ELIZABETH WIELAND 1914-2011

PAULDING – Elizabeth Wieland, age 96, died Sunday, Oct. 30 at The Gardens of Paulding.

She was born Dec. 3, 1914 in Paulding County, the daughter of Otto and Lydia (Stoller) Schlatter. On Jan. 27, 1946, she married Clemens L. Wieland, who preceded her in death on Jan. 14, 1999. She was a member of the Latty Apostolic Christian Church, Paulding. She belonged to International Association of Porcelain Art Teachers.

Surviving are two daughters, Diane Wieland Gerber, Paulding, and Suzanne Freeman, Sardis, Miss.; a sister, Josephine (Donald) Wenninger, Haviland; three granddaughters, Laura (Brian) T'Kindt of Fort Wayne, Jamie (John) Heisler of Hamilton, Ind., and Leslie (Bob) Saylor, Paulding; and three great-grandchildren, Patrick T'Kindt and Ashley and Jordan Saylor.

She also was preceded in death by four brothers, Herman "Dick", Joe, Ben and John Schlatter; and three sisters, Laura Dunham, Esther Schlatter and infant Emma Schlatter.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 4 at the Latty Apostolic Christian Church. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Den Herder Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3 at the Latty Apostolic Christian Church Fellowship Hall, and one hour prior to services at the church.

To honor Mrs. Wieland and her family's wishes, in lieu of flowers, statuary, throws or planters, donations may be made to Gateway Woods Family Service, Leo, Ind. or The Gardens of Paulding Activity Fund.

Online condolences may be made to www.denherderfh.com

KATHRYN GUNDERMAN 1913-2011

GROVER HILL – Kathryn L. Gunderman, age 98, died Monday, Oct. 31 at the Van Wert Manor, Van Wert.

She was born on Feb. 16, 1913, in Grover Hill, the daughter of Howard and Mary Maude (Kohn) Davis. On Feb. 24, 1937, she married Forest R. Gunderman, who preceded her in death on Oct. 16, 1984. She was a member of the former Church of Christ, Grover Hil,l where she was also a Sunday School Teacher. She was employed as a sales clerk for the former Buckeye Market Store of Van Wert for 18 years, retiring in 1975.

She is survived by a daughter, Norma Lewis of Lanman, Ariz.; five grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She also was preceded in death by two brothers, Joe and James Davis; and five sisters, Frieda Stahl, Nellie Gunderman, Zoetta Hunter, Mary Davis and Marjorie Bidlack.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 3 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will be in Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2 at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Thursday.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to Grover Hill EMS or the Van Wert Manor Activity Fund.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

RITA KIESTER 1922-2011

CENTRAL POINT, Ore. – Rita M. Kiester, 89, of Central Point, Ore., passed away Monday, Oct. 3 at Ashley Manor in Medford, Ore.

She was born Jan. 7, 1922 in Payne, the daughter of Rudolph Joseph and Bertha Mae (Harper) Schaefer. On July 15, 1944 in Payne, she married William C. “Bill” Kiester, who survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Kraig (Nancy) Kiester of Shady Cove, Ore. and Lee (Tina) Kiester of Roseburg, Ore.; three daughters, Donna (Jim) Wittkopp of Grants Pass, Ore., Karen Kiester of Ashland, Ore. and Myrna (Doug) Wulff of Jacksonville, Ore.; a brother, Roy Schaefer of Payne; a sister, Helen Treat of Paulding; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

A Funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday, Oct. 22 at Shepherd of the Valley Catholic Church in Central Point, Ore. Private inurnment was at Eagle Point National Cemetery, Eagle Point, Ore. Litwiller-Simonsen Funeral Home, Ashland, Ore., was in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to Providence Hospice, Medford, Ore. or to the Alzheimer's Association of Southern Oregon.

HARRY UTTERBACK 1919-2011

PAULDING – Harry D. Utterback, age 91, died Wednesday, Oct. 26 at The Gardens of Paulding.

He was born Dec. 21, 1919 in Paulding, the son of Clyde W. and Mary (Outland) Utterback. On March 1, 1947, he married Vanda R. Welsh, who preceded him in death on Feb. 13, 1963. He was a WWII U.S. Army Air Corps veteran and a member of Paulding United Methodist Church, Payne American Legion #290, Paulding Eagles #2405 and a lifetime member of Paulding VFW Post #587. He was employed at Paulding Lumber Co. for more than 25 years.

He is survived by two sons, Chuck (Janice) Utterback of Massillon and Harry L. Utterback, Paulding; a brother, the Rev. John (Nila Jean) Utterback, Tipton, Ind.; two sisters-in-law, Marilyn Utterback of Fort Wayne and Gladys Utterback, Payne; two grandchildren, Michael (Brandy) Utterback and Angie (Anthony) Harmon; four great-grandchildren: Addison and Devin Utterback and Braden and Hunter Harmon; and special friend, Inella Finnegan, Paulding.

He also was preceded in death by two brothers, George and Earl Utterback; and a sister, Margaret Lightbourne.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with the Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial will be in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding. Paulding VFW Post #587 will accord military graveside rites.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28 at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Memorial donations may be made to Paulding County Senior Center or a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

PATRICIA LINDER 1932-2011

PAYNE – Patricia A. Linder, age 79, died Friday, Oct. 21, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born Jan. 24, 1932 in Paulding County, the daughter of Gerald and Katherine E. (Evans) Snyder. On July 24, 1954 she married James Linder, who survives. She was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Payne, where she also was an organist. She was employed as manager and bookkeeper for the Payne Equity, the Payne NAPA Store and The Rock Community Center. She served as Harrison Township clerk for the past 30 years.

Also surviving are four sons, Mike (Peggie) Linder of Payne, Kim (Sally) Linder and James (Jane) Linder, both of Paulding, and Brian (Kim) Linder, Richmond, Texas; two daughters, Lynne (Steve) Ecenbarger of Fort Wayne and Laurie (Bob) Long, Middle Point; three brothers, Dr. Don K. (Myrna) Snyder and David Snyder, both of Payne, and Lynn (Evelyn) Snyder of Churubusco, Ind.; a sister-in-law, Donna Snyder, Antwerp; 29 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Gerald Jr.; and an infant sister.

A Requiem Latin Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Payne with the Rev. George Gabet officiating. Burial will be in St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery, Payne.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, with a Rosary Service at 8 p.m., at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

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

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

SHIRLEY YOH 1931-2011

HAVILAND – Shirley E. Yoh, 80, of Haviland, died at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, at her residence surrounded by her family.

She was born Sept. 23, 1931 in Oak Hill, the daughter of Ernest and Iva (Leonard) Adkins. On June 1, 1951, she married Gale Yoh, who survives in Haviland. She was retired from the Dana Weatherhead Corporation in Antwerp.

Also surviving are two daughters, Sharon (Don Jr.) Sinn of Defiance and Cheryl Hull of Van Wert; two brothers, Virgil (Jo) Adkins of Van Wert and Weldon (Georgianna) Adkins of Haviland; six sisters, Freda Farris of Grover Hill, Ruth Healy of Van Wert, Betty Myers of Paulding, Sandra Lee of Haviland, Nancy (Dave) Laukhuf of Paulding and Merri Adkins of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren, Katie Maclin, Betsy Sinn, Jesse (Nikki), Casey and Angie Hull; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Adkins, and two infant siblings.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home in Van Wert, with the Rev. Paul Miller officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Haviland.

Hours of visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21 at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials may be directed to the Community Health Professionals Hospice or the Paulding Visiting Nurses.

Online condolences may be sent to www.alspachgearhart.com

HARRY VANCE 1924-2011

FOSTORIA – Harry J. Vance, 87, of Fostoria, passed away at 2:10 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18 at Blanchard Valley Hospital, Findlay.

He was born Aug. 30, 1924 in Paulding. On July 27, 1946 in Toledo, he married Edna M. Durst, who preceded him in death Nov. 13, 1997. He retired from Fort Motor Company, Sandusky, after 30 years of service and operated Vance TV repairs from his home in Fostoria. He was a member of the Fostoria American Legion, Eagles and a former Cubmaster for Troop 455. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII.

Surviving are a son, Harry A. Vance, Fostoria; two grandchildren, Charles Lee Vance of Benton Ridge and Curt J. Vance of Bellevue; and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation is from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25 at Hoening Funeral Home in Fostoria. Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. with Pastor Becky Gray officiating. Committal services will take place at the Veteran's Memorial Chapel with the United Veterans of Fostoria providing military honors. Burial will follow in Fountain Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to the United Veterans of Fostoria or a charity of the donor's choice.

Online expressions of sympathy, sharing photos or memories may be made by visiting www.hoeningfuneralhome.com

TIMOTHY BOWERS 1949-2011

COLUMBUS – Timothy J. Bowers, 62, of Columbus, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 12, at Mount Carmel West Hospital, Columbus.

He was born July 30, 1949 in Fort Wayne, the son of the late George R. and Ruth (Fields) Bowers. He proudly served in the U.S. Marines as a corporal from 1969-75. On April 7, 1978, he married Shirley Copsey, who survives. He was an electrician.

Also surviving are his children, Laurie (Dan) Wilhelm of Oakwood, Pamela Hanson of Cleveland, Timothy of Defiance and Shad of Paulding; siblings, George (LeAnn) of Grover Hill, Ken (Judy), Kathy (Brad) Clemens, Pat (Rose) and Susan (Harvey) Clemens, all of Paulding, and Barb Farquhar of Cecil; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by a brother, Frank.

Visitation is from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17 at Dooley Funeral Home, Payne. Funeral services will not be held.

Preferred memorials are to Shirley Bowers and may be mailed to P.O. Box 452, Antwerp OH 45813.

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

MICKAE SCHLATTER 1991-2011

ANTWERP – Mickae Lee Schlatter, 20, of Antwerp, passed away Saturday, Oct. 15, in a vehicular accident in Van Wert County.

She was born on March 4, 1991 in Fort Wayne, a daughter of Benjamin and Cynthia (Savage) Schlatter. She was a member of Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Antwerp. She was an outstanding student and athlete at Antwerp High School, where she played volleyball and basketball and ran track. After graduating from high school in 2009, she attended Bowling Green State University, but currently was studying computer science engineering at Ohio State, while working at UPS in Columbus. She was still active in sports at OSU, especially club volleyball.

Surviving are her parents, two sisters, Bryn and Kole, a brother, Lee, and a grandmother, Peggy Savage, all of Antwerp.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Helen and Ben Schlatter and Rex “Pete” Savage.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19 at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp.

Services are private.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials are to the Shelly Litzenberg Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 727, Antwerp OH 45813.

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

FLOYD ZIMMERMAN 1922-2011

CONTINENTAL – Floyd E. Zimmerman, 89, of Continental, died Saturday morning, Oct. 15 at his residence.

He was born May 10, 1922 in Continental to the late Ray and Lena (Hosler) Zimmerman. On Jan. 11, 1947, he married Helen Louise Anderson, who preceded him in death on Jan. 15, 2003. A WWII Army veteran, he was a lifelong farmer and a life member of Continental American Legion Post #541.

Surviving are a son, Charles (Becky) Zimmerman of Continental; two daughters, Mary (James) Galyk of Continental and Nancy (Al) Wick of Streetsboro; a brother, Paul (Carol) Zimmerman of Continental; four grandchildren, Randy (Angie) Zimmerman, Sam (Carrie) Galyk, Anthony (Morgan) Galyk and Jessica Galyk; and seven great-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death were a grandson, Scott Zimmerman; and two sisters, Cora Graves and Leota Dranchak.

Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Continental, with Pastor Charles Schmunk officiating. Burial will follow in Monroe Cemetery, Continental, with military rites by Continental American Legion.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17 and one hour prior to service on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Continental Library or a charity of donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com

JAKE MEEKER 1943-2011

OAKWOOD – Jake J. Meeker, 68, of Oakwood, died at 6:11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 14 at his residence.

He was born March 31, 1943 in Bowling Green, the son of Jacob and Catherine (Chamberlin) Meeker. On July 25, 1964, he married Sherrie Spahn, who survives in Oakwood. He retired in 2006 after 41 years at General Motors. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of Defiance Am Vets #1991, Oakwood American Legion #341 and past member of Oakwood Fire Department. He was president of the Oakwood Village Council.

Also surviving are his children, Oneda Schmeltz of Luckey, Troy (Liz) Meeker and Brent Meeker, both of Oakwood, and Melanie J. (Jason) Preston of Yelm, Wash.; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and a sister.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 17 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood, with Pastor Eric Dailey officiating. Following the funeral, there will be a military service by the Oakwood American Legion. Burial will follow in Troy Township Cemetery, Luckey.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16 and one hour prior to the service on Monday at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Oakwood Library.

Condolences may be sent to www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com

TERRILL LANDERS 1953-2011

PAULDING – Terrill S. Landers, age 57, died Wednesday, Oct. 12 at CHP Inpatient Hospice, Defiance.

He was born Oct. 20, 1953 in Chicago, the son of Monte and Sylvia (Bakowski) Landers. On June 14, 1986, he married Sonja K. Lewis, who survives. He was employed by Paulding County Highway Department, retiring in 2008, and was a U.S. Army drill instructor. serving in Vietnam and Desert Storm. He was a member of Ohio National Guard and the Army Reserve. He was a

member of Paulding VFW Post #587, Paulding Eagles #2405 and Defiance AMVETS #1991 and was an avid Harley Davidson owner and rider.

Also surviving are his mother, Sylvia (Ray Dean) Guyton, Melrose; four children, Angie (Marcos) Revilla of Toledo, Jason (Jayme) Landers of Antwerp, Shaunna Gloor of Sandusky and Jacob Landers, Paulding; a brother, Duane (Connie) Landers, Melrose; two grandchildren, Jayvin and Jagger Landers, Antwerp; and his constant companion, “Rusty.”

He was preceded in death by his father.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 17 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Mike Pennington officiating. Burial will be in Paulding Memorial Cemetery with military graveside rites accorded by VFW Post #587.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16 at Den Herder Funeral Home and one hour prior to services on Monday.

Memorial donations may be made to Paulding County Relay for Life, CHP Hospice in Defiance or Paulding County Home Health/Hospice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

FRANK DUNIFON 1930-2011

CONTINENTAL – Frank Dunifon, 81, of Continental, died at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12 at The Meadows of Kalida.

He was born Aug. 21, 1930 in Scott, the son of Ezra and Rosie (Cotterman) Dunifon. On Sept. 25, 1965, he married Carol Dotson, who survives in Continental. He retired in 1990 from Campbell Soup Company, Napoleon. He was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict. He was a life member of New Bavaria VFW Post 8847, and a member of Ottawa Eagles #2234 and Continental American Legion Post 541.

Survivors also include his children, Deb (Dave) Booth of New Bavaria, C. George (Lora) Jorrey of Bowling Green, Brian (Sue) Jorrey of Kalida, Carol (Tim) Frysinger of Vanlue, Monica (Jeff Fitzwater) Paxton of Continental, and LaDonna (Scott) Wenzinger of Anniston, Ala.; 24 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and a sister: Betty Gilmore of Defiance.

Preceding him in death were a daughter, Dawn Dunifon, and two brothers, Marion and James Strawser.

Funeral service will begin 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood with Pastor Chris Baker officiating. Burial will follow in Monroe Cemetery, Continental, with military rites by New Bavaria VFW and Continental American Legion.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 and one hour prior to services Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to support Breast Cancer, Putnam Council Council on Aging, or Crime Victim Services.

Condolences may be expressed at www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com

ROBERT RISTER 1934-2011

ANTWERP – Robert Rister, 77, of Antwerp, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 12 at Paulding County Hospital.

He was born June 19, 1934 in Lowder, Ky., the son of Fred and Gertrude (Newsome) Rister. While serving in the U.S. Marines from 1954-56, he had the distinguished duty of serving as and honor guard at Camp David under President Eisenhower. On July 20, 1956, he married Betty Schmidt, who survives. He was a mechanic at Materials Handling Equipment for 38 years and a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Three Rivers Woodworkers Club and Antwerp American Legion Post 253.

Also surviving are six sons, Andrew of Bryan, Bruce of Manteca, Calif., and Rolan (Karen), Norman (Suzanne), Jonathan (Jodie) and Dean (Gayle), all of Antwerp; a sister, Eunice (Harold) Bell of Antwerp; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Tyrone and Dewey Rister and Stella Schomburg.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Antwerp. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery with military honors.

Visitation is from 2-6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14 and from, 9-9:30 a.m. Saturday at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp. A Catholic Vigil Service will be held at 6 p.m. Friday.

Preferred memorials are to Divine Mercy Catholic Church, 417 N. Main, Paulding OH 45879.

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

HATTIE FOSTER 1931-2011

MUNCIE, Ind. – Hattie May Foster, 80, of Muncie, passed away Wednesday Oct. 12 at Van Wert Hospital in Van Wert.

She was born Feb. 4, 1931 in Muncie, Ind., the daughter of Jasper and Sadie Coleman. She married Wayne Foster, who preceded her in death. She was a homemaker and a member of First Assembly of God in Fort Wayne and Motor Maids of America Motorcycle Club.

Surviving are two stepchildren, Tommy Foster and Toby Foster, both of Muncie; a daughter-in-law, Christine Foster of Muncie; a grandson, J.C. West of Fort Wayne; two stepgrandchildren, Jennifer Petes of Muncie and Cynthia Goebel of Muncie; a sister, Shirley Rigby of Grover Hill; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were a son, John West; a stepson, Ronald Foster; two brothers, Ernie Coleman and Robert Coleman; and two sisters, Louella Nolsh and Sarah Adams.

A funeral service to celebrate Hattie's life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 at Elm Ridge Funeral Home, Muncie. Burial will follow in Elm Ridge Memorial Park.

Friends and family may gather to share and remember from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be directed in memory of Hattie to A.R.F. at 1209 W. Riggin Road, Muncie, IN 47303.

Online condolences may be directed towards the family and memorial video may be viewed at www.elmridgefuneralhome.com

CHARITY BRAGG 1921-2011

CONTINENTAL – Charity Jane Bragg, 90, of Continental, passed away at 2:28 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9 at Defiance Regional Medical Center.

She was born Aug. 27, 1921 in Pike County, Ky., the daughter of James and Minnie (Robinette) Jude. On Nov. 28, 1941, she married Winfred Bragg, who preceded her in death July 3, 1998. She retired from Campbell Soup Company, Napoleon, in 1976. She was a member of the Church of Nazarene in Defiance.

She is survived by nine children, Cliff (Linda) Bragg of Antwerp, Mavis (Dorse) Crum of Continental, Wanda (Dan) Schlosser of Defiance, Roger (Pat) Bragg of Defiance, Darl (Jackie) Bragg of California, Rita Bragg of Defiance, Terry (Starr) Bragg of Tennessee, Tim (Peg) Bragg of Continental and Pam (Joe) Verhoff of Defiance; 17 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Florence Owens of Florida.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Addison Bragg; four brothers, Nathan, Harm, Willis and Hub Jude; and two sisters, Gladys Phillips and Flo Maynard.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 13 at the Church of Nazarene, Defiance with Pastor Don Lenard and Pastor Carol Retcher officiating. Burial will follow in Monroe Cemetery, Continental.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Continental and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to St. Jude's Hospital or Church of Nazarene Youth Group in Defiance.

Condolences may be sent to www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com

JANET CONNOR 1943-2011

BRYAN – Janet K. Connor, 67 years, of Bryan, passed away Saturday, Oct. 8 in her residence.

She was born Oct. 20, 1943 in Fawn River Township, Michigan, the daughter of Herschel R. and Madeline B. (Harmon) Boals. She was a graduate of Central Catholic High School, Fort Wayne. She then was a graduate of Northwest State College, Archbold. She was a Navy veteran, serving during the Vietnam War. She married William J. Horton on Jan. 2, 1965, and that marriage ended in divorce in 1971. She then married David B. Connor on Dec. 5, 1975 in Bryan, and he survives.

She held a number of factory positions, working for a tent manufacturer in Grover Hill, Dietrich Industries in Hicksville and at Hayes Albion in Bryan. She then became a nurse's aide and worked at the former Paulding Nursing Home and at Bryan Care and Rehabilitation Center, where she retired as an LPN in 2004. Janet was a member of the Paulding Emergency Medical Service from 1982-88, holding the position of coordinator the last four years. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints, Bryan.

Also surviving are four children, Lynn A. (Randy) Shaffer of Antwerp, Susan M. (Rodney) Merritt of Edgerton, Ohio, and Eric B. Connor and Jennifer E. Connor, both of Bryan; three grandchildren, Charles D. Shidler, Daniel J. Merritt and Tayler R. Shaffer; and one half-brother, Ron Wirt of Paulding.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

To honor Janet's request, there will be no public visitation, and services will be private for the family. Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home & Crematory – Greenisen Chapel, Bryan, is in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to the Wounded Warrior Project (www.woundedwarriorproject.org).

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

PATRICIA BAIR 1938-2011

MELROSE – Patricia Ann Bair, 73, Melrose, departed this life at 7:20 a.m. Friday, Oct. 7 at the Van Wert Area In-Patient Hospice Center.

She was born June 1, 1938, in Garrett, Ky. the daughter of Willard and Fannie Irene (Centers) Johnson. On Aug. 7, 1954, she exchanged vows with Robert L. "Dib" Bair, who survives. She was a homemaker, mother, seamstress and avid quilter. She was affiliated with Auglaize Chapel Church of God for 57 years. During that time, she served as communion steward, funeral dinner director and enjoyed singing in the choir.

Also surviving are her mother and stepfather, Fannie and Martin LaRue of Continental; six children, Cathy (Kevin) Eitniear of Oakwood, Brad (Tabbie) Bair of Melrose, Karen (David) Thomas of Payne, Robert (Teresa) Bair II of Grover Hill, Deanna (Charles) Adkins of Oakwood and Deborah (Jimmy) Hughes of North Myrtle Beach, S.C.; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and one on the way; and siblings William (Paula) Johnson of Defiance, Phyllis (Nick) Sterling of Delphos, Buford Johnson of Georgia, Delethia (Dale) Ward of Leipsic

and Rodney (Wilma) Johnson of Findlay.

She was preceded in death by her father; a daughter, Vickie; a sister, Judith DeLong; a grandson, Jacob; and a granddaughter, McKenzie.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11 at the Auglaize Chapel Church of God with Pastor Stan Harmon officiating. Burial will follow in Little Auglaize Cemetery, Melrose.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood, and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Preferred memorials may be made to Auglaize Chapel Church of God or Van Wert Area In-Patient Hospice Center.

Condolences may be expressed at www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com.

MICHELLE TINLIN 1966-2011

PAYNE – Michelle R. Davis Jones Tinlin, 45, Payne, passed away Thursday, Oct. 6 at her residence in Payne.

She was born March 28, 1966, in Kansas, the daughter of Fred and Barbara Cosner. She was a 1984 graduate of Nelsonville High School, was a registered nurse, attended Hocking College and attended Ohio State Beauty Academy with her degree pending.

Surviving are her children, Andy (Jess Abt) Jones of Cleveland, Whitney (Mahlon Jensen) Jones and Shaun (Beth Runyon) Jones, both of Nelsonville, and Gage Tinlin and Ty Tinlin, both of Payne; her parents, of Nelsonville; and two grandchildren, Chloe Clark and Shaun Jones Jr.

Funeral services were held Sunday, Oct. 9 at the Warren-Brown Funeral Home, Nelsonville, with the Rev. Ernie Perkins officiating.

Condolences may be sent to the family at the Web site http://brownfuneralservice.com.

MARILYN EDWARDS 1930-2011

PAULDING – Marilyn R. Edwards, age 81, passed away Thursday, Oct. 6 at CHP Inpatient Hospice, Defiance.

She was born Jan. 24, 1930 in Paulding County, the daughter of Ed and Ethel (Brown) Beamer. On Dec. 29, 1948 she married the love of her life, Lonnie Edwards, who preceded her in death on Oct. 23, 1977. She was a loving mother and homemaker. She worked many years in the kitchen at the Paulding County Hospital and was a member of the First Christian Church of Paulding.

She is survived by three sons, Lonnie (Pam) Edwards of Gahanna and Joel (Brenda) Edwards and Greig (Cindy) Edwards, both of Paulding; a daughter, Pamela R. Secrist, Auburn, Ind.; a brother, R. Donald (Phyllis) Beamer, rural Cecil; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by two brothers, C. Ronald and Edward E. Beamer; and three sisters, Norma Rae Beamer, Marjorie Bordner and Florice Wilhelm.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11 at First Christian Church, Paulding, with the Rev. Greg Bibler officiating. Burial will follow in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10 at Den Herder Funeral Home, and one hour prior to services on Tuesday.

Memorial donations may be made to CHP Inpatient Hospice of Defiance or First Christian Church.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

WILLIAM GOOD II 1923-2011

VAN WERT – William R. Good II, 88, of Van Wert, went to meet his Lord on Thursday, Oct. 6 at the Vancrest Health Care Center in Van Wert.

He was born March 7, 1923 in Fort Wayne, the son of William R. and Katherine (Kraus) Good. They moved to Harrisburg, Pa., where he grew up and attended Lemoyne High School. While still in school, he enlisted in the Navy on March 2, 1942, and after graduating in 1942, he entered the Navy serving on the USS Wichita, a heavy cruiser in WWII, seeing action in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters. They received 13 battle stars. He was honorably discharged on Sept. 25, 1945 as Yeoman 2nd Class /V-6, USNR. On June 24, 1945, he married Betty Boch, who preceded him in death on Feb. 23, 1984. On May 5, 1986, he married Luella (Walls)

Wade, who survives.

After the war, he worked for Simplex Time Co., the Valvoline Oil Co. and the Marathon Oil Co. as a district salesman. In 1963, he purchased land in Grover Hill that later became known as the Blue Water Camp Ground. He later worked for Straley Real Estate and Bob Gamble Realty in Van Wert. He and Luella later opened the Heritage Coin & Antique Store in Van Wert, which they ran for nine years until retiring and closing the store in 1995.

Bill was a happy-go-lucky fellow who loved to travel and look for antiques, and wheel and deal. He was a lifetime member of the Grover Hill VFW, and a member of the Van Wert American Legion Post. He attended Trinity Friends Church and the Good Shepherd Nazarene Church.

Also surviving are three children, Nancy (Tom) Keltner of Denver, Bonnie (Tim) Haynes of St. Michaels, Md. and William R. (Cindy) Good III of Columbus; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; four stepchildren, Penny (Bob) Barker of Van Wert, Karen (Bill) Nostrant of Cloverdale, Nicholas (Penny) Wade of Van Wert and Oribel (Gary) Perl of Convoy; 14 stepgrandchildren, 34 great-stepgrandchildren; and 10 great-great-stepgrandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by two sisters, Helen Richardson and Peg Grosser; two brothers-in-law, Richey Richardson and Robert Grosser; a nephew, Freddie Grosser; and one stepgranddaughter, Amy Roop.

Per his wishes, there will be no visitation or services. A family memorial service will be held at a later date. Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be expressed at www.alspachgearhart.com

CRAIG SAVAGE 1960-2011

ANTWERP – Craig W. Savage, 51, of Antwerp, passed away Friday, Oct. 7 at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville.

He was born Jan. 4, 1960 in Hicksville, the son of Rex “Pete” and Peggy (Worrick) Savage. He worked at the Wholesale House in Hicksville and for the Defiance Crescent News.

Surviving are two daughters, Samantha (Jared) Lyke and Jamie Savage, both of Hicksville; his mother, Peggy, of Antwerp; a sister, Cynthia (Ben) Schlatter of Antwerp; a brother, Kent (Theressa) of Loudonville; and two grandsons, Rylen and Parker Bassett.

He was preceded in death by his father.

A family service will be held. Dooley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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

NAOMI COLLEY 1913-2011

PAULDING – Naomi M. Colley, age 97, died Wednesday, Oct. 5 at the Paulding County Hospital.

She was born Nov. 29, 1913 in Paulding County, the daughter of Elba and Celia (Grine) Bercaw. On Nov. 29, 1933, she married John R. Colley, who preceded her in death on March 16, 1961. She was a member of Paulding United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women,

a life member of John Paulding Historical Society and a 40-year member of Sisters of the Skillet. She was employed by Paulding Exempted Village Schools as a cook, retiring in 1978.

She is survived by a son, Richard Colley, Paulding; a daughter-in-law, Mary Lou Colley, Paulding; two sisters, Hilda McGrath, Paulding, and Betty DeLong, Antwerp; eight grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by two sons, Robert and Jack Colley; and two brothers, Cloyce and Victor Bercaw.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with the Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial will be in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7 at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Memorial donations may be made to Paulding United Methodist Church or a charity of the donor’s choice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

PAULINE BLOCK 1913-2011

DEFIANCE – Pauline Annabele (Norden) Block, 98, of Defiance, died Oct. 1, at CHP Defiance Area In-patient Hospice Center in Defiance.

She was born Sept. 29, 1913 in Defiance, the daughter of Fred Johann and Anna Margaret (Luderman) Norden. On Nov. 4, 1935, she married Charles H. Block, who preceded her in death on June 30, 2004. She was a homemaker and a lifelong member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Defiance. She was a charter member of the Live and Learn Home Demonstration Club. She was a member of the Defiance County Genealogical Society and a member of the Antique Bottle Association. She loved flowers, gardening and most of all her loving family.

Surviving are a daughter, Jane (William) Parker of Defiance; three sons, Harry (Ruth) Block and Philip Block of Defiance and Arthur (Jennifer) Block of New Albany; six grandchildren, Jennifer Call, Jonathan Block, Susan Geier, Patricia Block-Gage, Daniel Block and Megan Block; and three great-grandchildren, Jerell Call and Madeline and Catherine Geier.

She also was preceded in death by two sisters, Ruth (Norden) Arthur and Lavina (Norden) Andrews; and two brothers, Arthur and Harold Norden.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Defiance with Pastor David Brobston officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, at the Lawson-Roessner Funeral Home, Defiance, and one hour prior to services at the church.

The family prefers memorials to St. Paul Lutheran, Defiance or CHP Defiance Area In-patient Hospice Center.

BOB WOODARD 1941-2011

VINITA, Okla. – Robert A. “Bob” Woodard, 69, of Vinita, died Saturday, Oct. 1 at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa.

He was born Oct. 23, 1941 in Paulding, the son of Robert C. and Betty Jane (Roberts) Woodard. He was raised and educated in Payne and earned an associate’s degree in business at IU-Purdue. On Feb. 16, 1962 in Fort Wayne, he married Carole Seibert, who survives. He worked in factory management at Centrilift and Dana Corporation, where he retired. The family moved from Payne to Vinita in 1984. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Vinita Masonic Lodge, and The Sons of the American Legion. Bob was an avid fan of college football, especially Ohio State University and Oklahoma State University, the Cleveland Browns and Cleveland Indians. Also, he loved NASCAR racing, gardening, playing golf and puttering and tinkering.

Also surviving are his children, Robert C. (Debbie) Woodard of Antwerp and Kathy White and Pat “Pug” Woodard, both of Vinita; siblings, Sam and Karen Woodard of Pigeon Forge, Tenn., Michael and Shelly Woodard of Kettering, Jane and Leo Stumphy of Defiance, and Joan and Jim Riley of Paulding; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Oct. 4 at the First United Methodist Church with the Reverend George Gilland officiating under the direction of Luginbuel Funeral Home.

Memorials in Mr. Woodard’s name may be to: 1st United Methodist Church, 314 W. Canadian, Vinita, OK 74301; the Masonic Lodge, 237 N. Foreman Vinita, OK 74301; or the Sons of the American Legion P.O. Box 373 Vinita, OK 74301.

Online condolences may be left at www.honoringmemories.com