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## OBITUARIES

### Doris A. Huffman

May 13, 1944 - May 6, 2020

Doris A. Huffman, 75, rural Macy, passed away at 4:20 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, 2020, at her residence after being in failing health for a short time.

Doris was born on May 13, 1944, in Terre Haute, to Homer F. and Esther L. (Ross) Monroe. She was married to Francis Freese for 10 years. She then married Ronald "Satch" Huffman on Jan. 25, 1977, in Rochester. He survives.

She had worked at Chamberlin Products and then for Wen's of Akron for many years.

She enjoyed being with her grandchildren and caring for



traveling.

Survivors include her husband, Satch Huffman, Macy; her daughters, Gina Huffman, Macy, Lisa and husband Joe Locke, Macy, and April and husband Adam Towner, Columbia City; her son, Tim and wife Karen Freese, Rochester; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and her sisters, Julie Martin, Lafay-

ette, Vivian Scaggs, Rochester, and Barbara Hayes, Rochester.

She also had been a driver for the Amish community and enjoyed

her dogs as well as many other animals.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Homer and Esther Monroe; and her sister, Viola Monroe.

Following county, state, federal and CDC guidelines and Doris' wishes, no service will occur at this time. Arrangements are entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron.

Donations may be made in her memory to the donor's choice of charity. Family and friends may share a memory or send an online condolence at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

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### Fay Whetstone

May 2, 1927 - May 2, 2020

Fay Whetstone, 93, Mentone, passed away at 7:58 a.m. Saturday, May 2, 2020, at her residence.

Fay was born on May 2, 1927, in Mentone to the late Elmer D. and Esther R. (Horn) Sarber.

On June 14, 1946, in Mentone, she married Carl B. Whetstone. He preceded her in death on Jan. 1, 1994.

She was a 1945 graduate of Mentone High School. After graduating, she began working at Manwaring's for a few years. She then became a homemaker and helped alongside her husband on the family farm.

Fay had been a member of the Mentone United Methodist Church for nearly 70 years where she served in many posi-



tions. She was active in the United Methodist Women, Sunday school and the choir and helping with funeral dinners and Bible school. She was also a founding member of the Merry Mollies.

She enjoyed reading and the library. She was known as a baker, especially for her old-fashioned cream pie and her award-winning blueberry pie.

Survivors include her daughter, Jane Webster, Mentone; her sons, Mike and wife Sharon Whetstone, Mentone, Tim and wife Cathy Whetstone, Mentone, and Jerry and wife Angy Whetstone, Akron;

13 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Esther Sarber; her husband, Carl B. Whetstone; her daughter-in-law, Cindy Whetstone; her sister, Zelda Blackford; and her brother, Gene Sarber.

Following county, state, federal and CDC guidelines, a private family service will be at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Pastor Jason Rice officiating. A private burial will be in Mentone Cemetery.

Donations may be made in Fay's memory to Mentone United Methodist Church. Family and friends may share a memory or send an online condolence at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

## Emma J. Helton Slone

NORTH MANCHESTER - Emma J. Helton Slone, 83, Claypool, died at 7:25 p.m. Thursday, May 7, 2020, at Kosciusko Community Hospital, Warsaw.

She was born Oct. 23, 1936, in Floyd County, Ky., to John and Myrtle Hale Helton.

She married Cornelius Slone on Nov. 2, 1968. He passed away July 18, 1995.

She graduated from Prestonsburg High School in 1955 and then moved to Silver Lake. Emma became a mother to her brothers after their mother was killed in a car accident when she was 7. She was caring and nurturing to her brothers, nieces and nephews, which she thought of as her own children. Emma enjoyed going to garage sales, relaxing by doing crossword puzzles and word searches. Emma also relished her time doing yard work and reading, but especially loved being with her church family.

She was the office manager at Kralis Brothers Food Inc., Mentone, for 30-plus years.

She was a member of First Free Will Baptist Church of Kosciusko County, Claypool.

She is survived by stepson, Joe Slone; stepdaughters, Linda Needler and Shelly Dryer; and brother, Don (Janet) Helton, Silver Lake.

She was predeceased by five brothers: Carl "Dude," James Willard, John H., Fred and Ellis Helton; three sisters: Thelma Hicks, Irene Phillips and Elsie Dotson.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, May 11 at Lakeview Cemetery, Myrtle Glen Drive, Silver Lake, with Pastor Terry Bradford. Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery, Silver Lake.

The family has entrusted McKee Mortuary, North Manchester, with final arrangements.

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Memorials to First Free Will Baptist Church of Kosciusko County, P.O. Box 43, Claypool, IN 46510.

Condolences may be emailed to [mckeemortuary.com](mailto:mckeemortuary.com).



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## Ron Gagnon

AKRON - Ron Gagnon, age 82, Akron, died on Sunday, May 3, 2020, at Woodlawn Hospital at 5:20 p.m.

He was born in Fulton County on Sept. 5, 1937, to Arthur and Violet Hamilton Gagnon. Ron had lived in Mentone, the Beaver Dam area, but most of his life in the Akron community. He graduated from Burket High School in 1955. Ron married Carma L. Middleton Backus in 1959. They recently had a public celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary and now have been married 61 years.



Ron was employed at Sonoco Products Company in Akron for 20 years. After leaving there, he became a truck driver and doing miscellaneous jobs. His last job was at Mid-West Springs in Mentone where he retired in 2002.

He attended Silver Creek Church of God when his health allowed him to.

He enjoyed hunting all kinds of animals.

Surviving Ron is his wife, Carma, of Akron; two children: Steven E. (spouse Kathy) Gagnon, of Warsaw; Barbara (spouse Tim) Heinbaugh, of Wabash; one stepson: Steven D. (spouse Linda) Backus, of Akron; one sister: Clara Brown, of Houston, Texas; 10 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

Preceding Ron in death are his parents; stepdaughter, Debra L. Backus; stepson, Daniel D. Backus; and brother, Eugene Gagnon.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, private graveside services will be held at Silver Creek Cemetery, Silver Lake, with Pastor Tom Craig officiating.

The staff of Earl-Love Funeral Home, Akron, considers it a privilege and an honor to care for the family of Ronald L. Gagnon.

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Memorials to the Silver Creek Church of God, 6504 W. 1300 St., Silver Lake, IN 46982.

Online condolences may be sent to [earllovefuneralhome.com](http://earllovefuneralhome.com).

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