

Myron Dean Blackford

Myron Dean Blackford, known to all as simply Dean, of Warsaw, passed away unexpectedly at home at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020 at the age of 87.

He was born on Jan. 20, 1933, in Mentone ... one of 15 children born to Sarah Augusta Leah Sievers Blackford and Joseph Burdell Blackford. On Oct. 7, 1950, he was married to Barbara Ann Rose Blackford, who survives.



Dean lived in Marshall County until 1949 before moving to the Kosciusko County area, where he was a member of Community Bible Church in Warsaw. He was a 28-year employee of Uniroyal Inc. in Warsaw where he was the forklift operator. He loved going to work, his days were made better because he worked at Uniroyal with his lovely wife, Barbara and they retired together in 1995. Dean had many hobbies. He loved to fish and spent countless hours playing cards at Miller's Merry Manor in Warsaw. He will be dearly missed by his family and the many friends he leaves behind.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 69 years, Barbara Ann Blackford, Warsaw; son, Russell (Amber) Blackford, Leesburg; three daughters: Myra Kimball, Warsaw; Rhonda Cox, Warsaw; Kelly (David) Walker, Warsaw; 11 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. Also, surviving are six sisters: Carol Baugher, Tippecanoe; Vi (Dr. Eugene) Ward, Argos; Sara (Ron) Kauffman, Etna Green; Nancy (Dick) Kreft, Tippecanoe; Rose (Ray) Harroff, Warsaw; and Helen McIntyre, Tippecanoe.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers; three sisters; grandson, Russell B. Blackford Jr.; granddaughter, Tara L. Miller; and one great-grandson.

Dean's life will be celebrated with a service at 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21 at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw, and officiated by Pastor Keith Rickert. Burial will follow with a graveside service at Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw. Friends and family may visit prior to the service from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Memorials to Community Bible Church, 2947 S. County Farm Road, Warsaw, IN 46580; or to the Alzheimer's Support Group of Nappanee, 157 N. Main St., Nappanee, IN 46550 and would be appreciated by the family.

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

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Donnagene M. Dillman

FORT WAYNE - Donnagene M. Dillman, 85, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020, at Saint Anne Home, Fort Wayne.

Donnagene was born Jan. 17, 1935, in Mentone. She was the daughter of the late Walter and Charlotte Nierman Dillman. She attended Mentone Elementary and High School (graduating class of 1952). Donnagene retired as an IBM administrative manager after 30 years of service in 1992. She received many IBM Means Service Awards and was a member of the IBM Quarter Century Club.

Donnagene is survived by her sister, Carol See, of Deedsville; and nieces, Mellanye, Candace and Michelle. In addition, she will be missed by her loving and BFE, Judie Dafforn; and her devoted fiancé, Ted Miller; plus all those who knew her.

Donnagene was preceded in death by her siblings, Phyllis, Richard and Jack.

The funeral service will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 18 at Divine Mercy Funeral Home, 3500 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne, at a later date.

Memorials to Alzheimer's Foundation.

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



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