

## Obituaries

### Dekota J. 'Cody' Bencze

Dekota J. "Cody" Bencze, 24, of Warsaw, passed away Monday, April 4, 2022.

Cody was born July 31, 1997, in Warsaw, the son of Joseph E. Bencze Sr. and Pamela Lapp Bencze. He was a lifetime Warsaw resident and was the manager of his family's auto repair business, USA Muffler & Brakes in Warsaw. Cody was an avid Notre Dame football fan, loved music and was a sportsman who enjoyed the outdoors. He also enjoyed playing pool and video games and caring for his dog, Luna.



Cody is survived by his parents, Joseph E. Bencze Sr., of Warsaw; and Pamela Bencze, of Warsaw; brothers: Shawn (Jennifer) Bencze, of Morning Sun, Iowa; Joseph E. (Heather) Bencze Jr., of Claypool; Alex Leonhardt, of Jackson, Wis.; sister, Shenelle Bencze, of Deputy; brothers: Michael (Darcie) Blackburn, Timothy (Korbi) Blackburn and Brent (Kortney) Blackburn, all of Warsaw; his grandmother, Kay Mosier, of Warsaw; and great-grandmother, Dorothy Lapp, of Lancaster, Pa.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Joseph and Carol Bencze and John Richard Lapp.

Pastor Bob Brown will officiate funeral services at 2 p.m. Friday, April 8 in McHatton-Sadler Funeral Chapel, 2290 Provident Court, Warsaw, with visitation from 1 to 2 p.m. Visitation also is on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. in the funeral chapel. Private interment in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

The family's preferred memorial is JCAP, 221 W. Main St., Warsaw IN 46580.

To share a remembrance of Cody or to offer condolences to his family, please visit [www.mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com](http://www.mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com).

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## Floyd D. Palmer

Nov. 13, 1931 – March 31, 2022

Mr. Floyd D. Palmer, 90, of Argos passed away at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, March 31, 2022, at Millers Merry Manor of Plymouth.

On Nov. 13, 1931, Floyd Duane was born in Talma to Oswald Otis and Mabel Ruth Shelly Palmer. Growing up in Tiosa, he shared his childhood with three sisters and two brothers. Proudly, he graduated with the class of 1949 from Richland Center High School. Answering the call of patriotism, Floyd served in Korea and was a jet mechanic at the Elmendorf SAC Air Force Base in Alaska during 1952 and 1953. He was then transferred to Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin, Texas, and received an honorable discharge from there on Dec. 13, 1955.

Floyd and Hazel Beshears were married Jan. 14, 1956, in Austin, Texas. They shared 66



wonderful and happy years together. Their three sons are Wayne and his wife Jenise and Curt and his wife Debbie

of Plymouth, and Alan and his wife Marilyn of Indianapolis.

Floyd had a strong work ethic, Floyd worked at Bendix for many years, retiring in 1988. As an accomplished woodworker he created many special pieces for his family to treasure. After retiring Floyd enjoyed working in his shop and keeping his yard and gardens in great condition.

Left to cherish Floyd's memory are his wife Hazel; two sons, Curt Palmer and wife Debbie of Plymouth, Alan Palmer and wife Marilyn of Indianapolis; daughter-in-

law Jenise Palmer of Plymouth; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Floyd in death are his parents, a son, Floyd "Wayne" Palmer on August 2, 2010, three sisters, Norene Billissitz, Esther Walsh, Lois Burns and two Palmer brothers, Jim and Norman.

Graveside services for Floyd Duane Palmer will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at the Richland Center IOOF Cemetery, northwest of Rochester. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Marshall County Humane Society, 11165 13th Road, Plymouth, IN 46975 or Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at [www.goodfamilyfh.com](http://www.goodfamilyfh.com).

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Dec. 10, 1969 - March 29, 2022

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April was born on Dec. 10, 1969, in Hammond, to John and Debbie (Sneary) Kelderhouse. She had worked for Manwaring Farms and the former Area V Headstart of Akron. She was also a supporter of Fulton County



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She is survived by her daughters, Jennifer and husband Joel Kerns,

of Evansville, and Melissa Pyle, of Rochester; sons, Adric Pyle, of Mentone, and Maverick Pyle, of Rochester; grandson, Liam Kerns;

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Memorial visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. Friday, April 8, 2022, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone.

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## Rex E. Zimpelman

MENTONE – Rex E. Zimpelman, 85, of rural Mentone, passed unexpectedly at 8:04 a.m. Saturday, April 2, 2022, at his residence.



Rex was born on Oct. 25, 1936, in Warsaw, to the late Donald and Louise Miller Zimpelman. His mother passed when Rex was only 3 years old. After her passing, he was raised by his grandparents, the Millers and Zimpelmans.



He was married on Nov. 6, 1960, to Frances Della Coy. Together, they had four children: Randy (Elizabeth) Zimpelman, of Akron; Kelly (Rusty) Nellans, of Mentone; Rusty (Amy) Zimpelman, of Mentone; Krista (David) Neace, of Mentone; and they blessed him with eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He then was married on Nov. 8, 1986, to Betty L. Witham Burnett, who preceded him in death on April 23, 2019. He is also survived by his stepbrothers, Curtis Hunt and Duane Hunt.

He was a graduate of Claypool High School. He then served his country in the U.S. Army. During his enlistment, he was in the calvary, serving in Germany. He drove a tanker for Pierceton Trucking of Laketon and for Chet Ballenger and Archie Leckrone as a cattle buyer. Rex then started working for Pike Lumber Company of Akron in 1980. He worked in the Timber Department as a truck driver. In 1991 he changed positions and began working in the Log Yard. He retired from Pike's in 2001.

Rex had been a member of the American Legion Post 286 and the Moose Lodge 1518, both of North Manchester. He was very involved with 4-H. He was devoted to his children and was actively involved while they showed all kinds of livestock. He enjoyed the Chicago Cubs, Draft horses, watching westerns and the rodeo. Rex worked hard on his huge garden and tended to his flowers. He could be found socializing with his friends every afternoon at the Bulldog in Mentone.

Rex was preceded in death by his parents; grandparents; uncle, Ivan "Red" Zimpelman; and his wife.

A memorial service will take place at 1 p.m. Friday, April 8 at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone.

The interment will take place following the service in the Lakeview Cemetery, Silver Lake, with graveside military rites performed.

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Memorial contributions can be made in his memory to the Kosciusko County 4-H.

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