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LEO DAVIS 1915-2013

PAYNE – Leo Freeman Davis, age 97, died Sunday, Jan. 27 at the Country Inn Enhanced Living Center, Paulding.

He was born Dec. 6, 1915 in Payne, the son of James and Pearl (Merica) Davis. On Jan. 16, 1938, he married Caroline E. Schaefer, who preceded him in death on May 10, 2008. Leo was a lifelong resident of Payne and a member of the Payne Church of Christ. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving during WWII. He ran an auto repair business with his father until 1956 when he was appointed postmaster of Payne where he served until his retirement. Leo made many contributions in public service such as the Paulding County Hospital Board; but his proudest contribution was as a founding board member and served for seven years as president of the John Paulding Historical Society. He was also a longtime member of the American Legion #297 and the Payne Grange.

Surviving are two sons, James Davis of Payne and Roger A. (Patty) Davis, Canton, Ga.; two daughters, Barbara French of Decatur, Ill. and Phyllis Davis, Madison, Wis.; two sisters, Ruth Knoblaugh of Woodburn and Esther Fisher of Scott; five grandchildren, Christine and Ralph Neisslie, Brian Davis, Jason Davis and Mara Barker; and seven great-grandchildren, Ryan and Jeff Neisslie, Clay and Emily Davis, Madison French, and Pierce and Mila Davis.

He also was preceded in death by a brother, Dean; three sisters, Eloise Webb, Mildred

Noneman and Lela Davis; a granddaughter, Lydia Davis; and a son-in-law, Frank French.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 1 at Payne Church of Christ with Pastor Richard Phelan officiating. Burial will follow in Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to services on Friday at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to John Paulding Historical Society, 600 Fairground Drive, Paulding OH 45879; or Payne Church of Christ, 220 W. Merrin St., Payne OH 45880.

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

DORTHA SCHAEFER 1920-2013

PAYNE – Dortha E. Schaefer, 92, of Payne, willingly accepted death when she passed away Wednesday, Jan. 23.

She was born Nov. 21, 1920 in Payne, the daughter of John and Vivian (Outland) Bonner. On Feb. 3, 1940, she married Roy Schaefer, who survives. Dortha was a substitute mail carrier for 17 years and a rural newspaper carrier for 16 years. From 1970 to 2012, Dortha entertained us in her *Paulding Progress* column "The Spice Rack."

Dortha was an active member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, where she was a member of the Altar Rosary Society; served as secretary of Paulding County Red Cross and the Payne Chamber of Commerce. After serving on the Bicentennial Committee of 1976, she worked to

establish the John Paulding Historical Society. Dortha also was a member of the Visiting Nurses Auxiliary, Daughters of the American Revolution, Ohio State Historical Society, First Families of Paulding County, Friends of the Library, editor of the Ohio Contester Association for 10 years, Ohio Press for Woman, Dallas Lamb Foundation Auxiliary and PARC Lane School Board when the school was established.

Her hobby since 1957 was entering prize contests, winning many prizes for her family. She made many friends along the way, including Evelyn Ryan, mother of Terry Ryan, the author of *The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio*
. Dortha helped start the contest club The Affadaisies, which became part of the movie based on the book.

Also surviving are three daughters, Garnett (Leo) Beagle of Payne, Mary K. (Dean) Hess of Green Valley, Ariz. and Jeannine Hagan of Austin, Texas; four sons, John (Mary) and Kim, both of New Haven, Jeff of Antwerp and Paul of Mark Center; a sister, Helen Cole of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was a sister, Elaine Litzenberg.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Payne at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 28. Burial will be in St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27 at Dooley Funeral Home, Payne, with the rosary recited at 7 p.m. Visitation also will be held 9:30-10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Paulding VNA or Heartland Hospice.

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

DEAN SUMAN 1966-2013

DEFIANCE – Dean Alan Suman, 46, of Defiance, passed away on Monday, Jan. 21 at the University of Toledo Medical Center, surrounded by his family.

He was born on Nov. 17, 1966 in Kenton, the son of Jack and Anita (Smith) Suman. On July 18, 1992, he married Michelle Adams in Paulding. Dean and Michelle were high school sweethearts and would have been together 30 years on Feb. 4, 2013. Dean worked at General Motors since 2007, originally starting at the foundry in Defiance and later transferring to the assembly plant in Fort Wayne. He was also owner of Dino's Drive Thru for five years and was a member of the Defiance Eagles and an associate member of the VFW. He was an avid Packers fan, Defiance Bulldogs fan, he loved watching his children play various sports as well as coaching them in their younger years. Dean was also known to give family and friends nicknames, which they will always hold close to their hearts.

He is survived by his wife, Michelle; a son, Jacob "Jake" Suman; a daughter, Jessica "Jess" Suman; his parents, of Defiance; a brother, Rusty "Ruck" (Teresa "Mama") Suman of Muskegon, Mich.; a sister, Jennifer (Michael) Jacob of Defiance; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 25 at the Defiance Church of the Nazarene with Richard A. Suman officiating. Burial will follow at Paulding Memorial Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be held from 2-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24 at Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home, Defiance, and from 10-11 a.m. Friday at the church.

The family suggests memorials be made to the DBA (Defiance Baseball Association).

Online condolences can be given at www.HCSFuneralHome.com.

PATRICIA WALTMIRE 1964-2013

FORT WAYNE – Former Payne resident Patricia Jenkins Waltmire, 48, of Fort Wayne, passed away Saturday, Jan. 19 at Parkview Regional Medical Center.

She was born Aug. 27, 1964 in Paulding, the daughter of Charles and Mabel (Elston) Jenkins. She worked at McConnell's in New Haven.

Surviving are her son, Bobby (Kasey Dunderman) Lelonek of Payne; siblings, Allen Jenkins, Rick (Shirley) Jenkins and Sheila (Jeff) Tempel, all of Payne, and Ramona (Mark) Gause of Lillian, Ala.; a companion, Neil High of Fort Wayne; and a grandson, Zander.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be held at noon Wednesday, Jan. 23 at Dooley Funeral Home, Payne. Burial will be in Wiltsie Cemetery.

Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22 and one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Preferred memorials are to Cancer Services of N.E. Indiana.

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

ALVA CLEMENS 1923-2013

DEFIANCE – Alva F Clemens, 89, of Defiance, passed away on Friday, Jan. 18, at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

He was born on March 7, 1923, in Paulding, the son of Peter and Martha (Meyers) Clemens. On Aug. 9, 1947, he married Jean M. Lantow, who preceded him in death on Nov. 19, 1992. He was a member of Defiance Christian Church. He served as a mortarman with the 330th Infantry Regiment from 1943-46 in the United States Army during WWII. He was employed by the former Serrick's (Defiance Screw Machine) and Defiance Precision Products for 40 years and retired in 1986. He was known as "Pop" or "Popi" to many. He was an OSU fan, enjoyed cooking, gardening, fishing and the outdoors.

He is survived by his daughters, Jean (Richard) Caldwell of Oblong, Ill., Linda (Walter) Beardsley of Ayersville, Bonnie Fosnaugh of Defiance, Diana (John) Ater of Brilliant, Kathy Clemens, Mary (Wayne) Erickson, Sandra (Doug) Klausing and Melody Hope (Jeremy) Thompson, all of Defiance; 35 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by an infant daughter; brothers, William, Joe, George, Harvey, Ward, Jim and Peter Clemens; and sisters, Maude Tuohy and Violet Andrist.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 21, at Defiance Christian Church with Minister Don Hatfield and Pastor Bill Mesaeh Jr. officiating. Entombment will follow at Riverview Memory Gardens, Defiance. Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home in Defiance are in charge of the arrangements.

The family suggest memorials be made to Defiance Christian Church or to Kaitlyn's Cottage.

Online condolences can be given at www.HCSFuneralHome.com.

KRISTY DOHONEY ELLIS

TAYLOR, Mich. – Former Paulding resident Kristy Kay Dohoney Ellis of Taylor, Mich., passed away Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2013 at her home after battling cancer for many years. She died peacefully with her family by her side.

Kristy was first and foremost a loving and devoted mother to her five children who survive her. Her adult children are Jeremy (Amy) Collins, Jason (Candice) Collins and Travis (Trudy) Collins. Her son, William Ellis, is a senior in high school, and her long awaited and light of her life daughter Kylie is 8 years old. Kristy was blessed with three grandchildren, Jayden, Alexis and Baylee. Also surviving are Kristy's mother, Rita Matthias, father Pat (Laura) Dohoney, brother Eric Dohoney (all living in Florida), and her beloved niece, Amber Dohoney (Ian Gochenour), who resides in Paulding. Kristy also leaves behind aunts, uncles, and cousins, all of whom adored and admired her for her courage, caring, family commitment and “together we can do it” attitude.

Preceding her in death were her maternal grandparents, Carl and Maxine Guyton; paternal grandparents Pat and June Dohoney; her cousin, Jennifer Dohoney; and a beloved aunt, Elaine Manz.

Kernan Funeral Home of Taylor, Mich., was in charge of the arrangements. No service or visitation is planned.

A special account has been established for the help and care of the minor children. The family asks that anyone wishing to send a memorial, please send same to Jason Collins, 7597 Ziegler, Taylor MI 48180.

DOROTHY JEFFERY 1923-2013

ANTWERP – Dorothy Coleen Jeffery, age 89 died Tuesday, Jan. 15 in the CHP Inpatient Hospice Center, Van Wert.

She was born Feb. 28, 1923 in Antwerp, the daughter of Carl F. and Norma C. (Filley) Smith. On Feb. 2, 1941, she married Ray R. Jeffery, who survives. She had been a secretary/bookkeeper for L. Smith & Son, Antwerp. She was a member of Antwerp United Methodist Church and a member of the First Families of Paulding County.

Also surviving are two sons, Carl (Susan) Jeffery of Van Wert and Jack (Sally) Jeffery, The Plains, Ohio; two daughters, Jan (Jeffrey) Boterf of Antwerp and Jill Jeffery, Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Max and Budd Smith.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with the Rev. Mike Schneider officiating. Burial will follow in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Memorial donations may be made to CHP Inpatient Hospice, 1155 Westwood Dr., Van Wert OH 45891; or Autism Society of America, 4340 East-West HWY, Suite 350, Bethesda MD 20814.

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

CLETUS COOMER 1918-2013

TITUSVILLE, Fla. – Cletus H. Coomer, 94, of Titusville, Fla., formerly of Haviland, died peacefully Tuesday, Jan. 8 at Sand Point Assisted Living in Titusville.

He was born Sept. 22, 1918, in Worstville, the son of George and Mary Nesbitt Coomer. He was one of 11 children, with one surviving brother, Darrel Coomer, of Mendon, Mich. and a sister, Betty Doctor of Fort Wayne. On Dec. 20, 1938, he married the love of his life, Alice Stoller, who preceded him in death in February 1984. Cletus was a U.S. Navy veteran of WWII and after his return from service was employed by Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne. Upon retirement in 1973, he moved to Titusville. During retirement, he and his wife traveled extensively, touring all 50 states and many foreign countries.

He is survived by four sons, Jerry (Ardie) of Menomonie, Wis., Merrit (Dolly) and Phillip, both of Fort Wayne, and Michael (Lois) of Fond du Lac, Wis.; four daughters, Marilyn (Henry) Bertot and Jan (Brent) Swanson of Titusville, Carolyn of Palm Harbor, Fla. and Alice (Ed) Wenninger of Haviland; a daughter-in-law, Glenna Coomer of Titusville; 31 grandchildren; 60 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

He also was preceded in death by his eldest son, Clarence; youngest son, Dean; a granddaughter, Julie Coomer; and a great-granddaughter, Grace Pennella.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, Jan. 12, at the North Brevard Funeral Home in Titusville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of St. Francis, 1250-B Grumman Place, Titusville FL 32780.

Online condolences may be shared at www.northbrevardfuneralhome.com.

BILL ARMS 1930-2013

OAKWOOD – Hulet “Bill” Arms, age 82, died Saturday, Jan. 12 after a long battle with silicosis of the lungs, in The Laurels of Defiance.

He was born Oct. 23, 1930 in Bucu, Va., in a W.M. Ritter Lumber Camp, the son of John T. and Bonnie (Lester) Arms. On Aug. 30, 1963, he married Linda R. Richards, who survives. He started his working career in the late 1940s as a trucker in the southwest Virginia logging industry. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1950-54, spending three years of his tour in Germany. In 1955, he moved to Mt. Vernon, Ohio. There he gained employment at the Mt. Vernon Bridge Works and the Cooper-Bessemer Foundry. In 1971, he relocated his family to northwest Ohio and started his employment at GM Central Foundry/Powertrain in Defiance and retired with 25 years of service there in 1996. He was a proud member of UAW #211; life member of DAV #54 Van Wert; life member of VFW #4027 Mt. Vernon; F&AM Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge No. 0009, Mt. Vernon; and the International Blue Grass Music Museum.

He loved to tell of his experience while serving his military tour in Europe of meeting John Wayne and Maureen O’Hara in Dublin, Ireland. The two actors were filming his favorite movie “The Quiet Man.” He was a passionate, lifelong fan of bluegrass music, especially Bill Monroe and Jimmy Martin. He enjoyed traveling to various festivals and shows with his wife to see their son perform with Rick Prater & The Midnight Travelers and also the music their son participated in at the Famous Old Time Music Company in Wapakoneta. He was a fan of NASCAR, especially Dale Earnhardt. One of Bill’s favorite pastimes was visiting his extended family and staying in touch by phone.

He was a kind and affectionate husband, a fond father and friend to all.

Also surviving are his son, John E. Arms, Oakwood; a brother, John D. (Linda N.) Arms, Oakwood; a sister, Ruby Jenkins, Mt. Vernon; six nieces; three nephews; a great-nephew; seven great-nieces; a longtime friend, Wayne (Nellie) Tusing, Harrisonburg, Va.; and many true friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant sister, Cathleen M.; numerous aunts and uncles and many cousins.

There will be a public memorial service at a later date. Burial will be at a later date. Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding is handling arrangements.

The family will accept donations that will later be distributed to various worthy charities and organizations.

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

CAROL DIX 1946-2013

PAULDING – Carol A. Dix, age 66, died Friday, Jan. 11 at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

She was born Sept. 4, 1946 in Fort Wayne, the daughter of Carlton and Cemantha (Sprague)

Cluts. On June 28, 1969, she married Roger E. Dix, who survives. She was previously employed by Paulding Exempted Village Schools in the cafeteria and Vagabond Village Restaurant. She was a member of the Paulding Eagles #2405 Auxiliary. She enjoyed crocheting, embroidery, bowling, throwing darts, baking and cooking and especially spending time with her family.

Also surviving are three daughters, Karla (James “Buddy”) Decker of New Haven, Ann (Paul) Talbott, Cecil, and June (Daren) Smith, Liberty Center; two brothers, Kenny (Sandy) Cluts of Paulding and Norbert (Jeanne) Cluts, Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren, Alyssia, Joseph, Katrina, Jeff, Daniel, Justin, Madison and Dustin; and four great-grandchildren, Allie, Spenser, Tyler and Elizabeth.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 17 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will follow in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be from 2:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to services on Thursday.

Memorial donations may be made to American Cancer Society.

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

LOIS WILLIAMSON 1936-2013

TOLEDO – Lois A. Williamson, age 76, died Thursday, Jan. 10.

She was born March 7, 1936 in Paulding, the daughter of Forrest H. and Naomi (Grubaugh) Williamson. She was employed as a teacher by Washington Local High School, Toledo, retiring in 1986.

She is survived by two sisters, Leah Smith of Payne and Joan E. Wallace, Battle Creek, Mich.; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Alice Wolford.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will follow in Pleasant View Cemetery, Haviland.

Visitation will be from 2:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15.

Memorial donations may be made to Rhema Word Outreach, 21342 M-66, Battle Creek, MI 49017.

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

LARRY WEIBLE JR. 1956-2012

ANTWERP – Larry L. “Lee” Weible Jr., 56, of Antwerp, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 9 at the Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born on Nov. 15, 1956 in Van Wert, the son of Larry and Louise (Williams-Ward) Weible. He graduated from Defiance High School in 1975, and after graduation he worked for Isaac’s several years. Known as “Pork Chop” on the CB, he was a self-employed truck driver and also drove for D&M Express. Larry coached and volunteered with the Defiance Blue Dolphins and liked to make people laugh. He took pride in his tomato plants and enjoyed doing yard work.

Surviving are his parents, Larry Sr. and Louise Weible, both of Defiance; a companion, Beth Trembach of Antwerp; sons, Chad (Dana) Weible of Pioneer and Sam (Rhonda) Weible and Travis (Yvonne) Weible, both of Napoleon; grandchildren, Hannah, Cheyene, Libertti, Kainon, Francisco, Payton, Shaylynn and Drake; a sister, Laura (Jim) Wolsiffer of Swanton; a brother, Tim (Jean Ann) Weible of Defiance; and his loving dog, Chelsea.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 14 at Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home, Defiance, with the Rev. Larry Kennedy officiating. Following his wishes, his ashes will be scattered in his favorite spot.

Visitation will be held from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Diabetes Foundation or to the American Heart Association.

Online condolences can be given at www.HCSFuneralHome.com.

PATTY WILSON 1943-2013

PAYNE – Patty Jane Wilson, 69, of Payne, passed away Sunday, Jan. 6 at her residence.

She was born May 24, 1943 in Fort Wayne, the daughter of Robert and Alfreda (Bohnstedt) Arnett. On June 7, 1992, she married James Wilson, who survives. She was a member of St. Jacob's United Church of Christ and the Eastern Star.

Also surviving are a son, Tim (Ranay) Holmes of Fountain Hills, Ariz.; three daughters, Melissa (Paul) Sokolik of Fort Wayne, Michelle Waggoner of Payne and Tonya (Craig) Eiden of Hicksville; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 10 at St. Jacob's United Church of Christ, Payne. Burial will be in Lehman Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9 at Dooley Funeral Home, Payne, and at the church one hour prior to services.

Preferred memorials are to Jacob's Point.

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

VIRGINIA BROWN 1928-2013

OAKWOOD – Virginia Mae Brown, age 84, of Oakwood died Monday, Jan. 7 surrounded by her loving family at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A woman of tremendous faith, Virginia lived her entire life for the day she could enter the gates of Heaven and be in the presence of God. Her family rejoices in knowing she has received her Heavenly reward and are so blessed that she was their “Grandma Brown.” She was a member of Twin Oaks United Methodist Church and was a former member of the Rebekah Lodge. Virginia worked 23 years at the Oakwood School cafeteria and helped create a loving, caring environment for so many students through the years. Her life was a model of compassion and kindness and she will be remembered as a very thoughtful and caring friend and neighbor. More than anything, Grandma Brown blessed her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren with her love, gentle spirit, and affection and filled their hearts and minds with memories that will last for generations to come.

She was born May 24, 1928, in Manchester, Mich., the daughter of Lewis A. and Ruth A. (Brand) Warren. She married Robert L. Brown on Dec. 15, 1946, in Bellflower, Calif., and he preceded her in death on March 14, 2001.

Survivors include her five children, Bob (Sue) Brown of Oakwood, Leo (Reverend Rita) Brown of Lancaster, Bill (Linda) Brown of Antwerp, Larry (Diane) Brown of Defiance and Rainell (Bill) Koenn, Cecil; a son-in-law, Eugene “Beanie” (Gloria) Grimes, Oakwood; 22 grandchildren, Marty (Michelle) Grimes, Deedi (Mike) Miller, Derric (Dee) Brown, Josh (Kim) Grimes, Darsi (Mark) Everson, Pete Brown, Jodi (Jake) Griffith, Sara Brown and her fiancé, Danny, Jami (Dan) Sullivan, Jenny (Jason) Vasaris, Kris (Scott) Reed, Jill (Jordan) Streicher, Tim (Lorianne) Brown, Drew Brown, Chelsi Brown and her fiancé, Gary, Jim (Ashley) Brown, Julie Koenn, Katie Brown, John Brown, Jacob Brown, Jason Koenn and Thomas Brown; 22 great-grandchildren, Franklin, Ellie, Jowaine, Estee, Hunter, Sawyer, Noah, Leah, Aiden, Jackson, Jayla, Blake, Jarret, Becca, Haden, Nicholas, Zach, Max, Joseph, Katelyn, Clarissa and Blaine; many nieces and nephews; countless friends; and her church family.

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Cynthia Grimes; a granddaughter, Angel; three great-grandchildren, Evan, Alyssa, and Elijah; three sisters, Catherine Barnes, Emma Merillat and Ann Ferguson; and three brothers, Fred, Jesse and Lewis Warren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12 at Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, Oakwood. The Revs. Eric Dailey and Rita Brown will officiate. Burial will be in Prairie Chapel Cemetery.

Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10 and from 2-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood, and at the church one hour prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Twin Oaks United Methodist Church Building Fund or to the donor's choice.

ALAN WHIRRETT 1928-2013

PAULDING – Alan Ray Whirrett passed away quietly following surgery at St. Rita's Hospital, Lima at 11:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6.

He was born March 11, 1928 in Paulding County, the son of Bill and Edith (Haney) Whirrett. On July 28, 1951, he married Deloris Reinhart, who survives. He retired as chief warrant officer from the U.S. Army active reserve and was a Korean War veteran. He retired from American Tool Co., Fort Wayne, as plant engineer and was an active family owner of Don's Dairy, New Hampshire, Ohio. He opened his Precision Shop at home for many years and when able loved

gardening, fishing and more recently enjoyed the farm and pond. He was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Paulding and was a life member of Post #587 VFW and John Paulding Historical Society.

Also surviving are a son, Donald, Paulding, a brother, Robert (Melba), Indianapolis; an aunt, Betty Copsey, Payne; and three nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11 at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Paulding. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery with military rites accorded by Post #587.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 10 with a Rosary Service at 6:30 p.m. at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

To honor Alan's wishes, the family requests in lieu of flowers, plaques or throws, donations may be made to Masses, Friends of Feline Rescue Center or a charity of the donor's choice.

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

CAROLYN WATSON 1926-2013

ANTWERP – Carolyn Jean Watson, 86, of Antwerp and formerly of Auburn, Ind., passed away Monday, Jan. 7 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Hicksville.

She was born July 30, 1926 in Wabash, Ind., the daughter of Carl Burton and Vera (Stone) Irelan. She was a 1944 graduate of Wabash High School and went on to graduate from DePauw University in 1948, where she was a member of Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority. On July 1,

1950, she married Dr. James R. Watson, who preceded her in death Dec. 29, 2004. She was a teacher and homemaker who loved needlepointing, quilting, sewing, knitting, painting, crafting and gardening. She was a member of the First Christian Church, the Auburn Women's Club and the Ladies Literary Club of Auburn.

Surviving are her children, Christine Feichter of Antwerp and Jeffrey (Laura) Watson of Noblesville, Ind.; grandchildren, Erica (Taylor) Sorg of Prescott, Ariz., Stephanie, Hannah and Meredith Watson of Noblesville, and Katelyn and Hayley Feichter of Antwerp; a stepgranddaughter, Abby (Tom) Anderson of Brandon, Fla.; and two great-stepgrandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were her sisters, Lois Speicher and Marcile Hahn.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11 at Pinnington-McComb Funeral and Cremation Services, Auburn, with viewing one hour prior to services. Burial will be in Fall Creek Cemetery, Wabash.

Visitation will be held from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9 at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, and from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Pinnington-McComb Funeral and Cremation Services, Auburn.

Preferred memorials are to Dr. James R. Watson Memorial Scholarship Fund or Paulding Hospice.

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

HOPE SMITH 1916-2013

ANTWERP – Hope Eleanor Smith, 96, of Antwerp, passed away Thursday, Jan. 3 at her residence.

She was born Aug. 18, 1916, in Defiance County, the daughter of Jesse Ellsworth and Mary Edna (Core) Revert. She was a 1934 graduate of Mark Center High School and earned a degree from International Business College. On Aug. 9, 1940 in Wauseon, she married Max Arthur Smith, who preceded her in death on Feb. 17, 2012. She was a bookkeeper at L. Smith & Son Inc. from 1937 until the couple's retirement in 1983. Max and Hope wintered in Lakeland, Fla. for 16 years, where they enjoyed socializing with their friends and attending big band concerts. Hope loved to spend time with her family, to read and to travel. She was also an avid basketball and football fan. She was a member of Antwerp United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a daughter, Carol (John) Chilcote of Antwerp; a son, Rob (Jennifer) Smith of Melbourne, Ky.; two grandsons, Scott (Nadine) Cottrell of Falls Church, Va. and Brad of Lexington, Ky.; and a special cousin, Marie Coy of Hicksville.

Private services will be held at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, followed by interment in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

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

WILLIAM GIBSON 1932-2012

SIERRA VISTA, Ariz. – William James "Bill" Gibson died Dec. 14 in Sierra Vista, Ariz.

He was born Aug. 16. 1932 in Hoagland, Ind., the son of Russell and Gladys Gibson. He was a retired U.S. Army veteran who distinguished himself in the Korean War and through two tours in Vietnam. He holds two Silver Stars and a Bronze Star for heroism. He was a former resident of

Paulding and New Haven before retiring to Sierra Vista. For the past five years, Bill has been a resident of Life Care Center in Sierra Vista.

Surviving are his wife, Joan; daughter, Cathy (Steve) Carr and two sons, Austin and Zarin, of Napoleon; two sisters, Wanda Hamrick of Decatur, Ind. and Sharon (John) Pursley of Whiteland, Ind.; and two brothers, Wade (Mary Lou) of Paulding and Lloyd (Nancy) of Payson, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Helen Weileman.

A memorial service will be held this spring in Ohio.

KATHRYN CLARK 1938-2013

PAULDING – Kathryn Arlene Clark, 74, died Friday, Jan. 4.

She was born Jan. 30, 1938 in Paulding County, the daughter of John N. and Ruby E. (Gunderman) Buchman. On April 14, 1956, she married James “Casey” Clark, who preceded her in death on Dec. 23, 2012. She retired in 1986 from Paulding County Hospital as an LPN. She was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding and the Altar Rosary Society.

She is survived by three sons, Dave (Phyllis) Clark, Ocala, Fla., Dennis (Tammy) Clark of Paulding and Doug (Wendi) Clark of Bowling Green; two daughters, Barb (Keith) Smith, Toledo, and Kathy Clark of Cincinnati; three brothers, Raymond (Linda) Buchman of Paulding, James (Patricia) Buchman of Paulding, and Martin (Mary Ann) Buchman of Fort Wayne; a sister, Mary Laukhuf, Paulding; seven grandchildren, Adam (Brittany) Smith, Andy Smith, Alex Smith, Kiel Clark, Megan Clark, Sara Clark and Rachel Clark; and three great-grandchildren, Ashton, Olivia and Emmalina Smith.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, David and Richard “Dick” Buchman; and two sisters, Louise Buchman and Janice McMillen.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, with the Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial will follow in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Hours of visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

Memorial donations may be made to Masses, Paulding County Hospital Phone-A-Ride or Caring and Sharing Food Pantry.

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

COLLEEN CARR

WINCHESTER, Ky. – Former Paulding resident Rebecca Colleen Carr, age 87, died Thursday, Jan. 3, 2013.

She was born in Paulding County, the daughter of Benjamin Britton and Dorothy (Geyer) Moore. On Jan. 29, 1953, she married Leland M. Carr, who preceded her in death. She attended Mt. Union College and Bowling Green State University. She was formerly employed as an office worker at Grizzly Manufacturing and was a clerk for the Paulding Utilities Office and the Paulding County Treasurer's Office. She was a lifelong member and longtime organist of First Christian Church of Paulding.

She is survived by two children, Mary Sue (Terry) Dohoney of Bowling Green and David M. (Leigh) Carr, Lexington, Ky.; five grandchildren, Courtney, Tyler and Quinn Dohoney and Mary Clare and Britton Carr; a brother, John H. "Jack" (Marie) Moore, Paulding; a sister, Marilyn Buehler, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and many nieces and nephews.

She also was preceded in death by two infant daughters and a brother, Benjamin Henry Moore.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8 at First Christian Church, Paulding. Burial will follow in Live Oak Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and at the church one hour prior to services on Tuesday.

Memorial donations may be made to First Christian Church, Paulding.

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

ANNA JORDAN 1922-2013

DEFIANCE – Anna Belle Hoover Sudlow Jordan, 90, of Defiance, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 1 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice Center.

She was born May 12, 1922 in Antwerp, the youngest of six children of Samuel L. and Flora Jeannette (Mobley) Hoover. She attended school in Antwerp and Jensen Beach, Fla. After the death of their mother, “Nettie,” Anna and her sister, Eileen, were raised by their father, Sam, their oldest sister, Rosa (Hoover) Traylor and her husband, Andrew Traylor, along with their daughter, Mary (Traylor) Lichty. In spite of a young life filled with difficulties, Anna became a strong-willed, resourceful, hardworking, caring and loving mother and wife. Her family will miss her 90-plus years of humor, honesty, witticism and ever ready advice, all of which she never hesitated to share.

On Sept. 1, 1939, at the age of 16, she married Glenn G. Sudlow, who died in 1944. On Nov. 16, 1946, she married Garner E. “Jack” Jordan, who died in 2001. She was a member of the Antwerp VFW Auxiliary and the Royal Neighbors of America.

Surviving are her children, Linda (John) Brecht of Continental, Judy Copsey of Woodburn, William (Barbara) Jordan of Zolfo Springs, Fla. and Lori (Neal) Manon of Defiance; 16 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by two children, Shirley and Glenn M. Sudlow; a granddaughter, Sara Manon; two great-granddaughters, Alexis Coffin and Enedina Martinez; a brother, Jasper, in childhood; and sisters, Rosa Traylor, Gertrude in infancy, Pearl Starry and Eileen in childhood.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5 at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp.

Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery.

Visitation is from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday with a VFW Auxiliary service at 11 a.m.

Preferred memorials are to Woodburn Christian Children's Home, The Antwerp VETS Memorial or Community Health Professionals.

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

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