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Donald Ault

Donald Ault, of Warsaw, passed away at 3:04 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020, at Kosciusko Community Hospital of Warsaw at the age of 92.

Don was born on Aug. 15, 1928, to Thomas Gola "Jake" Ault and Hazel Verona Heflin Ault in Summitville, Ind. Jake was a livestock dealer in the Midwest and Don, along with his brothers Tom and Joe, followed in their father's footsteps.



The family moved to Claypool in 1942. Soon afterward, Jake purchased the Claypool Livestock Sales within the city limits. This would become the family business for a number of years. Don attended the Claypool School, where he met Martha Lee Neff. After Martha's graduation from the Methodist Hospital Nursing Program in Indianapolis, they were married in the Claypool Methodist Church on Nov. 7, 1948.

Don and Martha lived in Claypool and built a house on the west side of town. During this period, Jake passed away and Don continued to work at the family sale barn. He and Don Landis eventually purchased it from the family in 1953. The Claypool Sale Barn was well known throughout the northern Indiana, southern Michigan and western Ohio farmers. The Sale Barn had the first authenticated scales that transformed the livestock sales from approximate price per head to price per pound.

The sales in this Claypool building grew to such volume that the facilities were quickly outgrown. Don and seven other investors formed a corporation and built the new Claypool Sale Barn on State Route 15 South between Claypool and Silver Lake. The first livestock auction in this facility was held in October 1957. This new facility also included the Steer Inn restaurant.

The new Sale Barn would become a focal point for Kosciusko County and others for the Friday night livestock sales and particularly for the post-high school basketball game gatherings at the Steer Inn. Many folks will remember the nights after a particularly close game to argue the finer points of Indiana basketball. At that time, Don was the primary livestock buyer for the sale barn, driving over 80,000 miles a year to purchase cattle and horses for the sales, and brother Tom was the auctioneer.

Don left the Sale Barn in the early 1970s to begin his own business and had great success as a livestock broker. He and his brother sold a majority of cattle to Burger Chef in the Tri-State area as well as many dairy cattle to South America to improve their genetics. Over the years, Don continued to provide quality cattle and horse products to many farmers in the region, particularly to our Amish friends in Northern Indiana.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 71 years, Martha Lee Ault, Warsaw; two sons: Douglas Lee (Janet) Ault, Warsaw; and Donald Gregory (Cindy) Ault, Columbia, Md.; and his daughter, Jacquelyn Ault (Jon) Negus, Palatine, Ill. He also leaves behind six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; and his sister, Wilma Jean Noggle, Carmel. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; and one sister.

Donald's life will be celebrated with a private family graveside service at Graceland Cemetery in Claypool, and officiated by Pastor Glenn Hall. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements were entrusted to Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Animal

Nathan Baldrige

Nathan Lee Baldrige, age 26, of Silver Lake, passed away as the result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020, at 8:06 p.m. in Fulton County.

The son of Tab Leon Baldrige and Vicki Collins Carr, Nathan was born in Warsaw on May 12, 1994. He was a 2012 graduate of Tippecanoe Valley High School and previously worked in the service department at Rice Ford.



Nathan was very mechanically inclined; he could fix nearly anything and was employed by Hensley Manufacturing. He never met a stranger, was very friendly and loved to laugh and joke. He was a very giving person and also very ornery. He enjoyed being outdoors and could often be found fishing or hunting with his buddies, Derrick and Weston.

Those who survive with memories to cherish include his parents: mother, Vicki (Randy) Carr, of Warsaw, and father, Leon (Patricia) Baldrige, of Claypool; brother, Weston (Missy) Bradley, of Sidney; sisters: Trena (Luke) Gamble, of Rochester; Cassie Slone, of Nappanee; and Tabitha Baldrige, of Warsaw; great-grandmother, Rosie Collins, of Kentucky; stepbrother, Jeremy (Jennifer) Carr, of Huntington; and stepsister, Jennifer (Chris) Rogers, of Huntington. Also surviving is his girlfriend, Ashley Bender, of Silver Lake; and her children whom he loved as his own: Ella, Emily and Andrew.

Those who preceded him in passing include his grandparents.

A Life Celebration® is planned with the assistance of Titus Funeral Home. Nathan's funeral service will be held at Free United Baptist Church, 7035 S. Ind. 13, Pierceton, on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. Visitation will begin on Friday, Oct. 16 at 4 p.m. in the church and will continue until the time of the Saturday morning funeral service. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery, Pierceton. Pastor Etsie Ward Allen will officiate.

Memorial gifts may be directed to Free United Baptist Church, 7035 South IN 13, Pierceton, IN 46562.

Written condolences may be left for the family at www.TitusFuneralHome.com.

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Larry G. Boggs

Larry G. Boggs, 82, of Warsaw, passed away at 1:46 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born on Oct. 27, 1937, in the home where he has lived his entire life. Larry was born to H. Earl and Dorothy Mae Butt Boggs. He graduated from Mentone High School in 1955.

In 1956, he married Betty Griffis Boggs, of Mentone. Together, they had two children, JoEllen (Rick) Jackson, of Atwood; and Jeff (Julia) Boggs, of Warsaw. They have eight grandchildren: Kristi (Justin) Hull, Holli (Shaun) Hollering, Nicholas (Jessica) Jackson, Jordan (Tierney) Boggs, Hannah (Jamison) Parker, Shelby (Hunter) Bradford, Darien Rodriguez and Lazero Rodriguez. Larry and Betty also have 10 great-grandchildren.

He was a farmer and worked for Creighton Bros. for 28 years. He was an avid scrapper. He never met a stranger and had a great love of life. Larry left a lasting impression on every life he touched.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Kenneth and Marion Boggs.

Per Larry's wishes, there will be no visitation or service. Cremation will take place.

Larry was on the Palestine Cemetery Board for many years. Any donations can be made there in Larry's name.



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Judith M. 'Judy' DeVries

AKRON - Judith M. "Judy" DeVries, 78, of Nyona Lake, passed at 6:08 a.m. Monday, Oct. 19, 2020, at her residence.

Judy was born on Aug. 7, 1942, in Miami County, to the late David Ralph and Arvilla I. Wissinger Eiler. Judy was known for her tireless work ethic. She currently served Trinity United Methodist Church as secretary and organist. She was always a friendly face at Walgreen's and Helt Realty, both of Rochester. As part of Judy's ministry, she played the organ for decades at numerous funerals.

Judy served her community for eight years on the Fulton County Council. In years past, she had also worked for Deamer Abstract, the Fulton County Clerk's Office, Peru Production Credit, Richard Kehoe Law Office, Susan Brown Law Office and Sears.

She was a 1960 graduate of Lagro High School. Judy was an active member of the Fulton County Republican Women's Club and the Tri Kappa Sorority. She was a big fan of gospel singing groups, and her favorite was "Triumphant." She always enjoyed watching NASCAR.

She is survived by her sons, Jeffery Roser, of North Manchester; Michael and wife Tammy Roser, of Lebanon, Mo.; and Eric and wife Jody Roser, of Roann; a daughter, Janie and husband David Williams, of Greenville, S.C.; grandchildren: Ashley; Ellisia; Byron; Andy and wife Cora; Adam and wife Millie; Amanda and husband Brandon; Grace; Lillie; and Conrad; numerous great-grandchildren; and sisters: Carol and husband Mike Glover, of Connecticut; and Barbara and husband Mike Patch, of Macy.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a grandson, Sean.

A private funeral service for Mrs. DeVries will be held at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. The private burial will take place following the service in the Metzger Cemetery, Miami County. Visitation hours will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22 at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Masks will be required for all in attendance.

Donations can be made in her memory to the Trinity United Methodist Church, 819 E. Ninth St., Rochester, IN 46975.

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Eloise Eberly

Eloise W. Eberly, 93, North Manchester, died Saturday at Timbercrest Healthcare Center, North Manchester.

Survivors include: daugh-

ters Diana Bucher, North Manchester, Brenda Horein, Elkhart, and Sandy Wenger, Harrisonburg, Virginia; a sister, Marietta Miller, Claypool.

Funeral service is at 3 p.m. Nov. 15, 2020 and will be livestreamed. McKee Mortuary, North Manchester, is handling arrangements.

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The health agency said it president.

Randy D. Grimm

AKRON - Randy D. Grimm, 60, rural Rochester, died at 8:04 a.m. Friday, Oct. 30, 2020, at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.

He was born Aug. 25, 1960, in Warsaw, to John and Shirley Horn Grimm. He married on Aug. 12, 1994, in Rochester, to Ruth Creviston, who survives.

A service is being planned for a later date.



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Gary L. 'Chirp' Harmon

Gary L. "Chirp" Harmon, age 76, of Warsaw, passed away on Monday, Oct. 19, 2020, at 6:28 a.m. in his residence.

Gary was born April 23, 1944, in Floyd County, Ky., to Leonard and Birdie J. Dotson Harmon. He was united in marriage to Ruth Ousley on May 17, 1963, in Warsaw.

Gary was a graduate of Mentone High School in 1962. He lived in the Warsaw area most of his life. Gary's wife, children and grandchildren have been blessed with the opportunity to keep Gary in his home of 50 years with familiar faces and the 24/7 love and care of family along with dogs Donovan and Relo.

An avid Cincinnati Reds fan for many years, his family made sure that the games were on whenever possible. He made it to Cincinnati to cheer them on every year until his condition made the trip to see his beloved Reds no longer possible. Chirp also enjoyed country and gospel music.

Chirp worked his entire adult life until retirement at RR Donnelley. He coached his daughters fast-pitch softball teams along with his wife of 57 years for many years while he and his wife both played slow pitch too. He and his wife enjoyed doing so many things together, traveling to Nascar races, visiting family, and just traveling to Arizona or Florida to relax. Gary enjoyed watching his grandson's play travel high school soccer and never missed a college soccer game, or his granddaughter's travel and high school volleyball games and did not miss many of her college volleyball games even after his first stroke. He was determined to be there for his family.

Gary is survived by wife, Ruth Harmon, Warsaw; daughters, Christi (Brent) Price, Terri (Chris) Hubner, both of Warsaw; grandchildren, Ryan Marshall Price, Lake Harmon Price and Chloe Christine Hubner; great-grandchildren, Addison, Callie and Jett Price. In addition, he is survived by one brother, Larry Harmon, Warsaw; and one sister, Karen Kerby, Lawrenceville, Ga.; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by both parents.

A visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 22 at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 23 at the funeral chapel with Pastor Jamy Gregory officiating. Interment will follow at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Due to current COVID-19 recommendations, masks are required. The public is kindly requested to provide their own. Social distancing is strongly encouraged.

Memorial donations may be made to Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice, 1515 Provident Drive, Warsaw, IN 46581.

To sign the guestbook or send a condolence, go to www.mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com.



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OBITUARIES

Russell Dale McGowen

MENTONE - Russell Dale McGowen, 92, Mentone, died at 9:03 a.m. Monday, Nov. 2, 2020, at his residence.

Dale was born on Dec. 5, 1927, in Kosciusko County, to the late Bert and Bessie Silveus McGowen. He was married on May 1, 1954, in Plymouth, to Violet M. Bollman, who died June 8, 2011.

He served his country in the U.S. Army.

Visitation hours will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

The funeral service for Mr. McGowen will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with Pastors Jeff Herron and Gail Law officiating.

The interment will take place in the Harrison Center (Wooden) Cemetery, Etna Green, where graveside military rites will be performed by the American Legion Post #49 of Warsaw.



Russell McGowen

Russell D. McGowen, 92, Mentone, died at 9:03 a.m., Monday at his residence. He is survived by his daughters Terry Hively, 1 p.m., Saturday at King Mentone, Sherry Yates, Memorial Home. Mentone. Visitation is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

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OBITUARIES

Melvin L. Pratt

Oct. 16, 1926 - Oct. 8, 2020



Mr. Melvin L. Pratt, 93, was surrounded by his loving family when he passed away at 8:46 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020, at his home in Winamac.

On Oct. 16, 1926, Melvin Leroy Pratt was born in Fulton County, near Athens, to Russell W. and Ethel Dora Miller Pratt. Growing up he shared his childhood with a sister Gladys and two brothers Irvin and Phil. Melvin graduated from Akron High School with the class of 1943. A proud flyer, standing at 6'0" and with a "wingspan to match," Melvin was a force to be reckoned with, starting as center on the basketball team.

Immediately after graduation, patriotism beckoned. Melvin answered the call, enlisting to serve our country during World War II with the United States Navy. He was accomplished as a minesweeper, being very successful searching for and destroying sea mines. Seaman 2nd Class Melvin L. Pratt was honorably discharged on May 25, 1946, after his Navy service of three years.

During his time back home for a few years, between service stints, Melvin met and fell in love with Iva. The duo hit it off beautifully and later became engaged to be married. On May 2, 1951, Melvin enlisted with the United States Air Force and was stationed in Germany where he worked in the automotive mechanic

love of his life Miss Iva May Leland in Erding, Germany. Staff Sgt. Melvin continued with his service stint, being honorably discharged on May 1, 1955.

Returning home to Fulton County, the Pratts shared 64 years of life's adventures. From their union came eight wonderful children. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of two more generations.

Over the years Melvin had developed a strong work ethic and embraced his passion for agriculture. He and Iva raised their beautiful family of eight living off the land and were self-sustained from their family farming operation. They initially hand milked a fine herd of 12-14 Holsteins. That later evolved into nearly 30 when electronic milkers were employed. They had a few pigs, cross-bred, Hampshire and Chester White. Corn and wheat were planted annually to feed the livestock. Melvin and Iva annually planted a huge truck patch garden, supplying the family with produce from mid-summer on. Autumn brought on the bountiful harvest, when they froze and canned the vegetables for winter's use.

As the proud patriarch of the Pratt family, Grandpa was proud to oversee three gener-

the stands. The holidays and special family celebrations were treasured, making many memories of a lifetime.

Left to cherish Melvin's memory are three daughters Lisa Day and husband Dennis of Star City, Regina Waits of Dallas, Texas, Maria Nicolas and husband Jim of Winamac; six sons, John Pratt and wife Nancy of Rochester, Michael Pratt and wife Lisa of Middleton, Daniel Pratt and wife Annette of Plymouth, Mark Pratt and wife Judy of Delong, Dominic Pratt of Pleasant Prairie, Wisc., Matthew Pratt and wife Carla of Plymouth; 29 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Irvin Pratt and wife Marlene of Middlebury, Philip Pratt and wife Janice of Rochester; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Melvin in death are his parents Russell and Ethel Pratt; beloved wife Iva on May 1, 2017; grandson Jeremy Day; two great-grandsons, Waylon Cox and Owen Abbott; and a sister, Gladys Cutschaw.

A graveside service celebrating the life of Mr. Melvin L. Pratt was at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 12, 2020, in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery. His younger brother, Pastor Phil Pratt, officiated. Military honors were accorded by the Fulton County Veterans Honor Guard and the United States Navy Honors Team. In lieu of flowers memorials may

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Roger L. Reaker

NAPPANEE – Roger L. Reaker, age 75, of Nappanee, died at 5 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15, 2020, at Signature Healthcare in Bremen after a three-year battle with Alzheimer's.



Roger was born on Oct. 15, 1945, to George and Cleo Davis Reaker in Plymouth, and was a lifelong Nappanee area resident. He was a 1965 Bremen High School graduate. Roger married Bethel Stouder on Aug. 6, 1966, in Bremen. She preceded him in death on Jan. 17, 2017.

Roger worked at Mutschler Brothers, Newmar and Travel Supreme. He enjoyed working in the factories and the friendships he made there. Roger never knew a stranger and was always willing to lend a hand. He loved and adored his family and was always present in their lives. Roger especially enjoyed his grandchildren and watching all of their sporting events.

He will be truly missed by all who knew him. Roger is survived by three daughters: Heather (Troy) Sell, of Etna Green; Shannon (Tobias) Sell, of Nappanee; and Shelley (Dane) Bradberry, of Nappanee; 12 grandchildren: Danielle Diemer, Kodi Diemer, Christian (Taylor) Diemer, Derek Diemer, Drew Bradberry, Blaine Holmes, Caitlin Lower, Marshall Sell, Tyler Blosser, Mikayla Blosser, Madisyn Sell and Trevor Sell; eight great-grandchildren; five siblings: Donna (Kenny) Muncy, of Bremen; Marlo (Dar) Reaker, of Florida; John (Sue) Reaker, of Bremen; Betty (Steve) Denman, of Osceola; and Ronnie Reaker, of Bremen.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

Friends may call at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee, Monday, Oct. 19 from 1 to 6 p.m. and for one hour prior to services Tuesday, Oct. 20. Funeral services will be held at Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Home, Nappanee, Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Matt Cottrill of Bourbon United Pentecostal Church officiating. Burial will follow at Union Center Cemetery, Nappanee.

Arrangements are with Thompson-Lengacher & Yoder Funeral Homes, Nappanee.

Memorial contributions can be made to Alzheimer's Association.

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Mary Lou Reynolds

Mary Lou Reynolds, 76, North Judson, died at 12:06 p.m. Thursday at her residence. Survivors include her children, Eugene Farler and Viper, Ky. Katie Farler, Rochester; sisters Betty Hatcher and Kathy Hatcher, Warsaw; and brother, R.B. Reynolds. No services are scheduled at this time. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester.

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OBITUARIES

Mary E. Rock

May 17, 1934 - Oct. 24, 2020



Mary E. Rock, 86, a resident of Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home at Warsaw, and formerly of Tippecanoe, passed Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020, at 11:30 p.m.

Mary was born May 17, 1934, the daughter of Forrest Arthur and Edna Marie Harris Calvert in, Richland Township, Rochester. She has been a lifelong resident of the area and a graduate of Richland Center High School class of 1952. She has been employed at Pill Box Pharmacy and volunteered at Kosciuszko Community Hospital. She was a member of the former Talma United Methodist Church, a member of the Tippecanoe Fireman's Auxiliary, Tippecanoe Township EMS and was board member, a member of TCU honor roll, the "dirty dozen" coffee club and ladies Red Hat Society.

Dec. 23, 1951, she married the love of her life, Ivan Rock, who preceded her in

death Sept. 2, 1994. She will be greatly missed by her large family; daughter

Amy (Timothy) Strycker of Goshen; her sons Martin Rock of Argos, Larry (Priscilla) Rock of Tippecanoe, Edward (LeeAnn) Rock of Mentone, Dale (Wilma) Rock of Mentone, David (Teresa) Rock of Tippecanoe and son-in-law Dennis Goodrich of Warsaw; further blessings of 20 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild; sisters Carol Saenz of Mishawaka, Helen (Dick) Enyart of Rochester, Barbara (Buddie) Tullis of Tippecanoe Shores, Rochester.

Those preceding in death were her parents, husband, daughter Ivana Goodrich, grandsons Travis Dean and

Jami Eby, great-grandson Aaron Fuller sister Clara Reiser, brothers Ralph and Jim Calvert, and half-brothers Bob, Bill and Pete Calvert.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2020, from 9-11 a.m. in Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon, Indiana 46504. Graveside services will follow at 11:30 a.m. in Tippecanoe Cemetery with Pastor Gail Law officiating.

In keeping with current COVID-19 regulations masks will be required, as well as being mindful of social distancing during the visitation time and graveside service.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is privileged to be entrusted with the care of the family in making arrangements.

Friends are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at: www.deatonclemensfh.com.

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Mary E. Rock

BOURBON - Mary E. Rock, age 86, a resident of Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home at Warsaw, and formerly of Tippecanoe, passed Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020, at 11:30 p.m.



Mary was born May 17, 1934, the daughter of Forrest Arthur and Edna Marie Harris Calvert, in Richland Township, Rochester. She has been a life-long resident of the area and a graduate of Richland Center High School class of 1952. She has been employed at Pill Box Pharmacy and volunteered at Kosciusko Community Hospital. She was a member of the former Talma United Methodist Church, a member of the Tippecanoe Fireman's Auxiliary, Tippecanoe Township EMS and board member, a member of TCU honor roll, the "dirty dozen" coffee club and ladies Red Hat Society.

On Dec. 23, 1951, she married the love of her life, Ivan Rock, who preceded her in death Sept. 2, 1994. She will be greatly missed by her large family: daughter, Amy (Timothy) Strycker, of Goshen; her sons: Martin Rock, of Argos; Larry (Priscilla) Rock, of Tippecanoe; Edward (LeeAnn) Rock, of Mentone; Dale (Wilma) Rock, of Mentone; David (Teresa) Rock, of Tippecanoe; and son-in-law Dennis Goodrich, of Warsaw. She was further blessed with 20 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; 17 great-great-grandchildren; one great-great-great-grandchild; and sisters: Carol Saenz, of Mishawaka; Helen (Dick) Enyart, of Rochester; and Barbara (Buddie) Tullis, of Tippecanoe Shores, Rochester.

Those preceding in death were her parents; husband; daughter, Ivana Goodrich; grandsons: Travis, Dean and Jami Eby; great-grandson, Arron Fuller; sister, Clara Reeser; brothers: Ralph and Jim Calvert; and half brothers, Bob, Bill and Pete Calvert.

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Friends are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at www.deatonclemensfh.com.

Rex Schilling

Rex Schilling, Claypool, passed away at 4:40 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2020, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne after suffering a stroke.



He was born on Oct. 30, 1930, to Clarence and Laura Schrock Schilling in Bippus.

He grew up on the family dairy and pony farm surrounded by five brothers and one sister.



After graduating from Chester High School in 1948, he was called to the service of his country and joined the United States Army in 1951. He was deployed to Korea, earning commendations that included two purple hearts and the bronze star with valor.

Upon his return from service, he met Alice Foust, a Manchester College co-ed, at the Dairy Bar. It was love at first sight. They were married six months later on Aug. 14, 1955, in Dayton, Ohio. Together, they raised three children on their farm in Claypool. Their family grew to include 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren, with one more expected in December.

Rex was a proud dairy and grain farmer but had many other interests. His passion included all sports. He was an avid fan of the Warsaw Tigers and never missed a game when his grandkids were involved. Recently, he began attending his great-grandchildren's sporting events.

He and Alice also loved traveling. Rex had a personal goal of visiting all 50 states. He also compiled an impressive collection of vintage hand tools. These tools were impeccably cleaned, catalogued and organized. He was often seen at local auctions and was a member of the Midwest Tool Collectors Association and the Ohio Tool Collectors.

He was a member of the Center United Methodist Church in Silver Lake for the past 60 years, serving on numerous committees and boards over the years. He also enjoying morning coffee and conversation with his buddies in North Manchester until COVID prevented it in the past year.

Rex is survived by Alice, his wife of 65 years; their children: Kathee (Mike) Reed; Kim (Steve) Kesler; and Tom (Kelly) Schilling; his grandchildren: Lara (Brian) Barbour; Brooks (Jessica) Reed; Rob (Bethany) Kesler; Ross (Kristin) Kesler; Kara (Wes) Whisler; Kyla (Wes) Snoddy; Kandi (Shane) Eagan; Rhett Kesler; Sam Schilling; and Kate Schilling; great-grandchildren: Hallie and Reed Barbour; Harper, Scarlett and Iris Reed; Nolan, Serena, Paxton, Charlotte, Knox, Violet and Ivy Kesler; Gwynn, Molly, Vivyan and Guy Whisler; and Nova, Belle and Warren Snoddy; also, numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Laura Schilling; his brothers: Dean, Glen, Keith, Max and Jay; and his sister, Audra Beck.

On Friday, Oct. 30, Rex's 90th birthday celebration of his life will be held from 1 to 3 p.m., with service following, at Center United Methodist Church in Silver Lake.

For those wishing to make a memorial gift, Rex's family would be honored by a contribution to Center United Methodist Church, 9485 Ind. 15, Silver Lake, IN 46982; or the Honor Flight Northeast Indiana, P.O. Box 5, Huntertown, IN 46748.

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Fred L. Searles

Fred L. Searles, 71, rural Mentone, died at 8:45 a.m., Thursday, at Miller's Merry Manor of Warsaw.

Survivors include his wife Jennie Lu Searles, Mentone;

children Michael Searles and Leslie Burns, both of Decatur; siblings Heidi Updike, Monticello, Wisc., and Tim Searles of Broadhead, Wisc.

Funeral service will be held Monday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with the funeral service immediately following. The family requests masks be worn by all who attend.

Visitation is 10 a.m.-noon.

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Fred L. Searles

MENTONE - Fred L. Searles, 71, of rural Mentone, and formerly of Wells County, passed at 8:45 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 29, 2020, at Miller's Merry Manor of Warsaw.

Fred was born on May 25, 1949, in Monroe, Wis., to the late Frank and Mabel Affolter Searles. He was married on Nov. 16, 2007, in Huntington, to Jennie Lu Hudson Mock; she survives.



Fred was a 1967 graduate of Broadhead High School in Broadhead, Wis. He worked for General Motors for 41 years, with his last 25 years in Fort Wayne, and retired in 2008.

He is survived by his wife Jennie Lu Searles, of Mentone; a son, Michael and wife Teri Searles, of Decatur; a daughter, Leslie and husband Jason Burns, of Decatur; grandchildren, Skyler Brown, Elias Searles and Ella Searles; a sister, Heidi and husband Mark Updike, of Monticello, Wis.; and a brother, Tim and wife Julie Searles, of Broadhead, Wis.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Mabel Searles.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon, Monday, Nov. 2 at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone. The funeral service will be at noon Monday, Nov. 2 at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with Pastor Duane Kline officiating. The interment will take place in the Mentone Cemetery, Mentone.

The family requests masks to be worn for all who are in attendance at the funeral services for Mr. Searles.

Donations can be made in Fred's memory to the donor's choice of charity.

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Julia 'Judy' A. Stokes

Julia "Judy" A. Stokes, age 83, of Warsaw, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020, in Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Judy was born Oct. 8, 1937, in Fort Wayne, to Don and Maxine Darrow Arnold. She was united in marriage to Robert Stokes on April 5, 1958.

She was born and raised in Fort Wayne and lived the remainder of her life in Warsaw. Judy was a cook at Mentone School. She was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Warsaw. She loved her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and was well known to be totally dedicated to her family above all.

Judy is survived by husband, Robert Stokes, Warsaw; children, Tammy (Jeff) Virgil, Etna Green; Tim (Pat) Stokes, Mich.; Sheryl Hanna, Warsaw; Shelly (Steve) Poling, Warsaw; Todd (Sherry) Stokes, Illinois; Shawn (Elizabeth) Stokes, Elkhart; Joel Stokes, Warsaw. In addition, she is survived by 16 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren with one on the way; brother, Gregg (Cindy), Arnold, Mich.; brother-in-law, Gary Pickett, Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son-in-law, Mark "Buckwheat" Hanna; grandson, Travis Perney; one brother; Terry Arnold; three sisters: Pat Pribernow, Marsha Banks and Debbie Pickett.

Interment will be at a later date. McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, is entrusted with all arrangements.

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Clayton Michael 'Mike' Varney Jr.

SYRACUSE – Clayton Michael "Mike" Varney Jr., 51, of Colon, Mich., and formerly of Syracuse, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020, at his home.

He was born on July 4, 1969, in Elgin, Ill., to Clayton Michael and Julia A. Radke Varney Sr.



He grew up in Illinois, attended Cambridge Academy in Illinois and lived in Syracuse for many years before he moved to Michigan three years ago. He formerly worked at Frontline Manufacturing in Warsaw, Krider Fiberglass in Ligonier, Bison Manufacturing in Milford, Lippert Components in Goshen, HRO in Wolcottville and Forest River in Goshen.

He is survived by two sons: Clayton Michael (Angie) Varney III, of Goshen; and Dylan Varney, of Cromwell; mother, Julia Varney, of Colon, Mich.; mother of his children, Tracy Varney, of Cromwell; two sisters: Angela (Larry) Hicks, of Syracuse; and Melissa (Eric) Varney, of Fort Wayne; two brothers: Willie (Michelle) Varney, of Colon, Mich.; and Gabriel Varney, of Battle Creek, Mich.; four grandchildren: Aurora, Ezra, Kason and Cameron; 14 nieces and nephews; and 15 great-nieces and -nephews.

He was preceded by his father and son, Shawn Varney.

Cremation will take place at Cremation Services of Kosciusko County, 4356 N. Ind. 15, Warsaw. No public services will be held.

Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse, is in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials may be given to the Clayton Varney Funeral Fund, c/o Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse, IN 46567.

To send condolences to the family of Mike Varney, please visit www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Betty F. Weirick

BOURBON - Mrs. Betty F. Weirick, age 96, a resident of Peabody Nursing Home, North Manchester, passed away the evening of Sunday, Oct. 24, 2020.

Betty was born Aug. 6, 1924, in Mishawaka, the daughter of Ira and Elsie Winn Mullins. She has been a longtime resident of the Tippecanoe area and a graduate of Tippecanoe High School. She was a homemaker and enjoyed gardening, working puzzles and crossword puzzles, her family but most of all her grandkids.

She married the love of her life, Eugene Weirick, on Aug. 3, 1944. He preceded in death December of 2002.

She will be missed by her son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Ann Weirick, of Tippecanoe; her six loving grandchildren; several great- and great-great-grandchildren; along with her sister, Sharon (John) Robinson, of Lakeville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sons, Barry and Billy; three sisters; one brother; and a granddaughter.

The family will have a graveside service Saturday, Oct. 31 in the Tippecanoe Cemetery.

In keeping with current COVID-19 regulations, masks are preferred as well as being mindful of social distancing.

Deaton Clemens Funeral Home, Bourbon, is privileged to be entrusted in assisting the family with arrangements.

You may make memorial contributions to your favorite charity in her memory.

Friends are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at www.deatonclemensfh.com.



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Max Ray Wireman

Max Ray Wireman, of Warsaw, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Oct. 12, 2020, at his residence at the age of 77.

He was born on Nov. 14, 1942, in Waldo, Ky., one of eight children born to Lillie Mae Williams Wireman and J.B. Wireman. On Sept. 8, 1972, he was married to Anna May Jefferson Wireman, who survives.



Max worked for many years at Clausing Manufacturing in Warsaw and later he worked as a machinist at Zimmer Inc. and retired from there at the age of 55. One of his favorite pastimes was watching women's college basketball and deer hunting, especially in the Packerton area. He enjoyed hunting so much that over the years he accumulated so many antlers that they were mounted everywhere around the house and even in the shed. Fishing was another favorite of his; he was actually a fisherman when he first met his wife, Anna. His favorite spot to fish was at Snake Island in Winona Lake, and everyone knew he loved to garden as well. Max loved to play with his grandchildren and had a particularly good time whenever he was with Journey and K.P. Throughout his life he experienced some hard times and he shared plenty of good times with his family. Max will be forever missed by his family and many friends.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 48 years, Anna May Wireman, Warsaw; son, Dennis Seffens, Warsaw; two daughters: Peggy Manuel, Warsaw; Diane (Jeff) Hatfield, Claypool; two grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Also surviving are three brothers: O'Dell Wireman, Paul (Bert) Wireman, J.B. "Brother" (Myrtle) Wireman, all of Waldo, Ky.; and three sisters: Bernice (Chase) Warrix, Warsaw; Norma Jean (Gordon) Bradley, Warsaw; Karen (Kenny) Hensley, Waldo, Ky.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Louise "Bear" Wireman.

Max's life will be celebrated with a graveside service at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 15 at Hillcrest Cemetery of Pierceton with Rocky Addair officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw.

Online condolences may be sent through the funeral home's website at www.redpathfruthfuneralhome.com.

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Carlton 'Jay' Woodruff

Carlton "Jay" Woodruff, 81, of Warsaw, went to be with his heavenly Father on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2020, at Duke Memorial Hospital in Peru, Ind.

He was born on Jan. 7, 1939, in Summitville, the son of Phyllis Ault Fran Denny and Russell Woodruff.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Rex Woodruff.

Jay married the love of his life and school sweetheart, Donna Coy, on June 30, 1957.

Jay worked at Endicott and Korth Furniture, both in Warsaw. He was a part owner of Conley Oil and, later, he and Donna owned and ran Frank & Jerry's Market in Mentone for 20 years. Jay was known for his ham salad that was a favorite of many.

He was a member of Pathway Church in Warsaw. Jay loved the Lord and shared his faith whenever possible. He enjoyed golf, playing games, horses and having fun. Jay never knew a stranger and loved to laugh. His family meant the world to him and he enjoyed spending time with them. He was fearless with his love.

Jay is survived by his wife, Donna; two children: Michael Jay (Deb) Woodruff of St. Charles, Mo.; Tina (Dan) Warren, of Warsaw; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a brother, Dale Woodruff, of Swansea, S.C.

The family will have a private service at this time with a celebration of life later this summer.

Arrangements were entrusted to Heritage Funeral and Cremation Services, Warsaw.

Online condolences may be left at www.heritage-fcs.com.

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