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HELEN RHOAD 1922-2012

SMYRNA, Tenn. – Former Cecil resident Helen Pearl Rhoad, age 90, of Smyrna, died Thursday, Feb. 23.

The daughter of Albert and Flossie (Onstott) Huss, she was a member of Smyrna First Baptist Church and was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She is survived by her children, Francis Lee (Linda) Rhoad of Cecil, Karen Rae Gill of Paulding, Cheryl Jean (Wally) Leibold of Pompano Beach, Fla., and Dennis Wayne (Sharon) Rhoad and David Keith (Darcy) Rhoad, both of Smyrna; 14 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Rhoad.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 27 at Woodfin Chapel in Smyrna with the Rev. W.D. Thomason officiating. Burial was in Mapleview Cemetery.

Condolences may be left at www.woodfinchapel.com.

LILLIAN SCOBY 1929-2012

ANTWERP – Lillian “Red” Scoby, 82, of Antwerp, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 29, at her residence.

She was born Nov. 6, 1929 in Butler, Ind., the daughter of John and Louise (Pifer) Moran. In 1962, she married Junior Scoby, who preceded her in death in 1992. She worked at The Oasis in Antwerp for 37 years. She was a member of the Antwerp VFW and American Legion auxiliaries.

Surviving are her children, Doug (Becky) Champion of D’Iberville, Miss., Debi (Mike) Altic and DeWayne (Bonnie) Champion, both of Antwerp, and Pam (Phil) Slattery of Hicksville; a sister, Norma Martin of Beech Grove, Ind.; 13 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by her sisters, Donna Van Buskirk and Patricia Brown.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 3 at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday, March 2 at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to Defiance Hospice.

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

JUNIOR RETCHER 1925-2012

DEFIANCE – Junior H. Retcher, 87, of Defiance, went to his heavenly home on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at CHP Defiance Area In-Patient Hospice Center.

He was born Jan. 8, 1925 in Paulding County, the son of Henry and Anna (Hohenberger) Retcher. On Aug. 25, 1945. he married Ethel J. Kammeyer, who survives. He graduated from Oakwood High School in 1942 and worked at GM for 34 years, retiring in 1986. He also farmed with his son, David. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, AMVETS Post 1991 and UAW Post 211. He was one of the founders of the Auglaize Volunteer Fire Department and was

a trustee for Auglaize Township. He was also a WWII Merchant Marine veteran.

Also surviving are his daughters, Brenda June (James) Gary of Defiance and Kathy Jo (Steve) Fitch of Oakwood; a son, David Lee (Marcy) Retcher of Oakwood; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Robert (Shirley) Retcher of Defiance.

He was preceded in death by a son, Ronald E. Retcher; and four sisters, Mabel Eis, Marvelle Schuette, Ethel Lange and Luella Retcher.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 2 at St. John Lutheran Church with the Rev. Donald L. Luhring and Rev. Joshua Schmidt officiating. Burial will follow in Riverside Cemetery with military graveside rites conducted by VFW Post 3360.

Visitation will be held from 2-8 p.m. Thursday, March 1 at Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home Inc., Defiance and one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday. An AMVETS service will be held 7 p.m. Thursday.

Preferred memorials are to the Caring Way Hospice of Defiance or St. John Lutheran Church.

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

JOHN SINCLAIR 1964-2012

BUTLER, Ind. – John Kevin Sinclair, 47, of Butler, formerly of Hicksville, passed away suddenly Sunday, Feb. 26 in a one-car accident in Hicksville.

He was born Dec. 23, 1964 in Elkhart, Ind. He served in the U.S. Army.

Surviving are his daughter, Hannah of Mishawaka, Ind.; his mother, Carol Carroll, and his father, Francis Miller, both of Hicksville; and siblings, Mark Sinclair of Bryan, Flint Miller of Middlebury, Ind., Eric Miller of Hicksville, Michael Miller of Defiance and Dawn Birner of Glen Burnie, Md.

He was preceded in death by his adopted father, Frank Sinclair.

His memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Friday, March 2 in Gateway Chapel at the Huber Opera House, Hicksville. Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, is in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

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

DOROTHY WOODSON

PAULDING – Dorothy Bernice Woodson, 85, of Paulding, passed away Friday, Feb. 24, 2012 in Defiance.

A longtime resident of Fort Wayne, she retired from Lutheran Hospital. She loved to bowl and was a member of Shepherd of the City Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Woodson, and brothers, Emmett Brown and Walter Brown.

Surviving are her sons, Tyray and Taryl Curry; daughters, Rochelle Lyn Kennedy, Althea Elizabeth Curry, Janice Wright and Bridget Queary; a sister, Alberta Della Rowe; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held at noon Saturday, March 3 at Highland Park Cemetery, 2403 Wallen Road, Fort Wayne. Ellis Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

SANDRA NUNN 1948-2012

JONESVILLE, Mich. – Sandra Nunn, 63 of Jonesville, formerly of Paulding, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 21 at the Hillsdale Community Health Center.

She was born June 17, 1948 in Amburgey, Ky., the daughter of Carl and Elma (Mullins) Pridemore. On July 22, 1967, she married David Nunn, who survives. She was devoted to and loved her grandchildren. She enjoyed gardening and traveling.

Also surviving are a daughter, Robin Rodriguez of Jonesville; a son, David (Melanie) Nunn of Hilliard; three sisters, Janice (Richard) Lafferty of Detroit, Sharon Greer of Franklin, Tenn., and Shirley (David) Browe of Denton, N.C.; a brother, William (Ann) Pridemore of New Haven; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Dorse Pridemore.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 25 at the Eagle Funeral Homes in Jonesville with the Rev. Clyde Wonders officiating. Interment followed in Sunset View Cemetery, Jonesville.

Memorial donations are suggested to the charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be left at www.eaglefuneralhomes.com.

JERRY THOMPSON 1941-2012

GROVER HILL – Jerry Thompson, 70, of Grover Hill, died at 2:55 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 26, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo.

He was born July 11, 1941 in Van Wert County, the son of Mahlon and Antha Rose (McClure) Thompson, who are both deceased. His stepmother, Helen (Sink) Thompson, is also deceased. On Dec. 8, 1962, he married Vivian Veach, who survives in Grover Hill. He was a retiree of Kennedy Manufacturing in Van Wert. He attended the Roselm Christian Church and had previously attended Zion Christian Union.

He is also survived by two daughters, Holly (Dan) Edwards and Missy (Chris) Williams, both of Grover Hill; a son, Darren (Dodi) Thompson of Defiance; three brothers, Vic (Ellen) of Sun City, Fla. and George (Sue) Noggle and Eddie (Ruth) Noggle, both of Van Wert; three sisters, Scheryl Reidenbach of Lima, Shelbyan (Larry) Tribolet of Middle Point and Gayle Noggle of Van Wert; eight grandchildren, Danielle (Joe) Greco, Scott Edwards, Taylor, Logan and Arin Williams and Mitchell, Spencer and Elizabeth Thompson.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Randy Thompson.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 1, at the Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home with the Revs. Paul Miller and Mark McKay officiating. Burial will be in the Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 29, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials may be directed to the Van Wert Salvation Food Pantry.

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

CLARICE HIGHWARDEN 1935-2012

PAULDING – Clarice Joanne Highwarden, age 76, died Friday, Feb. 24 at CHP Inpatient Hospice, Defiance.

She was born June 27, 1935 in Payne, the daughter of Henry and Margaret (Kerns) Hook. On Sept. 27, 1956, she married Donald “Ducky” Highwarden, who preceded her in death on April

20, 2002.

She is survived by three sons, Charles (Darla) Highwarden, of Ayersville and Donald (Gloria) Highwarden and Michael Highwarden, both of Paulding; three daughters, Joni Hernandez and Denise (Mike) Freise, both of Paulding, and Nicole (Miguel) Cruz, Defiance; two brothers, Tom Hook of Payne, and Al Hook, Antwerp; 15 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She also was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Donna; a grandson, Thomas; a sister, Dorita Lynch; and an infant brother.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Pastor Phyllis Baxter officiating. Burial will follow at Paulding Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services on Tuesday.

Donations may be made to a charity of the donor’s choice.

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

JACK SANDYS 1928-2012

PAULDING — Jack J. Sandys, 83, of Paulding, husband, beloved father and grandfather, died Tuesday, Feb. 21.

He was born June 28, 1928, in Defiance, the son of Yul and Florence (Hammond) Sandys. He was employed by the Defiance Milk Corporation, the Zeller Corporation and he retired at the age of 81 from the Defiance Crescent News. He was a member of Junction Bible Church.

He is survived by his wife, Rachel Bell Troyer Sandys; three sons, Mike, of Riverside, Calif., Gary of Defiance and Mark Troyer, Lagrange, Ga.; four daughters, Alice Troyer Jewell of Kingsport, Tenn., Eva Troyer Martinez of Payne, Lori Sandys Lapierre of Blacklick and Crystal Sandys Chilman, Montesano, Wash.; a brother, Donald Sandys of Grants Pass, Ore.; a sister, Mary Sandys of Defiance; 18 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Sandys Westrick; three brothers, Marvin, Harlan and James Sandys; and two sisters, Dorothy Sandys and Jean Sandys Hitchcock.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Pastor Christopher Baker officiating. Burial will be in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24 at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to Defiance Area Youth for Christ or the OSU James Cancer Center.

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

RACHEL WAGNER 1951-2012

OAKWOOD — Rachel Jeanne Wagner, 60, of Oakwood went home to be with Jesus at 3

a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, at her residence.

She was born May 4, 1951 in Defiance, the daughter of Charles “Jim” and Emma “Louise” (Schafer) Grimes. They survive in Oakwood. On July 28, 1973, she married Gary Wagner, who survives in Oakwood.

She was a LPN for 38 years at Defiance Hospital and ProMedica Defiance Regional Hospital. She attended Centenary United Methodist Church and First Baptist Church in Defiance. She enjoyed gardening, baking, and taking care of people in their time of need.

Also surviving is a daughter, Valerie Wagner of Paulding; three brothers, Ronald of New Castle, Ind., David of Defiance and Randal (Deb) Grimes of Paulding; and three sisters, Marjorie (Jack) Spangler of Jacksonville, Fla., Diane Halaska of Tehachapi, Calif. and Denise (Larry) Derge of Defiance.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Roger Grimes.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 27 at First Baptist Church, Defiance with the Rev. Tim Yazel officiating. Burial will follow in Sherman Cemetery, Oakwood.

Hours of visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood, and one hour prior to the service on Monday at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Samaritans Purse or to the Woodburn Children’s Home.

Condolences can be sent to www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com.

HELEN WEILEMAN 1927-2012

NEW HAVEN – Helen E. Weileman, 85, of New Haven, died at 9:05 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at Woodview Health Care, Fort Wayne.

She was born on Feb. 7, 1927, in Hoagland, the daughter of the late Russell and Gladys (Dague) Gibson. On Oct. 5, 1957, she married Max H. Weileman, who survives. She was a member of First Baptist Church in New Haven, and enjoyed camping, bingo and crocheting. She had worked at S&S Optical and Magnavox.

Also surviving are daughters, Charlene R. (Ricky) Johnston of Monroeville and Sandra J. (Sheridan) Westphal of Fort Wayne; a sister, Wanda Hamrick of Decatur; brothers, Bill (Joan) Gibson of Sierra Vista, Ariz., Wade (Mary Lou) Gibson of Cecil and Lloyd (Nancy) Gibson of Payson, Ariz.; a sister, Sharon (John) Pursley of Greenwood; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 24 at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, Monroeville, with the Rev. David M. Trimble officiating. Burial will be in I.O.O.F. Cemetery in New Haven.

Visitation is from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Jacobs Chapel, Monroeville.

Preferred memorials to First Baptist Church, New Haven.

For complete obituary information and to sign the online guestbook, visit

www.zwickjahn.com.

DARLA CONSIDINE 1960-2012

ANTWERP – Darla Dunderman Considine, 51, of Antwerp, passed away Sunday, Feb. 19 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born May 8, 1960 in Martinsburg, W.Va., the daughter of Richard and Ottilee (Murphy) Dunderman.

Surviving are her husband of 12 years, Frank; two children, Chad (Laura) Dunderman of Camden, Mich. and Elecia (Brandon) Wobler of Haviland; her father, of Antwerp; a sister, Jackie (Dwight) Doctor, Antwerp; two brothers, Richard (Gloria) Dunderman of Mechanicsville, Md. and David (Chris) Dunderman of Bryan; and 10 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24 at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23 at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, and one hour prior to services on Friday.

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

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

AMY ALDRICH

MARION – Latty resident Amy Lynn Aldrich, age 30, formerly of Marion, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012, the victim of a homicide.

She is survived by her mother, three children, two sisters, three brothers, and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

A celebration of Amy's life was held at Friday, Feb. 17 at Calvary Bible Baptist Church with Pastor Floyd Radebaugh officiating. Burial was in Grand Prairie Cemetery. Hughes-Allen Funeral Home, Marion, was in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, her family requests contributions be made to the United Federal Credit Union in her memory.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent directly to her family by logging onto www.hughesallen.com and opening her obituary.

ESTHER STINER 1916-2012

ANTWERP – Esther Lucille Stiner, 95, of Antwerp, passed away Sunday, Feb. 19 at The Gardens of Paulding.

She was born Sept. 29, 1916 in Payne, the daughter of Lonnie and Ruey (Smalley) Watson. She graduated from Antwerp High School and was a nurses' aide at Coldwater, Mich. and Van Wert. In 1950, she married Harry Stiner, who preceded her in death in 2002. She was a member of the Royal Neighbors of America.

Surviving are a sister, Mary Boesch Meyer of Antwerp; a brother, Earl (Ruth) Watson of Hicksville; and nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23 at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp. Burial will be in Wiltsie Cemetery, Payne.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22 at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, and one hour prior to services on Thursday.

Preferred memorials are to the Antwerp Christian Pantry.

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

MAX SMITH 1915-2012

ANTWERP – Max Arthur Smith, 96, of Antwerp, passed away Friday, Feb. 17 at his residence.

He was born Nov. 21, 1915 in Antwerp, the son of Carl F. and Norma C. (Filley) Smith. On Aug. 9, 1940 in Wauseon, he married Hope Eleanor Revert, who survives. During WWII, he served in the operation of supply points in France, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany in Patton's Third Army. He was part of a group of soldiers who inspected Buchenwald Concentration Camp the day after it was liberated.

He was co-owner of L. Smith & Son Inc. until retiring in 1983. At that time, L. Smith & Son Inc. was the oldest Buick dealership and the second oldest Pontiac dealership in the world.

He was a member of the Antwerp United Methodist Church.

Also surviving are a son, Rob (Jennifer) of Melbourne, Ky.; a daughter, Carol (John) Chilcote of Antwerp; two grandsons, Scott (Nadine) Cottrell of Falls Church, Va. and Brad of Lexington, Ky.; and a sister, Dorothy (Ray) Jeffery of Antwerp.

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

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

JOHN TUTO 1947-2012

ANTWERP – John Tuto, 64, of Antwerp passed away Saturday, Feb. 18 at his residence.

He was born March 4, 1947 in Fort Wayne, the son of the late John and Ercal (Brown) Tuto. He was an avid skilled metal fabricator and car enthusiast. He loved spending time with his family friends. After 37 years of employment at Dana Weatherhead, John ran his own business, Tin Man Fabrication.

Surviving are his wife of 40 years, Darlane Jo (Everett); four children, Lyn (Ken) Siegel, Tammy (Steve) VanVlerah and John and Troy Tuto; and eight grandchildren, Taylor, John, Mike, Austin, Steven, Samantha, David and Bradley.

He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Connie (Ron) Bergman and Judy Powell.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21 at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp. Private services will be held at a later date.

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

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

MARJORIE FONT 1919-2012

PAUDLING – Marjorie Louise Font, age 92, died Thursday, Feb. 16 at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born May 8, 1919 in Van Wert County, the daughter of Ray B. and Laura Mae (Black) Rogers. On Aug. 28, 1951 she married Forrest G. Font, who preceded her in death on March 14, 1994. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Paulding.

She is survived by a daughter, Marilyn (Randall) Baxter, Garland, Texas; two sons, Daniel (Mary) Font, Hampstead, N.C., and Richard Font, Paulding; 11 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21 at Den Herder Funeral Home with the Rev. Greg Bibler officiating. Burial will be in Mohr Cemetery, Van Wert County.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20 and one hour prior to services on Tuesday.

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

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

LEONARD ZUBER 1937-2012

PAYNE – Leonard F. Zuber, 74, of Payne, passed away Friday, Feb. 17, surrounded by his family, at his residence.

He was born Aug. 1, 1937 in Payne, the son of Frank and Isabelle (Wetli) Zuber. He served in the U.S. Army from 1960-62. On Oct. 5, 1963, he married Marilyn Gonya, who survives. Leonard was a retired farmer, also worked at Dana Corp. and was a Benton Township trustee from 1990-2010. He enjoyed pheasant hunting, sports, gardening, traveling and wintering in Florida. Leonard was an avid Ohio State Buckeye fan, but enjoyed his grandchildren's sporting events most of all. He was a proud member of the Divine Mercy Catholic Church Choir.

Also surviving are five children, Mike (Cindy) and Greg (Ruth), both of Fort Wayne, Steve (Nicole) of Van Wert, Laura (Rich) Brinkman of Monroeville, Ind. and Karen (Eric) Overholt of Delphos; two siblings, Russell (Carol) of Payne and Beatrice (Leonard) Karr of Garrett, Ind.; a brother-in-law, Gary Wobler of Carmel, Ind.; a former exchange student son, Dan Gadioma of New York, N.Y.; and 13 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two siblings, Arlene Wobler and David Zuber.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21 at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Payne, with the Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial will be in St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20 and 9-9:30 a.m. Tuesday at Dooley Funeral Home, Payne. The rosary will be recited Monday at 8 pm at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Divine Mercy School.

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

DOROTHY CARLISLE 1923-2012

PAULDING – Dorothy N. Carlisle, age 88, died Friday, Feb. 17 at CHP Inpatient Hospice, Defiance.

She was born Oct. 5, 1923 in Spencerville, Ind., the daughter of Clarence J. and Jane L. (Dorsey) Hissong. On Dec. 23, 1945, she married Gerald "Gib" Carlisle, who preceded her in death on Dec. 7, 1985. She was a homemaker and a lifetime member and a "Golden Eagle" of the Paulding F.O.E. Lodge #2405 Women's Auxiliary.

She is survived by four sons, Edgar (Mae Lee) Carlisle, Roger (Janet) Carlisle and Dennis (Cheryl) Carlisle, all of Paulding, and Ronald (Susan) Carlisle, Antwerp; four daughters, Judith (Lawrence) Densmore of Oakwood and Marsha Bennett, Patricia (Larry) Burkley and Pam Font, all of Paulding; a brother, Richard Hissong of Woodburn; two sisters, Rosa Hannah of Bryan and Virginia Johnston of Traverse City, Mich.; 30 grandchildren; 55 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

She also was preceded in death by a grandson, a granddaughter, a great-grandson, a great-granddaughter, a son-in-law, four brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Pastor Eileen Kochensparger officiating. Burial will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Scipio Cemetery, Allen County, Ind.

Visitation will be from 2:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, when the Paulding F.O.E. Lodge #2405 Auxiliary will conduct memorial services at 7:30 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to Community Health Professionals Inpatient Hospice Services of Defiance.

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

MARJORIE SICKMILLER

OAKWOOD – Marjorie Marie Eakins Evans Sickmiller, of Oakwood, died Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012 at the age of 100 years old.

She was born on Peach Mountain in Adams County, the daughter of John Raymond and Martha Ann (Shoemaker) Eakins. She was a member of Auglaize Chapel Church of God and Gideon's International Auxiliary. She was a lifetime farmer and worked many years for S.K. Wayne Factory in Defiance. As a child, she helped her father plow the fields using a team of horses to plant the tobacco crop on Peach Mountain.

Surviving are four sons, DeWayne (Sharon) Evans and John (Roberta) Sickmiller, both of Napoleon, Jerry Sickmiller of Elida and Joe Sickmiller, Oakwood; four daughters, Winona (Dick) Hays and Judy (Dennis) Baker, both of Oakwood, Janette (Stanley) Coplin of Paulding and Marjane (Lee) Baker, South Lyon, Mich.; a sister, Betty Tanner of Orient; 21 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Clyde Evans, in 1994; her second husband, Eryl Sickmiller, in 2003; a son, Donald Evans; a daughter, Garnett Evans Noble; a grandson, Stuart Noble; a daughter-in-law, Nancy Sickmiller; a great-grandson, Samuel David Sickmiller; two brothers, Charlie and Carson Eakins; and six sisters, Thelma Iler, Norma Spencer, Beatrice Walkenshaw, Ermith Wellman and Edra Elliott.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 23 at Auglaize Chapel Church of God, Oakwood, with Pastor Christopher Baker, the Rev. David Coplin, and Pastor Stan Harmon officiating. Burial will be in Blakeslee Cemetery, Charloe.

Visitation will be from 3-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial made to Gideon's International; Auglaize Chapel Church of God or a charity of the donor's choice.

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

DOLORES PHLIPOT 1935-2012

PAULDING – Dolores Jane Phlipot, age 76, died Monday, Feb. 13 at Paulding County Hospital.

She was born Aug. 26, 1935 in Paulding, the daughter of Roy J. and Eva E. (Schortgen) Rickels. On March 10, 1952, she married Robert W. Phlipot, who preceded her in death on Nov. 14, 2010. She was a Girl Scout leader, Cub Scout den mother and a member of Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association. Dolores devoted her life to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved nature, enjoyed needlework and played the piano.

She is survived by three daughters, Sandra (Joseph) Weaver of Angola, Ind., Janet (Randall) Goyings, Paulding, and Debra (Kim) Poling, Convoy; a son, Robert (Gina) Phlipot Jr., Antwerp; six grandchildren, Kris (Janet) Eby, Ryan (Amanda) Goyings, Miranda (Joe) Martel, Robbie Phlipot, Josh Poling and Ashley (Nathan) Long; eight great-grandchildren; and a brother, Romane Rickels, Defiance.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 20 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Pastor Wayne Karges officiating. Burial will follow in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19 at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Monday.

Memorial donations may be made to Country Inn Activity Fund or National Humane Society.

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

RUTH ROSS 1918-2012

COLUMBIA CITY, Ind. – Ruth O. Ross, age 94, of Columbia City, passed away at 10 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13 at Miller's Merry Manor Inc., Columbia City.

She was born Feb. 9, 1918 in Jelloway, Knox County, Ohio, the daughter of Charles E. Birkhold and Onata Zoe (Snellenberger) Birkhold-Jeffery. She graduated from Paulding High School with the Class of 1936. On Jan. 6, 1936 in Hillsdale, Mich., she married Francis W. Ross, who preceded her in death. In 1945, she moved from Ohio to Columbia City. She worked at Brune Printing Company in Paulding and Magnavox in Fort Wayne for 36 years. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Eagles and Moose Auxiliaries.

Survivors include her daughter, Betsy R. (Jack) Thompson of Albion; a son, John F. (Laura) Ross of Columbia City; 11 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Joan Boschet; a brother, Carlos J. Birkhold; and a sister, Margaret May.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will follow at South Park (Annex) Cemetery, Columbia City.

Visitation will be held from noon-2 p.m. prior to services on Friday.

Memorial gifts may be given in memory of Mrs. Ross to Grace Lutheran Church.

Please visit www.demoneygrimes.com to send family condolences or sign the guest register book.

FRANKIE WEIBLE 1929-2012

DEFIANCE – D. Frankie Weible, age 82, of Defiance, passed away with her family at her side at 6:25 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14 at the Promedica Defiance Regional Hospital.

She was born Aug. 7, 1929 in Elida, the daughter of Harold C. and Gay (Sherry) Vandemark. She graduated from Defiance High School in 1947 and attended Lima Memorial Hospital School of Nursing until she married the love of her life, Ned Weible of Oakwood, on Sept. 18, 1948.

She worked with the public the majority of her life, beginning with Conomos Candy Shop. After nursing school, she worked for Drs. Francis Lenhart and George Boomer, and the dental group of Drs. Krouse, Behringer and Evans. Frankie worked alongside Ned at their business, Ned Weible Oil Inc. and Weible's Carryout from the 1960s to 1978. She also worked at the Hubbard Company and Arps Hardware. She joyfully spent many hours greeting visitors of Promedica Defiance Regional Hospital for over 10 years and was named Volunteer of the Year in 2008. She was a member of Sherwood United Methodist Church and was involved with the church's foodstand at the Defiance County Fair and also their Swiss steak supper. She made her "world famous" peanut brittle, fudge and caramel corn, not only for her family, but for the church bazaar and the employees at the hospital.

Surviving are four children, Cheryl Nedine (Richard) Buchhop and Denise (Mark) Hench, both of Defiance, Heather (Al) Beam of Sherwood and Harold "Jake" (Lynette) Weible of Las Vegas; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; a brother, Clarence "Bud" (Shirley) Vandemark of Hicksville; and many nieces and nephews, in-laws and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a brother, William "Bill" Vandemark; and a sister, Gloria Powers.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18 at Hanenkrath, Clevenger and Schaffer Funeral Home in Defiance with Father John Stites officiating. Burial will be private.

Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. prior to services on Saturday.

Preferred memorials, in lieu of flowers, are to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Defiance County Humane Society or DRMC Auxiliary.

DONALD “COOK” SEEKINGS JR. 1961-2012

VAN WERT – Donald E. “Cook” Seekings Jr., age 50, of Van Wert, died at 2:55 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12 at his residence.

He was born Dec. 2, 1961 in Van Wert, the son of Donald E. Sr. and Carolyn Ann “Dimp” (Hines) Seekings. On May 23, 1981, he married Betsy A. Rider, who survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jeremy J. (Debbie) Seekings of Ohio City; two brothers, Gene (Tami) Seekings and Eric Seekings, both of Van Wert; a stepbrother, Terry (Terri) Hasch of Paulding; two sisters, Jenny Brown of Van Wert and Erin Seekings of Oklahoma; and two grandchildren, Dominic Estrada of Delphos and Jason Seekings of Ohio City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a stepmother, Virginia (Verfaillie) Schlatman; two brothers, Louis John and Monty Seekings; a stepsister, Laura Hasch; a grandmother, Edith Hines; and an uncle, Donnie Hines.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 17 at Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home, Van Wert, with the Rev. Mike Harper officiating. Burial will be in Ridge Cemetery, Middle Point.

Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16 at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be expressed at www.alspachgearhart.com.

RUSSELL HOLTSBERRY 1932-2012

PAULDING – Russell Junior Holtsberry, age 79, died Saturday, Feb. 11 at CHP Inpatient Hospice of Defiance.

He was born Sept. 8, 1932 in Paulding County, the son of Russell C. and Alice V. (Miller) Holtsberry. On Dec. 16, 1952, he married Justine Keck. They later divorced. In 1986, he married Kim L Holtsberry, who preceded him in death in 1990. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. He was a maintenance supervisor for Hudson Oxygen in California for 18 years, retiring in 1990, and was a lifetime member of the American Legion.

Surviving are two daughters, Teresa J. Holtsberry of Clarksville, Tenn. and Laresa C. Johnston of Paulding; a son, Mark W. (Lisa) Holtsberry of Paulding; four brothers, John Delmar (Shirley) of Ayersville, Charles "Topper" (Rae) of Paulding, Justus (Elvene) of Oakwood and Rodger (Rose) of Paulding; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Joanne Holtsberry, Iona Dysinger and Delores Yoh.

Private graveside services and burial were held in Hedges Cemetery in Jackson Township. Den Herder Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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

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

ROY STOLLER 1918-2012

PAULDING – Roy C. Stoller, age 93, died Thursday, Feb. 9 at Country Inn Enhanced Living Center, Paulding.

He was born Sept. 13, 1918 in Paulding County, the son of Jacob and Bertha (Huber) Stoller. On Feb. 14, 1942, he married Helen M. Rhoad, who survives. He was a retired farmer and a member of the Latty Apostolic Christian Church.

Also surviving are a son, Alan (Charlene) Stoller, Fort Wayne; a daughter, Jeanette (Tim) Poston, Snowflake, Va.; a brother, Delmar (Marguerite) Stoller, Paulding; four grandchildren, Michele (Dave) Orn, Todd Stoller, Chad (Bett) Stoller and Brandon (Elecia) Wobler; and five great-grandchildren, Domanic and DaKota Orn and Trinity, Zachary and Jacob Wobler.

He was preceded in death by a son, Stanley Stoller; a grandson, SSG Zachary Wobler; and two brothers, Loren and Bill Stoller.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 13 at the Latty Apostolic Christian Church with church clergymen officiating. Burial will be in the Latty Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery. Den Herder Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services on Monday at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to Misgana Ministries, c/o Gary and Peggy Ifft, P.O. Box 27531-1000, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

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

CONSTANCE BOUDREAU 1957-2012

FORT MYERS, Fla. – Antwerp native Constance S. “Connie” Orthman Boudreau, 54, of Fort Myers, Fla., passed away on Monday, Jan. 30.

She was born Feb. 17, 1957, the daughter of Jack and Louise Orthman. A former resident of Bradenton, Fla., Connie enjoyed bowling, singing, dancing, playing musical instruments, cards, being on the beach or lake and loved NASCAR.

She is survived by her loving husband, Louis W. Boudreau; three beautiful daughters, Danielle (Sam) Campbell of Glen Burnie, Md., Valerie (Jason) Cromwell of Cameron, N.C., and Erika Cuello of Paducah, Ky.; her parents, of Paulding; two sisters, Johanna Orthman-Mellon of Hicksville and Jacquie (John) Horst of Oakwood; and grandchildren, Cassidy and Jacey Cromwell, Morgan and Autumn House and Annabelle, Amaury and Aubrey Cuello.

Memorial services were held Saturday, Feb. 11 at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church in Antwerp. Affordable Cremations and Horizon Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Parkinson’s Foundation at www.parkinson.org.

Family and friends may sign the guest register by visiting www.horizonfunerals.com.

JOYCE WYATT 1927-2012

PAULDING – Joyce Wyatt, age 84, died Monday, Feb. 6 at The Gardens of Paulding.

She was born on July 18, 1927 in Melrose, the daughter of Alex and Ferrel (Staley) Burt. In 1948, she married Ralph Wyatt, who survives. She worked several years for the Aid for the Aged in Paulding. She also was employed as a secretary for Alco Products in Latty for 22 years, retiring in 1989. She was a member of the Paulding United Methodist Church for over 60 years where she was a member of several ladies groups, played the piano for Sunday School for many years and also sang in the choir.

She is also survived by two daughters, Deborah (Donald) Schaefer of West Unity and Christine (Mark) Stockman of Ridgeville Corners and Sarasota, Fla.; seven grandchildren, Angie Riley, Dustin (Kylee) Shirey, Lisa Riley, Derek Holtsberry and Jason, Kaitlyn and Susan Stockman; and five great-grandchildren, Aidan Riley, Kenyah and Weston Shirey, Addisyn Riley Lusk and Hunter Holtsberry.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Richard and Theodore Burt; and a sister, Phyllis Mohr.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10 at the Paulding United Methodist Church in Paulding with the Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial will be in Paulding Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to services at the church on Friday.

Memorial donations may be made to Paulding United Methodist Church.

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

SAM JAILOR 1943-2012

ANTWERP – Samuel R. Jailor, 68, of Antwerp, passed away Sunday, Feb. 5 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Oct. 7, 1943 in Fort Wayne, the son of Raymond and Mary (Barker) Jailor. He served in the U.S. Army from 1966-71. On Feb. 1, 1974, he married Sharold Ehrhart, who survives. He farmed and worked at Paulding County Hospital.

Also surviving are two children, Curtis (Alicia) of Antwerp and Teresa (Doug) Leslie of Lancaster, Ky.; a brother, John (Grace) of Alamo, Texas; a niece, Melissa; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10 at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery.

Visitation is from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9 at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Friday.

Preferred memorials are to Antwerp Fire and EMS.

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

ELVA “BILL” LENHART 1924-2012

MELROSE – Elva “Bill” L. Ashbaugh Lenhart, age 87, died Friday, Feb. 3 at CHP Hospice, Defiance.

She was born May 16, 1924 in Scott, the daughter of Pearl and Mary Taylor. On July 4, 1942 she married Carroll B. “Casey” Ashbaugh, who preceded her in death in 1972. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by three sons, Richard (Nancy) Ashbaugh of Grover Hill, Roger (Pam) Ashbaugh of Defiance and Dean (Dawn) Ashbaugh of Reading, Mich.; a daughter, Barbara (Bob) Switzer, Melrose; 15 grandchildren; 35 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Jan Vance of Coldwater, Mich. and Mary Lou Vance of Grover Hill; two brothers, Lewis Vance of Coldwater, Mich. and Clifford (Mary) McClain of Swanton; and a foster sister, Verda Leatherman of Oakwood.

She also was preceded in death by two sisters, Ellen Mohr and Opal Vance; and two brothers, Doyle McClain and Nelson McClain.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with the Rev. Jerry Webb officiating. Burial will follow at the Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7 at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Memorial donations may be made to the Family of Elva L. Ashbaugh.

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

CATHARINE CARIS 1920-2012

GROVER HILL – Catharine M. Caris, 91, went to be with the Lord at 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 at Van Crest Health Care Center in Van Wert.

She was born Nov. 21, 1920 in Toledo, the daughter of James and Elizabeth (Grimes) Miller. On Sept. 28, 1940, she married Carl F. “Cy” Caris, in Paulding, and they enjoyed 64 years of marriage until his passing on Dec. 31, 2004.

She was a licensed practical nurse and also worked for Dr. Joseph Dillery in Paulding, as well as the former Honey Dew Lunch and Dorothy’s Restaurant in Grover Hill. But her true loves were being wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a member of the former

Grover Hill Church of Christ, where she served many years as a Sunday School and Bible School teacher. She was presently affiliated with the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church of Grover Hill. She took great pride in her home and her cooking and baking. She also enjoyed ceramics, bowling, flower gardening, Big Band music and dancing. She was a collector of gold roses and toy dogs.

She is survived by two sons, James (Lyla Kay) of Paulding and Terry of Grover Hill; five grandchildren, Sharon (David) Arens and Bruce (Cheryl) Caris, both of Sherwood, James (Angie) Caris of Fort Wayne, Brian (Susan) Caris of Ft. Shawnee and Karen Caris of Defiance; four great-grandchildren, Madison, Bailey, Paul and Belle Caris; and a sister, Berniece (Clarence) Connin of Fort Wayne.

She also was preceded in death by her siblings, Bonnie Kaledijan, Zella Smith, James Miller, Ada Dean Wagoner, Charles Miller, Fred Miller, Oralea Gillette, Robert Miller, Elizabeth Dickman, Francis Longberry, Clarence Tyler, Clifford Tyler, Evelyn King, Joseph Tyler, Rae Dean Benner and Barnetta Magee.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 9 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with the Rev. David Prior officiating. Burial will be in Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill.

Visitation will be from 2:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8 at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Thursday.

Preferred memorials are to Community Health Professionals of Paulding, Grover Hill EMS, Mt. Zion United Methodist Church or a charity of the donor’s choice.

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

CATHERINE FRUCHEY 1922-2012

FORT WAYNE – Catherine M. Fruchey, 89, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, Feb. 4 at The Cedars in Leo, Ind., where she had lived since September 2010.

Cathy was born June 16, 1922 in Fort Wayne, the daughter of Fred and Hazel Kempel. Hazel died April 23, 1927. Her father, Fred, then married Esther Rife, who raised Catherine as her own. Cathy was an only child; however, Fred and Hazel had a son Albert, who died March 24, 1922. Even though he died before she was born, Cathy always held her brother in her heart. She graduated from North Side High School and worked for General Electric in Fort Wayne. On Sept. 14, 1946, she married Don Richard Fruchey of Oakwood. He founded Don R. Fruchey Inc., a Fort Wayne industrial contractor, in 1950. Catherine helped fund this new beginning for their lives and became his bookkeeper and secretary until he could afford to hire his own staff. She then became a homemaker and raised her family. Some of her favorite memories were of their retirement home on Marco Island, Fla. where her whole family loved to visit over the years.

Cathy was a member of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, Eastern Star, Cedar Creek Women's Club, Elex Club, National Secretaries Club and Beta Sigma Phi. She was proud of being a Cub Scout leader for seven years. Cathy loved her husband, being a mother and grandmother. Cathy enjoyed reading and playing Rummikub with her friends and family.

She is survived by her sons, David (Catherine) Fruchey and Robert (Kathy) Fruchey; a daughter, Donna (Steve) Baughman; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don, on Jan. 22, 2007.

Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8 at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road. Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, and one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Preferred memorials are to Good Shepherd UMC or Shriner's Hospital for Children.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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