

### Opal Manns

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Opal was born on Sept. 10, 1932, in Prestonsburg, Ky., to the late Earl and Icie Adams Smith. She was married on June 11, 1948, in Salyersville, Ky., to Carmel Manns, who preceded her in death on May 16, 2019.

Opal was a homemaker, as well as working for 17 years for Peabody Retirement Community and 17 years as custodian for Sweetwater Assembly of God, both of North Manchester. She also was known to help folks who needed home health care.

She was a member of the Sweetwater Assembly of God of North Manchester. She loved cooking food for everyone and some to take home. She made wonderful pies and made a special pie for everyone. She always enjoyed family and the more they were with her the happier she was. She never forgot anyone on anniversaries, birthdays and holidays.

She is survived by daughters, Connie and husband John Malott, of Akron; and Vickie and husband Rodney Whitaker, of Akron; sons, Darrel Manns, of Akron; and Doug and wife Joanna Manns, of Akron; grandchildren, Christopher, Joshua, Sarah, Matthew, Jennifer, Lori, Logan, Jessica, Wesley, Kiley and Teri; 36 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Paul and wife Carol Smith, of Claypool.

Opal was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Carmel; brothers, Tom and Curtis Smith.

A private family service will be held at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. The service will be available virtually after 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 9 on the Photos & Videos tab on [hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

A public service will take place at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 9 at Silver Creek Cemetery, Silver Lake, with Pastor Jeremy Jones officiating.

Masks will be required for all in attendance for the services for Mrs. Manns.

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Donations can be made in Opal's memory to the Sweetwater Assembly of God 2551 IN-114 North Manchester, IN 46962.

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## Russell Dale McGowen

MENTONE - Russell Dale McGowen, 92, of Mentone, passed 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 preceded him in death on June 8, 2011.



He was a 1946 graduate of Mentone High School. He served his country in the U.S. Army. He worked for Bendix of South Bend in the Aviation Brake Division for 35 years, retiring in 1985. He was a longtime member of the Mentone United Methodist Church.

He was an avid hunter, fisherman, mushroom hunter, ice fisherman and nightcrawler hunter. He always enjoyed playing euchre and dominos. He was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. Dale and Vi visited Colorado and Florida for many years, as well as Australia and New Zealand. He spent many mornings at Teel's Restaurant socializing with friends.

He is survived by his daughters: Terry Hively, of Mentone; Sherry and husband Stephen Yates, of Melbourne, Australia; and Lori and husband Frank Halbert, of Rye, Colo.; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, Bert and Bessie (Silveus) McGowen; wife, Violet "Vi" McGowen; a great-grandson, Marcus Yates; brothers, Herschel and Pete; and sisters, Mary, Bea, Mabel, Belva and Zola.

Visitation hours will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., 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.

Masks will be required for all in attendance for Dale's services.

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Donations can be made in Mr. McGowen's memory to the Four-Way Ambulance Service.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

## Robert D. 'Bob' Hornbeck

Robert D. "Bob" Hornbeck, Silver Lake, died at 10:50 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Cremation Services of Kosciusko County, Warsaw.

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## Carol L. Hoffer

BOURBON - Carol L. Hoffer, age 84, of Etna Green, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2020, at Memorial Hospital of South Bend. Her death was a direct result of being struck by a pickup truck as she crossed the street in downtown Etna Green.



Carol was born Dec. 25, 1935, at Logansport, the daughter of Leo and Mary Bell Hyndman. She has been a life-long resident of Etna Green, a graduate of Etna Green High School in 1953 and was a member of the Etna Green United Methodist Church. Carol also belonged to Jr. ONO Club and KEGS (Keep Etna Green Shining). In her earlier years, she worked at the trailer factory in Etna Green as well as managing the Express Mini Mart for over 20 years.

Carol enjoyed helping others and did so most often in secret. She voluntarily did landscaping around town and at the parks and helped clean up Epworth Forest Camp in the springtime. Her last day on earth was spent blowing leaves at the park so it would look pretty for Election Day. Despite this strong work ethic, her door was always open for family and friends to visit.

On June 21, 1953, she married the love of her life, Thomas L. Hoffer, in a ceremony in Etna Green, who preceded her in death April 18, 2013.

She will be remembered by her children, Debra (Carl) Feldman, of Etna Green; Jody (Steve) Nifong, of Warsaw; Rick Hoffer, of Bourbon; and Todd (Tena) Hoffer, of Etna Green. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren; her brother, Charles (Barb) Hyndman, of North Carolina; sisters-in-law, Jerri Monesmith, of Etna Green; Sandy Cain, of Glassglo, Ky.; brother-in-law, Ron (Dana) Hoffer, of New Haven. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; brothers, Carl and Neil Hyndman; and brothers-in-law, Sam and Andy Hoffer.

Friends and family may gather on Sunday, Nov. 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home, 115 S. Main St., Bourbon. Funeral services will follow at 3 p.m. in the funeral home with Pastor Kenneth Cooke officiating. Burial will follow at Etna Green 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.

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The family asks that any memorial contributions be made in her memory to Etna Green United Methodist Church, 131 W Broadway St., Etna Green, IN 46524.

Friends are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at [www.deatonclemensfh.com](http://www.deatonclemensfh.com).

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### Carolyn Sue Shafer

MENTONE - Carolyn Sue Shafer, 83, of Tippecanoe, passed at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020, at her residence.

She was born on May 21, 1937, in Warsaw, to the late Harold Ed and Kathryn Griewank Ward. She married on June 29, 1957, in Tippecanoe, to Harold L. "Red" Shafer. He preceded her in death on Dec. 24, 2007.



She was a 1955 graduate of Tippecanoe High School, where she was salutatorian of her class. She then attended what is now Ball State University. She and her husband were owners of Niff-Corr of Tippecanoe, where she had been a secretary for many years. She enjoyed painting, quilting and cooking. She always looked forward to the time she got to spend with her children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her sons: Harold "Hal" and wife Zulema Shafer; Kent and wife Lori Shafer; and Jon and wife Denise Shafer, all of Tippecanoe; grandchildren: Jeannie Miller, Sarah Kahle, Lena Chapman, Brooke Price, Aaron Shafer, Erik Shafer, Joshua Shafer and Lucas Shafer; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and husband, Red.

Following her wishes, a private family service will be held at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Pastor Aaron Talbert officiating. The interment will take place in the Mentone Cemetery, Mentone.

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Donations can be made in her memory to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116 or online at [diabetes.org/donate/donate-memorial](https://diabetes.org/donate/donate-memorial).

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### Deborah Lynn Bostwick

AKRON - Deborah Lynn Bostwick, 68, Akron, died at 3:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, 2020, at her residence.

She was born on Feb. 25, 1952, to James and Geraldine Overmyer Decker.

Deborah married Donald L. Bostwick Jr. on Oct. 12, 1971, in South Bend.

There will be a mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rochester to be announced, officiated by Father Daniel Shine. After cremation, she will be buried in the Akron IOOF Cemetery in Akron.

A celebration of life for Deborah will be held in the spring 2021 at the Pike Memorial Park (Akron Town Park) in Akron.

The staff of Earl-Love Funeral Home, Akron, considers it a privilege and an honor to care for the family of Deborah Bostwick.

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For those who wish to honor the memory of Deborah, memorial contributions can be made to Compassionate Health Center, 740 Ind. 25, Rochester, IN 46975.

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



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### Ronald L. 'Ron' Metzger

Ronald L. "Ron" Metzger, 90, of Warsaw, passed away at 2:45 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020, at Mason Healthcare & Rehabilitation in Warsaw.

 He was born on June 25, 1930, in Warsaw, to Cloice and Winifred Ingalls Metzger. He graduated in 1948 from Claypool High School, attended International Business College in Fort Wayne and was a United States Army veteran, where he received a Bronze Star Medal.

He was a lifetime Claypool/Warsaw area resident and was married on June 7, 1953, in Claypool, to Genevieve J. "Gee" Yant, who survives. He was a farmer and former owner/operator of Metzger Cattle Company in Claypool for many years. He was a member of the Claypool United Methodist Church.

He is survived by wife, Gee Metzger, of Warsaw; two sons: Rodney Wayne (Ann) Metzger, of Claypool; and Blaine Allen (Mary) Metzger, of Naples, Fla.; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; one step-great-great-granddaughter; sister, Joyce (Robert) Kline, of Warsaw; and cousin, Beverly Lyons, of Crossville, Tenn.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside services will take place at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 13 at Oakwood Cemetery, 421 N. Maple Ave., Warsaw, with Pastor Glen Hall officiating. The family requests that face masks are to be worn. Cremation Services of Kosciusko County, 4356 N. Ind. 15, Warsaw, is in charge of arrangements.

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Preferred memorials may be given to United Methodist Church, 302 E. Section St., Claypool, IN 46510; or to the charity of the donor's choice.

To send condolences to the family in memory of Mr. Metzger, visit [www.cremationserviceskc.com](http://www.cremationserviceskc.com).

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### Janet L. Byland

SYRACUSE - Janet L. Byland, 84, Elkhart and formerly of Syracuse, died at 6:15 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8, 2020, at Miller's Merry Manor in Wakarusa.

She was born Jan. 22, 1936, in Goshen, to Clyde and Rita Christian Weaver. On Sept. 4, 1952, in Akron, she was married to Nelson L. Byland, who survives.

Cremation will take place at Cremation Services of Kosciusko County, Warsaw. No services will be held. Burial will take place in the Syracuse Cemetery. Owen Family Funeral Home, Syracuse, is in charge of arrangements.

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Preferred memorials may be given to the donor's choice. To send condolences to the family of Janet Byland, visit [www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com).



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## Russell D. McGowen

Dec. 5, 1927 - Nov. 2, 2020

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## Opal Manns

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The interment will take place in the Mentone Cemetery, Mentone.

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### Deborah L. Bostwick

Feb. 25, 1952 - Nov. 6, 2020



Deborah Lynn Bostwick, 68, of Akron died on Friday, Nov. 6, 2020, at 3:45 p.m. at her residence.

She was born on Feb. 25, 1952, to James and Geraldine (Overmyer) Decker. Deborah graduated in 1970 from LaSalle High School, South Bend.

Deborah married Donald L. Bostwick Jr. on Oct. 12, 1971, in South Bend.

She was a homemaker and telephone switchboard operator at Culver Military Academy. Deborah was also a child advocate and CASA director. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rochester. She has lived in Akron for seven years mov-

ing there from Rochester.

Surviving Deborah is her daughter Jennifer (spouse Marc) Randall of Akron and her son-in-law Scott Alter of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Jim Decker of Plymouth and Joe Decker of Pennsylvania; two sisters Diane (spouse Michael) Lindh of Pennsylvania and Mary Decker of Valparaiso; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Preceding Deborah in death are her parents, her husband Donald Bostwick (deceased in 2012), a son Jeremy and a

daughter Jaime.

There will be a Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rochester officiated by Father Daniel Shine. After cremation, she will be buried in the Akron IOOF Cemetery in Akron.

A Celebration of Life for Deborah will be in the spring of 2021 at the Pike Memorial Park (Akron Town Park) in Akron.

For those who wish to honor the memory of Deborah, memorial contributions can be made to: Compassionate Health Center, 740 Indiana 25, Rochester, IN 46975.

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