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## OBITUARIES Ronald A. Barker

Feb. 18, 1947-July 31, 2020

Ronald A. Barker, 73, of Mentone, passed away at 2 p.m., Friday, July 31, 2020, at Woodlawn Hospital.

Ron was born on Feb. 18, 1947, in Warsaw, to the late Ralph C. and Donna Jean (Fuller) Barker. He married Sue Ann Lucas on Aug. 4, 1966, in Sacred Heart Church in Warsaw. She survives.

He was a 1965 graduate of Warsaw High School. He served his country proudly in the U.S. Navy. While in the Navy he was a Radio-man, retiring after 22 years on Sept. 1, 1988, with the rank of E7 Chief Petty Officer. He worked for ITT Aerospace Communications for 20 years and retiring in January 2009 as a Comsec Communications Managing Supervisor. He was currently serving as vice-president of the Bell Aircraft Museum. He was a member of the First Baptist



Church of Mentone for 31 years serving as a trustee. He was a leader of CIA Thursday Night Bible Study with the young adults as well as being the director of an emergency medical technician in Mentone. He enjoyed woodworking and traveling with his family in his camper all around the country.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Barker, Mentone; daughter, Missy and husband Bill Kidd, grandsons Tyler and wife Harley Kidd, Mason Kidd and Gaige Kidd; great-grandsons Gabe, Nate and Zech; and his sister, Diane Wenzel, Cheyenne, Wyo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph C. and Donna Jean Barker; brothers

Dennis Barker and Stephen Barker. A memorial service will take place at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020, in the First Baptist Church, 206 S. Oak St., Mentone, with Pastor Michael Withite officiating. Military honors performed by the Warsaw American Legion Post #49 will follow the service. Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2020, at the First Baptist Church. A final remembrance place will be in the Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw. Donations can be made in his memory to the Bell Aircraft Museum or the First Baptist Church of Mentone. Arrangements are entrusted to King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone. Share a memory or send an online condolence at: [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com)

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Wanda L. Howard

May 31, 1938 - July 27, 2020

Wanda L. Howard, 82, rural Akron, went home at 8:59 p.m. Monday, July 27, 2020, at her residence.

Wanda was born on May 31, 1938, in Hazelgreen, Mo., to the late Orla Ray and Anna (Levine) James.

On June 17, 1962, in Crawfordsville, in the Nazarene church, she married Dr. J. Arthur "Jerry" Howard. He survives.

She was a graduate of Alamo High School in 1955. She furthered her education at Greenville College, Greenville, Ill., with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Wanda then attained her master's degree from Purdue University in 1974.

She was a school teacher for Crawfordsville (Montgomery County) and the Carroll County Schools. Then in 1965 she and her husband moved to Letiers Ford, where she taught for Culver



Schools until she retired in 2001.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church

for more than 50 years. Wanda was known as an accomplished musician, playing the marimba in countless conventions, Youth for Christ rallies and churches across the U.S. and Canada. She also played the vibraharp and piano.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. J. Arthur "Jerry" Howard, Akron; her sons, Jonathan Arthur and wife Bethany Howard, Warsaw, and James Theodore Howard and husband Mitchell Ligojino, Raleigh, N.C.; her grandchildren, Luke, David and Tommy; and her brother, the Rev. Rob "Bob" and wife Jean James, Rensselaer.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Orla Ray and Anna James; and her sister, Onalee James.

The funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 3, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor David Eaton and the Rev. Dale Howard officiating. For the health of all in attendance, masks will be required, following the state mandate. Burial will take place following the service in the Athens (Mount Hope) Cemetery. Visitation hours will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Donations may be made in her memory to the Akron United Methodist Church or to Kindred Hospice. Family and friends may share a memory or send an online condolence at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

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### Loren W. Munson

Loren W. Munson, age 84, and a lifetime resident of Kosciusko County, was called home on Saturday, Aug. 1, 2020, at 10:35 a.m. from Fort Wayne's Lutheran Hospital.

Born on March 26, 1936, in Claypool, Loren was the son of Harry A. and Dorothy Holderman Munson. He was one of five children and was a 1954 graduate of Claypool High School. On Sept. 14, 1956, he was united in marriage to Phyllis Snyder, who survives.



Known for his work ethic and his friendly demeanor, Loren worked for Zimmer as a tool cutter grinder. He also owned L & N Tool Grinding, though he was a man of many talents. He enjoyed gardening, often sharing the fruits of his labor, and fishing. He also enjoyed time spent with friends, dinner out and adored time spent with his family and grandchildren. He was a longtime member of Calvary Tabernacle Church of Winona Lake, teaching Sunday school for many years. He also played trumpet and sang in a trio with his brothers.

Those who survive with memories to cherish include his wife, Phyllis Munson, of Claypool; daughter, Lorena (Gary) Jameson, of Shepherdsville, Ky.; grandsons, Eric (Luci) Jameson, of Jeffersonton, Ky.; and Travis Jameson, of Shepherdsville; two brothers, Max Munson, of Warsaw; and David (Margaret) Munson, of Claypool; and sister, Arlene Ryan, of North Webster. Also surviving are two great-grandchildren, Max and Ryleigh; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in passing by his parents and a brother, Doyle Munson.

A Life Celebration® will be held with the assistance of Titus Funeral Home. Visitation will be held at Calvary Tabernacle Church, 1300 Wooster Road, Winona Lake, on Friday, Aug. 7 from 10 a.m. to noon. Pastor Rich Maron will officiate the noon funeral with burial to follow in Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

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As Loren was a fervent supporter of missionary work, memorial gifts in his memory may be directed to the Calvary Tabernacle Missionary Fund, 1300 Wooster Road, Winona Lake, IN 46590.

Condolences may be left for the family at [www.TitusFuneralHome.com](http://www.TitusFuneralHome.com).

## Robert A. Osburn

July 31, 1935 - Aug. 6, 2020



Robert A. Osburn, 85, formerly of rural Akron and most recently of Beaver Dam Lake, passed at 11:01 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, 2020, at his daughter's residence in rural Bourbon.

Bob was born on July 31, 1935, in Tippecanoe to the late Stanton and Mae (Moody) Osburn. He was married Nov. 15, 1953, in Mentone to Lois L. Blackburn, who preceded him in death on Jan. 15, 2007.

He had worked for Niff-Corr. from which he retired, and then he went back to work for Warsaw Coil as well as being a farmer. He was a graduate of Tippecanoe High School.

Bob was a member of the Bourbon First United Church

the community, helping many people. He recently moved to Beaver Dam Lake from the farm. He was known to enjoy coffee at many area coffee shops.

He is survived by two daughters, Sharon and husband Eddie Sexton, Bourbon, and Carol Reed, Chandler, Ariz.; two grandchildren, Eddie Sexton Jr. and Joshua Sexton; three great-grandchildren; and companion Gerri Howard, Beaver Dam Lake.

of Christ. He cut countless loads of wood and enjoyed gardening, hunting, fishing and was very active in

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Lois Osburn, a sister, and five brothers.

The funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 10, 2020, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Pastor Susan M. Clark officiating.

The interment will follow the service in the Harrison Center (Wooden) Cemetery, Etna Green.

Visitation hours will be 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, 2020, at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Donations may be made in his memory to Kindred Hospice. Share a memory or send an online condolence at [www.hartzelfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzelfuneralservices.com).

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Bob was a member of the Bourbon First United Church of Christ. He cut countless loads of wood and enjoyed gardening, hunting, fishing and was very active in the community, helping many people. He had recently moved to Beaver Dam Lake from the farm. He was known to enjoy coffee at many area coffee shops.

He is survived by two daughters: Sharon and husband Eddie Sexton, Bourbon; and Carol Reed, Chandler, Ariz.; two grandchildren: Eddie Sexton Jr. and Joshua Sexton; three great-grandchildren; and companion, Gerri Howard, Beaver Dam Lake.

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### Jose Ramirez

AKRON - Jose Ramirez, 89, Akron, died at 12:23 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, 2020, at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Jose was born on May 31, 1931, in Santiago Capitiro, Guanajuato, Mexico, to the late Rafael Ramirez Arriaga and Mercedes Arroyo Rosas. He was married on Aug. 1, 1954 in Victoria de Cortazar, Guanajuato, Mexico, to Maria de Jesus Hernandez Ruiz; she survives.

Visitation will be from 6 to 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 7 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. A private family mass of Christian burial will take place on Saturday, Aug. 8 in the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rochester, with Father Michael McKinney officiating.

Everyone is invited at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8 for the interment in the Akron Cemetery, Akron.

Masks will be required for all in attendance for the services for Mr. Ramirez.

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