

James O. Smith

AKRON - James O. Smith, 76, of rural Claypool, passed into the presence of the Lord at 2:25 a.m. Monday, April 27, 2020, at Paddock Springs Healthcare of Warsaw.

He was born on Jan. 27, 1944, in Floyd County, Ky., to the late Edgar and Eva Adams Smith. He was married on Sept. 12, 1964, to Murline Owens, who preceded him in death on April 2, 2009.

He retired from Zimmer Orthopedics after 40 years in 2000. He was a member of God's Highway to Heaven Church of Warsaw, where he served as deacon for 15 years. In years prior, he served as adult Sunday school teacher at Gospel Hill Pentecostal Church of God of Silver Lake. He was a classic car enthusiast and enjoyed attending many car shows. Jim also was known as an avid University of Kentucky Basketball and New York Yankees fan.

Survivors include daughters: Penny and husband Charley Bailey, Akron; Tammy and husband Randy Wallen, Claypool; Kimberly and husband Scott Sipple, Warrenton, Va.; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sisters: Joyce Vance, Akron; Janice and husband Gary Howes, Salyersville, Ky.; Sharon Randall, Akron; Lynda and husband Ted Richards, Rochester; Lisa and husband Frank Whitaker, Akron; brothers: Ronnie and wife Linda Smith, Burket; Russell and wife Rita Smith, Akron; Michael and wife Julie Smith, Akron; Keith and wife Sheila Smith, Sidney.

He was preceded in death by parents, Edgar and Eva Smith; wife, Murline Smith; sister, JoAnn Prater; and brothers, Gary and Donald Smith.

Following county, state, federal and CDC guidelines, private family services will be held at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with Pastor Bob Brown officiating.

Private burial will take place in the Lakeview Cemetery, Silver Lake.

Memorials to Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice or to Dementia Society of America PO Box 600, Doylestown, PA 19001.

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

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Gerald Jerry Perkins

Gerald "Jerry" Perkins, 71, of Winona Lake, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, April 27, 2020, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.



He was born June 8, 1948, in Carrollton, Ky., to Melvin N. and Mary C. Rosell Perkins.

Jerry joined the United States Army in 1965, serving as a medic before his honorable discharge in 1968. Jerry was a private individual but had a heart to help others.

While living in Ocala, Fla., he volunteered with Vets Helping Vets. He enjoyed fishing, golfing, watching sports and crime shows. Most of all, he enjoyed spending quality time with family and friends.

His niece Haley writes, "Those special memories of you, will always make me smile. If only I could have you back, just for a little while. Then we could still sit and talk again, just like we used, too. You always meant so much to me and always will. The fact that you are no longer here, will always cause me pain, but you're forever in my heart, until we meet again."

Jerry is survived by five siblings: Patricia Alt, of Mishawaka; Nina (Phil) Stapleton, of South Whitley; Paul (Lois) Perkins, of Muncie; Bobby Wadkins, of Muncie; and Sally Perkins, of Claypool. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews: Brandon Alt, Chris Alt, Kathy Rodgers, Jamesyn Rodgers, Melaine Turner, Kaidence Carey, Haley Carey and Lennon Carey.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: Don Perkins and Jasper Perkins; and a sister, Melvina Perkins.

In keeping with Jerry's wishes, cremation will take place with private family services held at a later date.

Arrangements were entrusted to Heritage Funeral and Cremation Services, Warsaw.

Memorials to the Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

Online condolences may be left at www.heritage-fcs.com.

Lowell Jean Welty

Lowell Jean Welty, 91, unexpectedly passed away on Monday, April 27, 2020, at his beloved home of 52 years in Etna Green.



Lowell was born on March 19, 1929, to Harvey and Iva Grimm Welty on the family farm in Nappanee. His childhood was "all work and no play." In 1932, his family moved to a farm near Bourbon. When he was in high school, he enjoyed checking his muskrat traps before school along the family creek, then taking them to a local store to sell for spending money. He graduated from Bourbon High School in 1947.

On Sept. 18, 1949, in Etna Green, Lowell married his lovely sweetheart, Mary Lou Johnson. Their union lasted 63 years, until her death on April 30, 2013.

Lowell farmed to support his young family. In 1957, he decided to leave farming to do various jobs, including moving his family to Ossian to work as a ticket agent at TWA Airlines. In 1959, he moved his family to Etna Green and lived there the remainder of his life. He began and built his successful global business, I&M Bulk Equipment, in 1962. After retiring in 1988, Lowell sold his patents to Hensley Fabricating in Tippecanoe. He assisted them in sales for a few years before finally taking retirement seriously.

Lowell was a long-time member of the Church of Christ and Lions Club in Etna Green.

What was important to this great man of strong spirit and unwavering determination? It was his family, land, business and "toys" (any kind of vehicle, including a helicopter). One milestone that Lowell was so grateful to complete was living to be 90 years old. Another was traveling to Switzerland in 2011 with his son, Brett, and visiting family ancestral sites. In his later years, Lowell enjoyed monthly breakfasts with his friends, family visits and outings, caretaking his property and sitting on his cabin swing taking in the peaceful serenity of his woods where he felt closer to his dear wife, God and nature.

Lowell is survived by his seven children: Pam (Jack) Tharp, of Noblesville; Lana (David) Hilker, of Anza, Calif.; Lou Augustine, of Warsaw; Eve (Chris) Scheibe, of Clear Lake, Wash.; Eric Welty, of Pierceton; Brad (Rhonda) Welty, of St. Charles, Mo.; and Brett (Michelle) Welty, of Littleton, Colo. Also surviving are 18 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lowell was preceded in death by his wife, Mary; his parents; and brothers, Leslie, Stanley, Devon, Kenneth, Ross and Harvey.

Due to the restrictions of the COVID-19 virus, private family services are being held. The family will have a celebration of Lowell's life at a later date to be determined after the restrictions are lifted.

Deaton-Clemens Funeral Home is privileged to be entrusted in assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorials to the Etna Green Church of Christ, 206 W. Broadway St., Etna Green, IN 46524.

Friends are invited to sign the online guest book and share memories with the family at: www.deatonclemensfh.com.

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Frances Y. Sensibaugh

ARGOS - Frances Y. Sensibaugh, 92, of Arbor Terrace Sudley Manor, Garner Drive, Manassas, Va., passed away on April 27, 2020, at 11:25 a.m. at Prince William Hospital, Manassas, Va.

She was born on Feb. 2, 1928, in a farmhouse near Claypool. Her mother and father were Trella and Cloice Baum. She graduated high school with the Mentone High School class of 1945.

Frances married Firman Sensibaugh on April 20, 1946. This year they marked their 74th anniversary. Together, they raised two boys and advanced in their careers while living in Warsaw. Frances worked as a customer service representative at R.R. Donnelley, also in Warsaw.

She and Firman retired in 1987. They lived in Florida for over 15 years before moving to Virginia to be closer to family.

Frances is survived by her husband, Firman L. Sensibaugh; and her brothers: Royal Baum and his wife Fran and Doyle Baum and his wife Melia; brother-in-law, Chuck Hunter; her son, Jay and his wife Sandy; daughter-in-law, Ann Page Sensibaugh; five grandchildren: Cheryl Sensibaugh, Joe Sensibaugh and his wife Jennifer, Lee Allen Sensibaugh, Jason Sensibaugh and his wife Michelle, Heather Lataille and her husband Joe; and eight great-grandchildren. Her parents; son, Lee Sensibaugh; brother, Edmond Baum; sister, Lois Hunter; and a great-grandchild preceded her in death.

Frances's life will be celebrated by Pastor Michael Beezley of the Atwood Altersgate United Methodist Church with a private family service at Oakwood Cemetery on Monday May, 4 at 1 p.m.

Memorials to charity of choice.



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