

## Polly Allen

Polly Allen, of Claypool, passed away quietly at Lutheran Hospital on Friday, Dec. 31, 2021, at the age of 77.

Born in Warsaw on Sept. 21, 1944, she was the daughter of Andrew and Addie Tackett. Polly was one of 17 children. In 1976, she married Monroe Allen and together they raised their children. Polly worked at multiple places and then became a homemaker.



Polly was a very loving and caring person. She especially loved spending time with her family and gardening and canning. She loved helping her church and serving the Lord. She also enjoyed shopping and flea market.

Polly is survived by her loving husband of 45 years, Monroe; children: Addie Powell, Curtis Allen and Charlie (Chanda) Allen; stepchildren: Troy (Janine) Hoskins and Jimmy (Clistie) Hoskins; 17 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; siblings: Mandy Clabaugh, Frank (Bev) Tackett, Fay Brunner, Ray Tackett, Geraldine Blair and Kathleen (James) Griffith. She is further survived by many extended family members and numerous friends. She is preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Teresa Sharp; grandson, John Sharp; and siblings: Leo Tackett, Hargus Tackett, Harkless Tackett, Carol Griffith, Charlie Tackett, Pauline Tackett, Martha Shepherd and Marie Heeter.

Friends and family may gather for visitation on Saturday, Jan. 8 from 10 a.m. until the Life Celebration® at 12 p.m. at Titus Funeral Home, 2000 E. Sheridan St., Warsaw. Pastor Etsie Allen will be officiating. Burial will immediately follow the funeral service at Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw.

Memorial gifts may be directed toward final expenses, care of Titus Funeral Home.

Written condolences may be left at [www.TitusFuneralHome.com](http://www.TitusFuneralHome.com).

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## James Allen Bates

MENTONE - James Allen Bates, 86, of Bourbon, passed at 12:40 a.m. Monday, Jan. 17, 2022, at Woodlawn Hospital of Rochester.



James was born on Aug. 4, 1935, in Marshall County, to the late Harry W. and Olive H. Ecker Bates. He was a lifelong resident of Bourbon, living at his present home for 60 years. He graduated from Bourbon High School in 1953, where he played baseball, basketball and was in the band. He also was active in FFA and served as a state officer. He furthered his education serving in the ROTC at Purdue University.

James married Margaret Louise Hall, his high school sweetheart, on April 8, 1956, at the Bourbon First United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his children: James Bates Jr., Jo Bates, Judith Weissert and husband Marc, Jon Bates and wife Kim; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

James was preceded in death by his parents; wife of 58 years, Margaret Louise Bates; a brother, Jay F. Bates; and a sister, Barbara Faulkner.

James was a lifetime farmer of grain and cattle. He drove truck for his brother hauling livestock to the Chicago Stockyards as well as being employed at Metheny Elevator, feed truck driver for Farm Bureau Co-Op, Ferros of Plymouth and a part-time driver for Shells of Bourbon, where he retired.

James was a 10-year 4-H member and served as a 4-H leader and on the 4-H County Council. He served his community as the Tippecanoe Township Trustee for a term. He was a member of the Silver Dollar Saddle Club, the Bourbon Antique Tractor and Engine Show and the Bull Haulers Group. He loved to chat with people wherever he went on his pickup or Ranger rides with his dog Max as well as at the Etna Green Cafe.

A graveside service will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22 in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery of Bourbon.

The arrangements are entrusted to King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in his memory to the donor's choice of charity.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

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## Doris Arlene Bowerman

Doris Arlene Bowerman, 75, of Warsaw, formerly of Mentone, passed away at 6:02 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021, at Miller's Merry Manor in Warsaw.

She was born on Feb. 20, 1946, in Benton Harbor, Mich., to Frederick R. and Arlene M. Stover Anderson.

She graduated from Madison Township High School in Mishawaka and the University of Arkansas. She was married on Nov. 19, 1979, in Warsaw, to Lloyd John Bowerman, who survives. She was a registered nurse in Arkansas and Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw and was very proud to work for Dr. McCaddy in Fayetteville, Ark. She grew up in Mishawaka/Elkhart area, and lived in Fayetteville, Ark., Albany, N.Y., and China before moving to Syracuse and Mentone.

She was a member of Harrison Center Church in Etna Green.

She is survived by husband, John Bowerman, of Warsaw; son, John Stuckwisch, of Columbus, Ind.; sister, Carol (Mike) Camper, of Orland, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Jennifer Mishler; and a brother.

Cremation will take place at Cremation Services of Kosciusko County, 4356 N. Ind. 15, Warsaw. A private family Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date.

Preferred memorials may be given to the Harrison Center Church in Etna Green.

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



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## Robert L. Hawley

Robert L. Hawley, of Warsaw, passed away at his residence at 1:39 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 14, 2022, at the age of 93.



He was born on Jan. 3, 1929, in Nappanee. Robert was one of 12 children born to Maude Hepler and Arthur M. Hawley and he loved being part of a large family. He was a lifetime resident of Kosciusko County and was a 1947 graduate of Etna Green High School in Etna Green.



Robert proudly served in the U.S. Army and was inducted on Feb. 1, 1951, and he was honorably discharged on Jan. 18, 1957. A few years ago, WRSW the local radio station, had made a 78 record recording of an interview with him about being in the Army during the Korean War. After serving in the Army, he became a milkman for Litchfield Creamery in Warsaw and that is where he met his future wife. He was a long-time member of the American Legion Post #49 in Warsaw and enjoyed the company of his fellow servicemen.

On June 13, 1953, in Warsaw, he married the love of his life, Geraldine "Gerry" Lucille Holloway. They raised their four sons, celebrated becoming grandparents, great-grandparents and just simply sharing their lives together in everything they did in their 64 years of marriage they were blessed with before she passed away on Feb. 3, 2018.

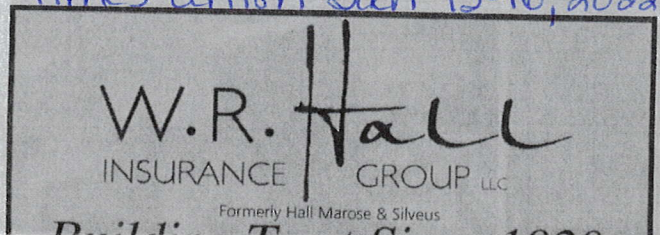
Robert worked as an equipment operator for REMC for over 29 years. He was always reliable and could be counted on for anything, he retired at the age of 62 in 1991. In his heart, he was a farmer and loved being outside working his land. He grew grain, raised livestock and was just simply a hard-working man who always found something that needed done. Robert loved to tinker around the farm, especially tearing stuff apart whenever he was fixing something and "making it better." One of his favorite pastimes was riding his 1964 Allstate Scooter. Most of all, Robert just loved his family and spending time with them, he will forever be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandfather and will be dearly missed.

He will be lovingly remembered by his three sons: Dave (Teresa) Hawley, Sanford, N.C.; Tim (Debra) Hawley, Warsaw; Jeff (Lisa) Hawley, Claypool; 10 grandchildren: Jason Hawley, Amy Goodwin, Meredith Cowan, Morgan Roberts, Jenell Lehman, Stephanie Hawley, Carrie Clevenger, Maryssa Hawley, Kevin Hawley and Jared Hawley; 15 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Gerry Hawley; son, Michael S. Hawley in 2008; five brothers and six sisters.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 17 and an hour prior to the service on Tuesday, Jan. 18 from 9 to 10 a.m. at Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, 225 Argonne Road, Warsaw. Robert's life will be celebrated with a funeral service at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 18. Burial will follow with a graveside service at Oakwood Cemetery of Warsaw with military rites conducted by the American Legion Post #49, V.F.W. #1126, and active-duty members of the Army Honor Guard.

Memorial donations may be directed to the American Legion Post 49, 301 N. Buffalo St., Warsaw, IN 46580 and would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences may be sent through the funeral home's website at [www.redpath-fruthfuneralhome.com](http://www.redpath-fruthfuneralhome.com).

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## Linda C. Keirn

Linda C. Keirn, 80, of Mentone, passed away at 3:50 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 31, 2021, at her home.

She was born on June 19, 1941, in Carrollton, Ky., to John Ashby and Mary Louise Ashby Pyles.

She graduated from high school in Kentucky and attended East Kentucky University in Richmond, Ky. She was married on Aug. 31, 1984, in Erlanger, Ky., to James E. "Jim" Keirn, who preceded her on Nov. 15, 2020. She formerly worked at Chore Time/Brock in Milford and Martin's Supermarket Deli in Warsaw. She grew up in Kentucky and moved to the Rochester/Mentone area in the 1970s.

She attended Harrison Center Church in Etma Green.

She is survived by daughter, Jennifer Robinson, of Nicholas, Ky.; son, Jamie (Amy) Wallace, of Mentone; five grandchildren: Christina Robinson, of Corbin, Ky.; Carolann Wallace, of Mentone; Tori (Dennis) Samardzic, of Fort Wayne; Norman Wallace, of Clifton, N.J.; Jamie Wallace, of Mentone; and Nash Keirn, of Mentone; sister, Sue (Gayle) Swafford, of Port St. Lucy, Fla.; three brothers: Terry (Karen) Pyles, of Madison, Ind.; Ira Pyles, of Erlanger, Ky.; and Mike (Carol) Pyles, of Carrollton, Ky.; two sisters-in-law: Becky and Kathy Pyles, both of Carrollton, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, infant grandchild, two brothers: John and David Pyles; and brother-in-law, Jack Keirn.

Visitation will be from 2 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 15 and Harrison Center Church, 965 S. CR 800W, Etma Green. Memorial services for both Linda and James Keirn will follow at 3 p.m. on Saturday in the church with Pastor Mark Burritt officiating. Burial will take place in the Harrison Center Cemetery. Cremation Services of Kosciusko County, 4356 N. Ind. 15, Warsaw, is in charge of arrangements.

Preferred memorials may be given to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284-0692; or American Cancer Society, 5635 W. 96th St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46278.

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



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## OBITUARIES

### Jay K. Lee

April 4, 1942 – Jan. 1, 2022

Jay K. Lee, 79, Kokomo, passed away at 4:45 am on Saturday Jan. 1, 2022, at his home. He was born in Akron, IN, on April 4, 1942, to the late Earl K. "Juggie" and Laurretta (Combs) Lee. On August 6, 1987, in Punta Gorda, FL. He married Teresa Kodrea, and she survives.

Jay was a graduate of Rochester High School and attended Indiana University Kokomo. He worked for Chrysler Corporation and retired after 24 years of service. He served his country in the United States



Army 1st Cavalry during the Vietnam War. He was a member of UAW Local #685, American Legion and the VFW. Jay loved spending time with his family going to car shows, listening to music, fishing, riding motorcycles and time spent with his beloved pet, Lala.

Along with his wife, Jay is survived by his children Justin (Shu) Lee and Stacie (An-

drew) Ross; stepsons, Robert Kodrea and Matthew Kodrea; grandchildren, Addison Ross and Truman Ross; brother, Jerry (Barb) Lee; and nephews, Arik (Deb) Lee and Nik (Laura) Lee.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A private memorial service will be held at later date. Shirley & Stout Funeral Home & Crematory has been entrusted with his cremation. Messages of condolence may be left online at [www.shirleyandstout.com](http://www.shirleyandstout.com).

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### **Mary Lou Puckett**

Mary Lou Puckett, 79, of Warsaw, passed away Jan. 12, 2022, at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

Mary was born July 30, 1942, in Ivyton, Ky., to Clyde and Lallie Jackson Spradlin.

Mary is survived by three children: Jeff (Michelle) Puckett, of Mentone; Scott (Tina) Puckett, of Florida; Amy Puckett, of Packerton; seven grandchildren: Zachary, Joshua, Brice, Emily, Haley, Ryan, Kendal; and three great-grandchildren: Noah, Levi and Elijah. Also surviving are two sisters: Betty (Jim) Kyker, of Tennessee; and Nora (Roger) Gelbaugh, of Warsaw.

A celebration of Mary's life will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15 at Winona Lake Community Church, 902 College Ave., Winona Lake. Pastor Rick Hurley is officiating.

Heritage Funeral and Cremation Services in Warsaw is entrusted with Mary's care.



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### Garry Glen Slone

Garry Glen Slone, 62, Claypool, died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022, in his residence.

Born on Feb. 23, 1959, in Prestonsburg, Ky., Garry was the son of Ike and Gracie Whitaker Slone.

All services are private with Pastor Frank Whitaker officiating. Interment will be at Oakwood Cemetery.

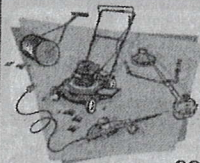
McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, is entrusted with arrangements for the family.

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## Mary D. Weirick

Dec. 22, 1937 – Jan. 16, 2022

Mary D. Weirick, 84, Silver Lake, died at 7:25 a.m., Sunday at Parkview Randallia Hospital of Ft. Wayne.

Survivors include her son Jeff Weirick, Claypool; and daughter Lee Kuhn, Claypool.

Graveside service will

be at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at Palestine Cemetery, Palestine. Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, is handling arrangements.

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### **Mary D. Weirick**

AKRON – Mary D. Weirick, 84, of Silver Lake, passed at 7:25 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022, at Parkview Randallia Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Mary was born on Dec. 22, 1937, in Kosciusko County, to the late Melvin Eugene and Ella Laverne Walters Keplinger Sr. She was married on Jan. 24, 1958, in Burket, to Paul D. Weirick, who preceded her in death on Feb. 5, 2017.

Mary was a graduate of Burket High School in 1955. Mary had worked for Peabody Seating Company of North Manchester from 1969 to 1985, Warner's of North Manchester from 1986 to 1987 and lastly Pike Lumber Company of Akron from 1987 to 1993. Mary enjoyed cooking and baking. She always had the ability to nurse sick animals back to health. But most of all she loved her family.

She is survived by her son, Jeff Weirick, of Claypool; daughter, Lee and husband Greg Kuhn, of Claypool; grandchildren: Nicole Weirick, Justin Weirick and Jessica and husband Gustavo Santian; two stepgrandchildren: Ashley Kuhn and Hannah and husband Aaron Julian; three great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Margaret Conley, of Florida.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Melvin E. Keplinger Jr.; and daughter-in-law, Linda Weirick.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19 at Palestine Cemetery, Palestine.

The arrangements have been entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron.

Memorial contributions can be made in her memory to your local animal shelter.

Share a memory or send an online condolence at [www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com](http://www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com).

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### Sherrill Marcel Wells

Sherrill Marcel Wells, 89, Akron, died Jan. 10, 2022.

She was born Aug. 6, 1932, in Odon, to Ray and Hazel Marshall Tarvin.

Sherrill married Darrell Gene Clodfelder on Dec. 30, 1951, in Odon. He died. She was then married to Billy G. Wells in 1992 until he died in 2016.

Funeral arrangements are Saturday, Jan. 22 with visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the service starting at 1 p.m. at the Akron Church of God, officiated by Pastor Kathy Nelson. Burial is at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24 at Walnut Hill Cemetery in Odon. The public is invited to the visitation, service and burial. The funeral will also be live streamed on the Akron Church of God's Facebook page.

For those who wish to honor the memory of Sherrill, memorial contributions can be made to "Project Hope" through the Akron Church of God, P.O. Box 66, Akron, IN 46910; United We Stand Ministries Food Pantry, P.O. Box 173, Akron, IN 46910; Lyons Food Pantry, P.O. Box 251, Linton, IN 47443.

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



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## OBITUARIES

### Sherrill Marcel Wells

Aug. 6, 1932 – Jan. 10, 2022

Sherrill Marcel Wells, 89, Akron, Indiana, peacefully passed away Jan. 10, 2022.

She was born August 6, 1932 in Odon, to Ray and Hazel (Marshall) Tarvin. Sherrill moved from Linton, five years ago, and made Akron her home.

In 1950, she graduated from Odon High School as class salutatorian.

Sherrill married Darrell Gene Clodfelder on Dec. 30, 1951 in Odon. After his passing, she was married to Billy G. Wells in 1992 until he passed away in 2016.

She worked several places as a secretary, and retired from Crane Naval Service Warfare Center.

Sherrill was a member of the Akron Church of God, First Christian Church of Lyons, and previously, Odon Christian Church of Odon. She spent her life in service to others and volunteered many places. She loved her grandchildren, enjoyed cook-



ing, sewing and flower gardening.

Surviving Sherrill are three children: Debra (Brian) Potter of Akron, David Clodfelder of Punta Gorda, Fla., Peggy (Don) Roberts of Sarasota, Fla. Sherrill and Darrell also cherished and cared for an "adopted" daughter, Carole (Phil) Richardson of Paragon, and Carole's children, Jama and Brian. She has five grandchildren, Laurel (Scott) Whetstone, Heather (Zack) Kelley, Ashley Potter, Dallas Roberts, Brian (Therese) Roberts. She has 13 great-grandchildren.

Preceding Sherrill in death were her parents, husbands, son Dan Clodfelder (2009), two brothers, Lee and Carl Tarvin and two sisters, Lucy Eisenmann and Grace Baird.

Her funeral is Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022, with visitation from

11 a.m.-1 p.m. and the service starting at 1 p.m. at the Akron Church of God, officiated by Pastor Kathy Nelson. Burial is at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, 2022, at Walnut Hill Cemetery in Odon. The public is invited to the visitation, service and burial. The funeral will also be livestreamed on the Akron Church of God's Facebook page.

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

The staff of Earl-Love Funeral Home considers it a privilege and an honor to care for the family and friends of Sherrill M. Wells.

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