

OBITUARIES

Daniel A. Brower

Feb. 19, 1948 - June 6, 2021

Daniel A. Brower, 73, Rochester, passed away at 6:30 a.m., Sunday, June 6, 2021, at his residence.

He was born on Feb. 19, 1948, in Marion, the son of Everett and Iva Irene (Rook) Brower. On Aug. 10, 1984, at the First Baptist Church in Rochester he married Wanda (Craig) Mow and she survives.

Mr. Brower had worked for the former Chamberlain Products, Akron, Pike Lumber Company, Akron, Lear, Plymouth, and Medallion, Culver. He attended the First Baptist Church, Rochester, and enjoyed working in his yard, woodworking, painting by number kits, and utmost important was time spent with



his family.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Brower, Rochester; children, Roger (Pam) Brower, Akron, Dan R. (Sarah) Brower, Rockwall, Texas, Christine (Chris) Vanata, Akron, Greg Mow, Rochester; grandchildren, Nicole (Kyle) Amor, Conrad Warder III, Daniel (Samantha) Kneifel, Justin (Brandi) Kneifel, Angela (Matt) Bien, Troy (Brittlyn) Mow, Rachel Mow, Adam (Kayla) Montel, A.J. (Betsie) Montel, Brentley Mow, Hannah Brower, Chase Brower, Grayson Brower,

Peyton Brower, Arielle Varela, Carlos Varela, Levi (Tiffany) Brower, Jarrett Gard, Aileen Brower, and 23 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Steve Brower.

Private funeral services will be conducted at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Friends may visit from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church or the Fulton County Cancer Fund. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

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Thomas Fayne Flenner

Dec. 21, 1951 - May 30, 2021

Thomas Fayne Flenner, 69, Warsaw, passed away on Sunday, May 30, 2021, at his residence.

Born Dec. 21, 1951, in Rochester, he was the son of Donald D. and Adelene L. (Scott) Flenner.

He was a 1970 graduate of North Miami High School. He retired from Biomet in Warsaw and enjoyed spending time fishing, watching drag racing and watching old Western movies.

He is survived by two sons, Gregg (Bridgette) Flenner, Mentone, and Danny Flenner,



Flenner, Delong, and Lillee Stydham, Rochester; three great-grandchildren, Cavin, Emmett and Adeline; three sisters, Cindy (Richard) Walker, Columbia City, Amy (Doug) Robison, Peru, and Julie (Ted) Jones, South Carolina; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Delong; four grandchildren, Sam (Dominique) Flenner, Rochester, Derek Flenner, Rochester, Brantley

He was preceded in death by his parents and one great-granddaughter, Joyce Flenner.

Funeral service will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 5, 2021, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, at the funeral home.

McClain Funeral Home, Denver, has been entrusted with arrangements. Condolences may be sent online at www.mcclainfh.com.

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Audrey E. Griffis

Oct. 2, 1937 - May 26, 2021

Audrey E. Griffis, 83, of Burket, passed at 9:25 pm, Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at Mason Health Care of Warsaw.

Audrey was born on Oct. 2, 1937 in Warsaw to the late Arnold and Clarabel (Carey) Flory. On Dec. 10, 1955, in Bourbon, she married Bill G. Griffis, who preceded her in death on Jan. 2, 2010.

She was a Tippecanoe High School graduate. Audrey was a quality controller inspector for Blue Bell in Warsaw. She then worked for Uniroyal in Warsaw, where she was the first woman employed. She retired from there after more than 20 years. After retiring she worked part-time



for the U.S. Post Office in Burket. She loved sewing, crafting and quilting. She enjoyed Goodwill and

was a loyal customer.

Audrey is survived by her son Brad and wife Judy Griffis of Akron; grandchildren Damien Shriver, Jackie Apt, Billi Griffis and Tanner Griffis; 10 great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter; a sister, Lorraine and husband Tom DeVros of Tippecanoe; and brothers Jerry and wife Glenda Flory of Tippecanoe and Duane and wife Kathy Flory of Tippecanoe.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Bill, siblings Anita Crawford, Rose Walters, Lewis Flory, Douglas Flory and Doyle Flory.

A graveside service will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, June 10, 2021, in the Summit Chapel Cemetery on Indiana 10 near Bourbon.

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

Donations can be made in Audrey's memory to Camp C. O. Mollenhour, 10265 S. 600 West, Silver Lake, 46982.

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Billie L. Hill

July 30, 1926 - June 3, 2021

Billie L. Hill, Kokomo, and formerly of Akron, died Thursday at Golden Living Center in Kokomo.

Survivors include his children Robert L. Hill, St. Thom-

as, Ontario, Canada, and Suzanne Ahnert, Rochester; and brother Dick Hill of Tampa, Fla.

Visitation will be noon-2 p.m. Sunday at Flow-

ers-Leedy Funeral Home, Peru. Funeral service will follow at 2 p.m. and will include military rites. Flowers-Leedy & Allen Funeral Home, Peru, is handling arrangements.

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probe along with the Senate Rules Committee. "But it does not answer some of the bigger questions that we need to face, quite frankly, as a country and as a democracy."

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said Tuesday that the findings show an even greater need for a bipartisan commission to investigate the root causes of the attack, referring to Trump's unfounded claims about the 2020 election.

"As the 'big lie' continues to spread, as faith in our elections continues to decline, it is crucial - crucial - that we establish a trusted, independent record of what transpired," said Schumer, D-N.Y.

But Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell, who led

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Robert 'Bob' J. Janick

AKRON - Robert "Bob" J. Janick, 83, rural Silver Lake, and formerly of Justice, Ill., died at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, June 6, 2021, at his residence.

He was born April 12, 1938, in Chicago, to the late Joseph and Margaret Petek Janick. He was married April 28, 1962, in Chicago, to Joan Strepek; she survives.

No services will be held at this time. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is in charge of arrangements.



Donations can be made in Robert's memory to the Cycle Conservation Club of Michigan, 116 Wolcott St., Allegan, MI 49010.

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June 7, 2021

Adria Louise Martinez

AKRON - Adria Louise Martinez, 71, Akron, died at 3:58 p.m. Wednesday, June 2, 2021, after an extended stay at Koscusko Community Hospital, Warsaw. She was born April 16, 1950, in Plymouth, to the late Lloyd A. and Betty Drusilla Ivey Morgan.

A private graveside service will take place in the Akron Cemetery. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is in charge of arrangements.



Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to Kindred Hospice.

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DEATH NOTICE

Adria L. Martinez

April 16, 1950 - June 2, 2021

Adria Louise Martinez, 71, of Akron, died at 3:58 pm, Wednesday in transition to her home after an extended stay at Kosciusko Community Hospital. She is survived by her children Leigh Anne Judy, Clay-

pool, Tom Roush, Michigan City, and Katrina L. Franklin of Akron; sisters Allison Strevy, North Manchester and Denise Bussard of Akron; brothers Dr. James Morgan,

Akron and Lloyd Morgan Jr., Akron.

A private graveside service will take place in the Akron Cemetery. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is handling arrangements.

D. Eugene 'Gene' May

D. Eugene "Gene" May, 76, of Warsaw, passed away at 8:32 a.m. on Saturday, June 5, 2021, at his home.



He was born on Dec. 28, 1944, in Paintsville, Ky., to German Wiley and Edna Ethyl May.



He attended Atwood High School and was a United States Vietnam Army veteran. He was married on Sept. 2, 1972, in Warsaw, to Carol S. White, who survives. He retired from Chore Time Brock in Milford after eight years and formerly worked various local RV factories, including Heckaman Homes in Nappanee for 20-plus years. He formerly lived in Kentucky and Michigan before moving to the Atwood/Warsaw area in the early 1960s.

He enjoyed gardening and nature, studying & learning history and going to his grandchildren's activities. He also enjoyed writing, recording and performing music. He played in multiple rock bands through the '60s, '70s and '80s.

He is survived by wife, Carol May, of Warsaw; daughter, Laurie (Kyle) Patterson, of Leesburg; three sons: Eric May, of Leesburg; Josh May, of Warsaw; and Jeremy (Terri) May, of Bourbon; five grandchildren: Cameron Patterson, Shayla May, Alysha May, Makenna May and Javan May; sister, Elizabeth (Richard) Waters, of Walbridge, Ohio; two brothers: Bill (Edith) May, of Claypool; and Richard (Janice) May, of Warsaw.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Virgie Music-Rhoby; three brothers: Patrick, Kenneth and Beecher May; two stepsisters: Susie Davis and Barb Francis; and two stepbrothers: Con and Robert May.

Cremation will take place at Cremation Services of Kosciusko County, 4356 N. Ind. 15, Warsaw. No public services will be held.

Preferred memorials may be given to the Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice, P.O. Box 1196, Warsaw, IN 46581; or American Cancer Society, 130 Red Coach Road, Mishawaka, IN 46545.

To send condolences to the family of Gene May, please visit www.cremationserviceskc.com.

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Cherikee S. Miller

MENTONE - Cherikee S. Miller, 65, Warsaw, and formerly of Mentone, died at 10:40 a.m. Saturday, May 29, 2021, at St. Joseph Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Cherikee was born Oct. 23, 1955, in Plymouth, to Arthur and Velma Abair Cordes. She was married June 28, 1980, in Mentone, to Larry N. Miller; he survives.

A celebration of Cherikee's life is being planned for a future date at Warsaw Community Church.

The interment will take place in the Rochester I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Rochester.

The arrangements are entrusted to King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to the donor's choice of charity.

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Helen V. Murphy

April 20, 1935 - June 7, 2021

Helen V. Murphy, 86, rural Akron, died at 2:45 p.m., Monday at her residence.

Helen is survived by daughters Debbie Craft, Akron, and Teresa Guit-

erez, Allegan, Mich.; sons Richard Chilcutt of Akron, David Chilcutt, Rochester, Randy Chilcutt, of Peru, and Don Chilcutt of Syracuse; and a brother, Bill

Webb, Baltimore, Md.

There will be no visitation or service at this time. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is handling arrangements.

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Helen V. Murphy

AKRON - Helen V. Murphy, 86, of rural Akron, passed at 2:45 p.m. Monday, June 7, 2021, at her residence.

Helen was born on April 20, 1935, in Cairo, W.Va., to the late Okie and Etta Bell Webb.

Following her request no visitation or service will be held at this time. Her remembrance place will be in the Ingram Ridge Cemetery of Ritchie County, W.Va.

The arrangements have been entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

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Nokie Ruth Vigar

May 30, 1946 - June 6, 2021

Nokie Ruth Vigar, 75, of Akron, died 3 a.m., Sunday, June 6, 2021, at her daughter's home in Logansport.

She was born on May 30, 1946, in Varney, West Virginia, to Arthur and Arizona (Culverson) Varney.

Nokie married Curtis Vigar on April 13, 1964, in Wabash County. He died October 6, 1986. She worked at BioMet in Warsaw, retiring after more than 20 years. She was a member of the Athens Community Church in Rochester. Nokie enjoyed vacationing, gambling, flowers, working in her yard and especially spending time with her family. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were her pride and joy.

She is survived by six chil-



dren, Jacqueta "Jackie" (Matt) Mannies of Logansport, Rod (Diana) Vigar of Akron, Terry Randall (Jane) Vigar of Roann, Jerry (Janet) Vigar of Akron, Rhonda (Jeff) Robins of Denver, and Barry (Kristi) Vigar of Macy; 14 grandchildren, Philo Mannies, Tyrel Mannies, Megan Hammond, Lauren Vigar, Lydia Vigar, Lakin Wood, Laci Stuber, Layne DeLauter, Benjamin Vigar, Dakota Robins, Taylor Robins, Destiny Vigar, Tylor Cone, and Bryer Vigar; several great-grandchildren; two sisters, Coetta (David) Steward of Kendallville, and Betty Maynard of Lodi,

Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, Gerald Varney, Arthur Varney, Jr., and Alvis Varney, two sisters, Carol Varney and Willeta Fields, and brother-in-law, Bud Maynard.

Funeral service will be 10 a.m. Friday, June 11, 2021, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service-Roann, 335 S. Chippewa Road, Roann, with Rev. Luke Vasicek officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 4-8 p.m. Thursday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Athens Community Church.

The memorial guest book for Nokie may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

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Steven 'Steve' Roy Waters

Steven "Steve" Roy Waters, of Claypool, passed away unexpectedly and went home to be with Jesus on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, in Kenilworth, Ill., at the age of 56.

He was born on Feb. 19, 1965, in McHenry, Ill., one of five children of Diane Kathryn Heimerl Waters and Terrence Willis Waters. When he was in eighth grade, he knew he wanted to spend the rest of his life with a young lady by the name of Evelyn Alice Morrow ... whom God gave to him on Sept. 25, 1987. They shared the joy and blessings of raising six sons and one daughter together within the 33 years of marriage they were given with before he passed.

Steve graduated in 1983 from Wauconda High School in Wauconda, Ill., and has made his home in Kosciusko County for the past six years. He started working with his father as a drywaller and, later in life, he started his own business as a subcontractor in the residential field. The Water's family owned and operated the Claypool Kennels, grooming and handling show dogs. He enjoyed life to the fullest, whether he was spending a day on the lake fishing, playing a game of chess with his family or friends or traveling around the country attending dog shows. Wherever he went his life was always a witness of his close relationship with Jesus. Steve served God wholeheartedly and was both a leader and a pillar for his family. He showed the love of Christ even in the small things in life. Steve was a faithful father, a loving husband, a friend to many and a blessing to all. He will be forever loved and dearly missed but he would most want to be remembered for his faith in his Savior Jesus Christ.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Evelyn "Evie" Alice Waters, Claypool; daughter, Ashely Waters, Claypool; and his six sons: Nick (Candice) Waters, Warsaw; Jason Waters, Union, Ill.; Micah Waters, Fort Wayne; Jordan, Jacob and Luke Waters, all of Claypool. He also leaves behind his brother, Roy Waters; and three sisters: Lorie Candir, Penny Wilkosz and Ruth Waters.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Steve's life will be celebrated with a graveside service at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9 at Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw and will be officiated by his son, Nick Waters. Friends and family are invited to share some time to visit prior to the graveside service from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw.

Memorial donations may be directed to Water for Good P.O. Box 247, Winona Lake, IN 46590.

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



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