

Diana Faye Backus

Diana Faye Backus, 69, of North Webster, passed away at 1:36 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 11, 2022, at her residence in North Webster.

She was born to William and Faye Collins Sopher on April 22, 1952, in Wabash.

Diana was a 1970 graduate of Wabash High School. She married Dan Backus July 4, 1976. He passed away April 2010. She worked at Jellystone Park Camp

Resort in Pierceton. Diana loved to go shopping, enjoyed camping, cooking, gardening and most of all loved her family and her grandchildren, and her sweet dog, Baby.

Diana is survived by her mother, Faye Sopher, of Wabash; one son, Bret (Jeanna), of Mentone; three daughters: Felicia Baker, of Syracuse; Angela Backus, of North Webster; and Krista (Luke) Bradley, of Rochester; 16 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; one brother, Billy Sopher, of Wabash. She was preceded in death by her father, William Sopher; and husband, Dan Backus.

Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17 at McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Ave., Wabash, with Pastor Brad Wright officiating. Burial will follow at Falls Cemetery in Wabash.

Visitation for family and friends will be two hours prior to the funeral service from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.

McDonald Funeral Homes, Wabash Chapel, 231 Falls Ave., Wabash, have been trusted with Diana Backus's final arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.mcdonaldfunerals.com.



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Iola Maxine Goshert

MENTONE – Iola Maxine Goshert, 98, of Mentone, passed at 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022, at her residence, ending the earthly presence of a Godly mother, beginning the reward of heaven.



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She is survived by her children: Janet Goshert, of Fort Wayne; Faith Goshert, of Mentone; Kerry and wife Kimber Goshert, of Mentone; and Jerry and wife Reba Goshert, of Elkhart; and granddaughters: Brooklyn, Carissa and Danae Goshert, all of Elkhart.

Iola was preceded in death by her parents; grandparents; husband, Jim; infant son, Lyle Lee; and daughter, Kay Arlene.

The funeral service will take place at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18 at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Pastor Anthony Green, of Abundant Life Church, officiating.

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

Visitation hours will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18 at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to Heartland Hospice of Fort Wayne, 1315 Directors Row, Ste. 210, Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

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Christina Rosita Graf

Christina Rosita Graf, 65, rural Akron, died at 9:14 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, 2022, at Woodlawn Hospital of Rochester.

Christina was born Oct. 24, 1956, in Wabash, to J.B. and Winifred Gray Brubaker. She was married Dec. 5, 1981, in Ijamsville, to Robin D. Graf; he survives.

Following her wishes, no services will be held at this time. A memorial celebration of her life will take place at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to the Fulton County Animal Adoption And Education Center or to the National MS Society, P.O. Box #91891, Washington, D.C. 20090.

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Christina R. Graf

Oct. 24, 1956 – Feb. 11, 2022

Christina Rosita Graf, her husband Robin Graf, 65, rural Akron, died at Rochester; son Adam Graf, 9:14 p.m., Friday at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Immediate survivors are three brothers and three sisters.

No services will be held at

this time. A memorial will take place at a later date. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is handling arrange-

ments.

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County, Warsaw.

Kenneth Leroy Murphy

AKRON - Kenneth Leroy Murphy, 78, of rural Silver Lake, passed unexpectedly at 6:58 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, 2022, at his residence.



Ken was born on Jan. 13, 1944, in Logansport, to the late Oren and Mildred Fincher Murphy. He had previously been married to Rebecca Schooley Murphy. He was then married, on July 4, 1986, at their home, to Linda Baker Gothan; she survives.



He was a 1962 graduate of Silver Lake High School. After high school, he worked for the state of Indiana doing surveying work. He then served his country in the U.S. Navy on the USS Porterfield as an electrical repairman during his three tours of Vietnam. Ken then became an instructor at Tippecanoe Valley High School for 31 years, retiring in 2008. As the Building Trades teacher, he educated many young adults. As a part of his program, many homes were constructed for area families.

Ken enjoyed woodworking, hunting and raising many animals, which included raccoons, a coyote, deer and birds. Over the years, his giving heart led him to Camp C.O. Mollenhour, where he was longtime president. He also drove the transportation for the Special Olympics. Ken was a member of the Indiana Hunter Education Association where he taught hunter education classes. He was also very close to the 1961 class of Silver Lake High School and regularly attended their luncheons. He attended Akron Church of God for many years. In earlier years, he served as a youth leader at the Mentone United Methodist Church. Ken's life was not just his kids and grandkids, but all children.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Murphy, of Silver Lake; children: Stephanie and husband Troy Shull, of Mentone; Mike and wife Amy Murphy, of Akron; April and husband Blake Myers, of Akron; Aaron and wife Sabrina Gothan, of Mentone; and Kayla Murphy, of Rochester; 13 grandchildren; sister, Marjorie Murphy, of Florida; brother, Philip and wife Mary Margaret Murphy, of Indianapolis; as well as numerous Builders Trades students.

Ken was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Clarence Murphy.

The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with Pastor Kathy Nelson and Pastor Mandy Nellans.

The interment will take place in the Harrison Center Cemetery, Etna Green, with graveside military rites performed by Warsaw American Legion Post #49 Honor Guard.

Visitation hours will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16 at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron.

Memorial contributions can be made in Ken's memory to Camp C.O. Mollenhour, 10265 S. 600 W., Silver Lake, IN 46982. Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

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James E. Nash

Oct. 1, 1949 – Feb. 12, 2022

James "Jimmy" Edward Nash, 72, Mentone, passed away peacefully at 5:34 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Jimmy was born Oct. 1, 1949, in Elizabeth City, N.C. He was the son of James Earl and Willie Mae (Futrell) Nash of Churchland, Virginia. They preceded him in death.

Jimmy was the former owner of J.E. Nash and Son Logging Company, a member of the Ivor, Virginia Town Council, Ivor Fire Department and Ivor Rescue Squad where he served for many years. In his earlier years, he enjoyed deep sea fishing adventures with friends. In his later years, he drove for Metal Span Trucking of Texas and retired from Metzger Trucking Company, Silver Lakea. Jimmy loved



driving his Peterbilt and visiting sights across the country.

He is survived by his wife, Priscilla Conley Nash, Men-

tone; daughters Amy Howell (Chris), Ivor, Va., Catherine Vick (Andrew), Ivor, Va.; stepchildren Autumn Chaja, Mentone, Lee Redinger (Heather), Rochester, Cassandra Knight, Mentone; grandchildren Rachel Jones (Jordan), Ashton Howell, Nash Howell (McKenzie), Austin Vick, Ryann Boomer (Benjamin), Aaron Vick; step-grandchildren Dakota Briney (fiancée Megan), Kia Gunnels (Jesse), Wyatt and Stormy Knight; great-grandchildren Kelsie, Kohen and Kennan, stepgreat-grandchil-

dren, Kinley, Kohen, Sophina, Olivia, Carter Allen and Jesse Lee.

Funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with Pastor Thad Stewart officiating. Friends may visit from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. A time of visitation in Virginia will be held Sunday, Feb. 20, 2022, from 5-7 p.m. at Parr Funeral Home, 3515 Robs Drive, Suffolk, Va.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Zimmerman Brothers Funeral Homes, 1101 Jefferson St., Rochester, Indiana 46975, James Nash Memorial Fund. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosh.com.

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