

OBITUARIES

Jerry L. Carlson

April 18, 1944 – March 3, 2022

Jerry L. Carlson, 77, Deeds-ville, passed away at 9:42 p.m. Thursday, March 3, 2022, at Ascension St. Vincent Hospi-tal, Indianapolis.

He was born April 18, 1944, in Kewanna, the son of Francis T. "Swede" and Martha Jean (Stretch) Carl-son. On Jan. 10, 1965, at the Deedsville United Methodist Church, he married Kathy Ann See. She preceded him in death Sept. 7, 2019.

Jerry had worked for Sealed Power, Rochester, for many years and retired from North Miami Schools, Denver. He served as Union Township Trustee for more than 40 years and worked part-time at North Miami Schools as a groundskeeper. He enjoyed spending his time with his grandchildren, loved to watch



sports, and mowing.

Survivors include his daughters, Kelly (Rod) Roth, Macy, Kandy Bark-

er, Deedsville, and Sarah (Dustin) Sisk, Peru; grand-children Josh (Candace) Roth, Noblesville, Zac Roth, Holly Springs, N.C., Aaron (Jessi-ca) Barker, Southport, Austin (Abby) Barker, Wabash, Say-lor Belle Sisk, Peru, Daxton Sisk, Peru; great-grandchil-dren, Willa Barker, Camden Barker, and Colton Barker, all of Southport, Bremynn and Beckett Barker, Wabash, Bak-er Roth, Noblesville, Indiana; brothers Dennis (Mary) Carl-son, Rochester, Kent (Liz) Carlson, Rochester, Keith

(Chris) Carlson, Akron, Kev-in Carlson, Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Lori Kay Carlson.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Bill Babb officiating. Burial will be in the Deedsville Odd Fellows Cemetery. Friends may vis-it from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the North Miami Warrior Football Alumni Club Home, c/o McClain Funeral Home, P.O. Box 248, Denver, IN 46926. Online condolenc-es may be expressed at www.mcclainfuneralhome.com.

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Paula O. Ewing

June 18, 1937— March 2, 2022

Paula O. Ewing, 84, Rochester, died at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Hospital.

Immediate survivors include her husband, Robert Sr.; children Robert Ewing Jr., Akron, Scott Ewing, Ak-

ron, Donna Ewing, Rochester, Frank Ewing, Rochester; sister Alice Morrell of Bakersville, Calif.; and brothers Allen Smeltzer, Hattiesburg, Miss., Melvin Smeltzer,

Bristol, Va.

Her service is at 2 p.m. Monday at Good Family Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitation is two hours prior to the service in the funeral home.

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Christina R. Graf

Oct. 24, 1945 – Feb. 11, 2022

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

Christina was born Oct. 24, 1956 in Wabash, to the late J.B. and Winifred (Gray) Brubaker. She was married Dec. 5, 1981, in Ijamsville, to Robin D. Graf, who survives.

She was a graduate of Vista High School in Vista, Calif., in 1974. She worked for restaurants and local gas stations for many years as well as being a farmer's wife. Her most recent job was as a carhop at the Streamliner in Rochester. She attended the Silver



Creek Church of God for 30 years.

She is survived by her husband Robin Graf of Rochester; son

Adam and wife Amanda Graf of Akron; grandchildren Brandon, Emily, Matthew, Wyatt, Alivia, Maverick, and Ellie; three brothers, three sisters; and many nieces and nephews.

Christina was preceded in death by her parents and a son Aaron Graf.

A memorial service will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 12, 2022, at the Silver Creek

Church of God, 6504 W. 1300 South, Silver Lake, with Pastor Tom Craig officiating.

Memorial visitation will be from 10:30 a.m. to the time of the service at the church.

The arrangements have been entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St. Akron.

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.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

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Mary Louise Mason

Mary Louise Mason, formerly of Syracuse, passed away at 11:50 a.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2022, at Warsaw Meadows Care Center, Warsaw, at the age of 87.

She was born on Oct. 18, 1934, in Wayne Township, Kosciusko County, at the Stoner family farm to Mary Margaret Fairbanks Priser and Ralph Genoe Priser. She was married on July 5, 1968, to John

Claude Mason, and they spent their lives together for the next 44 years until he passed away on Aug. 24, 2012.

Mary was a 1952 graduate of Claypool High School in Claypool. After graduating, she was a lifetime hard worker and spent two years working at United Telephone Company and 20 years working at RR Donnelley and Sons in Warsaw from 1968 off and on as a material handler. She also worked for a couple of years for The Paper in Milford. You could always find Mary reading something that interested her, she enjoyed being able to sit for a few hours with her nose in a book. She loved the simple things in life and enjoyed being outdoors especially walking in the woods mushroom hunting. Mary had her own habits, opinions and as she got older she became more set in her ways. She had many lovable pet peeves that her family could make a very long list of. Family get-togethers were very important to Mary, and by-golly if she could make it there, then you had no excuse not to be there for birthdays, holidays, cookouts, anything! Mary would get testy if anyone was late to gatherings, but there was no doubt that she loved her family and would do anything for them. She will forever be loved and missed by all who knew her and were loved by her.

She leaves behind two daughters: Elizabeth (Jay) Dausman, Pierceton; Margaret (Max) Grady, Syracuse; three grandchildren: Paul (Krista) Dausman, Warsaw; Leigh Anne Jessop, North Webster; Jade Grady, Syracuse; and three great-grandchildren: Alexis, Issac and Van. Also surviving are two brothers: James (Michele) Priser, Claypool; Lawrence Priser, Warsaw. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and her brother, William "Bill" Anthony Priser in 2018.

Mary's life will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 10 at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw, and officiated by Envoy Ken Locke of the Salvation Army. Friends and family can visit prior to the service from 10 to 11 a.m. A graveside service will follow at Graceland Cemetery, Claypool.

Memorial donations may be directed to Teen Parent's Succeeding 604 S. Poular Drive, Syracuse, IN 46567.



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Miles L. Nellans

MILFORD - Miles L. Nellans, 72, of Warsaw, went to his heavenly home on Thursday, March 3, 2022, at Valley Baptist Medical Center in Harlingen, Texas.

Miles was born Dec. 24, 1949, in Rochester, to the late Frank and Wilma Sponseller Nellans. He married Susie Zent on June 8, 2009; she survives.

Miles was a 1969 graduate of Mentone High School and went on to attend Purdue and Vincennes universities. He was raised on the family farm and enjoyed farming in the Mentone area for 15 years. He went to work at Chore-Time Brock until his retirement in 2007. Miles enjoyed antique tractors, working with his sawmill and being a member of the Echoes of the Past. He had a passion for woodworking and carving and made many beautiful items that he shared with family and friends. He enjoyed meeting and talking to people and made friends wherever he went. He and Susie enjoyed spending their winters in Southern Texas for several years.

He is survived by his wife, Susie; daughter, Melissa (Tim) Baca, of Denver, Colo.; son, Eric (Tina) Nellans, of Mentone; stepchildren: Marisa (Kyle) Brooks and Scott Jones. Also surviving are four grandchildren: Lee Nellans, Nicholas Baca, Hudson Brooks, Lilli Brooks; and a brother, Gale (Yvette) Nellans, of Tucson, Ariz.

Miles was preceded in death by his parents.

A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 12 at Mishler Funeral Home, Milford. Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Pastor Josh Weiland will officiate. Burial will follow in Milford Cemetery.

Arrangements are entrusted to Mishler Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Milford.

Memorial donations in his honor may be given to Wawasee Community Bible Church, 2035 E. 1300 N., Milford, IN 46542.



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Phyllis J. Overmyer

AKRON – Phyllis J. Overmyer, 88, rural Rochester, died at 4:53 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 20, 2022, at Aperiion Care of Demotte.

Phyllis was born Oct. 11, 1933, in Mishawaka, to Roy J. and Mabel Heifner Smith. She was married Sept. 16, 1950, in Plymouth, to Robert D. Overmyer; he survives.

A private family service was held in the Richland Center Cemetery of rural Rochester. The arrangements were entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to the Richland Center Community Building.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.



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Abraham 'Abe' Shepherd

NORTH MANCHESTER - Abraham "Abe" Shepherd, 82, Silver Lake, passed away on March 3, 2022, at his home.

The son of Sylvester and Nancy Nelson Shepherd, Abe was born Dec. 22, 1939, in David, Ky.

After his family moved from Kentucky to the Sidney area in 1940, Abe attended Sidney school. Starting work at a young age, Abe focused on his passion for fixing things and working outdoors. He worked construction, home maintenance and as a mechanic part time, but his full-time job was pouring concrete for W & W Concrete Company for 36 years before retiring. Abe was a hard worker and took great pride in perfecting his skills and providing quality service.

On Aug. 28, 1993, Abe married Lura Dean Hicks. He was a loving husband and father and was always very good to all who surrounded him. Abe always enjoyed teasing people and had a great sense of humor. He loved sitting on his porch watching traffic go by and enjoyed filling his huge sweet tooth.

The loving memory of Abraham "Abe" Shepherd will be forever cherished by his wife, Lura Dean (Hicks) Shepherd, Silver Lake; sons: Donny (Pam) Shepherd, Roann; and Roy (Stacey) Shepherd, Claypool; daughters: Patricia Sanders, Warsaw; Brenda Hilton, North Manchester; Tiffany (Stephen) Taylor, Urbana; Tonya (Ricky) Cook, Warsaw; and Kimberly (Matthew) Shepherd, Claypool; stepson, David (Amanda J.) Bradley, North Manchester; stepdaughters: Cheryl (Louis) Reimer, Pierceton; Sheila Bradley, Pierceton; and Samantha (Christopher Siinpiel) Bradley, Silver Lake; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Abraham was preceded in death by his parents, Sylvester and Nancy (Nelson) Shepherd; five brothers: Walter Shepherd, Wiley Shepherd, John Shepherd, David Shepherd and Nathan Shepherd; two sisters: Mary Ann Shepherd and Juanita "Kit" Brown.

Family and friends may call Saturday, March 5 at 12 to 2 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 Ind. 114W, North Manchester. Funeral services will begin at the conclusion of calling. Pastor Bob Brown and Pastor Glen Hughes will officiate. Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery, Silver Lake.

The family of Abraham Shepherd has entrusted McKee Mortuary, North Manchester, with care and final arrangements.

For those who would like to honor the memory of Abe Shepherd, memorials may be made to Kindred Hospice, 1476 W. 18th St., Rochester, IN 46975.

Condolences may be emailed to mckeemortuary.com.



Times Union March 4, 2022

Bonnie Kay McCullough

Bonnie Kay McCullough, 77, went to be with Jesus at 8:40 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Warsaw to Raymond "Bunk" and Geraldine Webb Hudson. She was united in marriage to Robert Alvin McCullough on Aug. 31, 1980, in Etna Green.

Bonnie worked at RR Donnelly in Warsaw as a plant jogger. She was of the Christian faith and looked forward to the soon return of Jesus Christ Lord and Savior. Bonnie enjoyed the uncomplicated things in life. She was always willing to lend a helping hand to others and led an unselfish life. Her enjoyment often came from varied limitless interests. Although she had no children of her own, her pleasure came from embracing the friends and children of others. Holidays were also a special occasion for her as she enjoyed decorating for the seasons.

Bonnie will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 41 years, Robert McCullough, of Fort Wayne; her four nieces and four nephews. She was preceded in passing by one brother, Billy Hudson; and two sisters, Marolyn Brown and Carolyn Thompson.

A funeral service in celebration of her life will begin at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 4 at the Oakwood Cemetery Chapel, Warsaw, followed by a graveside prayer. McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, is entrusted with arrangements for the family.

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



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