

## Obituaries

### **Sue A. Barker**

MENTONE - Sue A. Barker, 74, of The Villages, Fla., and formerly of Mentone, died at 12:24 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021, at UF Health The Villages Hospital.

Sue was born July 12, 1947, in Marion, to Charles and Donna Dunham Lucas. She was married Aug. 4, 1966, in Sacred Heart Church, Warsaw, to Ronald A. Barker; he died July 31, 2020.

A future memorial gathering is being planned to honor Sue's life.



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Memorial contributions can be made to the family to help with expenses to Sue's daughter Missy.

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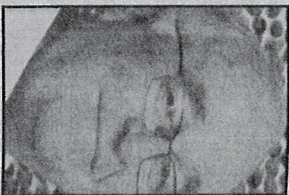
## Donald Lee Cole

Donald Jug Lee Cole, 77 years old, of Rotonda West, Fla., died on Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021.



He was born in 1944 to Lawrence and Lucille Hollar Cole in Etna Green. He graduated from Etna Green High

School in 1962. In 1965, he married the love of his life, Lisbeth Kohler Cole, who passed away in 2003. He met, fell in love, and married Tamela Staley-Bott Cole in 2008, who survives.



He will be missed by his wife, Tammy; his daughter, Kristi (John) Vandyniff; his son, Garth (Danielle) Cole; and six grandchildren; stepchildren: Aaron Bott (Jennifer), Alyssa Van Vactor (Jeffrey), Adam Bott (Lisa); and nine stepgrandchildren; his sisters, Pat (predeceased in death by John) Mullins, Sue (Kay) Flenar, Bev (Kyle) Carter; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and friends.

Don retired from Zimmer/BMS in 1999 where he was employed as a quality control engineer. Don served in the Air Force National Guard Rescue Team in Fort Wayne. He might have appeared to have a tough exterior, but he was the most loving, kind and generous man who had a big heart and enjoyed helping others. He was a hard worker, sometimes working up to three jobs at one time. He and Lis were proud to have been able to send their two children through college. He loved old cars and enjoyed restoring and capturing trophies with their 1956 Corvette. He was a proud member of the Crusin' Hoosiers. Don enjoyed landscaping and maintaining his palm trees and tropical flowers in his Florida home. He enjoyed golfing, loved watching races and was an avid Notre Dame football fan.

Don was a member of the Englewood UMC, Beaver Dam UMC, as well as Warsaw Community Church. He was a member of the American Legion, Elks and the Moose. He will be loved and missed by all. We know that they will be "Forever Cruising" and will remain in our hearts always.

A memorial service in celebration of Don's life will be held on Friday, Oct. 15 at 11 a.m. at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw. Pastor E.J. Underwood will officiate the services. Interment is private with military honors in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Masks are optional, and social distancing is encouraged. No food is permitted at this time.

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## James L. Coplen

Aug. 11, 1944 – Oct. 7, 2021

James L. Coplen 77, Mentone, passed away at 4:05 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021, at his daughter's residence in Rochester.

He was born Aug. 11, 1944 in Rochester, the son of James LeRoy Coplen Sr. and Mary Lee (Crispen) Coplen.

Jim had worked as a tool and die maker. He previously worked for Zimmer in Warsaw, Wynn in Akron, and for the Torin Corporation (Lau Industries) in Rochester. In his spare time, he enjoyed being with his cat and was an avid reader of the Bible. Jim loved to talk to people about his Savior, Jesus, and all the wonder-



ful things he was going to do when he went home to be with his Savior!

Survivors include his daughters, Dawn (John) Nicodemus, Rochester, Jennifer (Roger) Johnson, Rochester, four grandchildren, Jared (Kasee) Brady, Rochester, Tyler (Staci) Peterson, Middlebury, Aaron (Arlin) Johnson, Rochester, Adrienne Johnson, Rochester, five great-grandchildren: siblings Randy Coplen, Sun Valley, Ariz., Don Coplen, Syracuse, Pat Doran,

Rochester, Perry (Jeanie) Coplen, Rochester, Pam Seidle, Greenwood, Jim Coplen, Rochester, several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother-in-law John Doran and nephew Victor Coplen.

Private family services will be observed. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fulton County Animal Adoption and Education Center or the American Cancer Society. Arrangements are by Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.zimmermanbrosh.com](http://www.zimmermanbrosh.com).

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Oct 14, 2021



## Gregory 'Greg' Earl Evans

Gregory "Greg" Earl Evans, of Warsaw, passed away at 9:59 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 4, 2021, at Parkview Regional Medical Center of Fort Wayne, at the age of 69.

He was born on July 21, 1952, in Warsaw, to Earl Leroy Evans and Betty J. Galbreath Evans. Greg was a 1972 graduate of Whitko High School in South Whitley. He enlisted in the U.S. Army on Sept. 11, 1972, and proudly served until his honorable discharge on Sept. 10, 1974.



Greg lived most of his life in Kosciusko County and worked at RR Donnelley and Sons (now LSC Communications) in Warsaw for over 50 years. Working in a factory is hard work and he loved it. At the time of his passing, he was still working as a hoistman. He always had a good attitude toward his work ethic; he was reliable, punctual, worked well with others and paid attention to detail. Greg was a hard worker and could always be counted on to show up. He hated taking time off from work except one time he took off for 11 days to go on a cruise ... and he earned and deserved that experience of a lifetime. Everyone who knew Greg would describe him as frugal; Greg was not wasteful and knew how to be a good steward with his earnings. He loved all kinds of sports but very much enjoyed watching IU basketball. Most of all he loved his family and adored his grandchildren. Greg was one of a kind and will be forever loved and missed by his family and by those fortunate enough to have known him.

On Aug. 19, 2011, he was married to Lana Kay Leek O'Connell Evans, who survives in Warsaw. He leaves behind his son, Patrick (Julie) O'Connell, Mentone; two daughters: Jillian (Daniel) Allis, Fort Wayne; and April (Frank) Vaccaro, Mishawaka. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren: Alaina (Tanner) Neeley; Lexi (Jacob) Lisenby; Patrick O'Connell; Leona, Landen and Jackson Zwick; Anthony, Joseph, Nicholas and Karina Vaccaro; brother, Michael (Carole) Evans, Chattanooga, Tenn.; two sisters: Rebecca Huff, Fort Myers, Fla.; and ReNae Feldman, Warsaw.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Betty, in 2000; and his father, Earl, in 2018.

Greg's life will be celebrated at 4 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 11 at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw, and officiated by Envoy Ken Locke of the Salvation Army. Friends and family may visit prior to the service from 2 to 4 p.m. at the funeral home. Military rites will be conducted by the American Legion Post #49, V.F.W. #1126, both of Warsaw, and active-duty members of the Army Honor Guard.

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Memorial donations may be directed to Tunnel to Towers Foundation, 2361 Hyland Blvd., Staten Island, N.Y. 10306.

Online condolences may be sent through the funeral home's website at [www.redpathfruthfuneralhome.com](http://www.redpathfruthfuneralhome.com).

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## William Joe Risner

AKRON - William Joe Risner, 66, of Akron, passed away surrounded by his girls at 6:21 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021, at his residence.



Joe was born on Aug. 23, 1955, in Prestonsburg, Ky., to the late William "Willie" and Helen K. Adams Risner. He was married on Feb. 12, 1977, in Silver Lake, to Billie Lu Gillespie; she survives.



Joe proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force station at the 122nd Fighter Wing of Fort Wayne. He served for 30 years, retiring in 2014. During his active duty, he served as chief of supply in Balad, Iraq, and he was also deployed through his years in Qatar and Iraq. He was an active part of Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom. After retirement, he wanted to stay active. He assisted the Fulton County Sheriff's Department as a correctional officer.

As a young man, he grew up in Floyd County, Ky. He ran the hills barefoot in Ruff and Tuff Holler. He and his family traveled back and forth to Indiana for work. In elementary school, his family settled in the Sidney area. Then they moved to Silver Lake, where he would first meet his future wife Billie.

He loved Taekwondo, and he was a fifth degree black belt. He ran a school in North Manchester and Akron, where he was instrumental in many children's lives. He was an avid traveler. He loved camping with family. Every year, they took the entire family on a vacation. He and his wife travelled all around the world, which included Mexico and Italy.

Joe's love for riding started many years ago. He showed up on his first date with Billie on a motorcycle. He rode all kinds and brands of motorcycles. His last bike was a teal Harley-Davidson trike. He loved to take motorcycle trips down to Brown County. He also enjoyed rebuilding golf carts in his spare time.

Joe is survived by his wife, Billie Risner, of Akron; daughters: Nicole (Albert) Gutierrez, of Akron; and Stacey Hoxby; grandchildren: Emma, Dylan, Elizabeth, Bella, Gavin, Alex, and Frankie; siblings: James (Barb) Risner, Drema (Todd) Montgomery, of Burket; Debbie (Mike) Jensen, of Hamlet; Danny (Donna) Risner, of Warsaw; and sister-in-law, Irene Risner; and 12 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Paul Risner.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 23 at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Tim Lee officiating.

Military honors will be performed at the Lakeview Cemetery, Silver Lake.

The visitation hours will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 22 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

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Memorial contributions can be made to the donor's choice of animal shelter in Joe's memory.

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## Donavon Gene Sellers

Donavon Gene Sellers, of Warsaw, passed away at 5:27 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021, at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne, at the age of 84.

He was born on Jan. 9, 1937, in Warsaw, to Helen Odetta Smith Sellers and Wayne Cook Sellers. At the young age of 21, he knew he wanted to spend the rest of his life with Barbara Jean Drudge. They were married on June 13, 1958, and spent the next 63 years together raising their three children and being blessed with becoming grandparents, great-grandparents and great-great-grandparents.



Donavon was a lifetime resident of Kosciusko County, where he was a 1956 graduate of Pierceton High School in Pierceton. For a number of years, he worked at Standard Oil Company before he went into farming full-time in 1961 for his entire life. He had a love and deep ties to the land his family farmed, which has been farmed by a Sellers since the land was parceled out in Indiana. Always a hard worker, Donavon had an appreciation for the natural beauty of God's land and a sense of responsibility as a good steward of his farm.

He enjoyed the fellowship of his church family at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church in Warsaw where he played the guitar for the Friends Quartet. Donavon was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather who will be dearly missed by all.

He will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Barbara Jean Sellers, Warsaw; son, Dale (Eva) Sellers, Claypool; two daughters: Sonya (Bill) Hathaway, Warsaw; Rebecca Sellers, Wabash; nine grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, William; and his great-grandson, Marius.

Donavon's life will be celebrated at 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 22 at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw, and officiated by Lew Collier. Friends and family may visit prior to the service from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the funeral home. A graveside service will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery of Pierceton.

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Memorial donations may be directed to Indiana Parkinson Foundation, 9669 E. 146th St., Suite 180, Noblesville, IN 46060.

Online condolences may be sent through the funeral home's website at [www.redpathfruthfuneralhome.com](http://www.redpathfruthfuneralhome.com).

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VFW AUXILIARY Post 1126  
**CRAFT BAZAAR**  
Saturday, October 23  
8:00 am - 2:00 pm  
At VFW, 1350 W. Center St. Warsaw  
\$15.00/Table  
Call 260-446-5059 to reserve your table



## Ellis Shepherd

MENTONE - Ellis Shepherd, 82, of rural Akron, passed at 1:07 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021, at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Ellis was born on Jan. 22, 1939, in Kentucky, to the late Ranel and Verna Shepherd Shepherd. He was married on Dec. 9, 1967, to Sandra Rathbun; she survives.

Ellis worked for 50 years for Midwest Spring and Stamping of Mentone. He served his community as a member of the Mentone Volunteer Fire Department for 50 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, car racing and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy Shepherd, of Akron; children: Todd and wife Shannon Shepherd, of Rochester; Scott and wife Lori Shepherd, of Warsaw; Josh and wife Stephanie Shepherd, of Akron; Ashley and husband Daryn Cordes, of Roann; Pam and husband David Girouard, of Warsaw; and Dan and wife Sonia Shepherd, of Warsaw; 13 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and siblings: Edith and husband Bill May, Janice and husband Richard May, Asenath and husband Brent Julian, Donna and husband Gary Konkle, Judy Blackburn, Betsy and husband Frank May, Penny and husband Terry Valentine, Karen and husband Rick Owens, Joyce and husband Larry Blanton, Randy and wife Susan Shepherd and Kenny and wife Julie Shepherd.

Ellis was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation hour will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone. The funeral service will take place at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17 at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with chaplain Kyle Miller officiating.

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

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Memorial contributions can be made in Ellis's memory to



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## Sandra H. Stavedahl

Dec. 7, 1943 – Oct. 10, 2021

Sandra H. Stavedahl, 77, husband, Terry Stave- Genes, South Dakota, and  
Mentone, died at 4:56 a.m. dahl, Mentone, daughter Patricia McArthur, Flori-  
Sunday at Peabody Retire- Tammy Richmond, Simi da.  
ment Community of North Valley, Calif., sons Travi Visitation is 2-4 p.m.,  
Manchester, Indiana. Bouck and Tom Bouck, Saturday at King Memori-  
Survivors include her Michigan; sisters Wanda al Home, Mentone.

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Oct 12, 2021



## Sandra H. Stavedahl

MENTONE - Sandra H. Stavedahl, 77, of Mentone, passed at 4:56 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021, at Peabody Retirement Community of North Manchester.

Sandra was born on Dec. 7, 1943, in Miami, Fla., to the late Archibald and Mary Alice Brandt McArthur. She was married on April 23, 1993, in Las Vegas, Nev., to Terry Stavedahl; he survives.

She graduated from high school in New York. Sandra had been a supervisor in industrial manufacturing for many years. She had also been the manager at the Hotel at Amish Acres of Nappanee. Her most fulfilling job was a teacher supervisor at a faith-based day care, where she served many other roles.

She loved camping with her family. She enjoyed watching sports, especially the Chicago White Sox and the Chicago Bears. Sandra was motherly and enjoyed nurturing everyone. She drew people to her with her take charge attitude and always made things easier for others.

She is survived by her husband, Terry Stavedahl, of Mentone; daughter, Tammy Richmond, of Simi Valley, Calif.; sons: Travis and wife Dorothy Bouck and Tom Bouck, both of Michigan; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; daughters-in-law: Monica Bouck and Sheila Stirling Bouck; sisters: Wanda and husband Nick Genes, of South Dakota; and Patricia McArthur, of Florida.

Sandra was preceded in death by her parents, sons: Troy and Todd; son-in-law, Mark Richmond; and a sister, Marylou Pelfrey.

A memorial visitation will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16 at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

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



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## Roma Jean Terrell

Roma Jean Terrell, 53, of Burkett, passed away at 12:12 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 27, 2021, at her home.

She was born on April 5, 1968, in Warsaw, to Douglas and Gloria Miller McPeak.

She graduated from Warsaw High School and was a lifetime resident of Fulton/Kosciusko County. She was formerly employed at RR Donnelley and Stonehenge Golf Club, both in Warsaw, for many years.

She is survived by daughter, Erin Connolly, of Wabash; son, Tracee Terrell, of Claypool; granddaughter, Mary Smith; three sisters: Noma (Twin) McPeak, of Claypool; Daneyell McPeak, of Warsaw; and Lori Miller, of Warsaw.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Jenny McPeak.

Cremation will take place at Cremation Services of Kosciusko County, Warsaw. No public services are planned.

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Preferred memorials may be given to the Alcoholics Anonymous, 2501 E. Center St., Warsaw, IN 46580.

To send condolences to the family of Roma Terrell, please visit [www.cremationserviceskc.com](http://www.cremationserviceskc.com).



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