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Sept. 2, 1957 – Sept. 6, 2021

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Benjamin, Maison, Ella, Abbygaile, Braiker; mother Rozella Tinkey of Akron; sister Tana M. Tinkey, Akron; and a brother, Byron and wife Christine, Akron; nephew Johnathan Tinkey.

Lana was preceded in death by her father Norman, a granddaughter Prim Ramsey, and many aunts and uncles.

The funeral service will take place at 10:00 am, Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, Indiana with Pastor Phil Pratt officiating.

The interment will take place in the Akron Cemetery, Akron. Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 10, 2021 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

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

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Troy E. Murphy

June 18, 1965 – Sept. 6, 2021



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He was born June 18, 1965, in Warsaw, to Paul L. and Beverly Sue (Horn) Murphy. He lived all his life in the Akron area with his mother up until six years ago when he moved to Cardinal Services in Warsaw. He graduated from Tippencanoe Valley High School in 1983 where he earned a letter jacket and was a proud Viking.

Troy worked at Viking Foods in Akron and loved to talk about it. He was employed at that job for 27 1/2 years and was well known and beloved by customers and members of his community. He was described as a sweet, kind and generous gentleman. He would often ask if there was anything he could help you do and was a joy to be around. He loved

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Troy was a member of the Silver Creek Church of God in Silver Lake. He was a member of the Akron Lions Club and was very helpful in any task asked of him. He was in the Special Olympics of Fulton County where he earned many medals. He was a fan of the Chicago Cubs and the New York Jets. He enjoyed bowling and shooting baskets. Troy also attended "Camp We-Can" in Rochester from the beginning until just a few years ago.

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Visitation is today, Thursday, Sept. 9, 2021, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Earl-Love Funeral Home, 811 E. Rochester St., Akron.

The funeral service will immediately follow visitation at the funeral home officiated by Pastor Tom Craig. Burial will be in the Silver Creek Cemetery.

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OBITUARIES

Lola F. Riddle

Sept. 24, 1929 - Sept. 7, 2021

Lola F. Riddle, 91, Rochester, died at 7:22 a.m. Tuesday at Wynnfield Crossing of Rochester.

Survivors include her daughter, Denise Williams; two sons, Ronald Riddle and Duane Riddle; and daughter-in-law, Peggy Riddle of Akron.

Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is 5-7 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to the service Tuesday in the funeral home.

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Sept. 24, 1929 - Sept. 7, 2021



Mrs. Lola F. Riddle, 91, of Rochester, was surrounded by her loving family when she passed away at 7:22 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021 at Wynfield Crossing of Rochester.

On Sept. 24, 1929, Lola Frances Pierce was born in Rochester. She was a treasured daughter of James Francis and Gracie Belle Cook Pierce. Growing up she shared her childhood with a sister Carol and brother Gene. Proudly she graduated with the class of 1948 from Rochester High School. During her high school years Lola took wood shop class and built a beautiful heirloom quality bookcase.

In the First Baptist Church of Rochester, Lola and Charles Lee Riddle were married on June 27, 1951. They shared 64 years of life's adventures. From their union came four wonderful children, Ron, Douglas, Duane and Denise. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings of two more generations.

Initiating her professional career, Lola was a dental assistant with Dr. Harold Iler DDS for four years, then took a time out to raise her children. Lola returned to the workforce as deputy auditor for Fulton County. She later was elected Fulton County's first female auditor and retired after serving Fulton County citizens for more than two decades in the auditor's office.

Lola was devoted to the

First Baptist Church for more than 70 years. Prior to her years at First Baptist, she was a member of

Tiosa Brethren where she taught Sunday School class and provided musical accompaniment to the congregation on Sunday mornings. Lola was a member of the Fulton County Extension Board, What Not Home Ec Club and more recently the Busy Belles Home Ec Club. She also was a member of the Fulton County Republican Women, Fulton County Friends of the Library and the Fulton County Historical Society, where she worked for many years.

Gifted with the arts and creativity, Lola baked and decorated many wedding cakes and special birthday cakes over the years. She enjoyed collecting Longenberger baskets and Fiesta Ware. She and Charlie looked forward to many spirited games of canasta with friends. With a great passion for music Lola and Charlie made music playing duets for church.

Left to cherish Lola's memory are a daughter, Denise Williams and husband Randy; two sons, Ronald Riddle and wife Judy, Duane Riddle and wife Donna, all of Rochester; daughter-in-law Peggy Riddle of Akron; 10 grandchildren,

Alan Riddle and wife Jennifer, Brook Nieter and husband Aaron, Amy Mast and husband Jay, Melissa Riddle, James Riddle, Charles Owen Riddle, Andrew Michael Riddle, Jeremiah Riddle, Stephen Williams, Robert Williams and wife Samantha; 13 great-grandchildren with another blessing due to arrive on Jan. 22, 2022 and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding Lola in death are her parents, beloved husband Charles Lee on April 10, 2016, infant daughter Janice Louise, son Douglas Riddle, sister Carol Hill, and brother Gene Pierce, who passed on April 3, 1974 as a result of the tornado.

A celebration of the life of Mrs. Lola F. Riddle will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021, in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 W. 18th St., Rochester. Dr. Mark Spencer will officiate. Friends may visit with the family from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 13, 2021, and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home.

Interment will be in the Richland Center IOOF Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Fulton County Historical Society through the Northern Indiana Community Foundation, 227 E. Ninth St., Rochester, IN 46975. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com.

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Brookie Williamson

Brookie Williamson, a longtime resident of Warsaw, and recently of Grace Village Assisted Living, passed away quietly on Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021. She was 88 years old.



Born in Kirk, W.Va., on Oct. 28, 1932, Brookie was born to Robert Hager and Myrtle Maynard Meade; her stepfather, Carlos Meade, was a huge influence in her life. She spent her formative years with her grandparents, Owen and Nancy Jane Maynard, with whom she became very close. Her parents and grandparents preceded her in passing.

Brookie was united in marriage to Glen J. Williamson in 1953. The pair shared more than 63 years together before Glen passed in 2016. Together, they were very active in their church, Pleasant Valley United Baptist Church at Rose Hill. They began their church membership in the United Baptist Church in 1959 and enjoyed the fellowship and friendship the church family provided. Brookie especially enjoyed cooking for and hosting their church family in addition to her own family.

Brookie was a skilled cook, remembered for many talents but especially for her peanut butter fudge and fried chicken. She enjoyed canning and preserving from the family garden and enjoyed traveling to different churches. Later in life, while living at Grace Village, she enjoyed various activities, especially the art classes, group exercise and the close relationships she formed with staff.

Those who survive include son, Glen R. Williamson (wife, Laurie), of Warsaw; two grandchildren: Eric Williamson, of West Lafayette; and Emily Williamson, of Boulder, Colo.; and sister, Edna Crist, of Mentone. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in passing by four brothers: Curtis Meade, Don Meade, Fred Meade and Albert Parsley; and three sisters: Joan Grodhaus, Mary Shepherd and Bernice Owens.

Friends may join the family for visitation at Titus Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2000 E. Sheridan St., Warsaw, on Sunday, Sept. 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. On Monday, Sept. 13, Brookie's friends, elders of her church, will officiate her funeral beginning at 10:30 a.m. Burial will follow the funeral at Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Memorial gifts may be directed to Kosciusko Home Care and Hospice, P.O. Box 1196 Warsaw, IN 46581.

Written condolences may be left at www.TitusFuneralHome.com.

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