

Renessa Bays

Renessa Bays, of Akron, passed away at 4:55 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020, at her residence surrounded by family at the age of 78.

She was born on Oct. 4, 1941, in Mousie, Ky., to Annie Hunter Wicker and Crit Wicker. On Jan. 25, 1963, she was married to Carl Raymond Bays. They shared 51 years of marriage together before he passed away on Feb. 2, 2015.

Renessa had been a resident of Kosciusko County for 37 years, where she was a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kosciusko County in Claypool. She loved going to church and especially enjoyed teaching Sunday School.

In 1964, Renessa moved from Kentucky to Indiana and in 1968 began working at Jomac Products in Warsaw. She stayed there for quite a few years before working at AMP (Associated Milk Producers Inc.) in Warsaw. In 1985, she and her husband, Carl, moved back to Kentucky. While there Renessa worked at several different jobs, including working in the kitchen at the hospital. In 1987, they returned to Indiana and she found work at Creative Designs for a couple of years before retiring to enjoy being a grandmother. She dearly loved her grandchildren and her cats A.C. and Bandit. Renessa's greatest joy on earth was spending time with her family and will be forever loved and missed.

She will be lovingly remembered by her two daughters Lisa (Chris) Wine, Aiken, S.C.; Pam (Mike) Hamman, Akron, two grandchildren: Christopher Hamman (Katie McCord) Plymouth, Minn.; Daniel Hamman, Bloomington. Also surviving are her brother, Rondal (Brenda) Wicker, Milford Ohio; three sisters: Gwenda Gibson, Jenkins, Ky.; Arvenia Allen, Lackey, Ky.; Verlie Lavone Bays, Russellville, Tenn.; and her sister-in-law, Nancy Wicker, Loveland, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and three brothers: Burbidge, Eugene and Kendall Wicker.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 9 at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road Warsaw. Renessa's life will be celebrated with a service at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 10 at the funeral home and officiated by Pastor Glenn Hall. Burial will follow with a graveside service at Lakeview Cemetery of Silver Lake.

Memorials to Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice, P.O. Box 1196, Warsaw, IN 46580; or to the Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter, 50 E. 91st St., Suite 100 Indianapolis, IN 46240 and would be appreciated by the family.

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

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Obituaries

James P. Berner Jr.

James P. Berner Jr., age 58, of Pierceton, passed away on Monday, Dec. 16, 2019, at 12:18 p.m. in Kosciusko Community Hospital of Warsaw.

James was born on Jan. 1, 1961, in Warsaw, to James P. and Paula Ann Smith Berner Sr. He was united in marriage to Sharon DeVille on Sept. 10, 2016, at Ridinger Lake in Kosciusko County Indiana.

James lived his lifetime as a resident in Pierceton. He worked as a machinist for Paragon Medical Inc., Pierceton, for 20 years. He was a member of American Legion Post #258 in Pierceton and the Sons of the American Legion.

James is survived by Sharon Berner, of Pierceton; children: Laura (Jeremiah) Tucker, of Columbia City; James P. Berner III, of Warsaw; Tyler Berner, of Claypool; stepchildren: Sarah (Dewey) Reimer, of Pierceton; Brian Stratton, of Warsaw; Stephanie (Zachary) Lee, of Pierceton; father, James P. (Marilyn) Berner, of Warsaw; brother, Michael (Katie D'Alessio) Berner, of Glendale, Ariz.; sister, Susan (Loren) Burch, of Warsaw. In addition, he is survived by 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his mother and great-grandson, Tatum Berner.

A visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20 at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw. McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, is entrusted with his care.

Memorials to KC Riley Kids Fund, c/o Kosciusko County Community Foundation Inc., 102 E. Market St., Warsaw, IN 46580.

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



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Dec 18, 2019

Betty J. Byrer

Betty J. Byrer, 77, Claypool, died at 5:43 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020, in Mason Health and Rehabilitation Center, Warsaw.

She was born Dec. 31, 1942, in Claypool, to Lawrence and Alice Cunningham Warner.

Services will be planned for a later date.

All arrangements for the family are entrusted to McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw.

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



Times Union
Jan 6, 2020

Mona Louise Drumm

NORTH WEBSTER - Mona Louise Drumm, 80, of Warsaw, passed away at 2:01 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 22, 2019, at her home.

She was born on July 23, 1939, in Salt Lick, Ky., to Clinton Clayton and Bessie Marie Triplett Bowling.

She attended high school in Cadiz and was married on July 18, 1959, in New Castle, to John Mark Drumm Jr., who preceded her on June 15, 2005. She was a homemaker and a former waitress in Muncie. She moved from Kentucky to Indiana in 1943 and lived in New Castle before moving to the North Webster/Warsaw area in the 1950s.

She is a member of the Dutchtown Church of the Brethren in Warsaw.

She is survived by two daughters, Teresa Jane (Ray) Hathaway, of Pierceton; and Penny (J.D.) Eash, of Goshen; son, Scott (Dana) Drumm, of Claypool; two grandchildren: Cory Drumm and Misty Goon; two great-grandchildren; two stepgreat-grandchildren; a sister, Wanda (Mike) Reiff, of Warsaw; three brothers: Euell (Freda) Bowling, of Springport; Denny (Lucinda) Bowling, of North Webster; and Sam (Sandy) Bowling, of Pierceton.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sister, Dempsey Bowling; and two brothers, Huey and Joe Bowling.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 28 at Owen Family Funeral Home, St. Rd 13 & CR 500N, North Webster. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 28 in the funeral home with Pastor Jack Worth officiating. Burial will take place in the Mock Addition of the North Webster Cemetery.

Memorials to the Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice, P.O. Box 1196, Warsaw, IN 46581; or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

To send condolences to the family in memory of Mona Drumm, please visit www.owenfamilyfuneralhome.com.



Times Union
Dec 24, 2019

Barbara Jean Edwards

Mrs. Barbara Jean Edwards passed away peacefully at Shell Point Retirement Community in Fort Myers, Fla., on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019.

She was born Sept. 27, 1924, in Warsaw, to Hobart and Esther Robbins Creighton and raised on the family chicken farm nearby in Atwood. She learned from them values of honesty, thrift, kindness, unconditional love of family and gratitude in God, which she sought to instill in her own children. While young, Barbara served as a page in the Indiana Legislature and later attended Indiana University School of Business, where she also was a clarinet player in the IU marching band.

Barbara was married to Stanley L. Sowerwine on June 30, 1946, with whom she bore five children: Sue Lynn, William Ernest, James Edward, Nancy Lou and Thomas Glenn. She was a great homemaker and substitute teacher who cared deeply for both her own and other children. Stan authored "Lucky All Our Lives: The Saga of A Common Man," which details their lives together for over 45 years. Barbara "smiled again" marrying Arthur Richard (Dick) Edwards on Jan. 21, 1995, a wonderful second marriage for both. As Barbara notes in her own book, "Lest We Forget: The Rest of the Story," she truly was "sitting under the right tree." She had a dream and together they built her beloved cottage on Crystal Lake, south of Atwood, which continues to be an ideal place for gatherings and tours of the family farm.

Barbara traveled extensively across the world with both Stan and Dick, often expressing delight over unexpected personal encounters with locals in other cultures and the awe-some natural beauty of God's handy work. She also loved playing bridge with friends, P.E.O., gardening, dancing, church fellowship and especially hanging out with her greatest legacy: her kids, grandkids and great-grandkids.

She is survived by her sisters, Josephine Bodle and Martha Milton; her brother, Edward Creighton; her five children; 15 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Barbara was predeceased by her parents; her two husbands; and her two daughters-in-law, Lyn and Hulya.

As she wrote in her autobiography to her children, "Keep close to your Heavenly Father. You'll need him much more than you know."

A memorial service will be held in Atwood later during summer 2020.

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TIMES-UNION Warsaw, Indiana

Obituaries

Paul Roy Fox

AKRON - Paul Roy Fox, 83, rural Rochester, died at 12:34 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019, at his residence.

Paul was born on April 1, 1936, in Wyno, Pa., to the late Glenn and Martha Wertz Fox. In 1957, he married Merida L. Wolfe, and she preceded him on April 3, 1976. He then was married on Oct. 15, 1977, in New York, to Sharon Puls Parker, who survives.

Visitation hours will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5 at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. The funeral service will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5 at the funeral home with the Rev. Phil Pratt officiating. A private family interment will take place in the Eel River Ulrey Memorial Cemetery, Silver Lake.

Memorials to the donor's choice of charity. Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.



Rochester
Jan 2, 2020

Paul Roy Fox

April 1, 1936 - Dec. 31, 2019

Paul Roy Fox, 83, rural Rochester, passed away at 12:34 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2019, at his residence.

Paul was born on April 1, 1936, in Wyano, Pa., to the late William and Martha (Wertz) Fox. In 1957, he married Merida Wolfe. She preceded him in death on April 3, 1976. He then married Sharon Puls Parker on Dec. 15, 1977, in New York. She

was a dairy farmer and worked for many farms in his lifetime. He worked on farms in Pennsylvania, Indiana and New York and then back in Indiana. He owned and operated Golden Circle Dairy Farm, retiring in 1990. He graduated from Hempfield Area High School in 1957. He was a member of the NRA and in years past the Future Teachers of America. He enjoyed deer hunting and traveling and was a gun enthusiast. He always wished he would spend more time fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon Fox,



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Rochester, his children, Robert Fox, Argos, Dr. Deborah Fox and husband Jake Boyle, Roxbury, N.Y., and Kathy Fox and husband Eric Groh, Delhi, N.Y.; his stepchildren, Peggy Shewman and husband Ron, Akron, and Jerry Parker and wife Sherri, Hudson; 18 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; five brothers; and one sister.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and his oldest brother.

His funeral service will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with the Rev. Phil Pratt officiating. Visitation hours will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. A private family interment will be at the Eel River Ulrey Memorial Cemetery, Silver Lake.

Memorial contributions may be made in Paul's memory to the donor's choice of charity. Family and friends may share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.