

Susan Darlene Rohrer

Susan Darlene Rohrer, Claypool, died at 12:30 a.m. on Friday, May 15, 2020 in Warsaw, Indiana at the age of 76.

Darlene was born on July 30, 1943, in Blackford County, to Eileen May Ford Banter and Leo Harley Banter. On March 30, 1986, she was married to Noble Leon Rohrer. He died Oct. 15, 2018.

Visitation will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, Warsaw.

Due to the current, unprecedented guidelines limiting public gatherings due to the COVID-19 virus and safety concerns the visitation is limited to 25 people at a time. Please use good judgment in determining the length of your visit or if you should attend. There will be no congregating in the parking lot and physical distancing of 6 feet is mandatory.

Darlene's life will be celebrated with a service following visitation at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20 at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home and officiated by Pastor Jarod Osborne. Burial will follow with a graveside service at Graceland Cemetery, Claypool. Please follow social distancing guidelines at the cemetery as well.

Memorials to the Pathway Church, 2402 Old U.S. 30 West, Warsaw, IN 46580 and would be appreciated by the family.

Online condolences may be sent through the funeral



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Betty Jane Mahoney

AKRON - Betty Jane Mahoney, 90, Rochester, died at 11:15 a.m. Thursday, May 14, 2020, at Hickory Creek at Rochester.

She was born on Aug. 1, 1929, in Akron, to Guy and Faudaline Geiger Hill.

Betty married Lawrence R. "Mike" Mahoney on Sept. 6, 1949, in Akron.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, graveside services will be held at a later date with burial in the Rochester IOOF cemetery in Rochester.



The staff of Earl-Love Funeral Home, Akron, considers it a privilege and honor to care for the family and friends of Betty Mahoney.

Memorials to the Akron Church of God in Akron and/or The Cross church in Rochester.

Online condolences may be sent to earllovefuneralhome.com.

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Obituaries

Susan Darlene Rohrer

Susan Darlene Rohrer, a longtime Claypool resident, passed away at 12:30 a.m. on Friday, May 15, 2020, in Warsaw at the age of 76.



Darlene was born on July 30, 1943, in Blackford County, to Eileen May Ford Banter and Leo Harley Banter. Her mother passed away in 1963, and her stepmother, Helen Banter, became a part of her life. On March 30, 1986, she was married to Noble Leon Rohrer. They shared 32 years of marriage together before he passed away on Oct. 15, 2018.

Darlene graduated from Roll High School in Blackford County. She attended Taylor University for one year and later graduated from Kokomo School of Practical Nursing.

She worked for many years as a nurse at Miller's Merry Manor in Warsaw, caring for many residents over the years. She had a heart for caring and helping others. She moved on and became the assistant director of nursing at Grace Village Retirement Community of Winona Lake and enjoyed all of the people she met while working there. She was a member of Pathway Church in Warsaw, Kosciusko Nurses Society, and she and her late husband, Leon were members of the Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA). Darlene was a loving mother, grandmother and sister ... she will be dearly missed by her family and many friends.

She will be lovingly remembered by her two sons: Wesley R. (Mary Kittrell) Gearheart, Warsaw; Dustin B. Gearheart, Warsaw; two stepsons: Michael (Lily) Rohrer, Claypool; Jeffrey (Melanie) Rohrer, Claypool. She also leaves behind 11 grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren; and her sister, S. Diane (Larry) Meyers, Arkansas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; stepdaughter, Rita Sabo; and two grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. on Wednesday May 20 at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw. Due to the current, unprecedented guidelines limiting public gatherings due to the COVID-19 virus and safety concerns the visitation is limited to 25 people at a time. Please use good judgment in determining the length of your visit or if you should attend. There will be no congregating in the parking lot and physical distancing of 6 feet is mandatory.

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

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Stanley 'Stan' Baldridge

NORTH MANCHESTER - Stanley "Stan" Baldridge, 62, Claypool, died at 11:35 p.m. Tuesday, May 19, 2020, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

He was born May 31, 1957, in Prestonsburg, Ky., to A.J. and Eva Marie Riffith Baldridge.

He married Karen K. Robinson on Nov. 22, 1982. She survives.

He worked at Dalton Foundry Inc., Warsaw, for 42, years retiring in May 31, 2019.

Stan enjoyed being outdoors, fishing and riding his motorcycle. Although he was stoic and reserved, people knew he cared about them. He was family oriented and proud of what he had, because he worked hard for everything he did have. He would often work 12-14 hour days at Dalton's and come home to work on the farm. He was a handy man that could fix anything and a great husband, dad and grandpa. He didn't have to, but he would step up and help those in need.

The family has entrusted McKee Mortuary with final arrangements.

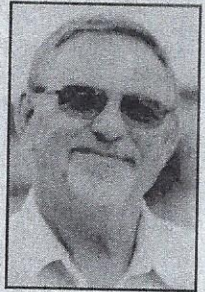
Stan is survived by son, Jeremy (Mellissa) Cox, Wabash; daughter, Karie (Michael) Bruder, North Manchester; brothers, Gary (Merry) Baldridge, Claypool; Jack (Dana) Baldridge, Palestine; sister, Phyllis (Tim) Evans, Disco; brother-in-law, Jeff Harper; sister-in-law, Reese (Mark) Morris; and three grandchildren.

He is preceded by his parents; two brothers: Charles Baldridge and Paul Baldridge; sister, Darlene Harper.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. at McKee Mortuary, 1401 Ind. 114 West, North Manchester. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 27 at the funeral services, with calling one hour prior to the funeral. Pastor Sebrina Cline will officiate the funeral. Burial will be at Sidney Cemetery, Ind. 13 and CR 850S, Sidney.

Memorials to Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease Foundation, 3634 W. Market St. unit 110, Akron, OH 44333; or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

Condolences may be emailed to mckeemortuary.com.



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Ronald Paul Conley

Ronald Paul Conley, of Pierceton, passed away at 2:12 a.m. on Monday, May 18, 2020, at Kosciusko Community Hospital of Warsaw at the age of 69.

He was born on July 15, 1950, in Warsaw, one of 13 children born to Lana Frances May Conley and Bertie Conley. Ron came into this world with his twin brother, Robert "Bob" Conley.



Ron was a lifetime resident of Kosciusko County, where he was a 1969 graduate of Warsaw High School. He retired after 20-plus years as the street and water superintendent for the city of Syracuse. He was very active in the Pierceton Community and was a longtime member of Pierceton United Methodist Church where he served as a trustee. He loved his church family and was very giving of his time volunteering whenever needed. He always helped out with the church pancake and chili supper, as well as mowing the church grounds and taking care of the maintenance. Ron will most definitely be remembered for his love of his grandchildren. He adored everything about his grandkids and always made himself available for their activities. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother and will be dearly missed.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 30 years, Teresa (née Danner) Conley, Pierceton; two sons: Eric Conley, Fort Wayne; Adam (Melissa) Conley, Lakeland, Fla.; stepson, Jeff (Kassie) Branning, Larwill; stepdaughter, Tina (Jason) Mozzone, Columbia, City; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind seven brothers: Robert "Bob" (Sue) Conley, Warsaw; John (Neva) Conley, Warsaw; Roger Conley, Warsaw; Herman Conley, Arizona; Dan Conley, Fort Wayne; Mark Conley, Phoenix City, Ala.; Ruben (Peg) Conley, Etna Green; and three sisters: Vernita Cunningham, Dayton, Ohio; Joan Potter, Pierceton; Deb Conley, Mishawaka.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Ernie Conley; and his sister, Geraldine Bodas.

Ronald's life will be celebrated with a private family visitation and graveside service at Hillcrest Cemetery in Pierceton and officiated by Pastor Holly White.

Arrangements were entrusted with Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw.

Memorials to the Pierceton American Legion Post #258, 104 N. First St., Pierceton, IN 46562 and would be appreciated by the family.

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

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Robert L. Hatfield

MENTONE - Robert L. Hatfield, 83, of Mentone (Palestine), passed unexpectedly while doing yard work Saturday, May 23, 2020, at his residence.

Robert was born on April 17, 1937, in Kosciusko County, to the late Carl and Clarabelle Brugh Hatfield. He was married on July 14, 1973, in Warsaw, to Susan E. Jagodzinski; she survives.

Robert had been a truck driver and a receiving clerk for Playtime Products of Warsaw. He then retired from Da-Lite Screen of Warsaw in 2001.

He was a 1956 graduate of Mentone High School. He enjoyed gathering at local coffee shops to share stories with friends. He was known to tinker in his garage on many projects. Bob took great pride in maintaining his property. He was an avid collector of toy John Deere tractors and also enjoyed restoring full-sized tractors.

He is survived by wife, Susan Hatfield, Mentone; daughter, Jennifer Ayers, Indianapolis; son, Douglas and wife Stacey Hatfield, Santa Maria, Calif.; grandchildren, Michael, Joshua, Megan and Andrew Hatfield and Abbigail Ayers.

He was preceded in death by his parents and stepparents.

Visitation hours will be held from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 30 at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Following all county, state and federal guidelines for social distancing, the funeral service for Mr. Hatfield will take place at noon Saturday, May 30 at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Pastor Gary Loy officiating. For the health of all in attendance, we encourage the public to wear masks.

Robert's private interment will be in the Palestine Cemetery, Palestine.

Memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

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



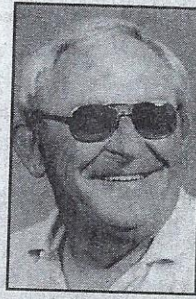
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Jerry K. Bickel

AKRON - Jerry K. Bickel, 83, of Akron, passed surrounded by family at 4:54 a.m. Friday, May 29, 2020, at his residence.



Jerry was born on May 8, 1937, in Miami County, to the late Palmer O. and Maxine Ruth Needham Bickel. He was married on Nov. 24, 1956, in Akron, to Bonnie Wentzel; she survives.



He was an operating engineer for Local 150 for 53 years running heavy equipment. His favorite machine was the road grader. He also drove semi truck for various companies throughout the years. After retiring, he worked with Clean Burn servicing used oil furnaces.

He attended Gilead School. He served his country proudly in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He attended the Akron Church of God. Jerry had been a member of the Masonic Lodge since 1973 and had been a past master in the Akron Masonic Lodge. He then was a member of the Gilead and lastly Lincoln Lodge 523 of Macy. He was a member of the VFW and the American Legion, both of Rochester.

Jerry enjoyed mowing yard and caring for his property. He was an avid race fan traveling the area to see sprint car races. He was known for being a regular drinking coffee with friends uptown. He loved sharing time with his princess, a yorkie, Suzie.

Survivors include wife, Bonnie Bickel, Akron; daughters, Sherry and husband Carl Dewey, Peru, Ind.; Shelly and husband Don Robertson, Greenwood; son, Jerry E. and wife Jamie Bickel, Pierceton; grandchildren: Kelly, Gordon, Bonnie Kaye, Jason, Jenelle and Josey; 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Ruth Ann Funk, Akron; brothers, Jim and wife Shirley Bickel, Akron.

He was preceded in death by parents, Palmer and Maxine Ruth Bickel; and a brother, Gene Bickel.

Visitation hours will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, June 1 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with a masonic service at 7 p.m. Following all county, state and federal guidelines for social distancing, the funeral service for Mr. Bickel will take place at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 2 at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Kathy Nelson and Pastor Mandy Nellans officiating. For the health of all in attendance, we encourage the public to wear masks.

Burial will be in the Akron Cemetery, Akron, with graveside military rites being performed by the Fulton County Honor Guard.

Memorials to the Akron Church of God.

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

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May 31/31, 2020

Obituaries

Donald Delbert Masterson

Donald Delbert Masterson, 80, of Warsaw and formerly of Plymouth, passed away at 10:35 p.m. on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at his residence.



He was born on Sept. 26, 1939, in Warsaw, to Delbert and Marie Hite Masterson.

He attended Warsaw and Plymouth high schools and was a United States Army veteran. He was married on Nov. 7, 1967, in LaPaz, to Sharon L. King, who preceded him on July 24, 2015. He formerly worked at Leisure Time in Nappanee for 25 years and retired from Creighton Brothers in Mentone after 20-plus years. He was a lifetime Warsaw/Plymouth area resident.

He is survived by three sons: Leonard (Ann) Chambers, of Argos; and Donald Masterson Jr. and Jeffrey Masterson, both of Warsaw; three daughters: Lela Francis, Debbie Lynn Wirsing and Penny Masterson, all of Warsaw; 12 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; three brothers: Fred Masterson, Dick (Sue) Masterson and Jim Masterson, all of Plymouth; three sisters: Mable Kauffman and Mary (Ron) Adkins, both of Warsaw; and Gerry (Gerold) Abair, of Plymouth.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and several nephews.

Private family services will take place at a later date. Burial will take place in the Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw. Cremation Services of Kosciusko County, 4356 N. Ind. 15, Warsaw, is in charge of arrangements.

To send condolences to the family in memory of Donald Masterson, please visit www.cremationserviceskc.com.



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OBITUARIES

Betty Jane Mahoney

Aug. 1, 1929 - May 14, 2020



Betty Jane Mahoney, 90, died May 14, 2020, at 11:15 a.m. at Hickory Creek at Rochester, where she resided.

She was born Aug. 1, 1929, in Akron to Guy and Faudaline (Geiger) Hill. Betty was a 1947 Akron High School graduate.

Betty married Lawrence R. "Mike" Mahoney on Sept. 6, 1949, in Akron.

She worked at Chamberlain Products in Akron for 20 years. She then worked by cleaning houses, which she thoroughly enjoyed.

She attended Akron Church of God and then The Cross church, Rochester. Betty loved interacting and working

with children at church. Her grandchildren were special to her. She enjoyed redoing lawn chairs with macra-

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Betty is survived by her sons, Bill (spouse Nancy) Mahoney, Columbia, S.C., Steve Mahoney and his fiancée Darla Johnson, Rochester, and Greg (spouse Mary) Mahoney, Bethlehem, Ga.; brothers Bill (spouse Mary) Hill, Peru, and Dick Hill, Florida; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; husband Lawrence R. "Mike" Mahoney (1986); and siblings Guy Hill and his wife Helen, Arden Hill and Geraldine E. Worl.

Due to COVID-19, a graveside service will be later on with burial at Rochester IOOF Cemetery.

To honor the memory of Betty Mahoney, contributions may go to Akron Church of God or The Cross church, Rochester.

The staff of Earl-Love Funeral Home considers it a privilege and honor to care for family and friends of Betty Mahoney. Condolences may go to earllovefuneralhome.com.

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OBITUARIES

Robert L. Hatfield

Robert L. Hatfield, 83, Mentone (Palestine), died Saturday at home.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Hatfield, Mentone;

his daughter, Jennifer Ayers, Indianapolis; and his son, Douglas Hatfield, Santa Maria, Calif.

His funeral service is noon

Saturday at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone. Visitation is 10 a.m. to the time of the service Saturday at the funeral home.

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OBITUARIES

Jerry K. Bickel

May 8, 1937 - May 29, 2020



Jerry K. Bickel, 83, Akron, passed away surrounded by family at 4:54 a.m. Friday, May 29, 2020, at his residence.

Jerry was born on May 8, 1937, in Miami County to the late Palmer O. and Maxine Ruth (Needham) Bickel.

He married Bonnie Wentzel on Nov. 24, 1956, in Akron. She survives.

He was an operating engineer for Local 150 for 53 years, running heavy equipment. His favorite machine was the road grader. He also drove a semi-truck for various companies throughout the years. After retiring, he worked with Clean Burn, servicing used oil furnaces.

He attended Gilead School. He served his country proudly in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He attended the Akron Church of God. Jerry had been a member of the Masonic Lodge since 1973 and had been a past Master in the Akron Masonic Lodge. He then was a member of the

of Rochester.

Jerry enjoyed mowing the yard and caring for his property. He was an avid race fan, traveling the area to see sprint car races. He was known for regularly drinking coffee with friends uptown. He loved sharing time with his princess, a Yorkie, Suzie.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Bickel, Akron; his daughters, Sherry and husband Carl Dewey, Peru, and Shelly and husband Don Robertson, Greenwood; his son, Jerry E. and wife Jamie Bickel, Pierceton; his grandchildren, Kelly, Gordon, Bonnie Kaye, Jason, Jenelle and Josey; 10 great-grandchildren; his sister, Ruth Ann Funk, Akron; and his brothers, Jim and wife Shirley Bickel, Akron.

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He was preceded in death by his parents, Palmer and Maxine Ruth Bickel; and his brother, Gene Bickel.

Following all county, state and federal guidelines for social distancing, the funeral service for Mr. Bickel will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 2, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Kathy Nelson and Pastor Mandy Nellans officiating. For the health of all in attendance, we encourage the public to wear masks. Burial will be in the Akron Cemetery, with graveside military rites being performed by the Fulton County Veterans Honor Guard. Visitation was 3-7 p.m. Monday, June 1, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with a Masonic service at 7 p.m.

Donations may be made in Jerry's memory to the Akron Church of God. Family and friends may share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

OBITUARIES

Fritz H. Risner Jr.

June 16, 1965 - May 1, 2020



Fritz H. Risner Jr., 54, Rochester, passed away on Friday, May 1, 2020, at 8:24 p.m. in Argos.

He was born on June 16, 1965, in Winamac, the son of Fritz and Virginia (Davis) Risner. On Jan. 27, 1990, in Rochester, he married Tracy Potter. She survives.

Mr. Risner had worked for Pike Lumber Co. in Akron for many years and had been involved in various other businesses. He had been an active member of the Fulton County Historical Society, volunteering over the years at numerous events including the Trail of Courage. He enjoyed going to auctions, woodworking, scrapping and collecting Budweiser memorabilia, salt and pepper shakers and Har-

ley-Davidson items. Most of all, he enjoyed spending his time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Tracy Risner, Rochester; children Cruz Risner, Jeff Risner, Shelbie Risner and Seth (Alecia) Templeton, all of Rochester, Ethan (Nicole) Hudson, Cedar Springs, Mich., and Karissa Hudson, Buchanan, Mich.; grandchildren Xayden Risner, Zeke Templeton, Xander Templeton and Zane Templeton, all of Rochester; mother Virginia Risner, Leesburg; father Fritz H. (Patricia) Risner, Winamac; sisters Tammy (Tim) Tilton, Leesburg, Sherry Risner,

South Carolina, Debra (Brian) Johnson, Lafayette, and Opy Rogers, Rochester; brother Adam Risner, Winamac; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Violet Risner; and brother Dean Adams.

Due to health guidelines pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic, a private funeral service will be observed. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Rochester.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Historical Society. Arrangements are entrusted to Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com.

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OBITUARIES

Ronald LeRoy Gagnon

Sept. 5, 1937 - May 3, 2020

Ronald LeRoy Gagnon, 82, Akron, died at 5:20 p.m. Sunday, May 3, 2020, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester.

He was born in Fulton County on Sept. 5, 1937, to Arthur and Violet (Hamilton) Gagnon. Ron had lived in Mentone and the Beaver Dam area, but spent most of his life in the Akron community. He graduated from Burket High School in 1955.

Ron married Carma L. (Midleton) 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 in Akron for 20 years. After leaving there, he became a truck driver and did miscel-



laneous jobs. His last job was at Mid-West Spring, 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.

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

Ron was preceded in death by his parents; stepdaughter Debra L. Backus; stepson Daniel D. Backus; and brother Eugene Gagnon.

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

For those who wish to honor the memory of Ronald L. Gagnon, memorial contributions may be made to the Silver Creek Church of God, 6504 W. 1300 S., Silver Lake, IN 46982. Condolences may be sent to earllovefuneralhome.com. The staff of Earl-Love Funeral Home considers it a privilege and an honor to care for the family of Ronald L. Gagnon.

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Rocky L. Smiley

MENTONE – Rocky L. Smiley, 55, of rural Etna Green, passed at 7 p.m. Friday, May 8, 2020, at his residence after a short illness.

Rocky was born on March 8, 1965, in Warsaw, to Garry Laverne and Dora Jean Byrer Smiley.

He was a graduate of Tippecanoe Valley High School in 1983. He worked for AIA Countertops of Syracuse for 10 years. He loved nature and was an avid hunter and fisherman. Proudly, he displayed many mounted trophies of his best hunts. He also enjoyed walking the woods and mushroom hunting.

Survivors include his mother, Dora Jean Smiley, of Warsaw; sister, Dawn Kerlin, of Warsaw; niece, Lauren Kerlin, of Warsaw; nephew, Connor Kerlin, of West Lafayette; and several aunts, uncle and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Garry L. Smiley, in 2002.

Following county, state, federal and CDC guidelines, private family services will be held at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Pastor Dennis Bollenbacher officiating. Private burial will take place in the Harrison Center Cemetery (Wooden), Etna Green.

Memorials to a wildlife charity of the donor's choice.

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



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May 12, 2020

Ida M. Dotson

Ida M. Dotson, age 83, of Akron, passed away on Sunday, May 10, 2020, at 3:55 a.m. in Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw.

Ida was born Dec. 15, 1936, in Floyd County, Ky., to Richard "Dick" and Ellen Brown Robinson. She was united in marriage to Andrew Dotson on Dec. 24, 1974, in Floyd County, Ky., who preceded her in death in 1991.

She has been a resident of Fulton County since 1974. She worked as a machine operator for Bryan Manufacturing, North Manchester. Ida was a member of the Full Gospel Tabernacle Church in Claypool.

Ida is survived by children, Diane (Jaime) Lozano, of Warsaw; Faye (Thomas) Bradford, of Mentone; William Jack Dotson, of Cave Creek, Ariz.; Charlene (Paul) Kramer, of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew Dotson; sons, Andy Dotson and Robert Carl Clemons; seven brothers; and four sisters.

A visitation for Ida will be held on Wednesday, May 13 from 2 to 7 p.m. at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw. A graveside service will be held on Friday, May 15 at noon at Dotson Family Cemetery, Floyd County, Ky. Burial will take place at the Dotson Family Cemetery.

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



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Ronald 'Ron' Miller

Ronald "Ron" Miller, of Claypool, went home to be with his eternal father at 10:15 a.m. on Monday, May 11, 2020, at his home at the age of 64.

He was born on Jan. 20, 1956, in Warsaw, to Susie Hughes Miller and Green Miller. He was married to Tammy Chambers in 1987.



Ron was a 1974 Warsaw Community High School graduate and had lived his entire life in Kosciusko County. He retired after working for over 20 years for Morton Powder Coating in Warsaw and was a proud member of the Burket United Methodist Church. He was an avid NASCAR enthusiast, the biggest Florida Gators fan and a grill master. Ron was called a legend at the Indianapolis Bone Marrow Transplant Hospital ... no matter how many times they would say you have a few months to live, he smiled and continued to prove them wrong.

He will be lovingly remembered by his daughter who he adored, Melody Miller, Silver Lake; sister, Mary Miller, Warsaw; nephew, Jason (fiancee Michelle) Alspaugh, Chicago; niece, Whitney (Joe) Swanson, Etna Green; and three beloved great-nephews: Julian, Jamison and Jett Swanson, Etna Green. Ron had a special bond with many, most of who were his great neighbors who loved on him so well and were always there to lend a hand, share food, mow his lawn, a bonfire or share anything else they had. They were his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister.

A celebration of Ron's life will be held at a future date. Whenever you smell a great BBQ or see a really great fire going ... may you lovingly remember him.

Arrangements were entrusted to Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw.

Online condolences may be sent through the funeral home's website at www.redpathfruthfuneralhome.com/obituary/Ron-Miller.

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David 'Soapy' Oaks

David Oaks, of Silver Lake, affectionately known by all as "Soapy," passed away at 2:49 a.m. on Sunday, May 10, 2020, at Kosciusko Community Hospital of Warsaw at the age of 66.

He was born on Oct. 11, 1953, in Scottsburg, to Vernie Smith Oaks and Elmer Oaks. On Aug. 4, 1976, he was married to Charlotte L. Wadkins, Oaks. They shared 33 years of marriage before she passed away on June 22, 2009.



David was a 1973 graduate of Argos High School, in Argos, and a longtime member of Full Gospel Tabernacle Church in Claypool. He worked for 43 years for R.R. Donnelley in Warsaw as a machine operator and retired in 2010. David worked hard all of his life and in his down time he enjoyed listening to oldies music, watching Kentucky basketball and the Detroit Lions. He was a great cook, enjoyed being outdoors, loved gardening and in his later years, he had fun shopping online. One thing everyone knew about David was that he had a heart for animals and loved to feed all types of God's creatures. He loved all of his brothers and sisters, but David had a special bond with his brother, John. David loved his children and LOVED his grandchildren. He never tired of spending time with them and taking them to the park. He will be dearly missed by all.

He will be lovingly remembered by his son, David R. Oaks, Mentone; two daughters: Joyce R. Prater, Warsaw; Cristy L. (Chad) Haselby, Mentone; and seven grandchildren. He also leaves behind five brothers: James (Susan) Oaks, Tennessee; Larry (Paula) Oaks, Indiana; Elmer (Julie) Oaks, Indiana; John Oaks, Indiana; Mark (Lorie) Oaks, Tennessee; three sisters: Wilma (Dale) Rock, Lorene (Jim) Hettler and Pearl Oaks, all of Indiana; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Charlotte L. Oaks; two sisters: Sharon Oaks, Brenda Campbell; and his brother, Billy Oaks.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 and 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, May 15 at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw. Due to the current, unprecedented guidelines limiting public gatherings because of the COVID-19 virus and safety concerns the visitation is limited to 25 people at a time. Please use good judgment in determining the length of your visit or if you should attend. There will be no congregating in the parking lot and physical distancing of 6 feet is mandatory.

David's life will be celebrated with a private family service on Saturday, May 16 at Full Gospel Tabernacle Church, 106 N. Main St., Claypool, and officiated by Pastor Johnny Dotson. Burial will follow with a private graveside service at Graceland Cemetery in Claypool.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society, Great Lakes Division - Northwest Indiana Office, 130 Red Coach Dr., Mishawaka, IN 46545; or to the COPD Foundation, Donations and Fundraising, 3300 Ponce de Leon Blvd., Miami, FL 33134 and would be appreciated by the family.

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

Editor's note: The deadline for submitting obituaries is 5 p.m. Sunday through Friday for publication in the next day's edition.

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Chris Bidwell

Chris Bidwell, 84, and a resident of Pierceton for the past 55 years, passed away quietly on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, at 4:05 p.m. at Paddock Springs Health Care where she'd lived for the past nine months.



Born on Nov. 20, 1935, in Atwood, she was the daughter of Arnold B. and Wilma J. Huffman Chisenberry. She was a 1953 graduate of Atwood High School and went on to become an airline stewardess for Delta Airlines at age 21. She later returned to Atwood and was married to William Keith Bidwell on Aug. 30, 1958. The two were married for 37 years before Keith passed on May 15, 1995.

Professionally, Chris worked for First National Bank and Joe Mater Collections before earning a position as vice president of Helvey & Associates, where she retired in 1997.

Chris loved traveling with her husband and their sons. They enjoyed camping, snowmobiling and, later in life, she enjoyed traveling with extended family, too. She was able to visit all 50 states and England, enjoying many fun, memorable trips and cruises. Chris enjoyed playing cards, going to casinos, golfing and always liked to be "on the go." She belonged to many groups in the Warsaw area and was active in many community projects throughout her life. She volunteered with the American Red Cross, the Beaman Home, Pierceton Days Festival, where she was a judge and as a poll worker on Election Day. She was a longtime member or Pierceton Presbyterian Church and served in many roles there.

In addition to her husband, Keith, those who preceded in passing include her close friend, Dr. Paul Grossnickle; her parents; and her brothers, Gerald and Danny Chisenberry.

Those who survive include her sons, Bryan (Pam) Bidwell, of Pierceton; and Steve (Sherri) Bidwell, of Muncie; five grandchildren: Krista (Bryan) Howard, Matt (Jacky) Tracy, Heather (Kevin) Potter, Michael (Lindsey) Bidwell and Emily (Seth) Christoffel; six great-grandchildren: Deegan, Claire, Carissa, Dawsyn, Carmen and Cohen; and her sister, Vivian Owens. She also has many nieces and nephews who adored her visits.

A Life Celebration® is planned with Titus Funeral Home of 2000 E. Sheridan St., Warsaw. Friends may join family for a time of visitation on Saturday, May 16 beginning at 10 a.m. The funeral will begin at 11 a.m. with burial following in Hillcrest Cemetery, Pierceton.

Memorials to the Beaman Home, P.O. Box 12 Warsaw, IN 46581; or to the American Red Cross, 1212 E. California Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.TitusFuneralHome.com.