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July 21, 2020

Wilma J. Clinker

AKRON - Wilma J. Clinker, 91, rural Akron, died at 4:37 p.m. Thursday, July 2, 2020, at Hickory Creek of Rochester. She was born April 27, 1929, in Kosciusko County, to the late Gerald and Lena E. Linn Clinker.

A graveside service will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday, July 9, in the Akron Cemetery, Akron, with Pastor Donnie Kohls officiating.

Arrangements are entrusted to Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Memorials to Beaver Dam United Methodist Church.

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OBITUARIES

Ronald L. Coplen

March 20, 1942 - July 12, 2020

Ronald L. Coplen, 78, formerly of Gilead and Akron, passed away at 9:20 a.m. Sunday, July 12, 2020, at Mason Health and Rehabilitation Center, Warsaw.

Ronnie was born on March 20, 1942, in Miami County to the late Wayne D. and Vada I. (King) Coplen. He was raised working on the family farm west of Gilead.

He had worked for South End Motors, Akron, and Kerlin Ford, Silver Lake, where he retired.



Survivors include a sister, Judy Kay Harvey, Warsaw; brother Larry K. Coplen, Syracuse; niece Pamela Harvey; and nephew Douglas and wife Lisa Harvey.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father.

His funeral service is 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Buri-

al will follow in the Gilead Cemetery. For the health of all in attendance, the public is encouraged to wear masks. Visitation is 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, July 15, 2020, at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

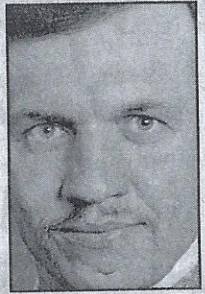
Donations may be made in his memory to the Cardinal Center, 504 N. Bay Drive, Warsaw, IN 46580, or the Gilead Cemetery. Family and friends may share a memory or send an online condolence at www.hartzlerfuneral.com.

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Memorials to Cardinal Center, 504 N. Bay Drive, Warsaw, IN 46580; to Gilead Cemetery.

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William I. Long

William I. Long, 87, passed away at 11:10 a.m. Tuesday, July 7, 2020, in Miller's Merry Manor, Warsaw.



He was born Jan. 13, 1933, in Etna Green, to Isaac and Madeline Barth Long. On June 24, 1956, in Bourbon, he married Beverly Huggins; together they shared 59 years before her passing on May 4, 2016.



He attended Warsaw Community High School. He proudly served in the Army as a corporal (T), D Company 5th Infantry Regiment from March 5, 1953 - Dec. 17, 1954. Bill farmed and, along with his wife, owned and operated Hoffman Lake Campground for 56 years. He retired from Holiday Rambler/Monaco in Wakarusa. Bill was a member of the Indiana Campground Owners Association, the National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds and Veterans of Foreign War. He and his wife received the Outdoor Hospitality Excellence through Industry Unity Award in 2008. During the winter months he and Bev loved to travel, taking cruises/trips all over the world.

Also surviving are his three children: Aime (Hal) Hoffman, Yellow Creek Lake; Mike (Dara) Long, Warsaw; Mark Long, Warsaw; 10 grandchildren: Hanna Long, Culver; Kelsey (Nick) Miller, Warsaw; Stacie (Brent) Anderson, Hoffman Lake; Jessica Wynn, Portland, Ore.; Rob Hoffman, Angola; Mariah (Cameron) Shepherd, Columbia City; Aaron Hoffman, Claypool; Isaac Long, Plymouth; Matt Long, Hoffman Lake; Aerial Gilbert, Etna Green. In addition, he is survived by seven great-grandchildren: Avah and Norah Miller; Sawyer, Tripp, Jaxon and Briggs Anderson; Oliver Wynn; and another great-grandchild due in August.

He was preceded in death by wife Beverly Long; son, Timothy Long, who died Jan. 1, 2016; his brother, Ernie Long; and a sister, Betty Sparks.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 16 at McHatten-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw, with Pastor Rob Seewald officiating with a calling one hour prior to the service. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 15 from 4 to 7 p.m. at McHatten-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw. Interment will be in Etna Green Cemetery with military honors rendered by Warsaw American Legion Post #49 and V.F.W. Post # 1126.

Memorials to Cardinal Services, 504 N. Bay Drive, Warsaw, IN 46580

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

LOCAL

Wanda M. Mikel

MENTONE - Wanda M. Mikel, 71, of rural Etna Green, went home to be with the Lord surrounded by her family at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, July 5, 2020, at her residence after a three-year battle with cancer.

Wanda was born on July 21, 1948, in Rochester, to Delbert A. and Deloris Sarber Senff. She married on Aug. 24, 1969, in Nappanee, to David L. Mikel. He survives.



Wanda had been a teller and a bookkeeper for Farmers State Bank of Mentone as well as a homemaker. She was a 1966 graduate of Triton High School. She was a member of Tippecanoe Primitive Baptist Church of Bourbon. She always enjoyed being involved in activities with her family.

Survivors include her husband, David Mikel, of Etna Green; mother, Deloris Senff, of Bourbon; daughters: Tracy and husband Jeff Zimmerman, of St. Jacob, Ill.; and April and husband Jeremy McClung, of Huntsville, Ontario, Canada; sons: Rick and wife Heather Mikel, of Etna Green; and Spencer and wife Stacy Mikel, of Mentone; 14 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sisters: Barbara and husband Kent Farret, of Bremen; and Bonnie and husband Roger Jeffers, of Bourbon; and brothers: Jerry and wife Brenda Senff, of Bourbon; and Rex and wife Brenda Senff, of Plymouth.

She was preceded in death by her father, Delbert Senff; granddaughter, Nicole Mikel; four infant grandchildren; and sister, Joyce Clevenger.

The funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 9 at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Elder Danny Wisner and Elder Tommy Sarber officiating. The interment will follow the service in the Harrison Center Cemetery, Etna Green. Following all social distancing guidelines, masks are encouraged. Visitation hours will be 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 8 at King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Memorials to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 3 International Drive, Suite 200, Rye Brook, NY 10573.

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Roger E. Montel

MENTONE - Roger E. Montel, 82, of Mentone, passed at 6:17 a.m. Thursday, July 2, 2020, at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

Roger was born on May 27, 1938, in Kosciusko County, to Deverl and Rubie Ayres Montel. On Sept. 30, 1972, in Mentone, he married Linda Linn. She survives.



He graduated from Laketon High School in 1957. He worked for NIPSCO for 28 years, retiring in 1993. He also enjoyed farming with his friend Jim Meredith for many years on John Deere equipment. In earlier years, he helped his aunt and uncle, the Tridles, at Mentone Stock Yard.

Roger was an over 50-year fireman in Kosciusko County, serving the Mentone and Sidney fire departments. He held many positions in leadership in the departments. He was a member of the Warsaw Moose for many years.

Roger was an avid Tippecanoe Valley basketball fan, attending many boys' games. He enjoyed gardening, coon hunting, collecting toy tractors, going to tractor shows, tractor pulling, driving the fire truck in parades and in years past, ice fishing. He enjoyed times of fellowship at Teele's, Steve Mello's, Garrett's and The Bulldog. He also was known to spend time traveling around town on his golf cart.

Survivors include his wife, Linda S. Montel, of Mentone; daughters: Tammy and husband Toy Dittmer, of Aurora, Ind.; and Carmen Menzie, of Mentone; sons: Terry and wife April Menzie, of Mentone; Tim Montel, of Rochester; and Todd and wife Chris Montel, of Rochester; grandchildren: Chad, Ryan, Kelly, Adam, A.J., Justin, Jami, Deidre and Ashley; 10 great-grandchildren; brother, Robert and wife Linda Montel, of Warsaw; sisters: Carolyn Eberly, of South Whitley; and Phyllis Price, of Hobart; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Deverl and Rubie Montel; brother, Larry Montel; half-brother, Richard Sellers; great-granddaughter, Nora Blaine Walters; and his dog Sparky.

Following county, state, federal and CDC guidelines, the funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. today, July 6 at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone, with Pastor Gail Law officiating. For the health of all in attendance, we encourage the public to wear masks. Burial will follow in Mentone Cemetery, Mentone. Visitation hours and a fireman's service were held Sunday.

Memorials to Mentone Fire Department; Mentone EMS; Kosciusko County Cancer Care Center; Fort Wayne Cancer Care Center; or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort

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Jimmy 'Jim' Joe Nolin

ARGOS - Jimmy "Jim" Joe Nolin, 77, of Argos, passed away from this world and met Jesus at 3:10 a.m. on July 3, 2020, at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Mishawaka. He had been in failing health the past couple of years.



On Oct. 17, 1942, in Plymouth, he was born to James E. Nolin and Bessie L. Ronk Nolin. Jim lived most of



his life in the Argos community. On Nov. 17, 1963, in Plymouth, he married Betty Alma Nifong. Together they shared 53 years before Betty's passing on March 10, 2017.

Jim worked at R.R. Donnelley as assistant pressman for 37 years. He also worked for Nelson's Golden Glow Port-a-Pit Chicken for 12 years. Most recently he worked for Digger Fencing in Bremen.

Jim was a graduate of Argos High School, Class of 1960. He served his country in the United States Navy from Sept. 6, 1960, to Sept. 5, 1966.

Jim was very involved in the Argos community, having served on the Argos Fire Department and Argos EMS. He was a member of the Argos Lion's Club. Jim served on the Blueberry Festival Committee for many years, holding the office of president and vice president. He attended the Walnut Church of the Brethren, Argos.

Jim is survived by his daughters: Lisa Sponseller and husband Bryan, of Atwood; and Lori Hirschy and husband Matt of Fort Wayne; son, Chad Nolin and wife Tiffany, of Milford; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild who will be arriving soon; sisters: Malinda Wakeland and husband John of Bremen; and Sandra Mort and husband Don of Bremen; brother, Jerry Nolin and wife Jane, of Warsaw; sister-in-law, Gladys Snyder and husband Eugene, of Argos; brother-in-law, Robert Voreis, of Argos; and dear family friend, Lisa Plantz, of Argos.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Tommie Jean Ripper; and brother, Thomas E. Nolin.

Friends may visit with the family from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, at Pleasant View Bible Church, 2782 W. CR 200N, Warsaw, and from 11 a.m. till the start of the funeral service at Walnut Church of the Brethren. Funeral services will be held at noon on Friday, July 10 at the Walnut Church of the Brethren, 5975 19th Road, Argos, with Rev. Robert E. Rice Jr. and Matthew Gumbert assisting. Burial will follow at the Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos, with the United States Navy Honor Guard and James Lowell Corey American Legion Post #68, Argos, conducting military honors.

Memorials to the Blueberry Festival or the Walnut Church of the Brethren Youth Group.

Argos Times
June 21, 2020

Nancy E. Owens

MENTONE - Nancy E. Owens, 86, Warsaw, died at 3:29 p.m. Sunday, June 28, 2020, at her residence.

She was born July 11, 1933, in Kewanna, to the late Samuel and Yvonne O'Dell Ware.

A memorial visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 9 at the Mentone Fire Department.

Arrangements are entrusted to King Memorial Home, Mentone.

Memorials to the Mentone Fire Department



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July 6, 2020*

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July 9, 2020

Vera Bondeline 'Bonnie' Traver

AKRON - Vera Bondeline "Bonnie" Traver, 97, of rural Warsaw, and formerly of Akron, passed at 7:58 a.m. Tuesday, July 7, 2020, at her residence.

Bonnie was born on May 10, 1923, in Kokomo, to the late John B. and Catherine Hurlock Murphy. She was married on Dec. 6, 1941, in Akron, to Chester "Chet" W. Traver; he preceded her in death on March 10, 2004.



She was a homemaker. Bonnie loved her family and loved the Lord. She took great joy in going out to eat. She had a special great-great-great-niece, Bailey Reed, that was born on her birthday.

Survivors include sister, Delores Lawson, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by brothers, William, Charles, Lawrence, James, John Murphy Jr. and Lee; and sisters, Dorothy Sopher, Alice Tullis, Mildred Brown, Ethel Bishop and Mary Penn.

Visitation will be 10 to 11 a.m. Friday, July 10 at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, July 10 at the funeral home. Burial will follow in the Silver Creek Cemetery, Silver Lake. For the health of all in attendance, the funeral home encourages the public to wear masks.

Memorials to the American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle Chicago, IL 60674; or the Alzheimer's Association 225 N. Michigan Ave., floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601; or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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Connie Lee VanCuren

Connie Lee VanCuren, age 77, formerly of Warsaw, passed away unexpectedly from injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Monday, June 1, 2020, in Ripley County, Mo.



She was the daughter of John and Merna Sites VanCuren. Connie was a 1961 Warsaw High School graduate. From high school, she graduated from beautician school and later, also barber school. For many years Connie owned and operated a barber shop in Keokuk, Iowa.

Connie had a variety of interests, especially history. She was a member of the Kosciusko County Historical Society, a member of DAR, made Civil War clothing and participated in Civil War re-enactments. She also made jewelry that she sold at craft shows. At one time, Connie owned a Corvette and competed at various drag strips in Indiana and Michigan.

She is survived by two nieces and a number of cousins, two of which, Alan and Harry Gigous, live locally. For many years she was a companion of Jim Saber, of Claypool.

She was preceded in death by two siblings, Sandra and Jim.

Graveside services were held at Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw, with interment in a family plot.

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

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Norma E. Weaver

AKRON - Norma E. Weaver, 91, of rural Rochester, passed at 9:38 a.m. Sunday, July 5, 2020, on the family farm surrounded by her family.

Norma was born on Nov. 8, 1928, in South Bend, to the late Lloyd and Beulah Ruff Hoover. She married Lloyd K. Weaver on Oct. 6, 1946, in Argos. He preceded her in death on March 7, 2004.

Norma was a graduate of Tippecanoe High School in 1943. She was a homemaker, and church was a big part of her life. She enjoyed traveling, and her family was her life. She was known as an excellent seamstress and cook. In her later years, she was a resident of Peabody Retirement Community of North Manchester.

Survivors include four daughters: Diane Weaver-Gady, of Rochester; Dana and husband Tom Finlan, of Indianapolis; Darla and husband Randy Shafer, of Warsaw; and Danielle and husband Sam King, of Indianapolis; five sons: Rick and wife Pat Weaver, of Jacksonville, Fla.; Ken and wife Sue Weaver, of Fort Wayne; Jim and wife Cindy Weaver, of Rochester; Tom and wife Jill Weaver, of Rochester; and Tim and wife Lana Weaver, of Akron; 30 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and her foreign exchange daughter, Danielle VanHees Roelen, of the Netherlands.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lloyd; and two sisters, Phyllis Jeanne Newcomb and Barbara Winenger.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 11 at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Jeff Sumner officiating. Burial will follow in the Athens Cemetery. For the health of all in attendance, we encourage the public to wear masks. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 11 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Memorials to The Fortress Foundation at the funeral home or at www.thefortressfoundation.givingfuel.com/fortress-foundation-donation.

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Penny Lee Barnhart Wideman

Penny Lee Barnhart Wideman, age 66, of 2206 W. Lore Lane, Warsaw, died Saturday, July 4, 2020, in her home.

She was born July 1, 1954, to Geraldine Hackworth and Ben Barnhart, Warsaw. A lifelong Kosciusko County resident, she met and married James "Jim" Whitey" Wideman on Nov. 22, 1975, at the Warsaw Church of God. They remained married until her death. Together they had one daughter, Samantha (Andy) Crisp, and two grandsons, Cooper (16), and Van (9) Crisp, of Mishawaka.

She was a member of the Mentone United Methodist Church and Psi Iota Xi National Women's Philanthropic Organization. She spent her life working as an administrative professional for Kralis Brothers Foods, Stonehenge Country Club and Zimmer Inc. She ended her career as the owner of Avis/Budget Rental Cars in Warsaw when she retired in 2016.

After retirement, Penny spent her time enjoying life with her husband at their home on Goose Lake. She delighted in watching her grandsons play baseball, basketball and football, while spoiling them immensely.

She is survived by her husband of 44 years, James Wideman, of Warsaw; her brother, Tim Barnhart, of Stockbridge, Ga.; and nephews, Jason Barnhart, of Pacific, Mo., and Jeremy Barnhart, of Topeka, Kan. She will be remembered and missed by all of those who knew and loved her.

A calling will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 8 at McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, Warsaw. A memorial service will be held immediately after the viewing, starting at 1 p.m., with Chaplain Bob Jarboe officiating. A private interment will be held at a later date.

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