

OBITUARIES

Linda L. Besson Cochran

April 12, 1938 - Aug. 11, 2021

Linda L. Besson Cochran, 83, of Mentone, passed away at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2021, at Kosciusko Community Hospital of Warsaw.

Linda was born on April 12, 1938, in Warsaw, to the late William Earl and Leona (Leining) Besson. She was raised by her father, and after her mother's passing her stepmother Lela. She married on May 20, 1961, in Mentone, to William "Bill" M. Cochran, who preceded her in death on March 15, 2018.

She was a 1956 graduate of Mentone High School. Linda had been the assistant librarian and a teacher's aide at the Mentone Elementary School, retiring in 1993. She had been a lifetime and very dedicated member of the Mentone Church of Christ. She was on the board and served many roles for the Lawrence D. Bell Aircraft Museum and helped organize Rotors Over Mentone. Linda enjoyed genealogy and took great interest in history. She was a key member of curating the Mentone Historical Museum, where she



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Linda is survived by her daughters, Leisa Norman, of Mentone, and Laura and husband Jeff Felzien, of South Vienna, Ohio; grandchil-

dren, Jennifer and husband T.J. Keathley and Krista and husband Nate Peterson, both of Fairborn, Ohio; sister-in-law, Lois Besson, of Carmel; brothers-in-law, Skip Cochran and Dan Stine; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Bill; an infant son, Gary Dean Cochran; a brother, Keith Besson; and stepmother, Lela Besson.

The funeral service will take place at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16, 2021, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Minister Kent Jones officiating.

The interment will take place in the Mentone Cemetery, Mentone, next to her husband.

Visitation hours will take place from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, 2021, at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Memorial contributions can be made in Linda's memory to the Lawrence D. Bell Aircraft Museum or the Mentone Church of Christ.

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Dec. 16, 1934 – July 30, 2021

Carol E. Flenar, 86, of Leesburg and formerly of Talma, passed at 11:38 a.m. Friday, July 30, 2021, at her daughter's residence.

Carol was born Dec. 16, 1934, in Warsaw, to the late Charles "Byron" and Virginia (Woodling) Peterson. On Sept. 25, 1950 in Mentone she married Larry G. Flenar, who preceded her in death on Jan. 4, 1993.

Carol was a homemaker and in earlier years she had managed a chicken house for Manwaring Farms and worked at Frank and Jerry's. She had most recently worked in the cafeteria for Mentone School. Carol had been a member of the Moose, American Legion,



Elks and Eagles. She enjoyed bingo and traveled all over the area to try her luck. She spent her spare

time doing jigsaw puzzles and solving sudoku.

Surviving Carol are her daughters Pamela and husband James "Japo" Jack, Leesburg, and Donna and husband Randy Miller, Talma; sons Larry D. and wife Marilyn Flenar, Federal Heights, Colo., Rick Flenar, Rossville, Ga.; and Seth Flenar and companion Kelly Ormsby, Bourbon; 14 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Larry, son Troy L. Flenar, a sister, Mary Ann Krause, and brothers Carl "Ted" Peterson, Donald "Pete" Peterson, and Merrill Peterson, her twin.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, 2021 at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone.

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

Memorial visitation will be from 10-11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 14, 2021, at King Memorial Home, Mentone, Indiana.

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Aug 10, 2021

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Jeremiah 'Jeremy' Jo Zile

Jeremiah "Jeremy" Jo Zile, of Elkhart, and formerly of Warsaw, passed away unexpectedly at 7:26 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 9, 2021, at Memorial Hospital of South Bend, at the age of 46.



He was born on Aug. 30, 1974, in Silver Lake, one of seven children born to Deborah Ann Allen Zile and Philip "Phil" Alan Zile. Jeremy grew up surrounded by his large family and always had plenty of shoulders to lean on. He was married on Oct. 6, 2016, to Heather Suzanne McCartney Zile, who survives. Together they combined their families and had more people to love.

Jeremy was a 1994 graduate of North Manchester High School in North Manchester, where he participated in several sports, including tennis, swimming and track. He then attended I.P.F.W. in Fort Wayne for two years. Throughout his life, he had worked various jobs, having worked for a number of years in the orthopedic industry and then he worked as a salesman in the heavy-duty equipment industry.

He had recently moved and had been a resident of Elkhart County for about a year. Jeremy always had a love and appreciation of the outdoors where he could get away from the distractions of day-to-day life. Being an outdoorsy person who loved spending time in his backyard creating long lasting memories with those that he cared about, he could be found most weekends on the lake and sharing moments with all the special friends and family in his life! He dearly loved his family and his family LOVED him very much in return. Jeremy left a lasting and unforgettable impression on the hearts of ALL who were fortunate enough to have known him.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Heather Suzanne Zile, Elkhart; three sons: Logan (Kiersten) Zile, Decatur, Mich.; Isaac Merrill, Elkhart; Austin Zile, Warsaw; six daughters: Jenna Merrill, Elkhart; Yessenia Merrill, Elkhart; Adrianna (Caleb) Torson, Fort Wayne; Ella Merrill, Elkhart; Naveya Merrill, Elkhart; and Megan Zile, Warsaw. He also leaves behind his parents: Deborah and Phil Zile, Silver Lake; two brothers: Travis Zile, Silver Lake; Jamie (Betsy) Zile, Noblesville; and four sisters: Traci (Regen) Lehman, Middlebury; Katie (Josh) Cumberland, North Manchester; Kasie (Andy) Eberly, North Manchester; Kyla (David) Lash, Mentone.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Jeremy's life will be celebrated with a memorial service at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 14 at Warsaw Community Church, 1855 S. County Farm Road, Warsaw, and officiated by his brother, Jamie Zile. Friends and family are invited to share time with the family prior to the service from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Warsaw Community Church. He will be laid to rest at a later date at Lakeview Cemetery in Silver Lake.

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

Memorial donations may be directed to the Ronald McDonald House, 610 N. Michigan St., Suite 310, South Bend, IN 46601 and would be appreciated by the family.

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Charles Lindberg Spillman

Charles Lindberg Spillman, of Leesburg, passed away at 6:55 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2021, at Paddock Springs Assisted Living Facility in Warsaw, at the age of 94.



He was born on July 4, 1927, in Indianapolis, to Iva P. Nichols Spillman and Leslie H. Spillman. At the age of 21,



Charles married Cassie R. Spillman on Oct. 8, 1949. They raised three children and experienced 36 years together until she passed away in 1986. On April 25, 1987, he married Sandra Jane Woodburn Spillman and they shared 34 years of marriage together before he passed away.

Charles enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1945 and proudly served until his honorable discharge as a seaman first class on Aug. 18, 1946. While he was in the military he was able to finish his high school education.

Upon returning home he found a job at International Harvester in Fort Wayne and he later worked the Waynedale area in Fort Wayne for the U.S. Postal Service. Charles became the postmaster in Milford, where he retired in 1986. He always enjoyed the outdoors and never stopped working even after retirement. Charles spent another 17 years as a builder, landscaper and a realtor. Charles was a Mason and a Shriner, loved his fellow servicemen and was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 253 in North Webster. He enjoyed the fellowship of his church family as a member of North Webster Church of God. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and will be dearly missed.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Sandra Jane Spillman, Leesburg; daughter, Debra (Mike) Parker, Claypool; son, Charles A. (Gaylene) Spillman, Indianapolis; two stepdaughters: Lisa (Scott) Snyder, South Bend; and Cheryl (Don) Templeton, North Port, Fla. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Cassie; three sisters: Dorothy, Betty and Anna; one brother, Harold; stepson, Mark Cowles; and his daughter, Melissa LeCount.

Charles' life will be celebrated at 1 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 16 at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw, and officiated by Pastor Dennis Judy. Friends and family may visit prior to the service from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home. A graveside service will follow at Oakwood Cemetery of Warsaw with military rites conducted by members of the American Legion and active duty Navy Honor Guard.

Memorial donations may be directed to North Webster Church of God, 302 N. Main St., North Webster, IN 46555; or the American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.

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