 at Paulding Church of the Nazarene with the Revs. Kim and Cindy Semran officiating. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery. VFW Post #587 will accord military graveside rites.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday, July 17 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to services on Monday at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to Paulding Church of the Nazarene.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

KATHY KRUGER, DO 1962-2011

DEFIANCE – Kathy L. Kruger, DO, 49, of Defiance, died Monday, July 11 at Defiance Regional Medical Center.

She was born April 2, 1962, in Moundsville, W.Va., the daughter of Sandy Fischer. On Aug. 16, 1984, she married George "Dan" Kruger, who survives. She was a science teacher from 1984-90 in Virginia and West Virginia. She was a graduate of the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine and became a DO in 1994. She did her undergraduate training at West Liberty University and OB/GYN was her specialty. She worked as a secretary at St. John United Church of Christ, Defiance, where she was also a member of its consistory. She enjoyed and loved her family and her children were of the ultimate importance.

Also surviving are her mother, Sandy Lefkay, Moundsville, W.Va.; a son, Christian Jeremy Kruger, at home; a daughter, Laura Rose Kruger, at home; two brothers, Brian (Ginger) Lefkay of Santee, Calif., and Scott (Tracy) Lefkay, Wheeling, W.Va.; and a sister, Linda (William) Smith, Davis, W.Va.

Preceding her in death was a sister, Lisa Deutch.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 16 at St. John United Church of Christ, Defiance, with the Rev. Dr. William R. Nirote officiating.

Visitation is from 6-8 p.m. Friday, July 15 at Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home, Defiance, and one hour prior to the service at the church on Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to the church.

Condolences may be left at www.HCSfuneralhome.com.

BENJAMIN SCHNEIDER

PAULDING – Benjamin Lee Schneider died shortly after birth, Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at the Dupont Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his parents, Michael D. and Jodi D. (Ifft) Schneider, Paulding; three brothers, Joel, Lathan and Thad Schneider; and a sister, Lynelle Schneider;

grandparents, Jim and Sandra (Gerber) Schneider and Larry and Shirley (Gerber) Ifft, all of Fairbury, Ill.; maternal great-grandfather, Elmer Ifft, Fairbury, Ill.; and paternal great-grandparents, Earl and Esther Gerber of Forrest, Ill.

He was preceded in death, by two brothers, Levi John and Joshua Ryan Schneider; maternal great-grandparents, Noah and Emma Gerber and Emma Ifft; and paternal great-grandparents, Al and Gladys Schneider.

Graveside services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday, July 15 at Dotterer Cemetery, Junction, with church clergymen officiating. Den Herder Funeral Home in Paulding is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to Apostolic Christian Home for the Handicapped, Morton, Ill.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

LEE SHEPHERD 1954-2011

ANTWERP – Lee Shepherd, 57, of Antwerp, passed away Monday, July 11 at Parkview Hospital.

He was a devoted brother, a loving uncle and great-uncle. He was born April 8, 1954 in Gunlock, Ky., the son of Monroe and Audrey Shepherd. He was a 1971 graduate from Upper Scioto Valley High School and a member of the Antwerp First Baptist Church. Lee worked various jobs mostly as a welder. He enjoyed working on cars, lawn mowers and anything with a motor. Lee was always willing to help out his family and neighbors not asking for anything in return. He was a good man with the love of Jesus in his heart, and

would spread the word of salvation to anyone that would listen.

Surviving are a brother, Sam of Antwerp; and seven sisters, Cora Evans of Paulding, Pat (Bill) Sutton of Hicksville, Kathy (Mike) Lowe of Grabill, Ind., Ethel (Truman) Handshoe of Hueysville, Ky., Barb (Philburt) Hull of Cecil, and Martha Shepherd and Shirley (Whitey) McMichael, both of Antwerp.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Cynthia Howard; and a niece, Amanda Shepherd.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 14, at the First Baptist Church in Antwerp with the Rev. Todd Murray officiating. Burial will be in the Maumee Cemetery. Dooley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Visitation is at the church from 11 a.m. until time of services on Thursday.

Preferred memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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

LLOYD ELSTON

GROVER HILL – Lloyd George Elston, 86, died Thursday, July 7, 2011 at the Country Inn in Latty.

He was born in Grover Hill and was a farmer and factory worker for International Harvester, retiring in 1979. He served with integrity in many roles as a member of Zion United Methodist Church and as Washington Township Trustee. He was a faithful, hardworking husband and loving, generous father and papa. He loved time with family playing games and became euchre champ in his retirement village. He was an avid sports fan and especially enjoyed the Cincinnati Reds and Wayne Trace High School sports. He also enjoyed traveling in the U.S.

Surviving are his wife, Orpha (Corkwell); three daughters, Candice Elliott of Paulding, Lauretta (William) Aseltine of Middletown, R.I. and Lisa (Matthew) Nichols of Berwyn Heights, Md.; two sons, Chris (Rebecca) Elston of Van Wert and Jonathan (Lavonne) Elston of Lambertville, Mich.; four sisters, Lois (Kenneth) Kohn of Van Wert, Colleen Cook of Monroeville, Ind., and Eileen (Noel) Thomas and Rosalie (Roger) McClure of Grover Hill; two brothers, Don (Dessie) Elston of Grover Hill and Gary (Cathy) Elston of Montgomery, Texas; 13 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren and five great-stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant son and daughter and a brother, Randy Elston.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday, July 11 at Zion United Methodist Church, Grover Hill followed by a graveside service at Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill.

Hours of visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday, July 10 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to Paulding/Defiance Area Youth For Christ or The Navigators International.

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