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## **CYNTHIA BUSTOS 1955-2013**

PAULDING – Cynthia Marie Bustos, age 57, died Sunday, July 28 at her residence.

She was born Nov. 29, 1955 in Harts, W.Va., the daughter of Johnnie and Thelma (Stolling) Egnor. On May 16, 1975, she married Daniel J. Bustos, who survives. She was a member of the VFW Post #587 Auxiliary.

She is survived by her husband, Danny Bustos, Paulding; two sons, Jonathon (Erin) Bustos, Paulding, and Jamie Bustos, Thibodaux, La.; a granddaughter, Kaeli Bustos; five brothers, Robert “Bobby” (Janice) Egnor of Corinth, Ky., Charles Egnor, Roy (Diane) Egnor and George (Irene) Egnor, all of Paulding, and Don (Nancy) Egnor, Payne; and two sisters, Dorothy (Cecil) Vance, Berea, Ky. and Joyce Cooper, Hamlin. W.Va.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, John Egnor; and an infant sister, Florence.

Funeral services will be conducted 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Pastor Todd Murray officiating. Burial will be in Paulding Memorial Cemetery at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 2.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made CHP Hospice.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com).

## **LIZ HEDRICK 1929-2013**

ANTWERP – Elizabeth Irene Hedrick, 84, of Antwerp, passed away Saturday, July 27 at Parkview Regional Medical Center.

Liz was born in Hicksville on May 9, 1929, a daughter of the late Julia (Kalmer) and Joseph Szabo. She was the owner at Riverside Restaurant, Antwerp, for 12 years and had worked at Holiday Lanes in Defiance. Liz was a member of the Antwerp VFW and American Legion Auxiliaries and Defiance Eagles Auxiliary. She married Julius Beregszazi in 1946. He died in 1977, then in 1978 Liz married George Hedrick.

Liz will be sadly missed by her husband, George; eight children, Diane Kemerer Sliger of Fort Wayne, Jeanette (Randy) Brooks, Louis (Lisa), Carl, Julius Jr. and Joe (Lisa) Beregszazi and Christine (Jeff) Crabill, all of Antwerp, and Kay Beregszazi of Cecil; two sisters, Margaret Rau of Latty and Helen (Harry) Seslar of Antwerp; 18 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death was her brother, Louis.

Her service is 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 1 at First Baptist Church of Antwerp. She will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery.

Visitation is Wednesday, July 31 from 2-4 and 6-7:45 p.m., with a VFW Auxiliary service at 7:45 p.m., at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, and at the church one hour prior to services on Thursday.

Memorials are to PCH Home Health Care or Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com).

## **ROSE MARY SHARP 1929-2013**

ROCHESTER HILLS, Mich. – Rose Mary Sharp, age 84, of Rochester Hills, died July 27.

Loving wife of Everett for 63 years. Dear mother of James Sharp, Robert (Madelein) Sharp, Barbara (Terrence) Filipiak, Elizabeth (Baird) Hawkins, Patricia Williams, Kathryn (Floyd) Tate, Jeffrey Sharp and Douglas Sharp. Survived by nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Sister of Marie (Hessler) Kilpatrick.

Rose Mary was a licensed X-ray technician. She enjoyed this work very much but chose to leave for what she considered the more important job of caring for and nurturing her children. However she still found time for outreach activities including serving as a school lunchroom monitor, playground monitor, Girl Scout leader and much more. Then when her youngest children were in high school, she began a new career as audiovisual coordinator in the library at Rochester Adams High School. Finally, in 1991, she retired to enjoy well-earned free time and travel.

Funeral Mass 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3 with an instate time of 9 a.m. St. Irenaeus Catholic Church, 771 Old Perch Road, Rochester Hills. Interment Van Hoosen Jones Cemetery.

The family will receive friends 3-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2 at the Potere-Modetz Funeral Home, Rochester.

In Lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to OCIMA Missions c/o St. Irenaeus Catholic Church.

Online guestbook [www.modetzfuneralhomes.com](http://www.modetzfuneralhomes.com).

## **WILLIAM WEIPPERT SR. 1933-2013**

CECIL – William Weippert Sr., age 80, died Friday, July 26.

He was born to Glenn and Ethel (Hasch) Weippert Feb. 15, 1933. He married the love of his life, Audrey Glenn, on Jan. 14, 1956. He was an avid churchgoer. His passion in life was farming. From the time he was 8 years old, he was farming and has been ever since. He never knew a stranger and could strike up a conversation with anyone. He loved being with family as much as possible and had many friends. In the winter months he enjoyed time in Palmetto, Fla., playing

cards and eating out with family and friends. He was an expert mechanic and could fix anything. He will be deeply missed by his family.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey Weippert; two sons, Dr. William (Jane) Weippert and Rick (Pam) Weippert; three daughters, Lori (Rick) Dietrich, Lisa (Jim) Philipot and Jill (Sam) Hatcher, all of rural Cecil; 10 grandchildren, Adam Dietrich, Dr. John (Jana) Weippert, Jarrod (Sara) Philipot, Summer Dietrich, Shade Haskins, Jesse Philipot, Jordan Philipot, Taylor Hatcher, Audra Philipot, Spencer Hatcher and Nicholas Hatcher; great-grandson Weippert to come due in November; three stepgrandchildren, Angie (Abe) Wyse, Laura Beth (Matt) Lintz and Nicole (Brad) Weirauch; seven great-stepgrandchildren, Mason and Brayden Weirauch, Mila Wyse, Liam Lintz, twins Taylor and Allie, Madison; and a sister, Barbara (Wayne) Frankart, New Haven.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and his beloved dog and companion of 16 years, "Cookie."

Funeral services will be conducted 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 30 at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Paulding, with the Rev. Karen Stetins officiating. Burial will be follow in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be from 2:30-8 p.m. Monday, July 29 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Donations may be made to Paulding Humane Society, Paulding County Caring and Sharing Food Pantry or St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Paulding.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com).

**KEITH IMLER 1947-2013**

SCOTT – Keith Evans Imler, age 65, of Scott, died at 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, July 24 at Van Wert Inpatient Hospice.

He was born Oct. 2, 1947 in Van Wert, the son of Kermit and Frances (Evans) Imler. He farmed and sold Farmer's Mutual Crop Insurance for many years. He was a member of Bowling Green United Methodist Church in Bowling Green and Scott Lion's Club; loved to play cards and belonged to a bridge club in Bowling Green; loved gardening; and was a former member of Van Wert Eagles.

Surviving are his mother, of Scott; and two brothers, Kermit (Lan) Imler of Columbus and Kevin Imler of Celina.

He was preceded in death by his father.

No services or visitation will be held. Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials are to Scott EMS.

Condolences may be expressed at [alspachgearhart.com](http://alspachgearhart.com).

## **GLADYS BARKLEY 1906-2013**

CONVOY – Gladys Barkley, 106 years, 9 months, 25 days, of Convoy, passed away at 7 a.m. Wednesday, July 24 at Vancrest of Convoy.

She was born Sept. 29, 1906 in Tully Township, Van Wert County, to Gilbert Franklin and Rosa Etta (Feasby) Fensler, who are deceased. She was one of eight children, all of whom are deceased.

She married Floyd H. Barkley on May 31, 1928. He passed away on July 4, 1990.

She is survived by three sons, Harold (Marie) Barkley, Fort Wayne, Max (Nancy) Barkley, Fort Wayne, and Mervin (Arlene) Barkley, Scott; two daughters, Carol J. Cavanaugh, Convoy, and Eula Rose Jerome, Convoy; a sister-in-law, Joella Fensler, Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren, Matt (Stacy) Cavanaugh of Aliso Viejo, Calif., Chris (Cathy) Cavanaugh of San Diego, Mitchell (Erica) Barkley of Toledo, Kim (Bob) Freiburger of Fort Wayne, Jennine (Bob) Coakley of Laguna Niquel, Calif., John Barkley of Deland, Fla., Debra (Brian) Ruble of Grover Hill, Don (Diane) Snyder of Findlay, Tom (Julie) Barkley of Fort Wayne, Greg (Claire) Householder of Roanoke, Ind., Jim (Marianne) Cavanaugh of Indianapolis and Jackie (Kevin) Nielsen of Lafayette, Ind.; great-grandchildren, Chloe & Brody Cavanaugh, Meghan & Ethan Cavanaugh, John, Jim, & Mary Beth Cavanaugh, Adam Nielsen, Nicole (Lance) Housinger, Sara (Zach) Miller, Andy Lingerberg, Chris Linderberg, Devon Barkley, Griffen Barkley, Gage Barkley, Nathaniel (Kelsey) Barkley, Abigail Coakley, Nicholas (Kerry) Ruble, Rebecca Ruble, Danielle Snyder, Meg Barkley and Natalie & Amanda Householder; and three great-great-grandchildren, Haley & Madelin Miller and Maddox Barkley; as well as several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by grandson Scott Barkley; daughter-in-law, Nancy J. Barkley; sons-in-law, Jim Cavanaugh and Kenneth Bill Jerome; brothers, Floyd, Herbert, Russell and Lester Fensler; and sisters, Lela Crabtree, Ruby Marie Lare and Wilma Black.

Gladys traveled by horse and buggy as a child and walked to a one-room schoolhouse. She saw numerous changes throughout her lifetime such as telephones, electricity, running water, automobiles, and TVs to name only a few. She enjoyed gardening and canning and was an excellent cook as well. Homemade pies were her specialty. She was a homemaker, a helpful neighbor, a devoted mother and loved by everyone who became acquainted with her.

She was a member of Countryside Chapel United Methodist Church and a former Sunday School teacher. She was so fortunate to be able to stay in her own home until the age of 103. She devoted her life to family and grandchildren and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 29 at Countryside Chapel United Methodist Church, rural Convoy. The Rev. Wayne Kargas of Countryside Chapel U.M. will officiate. Burial will follow at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Tully Township, Van Wert County.

Friends may call from 1-7 p.m. Sunday, July 28 at Cowan & Son Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to Countryside Chapel United Methodist Church or Vancrest of Convoy Activity Fund.

Expressions of sympathy may be e-mailed to: [cowanfh@yahoo.com](mailto:cowanfh@yahoo.com).

**JANET PETERS 1928-2013**



DELPHOS – Janet Eileen Peters, age 84, a resident of Sarah Jane Living Center, Delphos, died at 1:55 p.m. Wednesday, July 24, at Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center.

She was born Nov. 26, 1928 in Van Wert County, the daughter of Oscar and Frieda (Gehres) Kiehl. On Feb. 4, 1951, she married Donald L. Peters, who preceded her in death on Sept. 2, 2011. A 1946 graduate of Van Wert High School, she was a homemaker and member of Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Surviving are a son, Dennis (Pam) Peters of Prospect; a daughter, Donna (Mike) Porter of Paulding; nine grandchildren, Andy (Gabrielle) Porter, Sarah (Curt) Bibler, Ben (Sarah) Porter, Dan (Laura Porter, Anna (Oliver) Turner, Isaac Porter, Angie (Craig) Schnoebelen, Matt (April) Peters and Adam (Danielle) Peters; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Jeffrey Peters; and two brothers, Arthur Glenn Kiehl and Clifford Eugene Kiehl.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, July 28 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Convoy, with the Rev. Michael Saylor officiating. Burial will be in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Convoy. Cowan & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Visitation will be at the church from 1-5 p.m. prior to services Sunday.

Preferred memorials are to the church or Gideons International.

Expressions of sympathy may be emailed to [cowanfh@yahoo.com](mailto:cowanfh@yahoo.com).

**JOAN EDDY 1927-2013**

VAN WERT – Joan Eddy, 85, of Van Wert, died at 1:03 a.m. Friday, July 19 at Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center, Van Wert.

**JANICE SHAFFER 1930-2013**

ANTWERP – Janice Shaffer, 82, of Antwerp, passed away Saturday, July 20 at The Gardens of Paulding.

Janice was born in Antwerp on Nov. 4, 1930, a daughter of the late Hazel (Ehrhart) and Fred Major. She was a secretary to the superintendent at Antwerp Local School, retiring in 1978, and co-owner of Shaffer Hardware for 18 years; a member of First Presbyterian Church of Antwerp, the Eastern Star and her book club. She was united in marriage in 1951 to Fred Shaffer.

Janice will be sadly missed by her husband, Fred; son, Randy (Lynn) of Antwerp; daughter, Denise (Gary) Molnar of Springfield; and four grandchildren.

Her service is 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 23 at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River Street, Antwerp. She will be laid to rest at Bethel Cemetery.

Visitation is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday, July 22 at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Tuesday.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com).

### **WILMA HARTWIG 1935-2013**

HAVILAND – Wilma Jean Hartwig, age 78, died Thursday, July 18 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born July 17, 1935 in Blue Creek Township, Paulding County, the daughter of Harold A. and Ilo A. (Smith) McAdams. On Nov. 28, 1953, she married Cletus Ray Hartwig, who survives. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Briceton, and was previously employed by Paulding County Title office and the Paulding County Health Department, retiring in 1989.

She is survived by her husband, Ray Hartwig, Haviland; three daughters, Debra (Dr. Larry) Tope and Karen (Lee) Bakle, both of Paulding, and Julie (Spencer) Beckman, Haviland; eight grandchildren, Ashley Tope, Kayla (Joel) Miller, Remy Tope, Dylan Flint, Brett Beckman, Rachael Fisher, Stacy Flint and Jadyn Flint; and a great-granddaughter, Olivia Miller.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Harry E. McAdams.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 23 at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Briceton, with the Rev. Karen Stetins officiating. Burial will follow in Blue Creek Cemetery, Haviland.

Visitation will be 2-8 p.m. Monday, July 22 at Den Herder Funeral Home, and one hour prior to services on Tuesday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to St. John Lutheran Church.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com).

## **GEORGE KELLY 1935-2013**

PAULDING – George G. Kelly, age 77, died Monday, July 15 at The Gardens of Paulding, Paulding.

He was born Oct. 19, 1935 in Frampton, Quebec, Canada, the son of John and Mary (Audet) Kelly. On June 18, 1966, he married Helen R. Phlipot, who preceded him in death on Sept. 16, 2012. He was born and raised Catholic. He was a member of Paulding Eagles #2405 and Paulding K of C St. Joseph Council #2584. He worked as a lineman for N.G. Gilbert and Paulding Putnam Electric, where he retired in 1997. Above all he was a loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend who enjoyed the outdoors.

He is survived by four children, Anne (Jeff) Pieper of Paulding, George G. “Charlie” (Rachel) Kelly Jr. of Granville, Rita (Tom) Ricica of Defiance and Gary “Bub” English of Paulding; five sisters, Dorothy (Kuno) Fleig of East Hartford, Conn., Bertha Longchamps, Evelyne (Donald) Turbide, Agnes (Gilles Chagnon) Kelly and Cecilia Kelly, all of Quebec, Canada; and seven grandchildren, Mikayla and Bailey Pieper, Jennifer (Matt) Devereaux, Jeffery Ricica and Sara, Hannah and Sophia English.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; four brothers, Edward, Hubert, Joseph and Lawrence Kelly; and two sisters, Annie Bourdon and Madeleine Lamanque.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 20 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with the Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial will follow in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be 2-8 p.m. with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 19 at Den Herder Funeral Home and one hour prior to services on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Paulding United Methodist Church; Community Health Professionals, The Gardens of Paulding or American Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com).

## **LILLIAN PEA 1917-2013**

VAN WERT– Lillian Esther Pea, age 95, died Thursday, July 4.

## **RALPH BROWN 1927-2013**

ANTWERP – Ralph D. Brown, 85, of Antwerp, passed away Tuesday, July 16 at Vancrest of Antwerp.

Ralph was born Oct. 17, 1927, in Waverly, a son of the late Daisy L (Streitenberger) and Ralph A Brown. He served in the U.S. Navy, was a superintendent at Unioto Local Schools and Antwerp Local Schools and was a member of Antwerp United Methodist Church, Antwerp Rotary, the Masons and Shriners. On Dec. 27, 1953 he married Nancy Collis.

Ralph will be sadly missed by his wife, Nancy; daughters, Jennifer (Neil) Ramsier of Antwerp and Suzanne (Jon) Hollabaugh of Fremont, Ind.; a brother, Carroll of Chillicothe; grandchildren, Anne (Jordan) Cline and Doug Ramsier; and great-grandchildren, Wyatt and Eliza Cline.

He was also preceded in death by his sister, Ruth Wilhelm.

His service is at 11 a.m. Friday, July 19 at Antwerp United Methodist Church, with viewing one hour prior. He will be laid to rest at Maumee Cemetery, with military honors.

Visitation is also 2-4 and 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, with Masonic Rites at 7:30 p.m., at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp.

Memorials are to the church or Vancrest of Antwerp Activity Fund.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at [www.dooleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.dooleyfuneralhome.com).

**ARTHUR PHILLIPS JR. 1934-2013**

LIMA – Arthur “Art” “Poppy” “Uncle June” Phillips Jr., 78, died at 10:43 a.m. Saturday, July 13 at his residence in Lima.

Arthur was born on Dec. 5, 1934, in Paulding, to Arthur Sr. and Anna Elizabeth (Bass) Phillips, both are deceased. Mr. Phillips first married Jeanine K. Williams, on Nov. 9, 1962, in Lima. She died March 20, 1992. He then married Clemmie A. Glover on Feb. 14, 1996, in Las Vegas. She survives in Lima. Mr. Phillips graduated from Grover Hill High School in 1953. He had served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army from March 25, 1953 till Sept. 25, 1957 with the 7th Division, 73rd TK BN during the Korean Conflict. He worked for the Ford Motor Company Lima Engine Plant as a quality control inspector for 30 years, three months, retiring on Jan. 1, 1990. He belonged to Philippian Missionary Baptist Church, Lima. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars #9289 in St. Marys and the American Legion #0888 in Indianapolis.

He is survived by: two sons, Arthur E. Phillips of Lima and Ronald A. Phillips of Hartford City, Ind.; two daughters, Shellie E. Brown and Donna J. Phillips, both of Lima; four stepsons, Charles E. Glover and Richard L. Glover, both of Columbus, Sean E. Glover of St. Marys and Melvin E. (Kimberly) Glover of Atlanta; a brother, James L. (Gertrude) Phillips of Lima; a sister, Marlyn F. Miles of Columbus; 22 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Herbert, Alvin and William Phillips; and six sisters, Thelma Mines, Pauline Young, Juanita Greenwade, Mary Middlebrook, Rosann Dent and Marva Young.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, July 20 at Chamberlain-Huckriede Funeral Home in Lima, with military honors conducted by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9289, St. Marys.

A funeral service will begin at 7 p.m. with Pastor Larry Tinker officiating. Interment will be in Little Middle Creek Cemetery, Washington Township, Paulding, County, at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 740 Commerce Drive,, Suite B, Perrysburg, OH 43551.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.chamberlainhuckeriade.com](http://www.chamberlainhuckeriade.com).

## **GREGORY BAUER 1947-2013**

ANTWERP – Gregory J. Bauer, 65, died Saturday, July 13, at Community Memorial Hospital, Hicksville, from a heart attack.

Greg was born on Oct. 1, 1947 in Hicksville, the son of Ardon and Mildred (Putzkilo) Bauer. He was a 1965 graduate of Hicksville High School. On Feb. 25, 1984, he was united in marriage with Faye Morton, and she survives. He served in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the Antwerp VFW, Antwerp Legion, Danville, Ky. AmVets, Montpelier Moose and Hicksville Eagles. He loved auto racing, for many years he co-owned a late model asphalt car and then worked on an outlaw sprint car. He loved rodeos, especially going with his son and watching him ride the bulls. He loved music, dancing, Antwerp softball and high school wrestling. He retired from Dana Weatherhead, Antwerp.

He is survived by his wife, Faye (Morton); his father, Ardon of Defiance; son, Brian Hattersley of Colorado Springs, Colo.; sister, Tracy (Michael) Ondrejko of Defiance; granddaughter, Brianna "Sis" of Colorado Springs; mother-in-law, Millie (Wilmer) Rohrbach of Monroeville, Ind.; brothers-in-law, Doug (Sheila) Morton of New Haven, Mike (Terry) Morton of Monroeville and



Larry (Linda) Rohrbach of Fort Wayne; nieces, Kalah, Kendra, Kelsey, Kate, Catherine, Lexi, Alena; and nephews, Kris, Scott, Matthew, and Sasha.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mildred.

Funeral services for Greg will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 18 at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 17 at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Parkinson's Research Department of Indiana University Medical Center.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com](http://www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com).

## **HELEN BETZ 1920-2013**

PAULDING – Helen L. Betz, age 92, died Monday, July 8 at her residence.

She was born Dec. 25, 1920 in Cuyahoga County, the daughter of Calvin and Kathleen (Kovacs) Kaiser. On June 20, 1942, she married Harold C. Betz, who preceded her in death on Oct. 13, 1991. She was a 1938 Paulding High School graduate and formerly employed by the VA Hospital, Gainesville, Fla. and Dana Weatherhead of Antwerp.

She is survived by her son, John (Lillian) Betz, Paulding; grandchildren, Michelle (Scott) Nist, John (Jennifer L.) Betz and Jennifer A. Betz; and great-grandchildren, Alex, Max, Jack, Grayce, Katy and Cameron.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a brother, Dan Kaiser; and sisters, Velma Straley and Rose Buku.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 13 at St. Patrick Church, Gainesville, Florida. Burial will follow in Forest Meadows Cemetery, Gainesville.

Visitation will be two hours prior to services at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials made to St. Patrick's Catholic Church 500 NE 16th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601 or Divine Mercy Catholic Church, 417 N. Main Street, Paulding OH 45879.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.denherderfh.com](http://www.denherderfh.com).

## **JANET RAKES 1959-2013**

OAKWOOD – Janet L. Rakes, 53, of Oakwood, died at 9:17 p.m. Wednesday, July 10 at Regency Hospital in Sylvania.

She was born Oct. 15, 1959 in Defiance to Bethel Gene and Wilma (Cassidy) Rakes Sr. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in Oakwood.

Also surviving are two sisters, Carol Stahl of Melrose and Pamela (Darwin) Sherry of Trenton, Ga.; several nieces and nephews, David, Niki, Michael, Tracey, Johnny, Karisa, Rob, Aaron, Lance and Cory; great-nieces and nephews, Shelbie, Jennifer, Tyler, Taylor, Hunter and Kinlee Jo; and many loving uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Bethel Gene Rakes Jr.; a niece, Crystal Stahl; and a great-nephew, Austin Tritsch.

Janet worked at Libby's and then at Campbell Soup in Napoleon.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Sunday, July 14 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Continental, with Pastor Carol Retcher officiating. Burial will follow in Sherman Cemetery, Oakwood.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. on Saturday, July 13 and one hour prior to the service on Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences can be expressed at [heimeyerfuneralhome.com](http://heimeyerfuneralhome.com).

## **MATTHEW ROUGHTON 1963-2013**

OAKWOOD – Matthew M. “Matt” Roughton, 49, of Oakwood, died at 5:55 p.m. Monday, July 8 at The Laurels of Defiance.

He was born Sept. 6, 1963 in Paulding to Rollin R. and Carolyn (Tunks) Roughton. His father is deceased, his mother survives in Oakwood.

He is also survived by two brothers, Gene (Judy) Roughton of Oakwood and Eric (Shelly) Roughton of Paulding; two sisters, Rhonda (Buck) Downing of Oakwood and Diana (Ron) Sierer of Paulding; three nephews; seven nieces; four great-nephews; and two great-nieces.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Cheryl Early.

Matt was a set-up operator for Thompson Steel in Paulding from 1995-2007. He worked at Cooper Farms from 1978-87. He was a 3rd class Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy and served from 1982-86. He was on the first crew of the newly commissioned U.S.S. Doyle and then was in the Reserves. Matt was a member of the Oakwood American Legion post #341. He was a member of Melrose United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Men's Group.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Sunday, July 14 at Melrose United Methodist Church with the Rev. Eileen Kochensparger officiating. Burial will follow in Little Auglaize Cemetery, Oakwood with military rites by the Oakwood American Legion.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Saturday, July 13 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood, and one hour prior to the service Sunday at the church.

Memorials may be made to Melrose United Methodist Church or to The American Cancer Society.

Condolences can be expressed at [www.heimeyerfuneralome.com](http://www.heimeyerfuneralome.com).

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