

Carolyn Ann Tilden

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Carolyn was born in North Manchester on Aug. 5, 1935, to John Robert and Tressa Pearl Metzger Helvey. On Aug. 11, 1951, she was joined in marriage to Richard Dwight Tilden in Akron.

Survivors include her husband and children, Mike (Pam) Tilden, Akron; Jeff (Nancy) Tilden, Akron; Scott (Cindy) Tilden, Akron; Lori (DeLynn) Tilden-Geiger, Warsaw; Tricia (Michael) Griggs, Hartsville, S.C.; and a sister, Doris Hunter, W.Va.

Carolyn is also survived by her grandchildren, Cassandra Eherenman, David Tilden, Stephanie Tilden, Ryan Tilden, Wendy Tilden, Hillary Tilden, Mallory Deardorff-Dawson, Alex Deardorff, Graham Hoyle, Shane Potter and Blane Potter, along with their spouses, nieces, nephews and great-grandchildren.

Preceding Carolyn in death were her parents and siblings, Vivian Lewis, Lamoine Helvey, Zelma Schlemmer, Robert Helvey, Richard Helvey and Ardith Smythe.

Carolyn's life and legacy will be celebrated in a private family service at the home of her daughter on Tuesday, Dec. 8 with Pastors Kathy Nelson and Mandy Nellans of the Akron Church, of God and David Eaton, Akron United Methodist Church, officiating. Graveside service will take place immediately following at the Akron Cemetery.

Hartzler Funeral Home of Akron is in charge of the arrangements.

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OBITUARIES

Daniel P. Harper

AKRON - Daniel P. Harper, 70, Rochester, and formerly of Gas City, died at 8:47 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, 2020, at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Daniel was born on July 26, 1950, in Rochester, to Paul W. and Edith Barker Harper.

Following his wishes, no services will be held at this time. A private interment will take place in the Citizens Cemetery, Rochester.



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Arrangements are pending at Owen Family Funeral Home, Syracuse.

Larry Lee Heisler

MENTONE – Larry Lee Heisler, 80, of rural Mentone, passed at 3:09 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020, at Signature HealthCare of Bremen from complications of COVID-19.



He was born on Sept. 16, 1940, in Etna Green, to the late L. Alma Bach and C. Wayne Heisler. He was married on July 1, 1960, to Diane J. Truex. She preceded him in death on Aug. 12, 2015.

Larry was born and raised and spent most of his life in Kosciusko County. Larry graduated from Etna Green High School in 1960. He excelled in athletics and loved basketball and track and field. Playing basketball, he scored 1,300 points for the Cubs from 1957-1960. The 1957-58 teams finished 48-2 winning two county titles and had an undefeated regular season. The team won the sectional in 1958. In track and field, he was an All-State shot-putter in both his junior and senior years. As a senior, he led the state with what was a county record of 59 feet.

After being named to the Indianapolis Star's Top 100 seniors team, Larry attended Grace College. At Grace, he played both basketball and threw shot. He set a school record in shot-put that stood for more than 25 years. He was honored by being inducted into the Kosciusko County Basketball Hall of Fame.

Larry also attended and graduated from the Indiana Police Academy that was then located at the University of Indianapolis. He then was employed by the city of Warsaw Police Department.

Larry and his family moved from Warsaw to begin farming near Claypool. While farming, he also ran a land clearing business, as well as sandblasting and painting farm equipment. He then opened the Warsaw Phyttness Center in the early 1980s. He began coaching track and field for Warsaw and then went on to become head coach. He won numerous NLC, sectional and regional titles as well as producing many All-State student athletes.

Larry loved to travel, especially to Bloomington where he would attend IU basketball games for more than 30 years. His very first game was memorable. Larry and his wife, Diane had seats in row one behind IU's bench. As he loved to tell, Coach Knight walked to the bench, looked at him and asked "Are you using this chair?" He then picked it up and threw it across the court. "First game I ever went to and Coach Knight gets thrown out before halftime!"

In the middle 1990s, he moved to Bedford, where he coached track for Mitchell High School, as well as raising Angus cattle. They then moved back to Etna Green in 2008. Larry then worked transporting his Amish friends to and from work sites until retiring in 2015.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Diane Heisler.

He is survived by a son, Randy; and wife, Tammy Heisler, of Bloomington; grandchildren, Lindsey McDonald, Kiley Heisler-Kinser and Cameron Heisler; great-grandchildren, Landon, Laryn and Lennox; and brothers, Tom Heisler and Ted Heisler, both of Etna Green.

Following his wishes no services will be held at this time.

The arrangements have been entrusted to King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone.

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James J. Tibbets

MENTONE - James J. Tibbets, 96, of Warsaw, and formerly of Mentone, passed away at Kosciusko Community Hospital on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020.



Jim was born on May 19, 1924, in Carbon, to James E. and Zillah Baughman Tibbets. He graduated from Brazil High School in 1943, where he played drums in the high school band. While in high school, Jim met the love of his life, Agnes Ruth Ooley Tibbets, who survives. They were married July 19, 1945, and were together for over 75 years.



While in high school, Jim enlisted in the United States Navy. After graduation, he attended the University of Oklahoma and then was stationed in New Orleans. He was proud to be a World War II veteran.

Jim accepted a position with Producers Marketing Association, which brought the family to Mentone in 1953. Later, he delivered fuel oil for Silveus & Bradway in Warsaw. He also served as clerk-treasurer of the town of Mentone.

Jim had two great passions in his life. The first was his family. The second was his music. He was a square dance caller for many years. He was a member of the Mentone United Methodist Church where he shared the gift of music as a soloist, and sang bass in the choir and various ensembles. He also participated in the Mentone Days talent shows over the years, serving as grand marshal along with Agnes a few years ago.

Jim had a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ at an Emmaus Walk retreat. He and Agnes sponsored many others on their own Emmaus Walks. He was an avid Cub fan, an avid Bears fan and loved the Gaither Vocal Band.

He was a loyal and loving husband. As a dad, he instilled in his family a love for nature and outdoor activities. He loved to travel, to camp and hike, to fish and especially to ride his bicycle. He attributed his longevity to a lifetime of bike riding. He was still riding his three-wheeled bike around the block just weeks before he passed. As a grandpa, Jim attended as many concerts, plays, recitals, sporting events, birthday parties and graduations as possible. He loved each of his children and grandchildren and was very proud of their accomplishments. He considered his family his greatest legacy.

Jim is survived by his wife of 75 years, Agnes; two sons: James David (Jane) Tibbets, Elkhart; Daniel (Wendy) Tibbets, San Jose, Calif.; two daughters: Susan Kintzel and Barbara Tibbets, both of Warsaw. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded by his parents; two sisters: Mildred Cochran and Marsha Decker; a brother, Earl; and an infant sister.

Due to COVID-19, a private service will be held with interment in the Mentone Cemetery, Mentone, with graveside military rites being performed in honor of Jim's service to his country. A recording of the service will be available on the funeral home's Facebook page following the service.

A future celebration of life is being planned.

The arrangements are entrusted to King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone.

Donations can be made in his memory to the Mentone United Methodist Church.

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Obituaries

Kris Eric Gearhart

AKRON - Kris Eric Gearhart, 60, of Akron, passed at 9:22 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2020, at his residence.

Kris was born on Aug. 14, 1960, in Bluffton, to Roger and Janet Thompson Gearhart.

He was a 1978 graduate of Corning High School of Corning, Iowa, where he played basketball. He continued playing basketball while he attended Iowa State Junior College in Estherville, Iowa. He had worked for Gen Core of Wabash for 10 years. Kris was a proud fan of the Chicago Cubs. He also enjoyed watching I.U., the Colts and Bears, Notre Dame Football and NASCAR and his favorite driver was Dale Earnhardt.

He is survived by his children: Justin and wife Laura Gearhart, of Coin, Iowa; Kristal and husband Isaiah Mylin, of Zionsville; and Eric Gearhart, of Akron; nine grandchildren; and parents, Roger and Janet Gearhart.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Brent Allen Gearhart (December 1980); grandparents, Frank and Edna Gearhart and Ed and Mary Jane Thompson; and an uncle, Barry Thompson.

Memorial visitation will take place from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 12 at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. A memorial service will take place at noon Saturday, Dec. 12 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with Pastor Kathy Nelson officiating. Masks will be required for all in attendance.

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

Donations can be made in his memory to Kindred Hospice or the Fulton County Cancer Care Fund.

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Lora Chapman

Lora Chapman, age 83, of Warsaw, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020, at 6:50 a.m. in Grace Village Assisted Living, Winona Lake.

Born Lora Lea Binkley on Oct. 12, 1937, in Derby, Ohio, she was the daughter of Smith and Ruth Fast Binkley. She graduated from Central High School in downtown Columbus with the class of 1955. In November of that same year, she was united in marriage to Floyd Theodore Chapman; known, to most as "Ted," her husband survives in Winona Lake.

Lora was a loving, caring person with a true talent for embroidery, making quilts for grandchildren and special friends. She enjoyed travelling and reading, especially mysteries and thrillers. Nothing was more important to Lora than her family and her faith - she attended Winona Lake Grace Brethren Church.

Those who survive with memories to cherish include her husband, Ted Chapman, of Winona Lake; and their daughters: Beverly Rogers, of South Bend; Deb (Jim) Fivecoate, of Mentone; and Joy (David) Rieke, of Plano, Ill.; son, David (Gail) Chapman, of Warsaw; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Also surviving are Lora's sister, Jean (Jim) Matheny; and brother, Kenneth (Jean) Binkley.

She was preceded in passing by her son-in-law, Larry Rogers; and her parents.

Titus Funeral Home is assisting the family with private interment in Oakwood Cemetery. A memorial service is being planned though date and time of the service have not been announced.



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Debra J. Johnson

MENTONE - Debra J. Johnson, 64, Rochester, died at 11:51 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020, at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Deb was born on March 29, 1956, in Kentucky to Miley and Betty Ousley. She married on Aug. 16, 1993, in Plymouth, to Earl D. Johnson; he survives.

A memorial visitation will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Masks will be required for all in attendance.

A private interment will be in the Sycamore Cemetery, Mentone, at a later date.

Donations can be made in her memory to the Fulton County Animal Adoption And Education Center, 1540 N. Wentzel St., Rochester, IN 46975.

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dorff-Dawson, Alex Deardorff, Graham Hoyle, Shane Potter and Blane Potter along with their spouses, and by nieces, nephews, and great-grandchildren.

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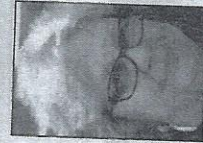
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OBITUARIES

Sandra L. Denton

Sept. 29, 1947 - Dec. 5, 2020



Sandra Louise (Parker) Denton, 73, Rochester, passed away at 2:21 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020, at her residence. She was born Sept. 29, 1947, in Rochester, the daughter of Phil and Pat (Troutman) Parker. In her youth, she enjoyed being part of the Lake Manitou Ski Club. She graduated from Akron High School in 1965 and attended Manchester College where she received her bachelor's and master's degrees in education.

Sandy began her professional teaching career at Manchester Elementary School, where she spent two years. She spent the next 34 years teaching elementary education in the Rochester Community School system teaching at both Riddle Elementary and Columbia Elementary schools before retiring. She had been a member

of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Grace United Methodist Church, where she had played the piano, and had been active in the bell choir, Beta Mu sorority, Tri Kappa sorority, Fulton County Retired Teachers Association and Fulton County Women's Chorus. Sandy had also been active in the original Fulton County Players, having the lead role in the "Music Man."

In her leisure time she enjoyed singing, playing the piano, reading, was an avid animal lover and enjoyed supporting Notre Dame's women's basketball. Survivors include her daughter, Patricia Denton, Rochester; dear friend Ted Denton; nephew Eric and

wife Cathi Parker, Portland; and niece Leslie Parker, Muncie. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, David Parker.

Private funeral services will take place and burial will be in the Akron Cemetery. Public visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, 2020, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Visitors are asked to follow state COVID-19 Guidelines, including wearing a mask, social distancing, and a minimum allowed of visitors in the facility. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Animal Adoption and Education Center or the Sandra L. Denton & Patricia M. Denton Music Appreciation Fund. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosh.com.

Larry L. Heisler

Larry L. Heisler, 80, rural Mentone, died at 3:09 pm, Dec. 3 at Signature Health-Care of Bremen from complications of COVID-19.

His survivors include son Randy, Bloomington; and brothers Tom Heisler and Ted Heisler, both of Etna Green.

No services will be conducted at this time. King Memorial Home, Mentone, is handling arrangements.

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Peggy L. Curtis

Peggy L. Curtis, 81, Rochester, died at 8:22 p.m. Tuesday at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne. Survivors include her children, Vicki Harrold, Akron, Marsha Arnett, Rochester, and Steven Curtis, Rochester. Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester. Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, is handling arrangements.

Kris E. Gearhart

Aug. 14, 1960 — Dec. 9, 2020

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He is sur- vived by his children Jus- tin and wife

Laura Gearhart of Coin, Iowa, Kristal and husband Isa- iah Mylin of Zionsville, and Eric Gearhart of Akron; nine grandchildren; and parents Roger and Janet Gearhart.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Brent Allen Gearhart in December 1980, grandparents Frank and Edna Gearhart and Ed and Mary Jane Thompson, and an uncle, Barry Thompson.

A memorial service will take place at 12 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020, at Hartzler Fu- neral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Kathy Nelson officiating. Masks will be required for all in atten- dance.

The interment will take place in the Akron Cemetery, Akron. Memorial visitation will take place from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home.

Donations can be made in his memory to Kindred Hospice or the Fulton County Cancer Care Fund.

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