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### Sandra Craddock

Sandra Eileen Craddock, 77, of Fernandina Beach, Fla., died Friday at Kindred Hospital of Northeast Florida.

Survivors include her daughter, Rhonda Yates, Fer-

nandina Beach; two sisters, Marilyn McSherry, of Burket, and Nancy Leedy, of Murrels Inlet, S.C.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today at Blackrock Baptist

Church in Yulee, Fla., and will be livestreamed at [blackrockbaptist.org](http://blackrockbaptist.org)

King Memorial Home, Mentone, is handling local arrangements.

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## **Sandra Eileen Craddock**

MENTONE - Sandra Eileen Craddock, 77, Fernandina Beach, Fla., died Friday, Jan. 15, 2021, at Kindred Hospital of Northeast Florida.

She was born June 25, 1943, in Warsaw, to James Lackey and Mary Ann Huffman. On Feb. 28, 1964, in Palestine, she married Clayton Elmer Craddock.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. today, Tuesday, Jan. 19 at Blackrock Baptist Church in Yulee, Fla., with the Rev. John Kasper officiating. Burial will be at the Palestine Cemetery, Palestine, at a later date. Livestream of the service will be available at [blackrockbaptist.org](http://blackrockbaptist.org).

The local arrangements have been entrusted to King Memorial Home Mentone.

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Memorials may be made in her name to the Transplant Department at Mayo Clinic, 450 San Pablo Road S, Jacksonville, FL 32224.

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



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### Jerry E. Denny

Jerry E. Denny, 80, of Claypool, passed away at 10:15 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021, at his home.

He was born on Oct. 7, 1940, in Claypool, to Richard and Roberta E. Elder Denny.

He was a lifetime Claypool resident and graduated from Claypool High School. He married the love of his life, Alberta Ellen Pontius, on May 23, 1961, in Wise, Va., and she preceded him on June 7, 2012.



He was a farm boy and helped his grandpa on the dairy farm. He started his career picking up milk from the local farms. He formerly drove for Metzger Trucking. Woody Everly and retired driving truck after 50+ years.

He is survived by daughter, Shanna (Tony) Baker, of Warsaw; son, Shane (Laurie Bowyer) Denny, of Akron; six grandchildren: Stacy (Jason) Joye, Sherise (Derrick) Deardorff, Shane Denny II, Chelsea Culp, Cassi Baker and Jacob Baker; six great-grandchildren: Ella, Jameson, Silas, Grant, Nolan, Mila; two sisters: Sandra Nelson, of Elkhart; and Peg (Dave) Fitzpatrick, of Claypool; sister-in-law, Deanie Allen, of Warsaw.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; son, Alan Lynn Denny; and two sisters: Beverly Denny and Nancy Barrett.

No services are planned. Private burial will take place in the Claypool Cemetery. Cremation Services of Kosciusko County, 4356 N. Ind. 15, Warsaw, is in charge of arrangements.

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Preferred memorials may be given to the donor's choice. To send condolences to the family of Jerry Denny, please visit [www.cremationserviceskc.com](http://www.cremationserviceskc.com).



## Katherine Lovell

AKRON - Katherine Lovell, 83, rural Silver Lake, died at 3:45 pm, Friday, Jan. 15, 2021, at Mason Health and Rehabilitation Center of Warsaw.

Katherine was born on May 21, 1937, in Wisconsin, to William and Irene Allison. She was married on Nov. 26, 1954, in Bowling Green, Mo., to Noah Lovell, who died May 28, 2010.

The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 19 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, with Pastor Courtney J. Brooks officiating. The interment will take place in the Lakeview Cemetery, Silver Lake.

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## Mike Metzger

Mike Metzger, 79, of Warsaw, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, Jan. 14, 2021, at 11:05 a.m. in Fort Wayne at Parkview Regional Medical Center.



Born Larry Michael Metzger on Dec. 19, 1941, at Warsaw's McDonald Hospital, Mike was the son of

Thurman "Wayne" Metzger and Katherine Blickenstaff Metzger. He was a 1960 graduate of Akron High School and lived his entire life in Kosciusko County.



Immediately following high school graduation, Mike joined his best friends at the Tippy River for three days before hiring on with RR Donnelley and Sons. He worked in color proofing and as a photographer in his 40-plus-year career with Donnelleys, where he retired in 2000. He enjoyed one year in retirement before joining the team at Warsaw Super Wash as their mechanic and maintenance man. After 17 years, he again retired though he worked part-time in retirement at S&T Hardware in Atwood; he was working there until his passing.

His retirement jobs were quite fitting as Mike enjoyed fixing things, especially tractors, cars and bikes. And, his teenage riverside rendezvous was perhaps fitting, too, as he loved the river. He also loved pickleball; he started and ran Pickleball Phanatics in Warsaw and genuinely enjoyed the friends he made in the process. He continued to enjoy the sport, playing one week before his passing and was organizing a beginner's class for the 23rd of January. Always keeping busy, Mike had also managed the Kosko Gun Club for more than 25 years.

Mike was both friendly and ornery but was loved by so many. Surviving is his wife of 35 years, Kayla Metzger, of Warsaw, to whom he was married on Oct. 5, 1985. Also surviving are his son, Douglas (April) Metzger, of Warsaw; daughters, Mindy (J.C.) Stookey, of Winona Lake; Renee (Bryan) Martin, of Palm Harbor, Fla.; and Kami Minier, of Columbia City; nine grandchildren: Dane Stookey, Trace Stookey, Natasha Chamberlain, Kyla Chamberlain-Loney, Hunter Metzger, Hannah Metzger, Wyatt Snyder, Sydney Martin and Cayden Martin; and sister, Lisbeth "Kay" (Bob) Dubois.

Warsaw's Titus Funeral Home is assisting the family. Services will be held privately. Officiating is Pastor David Banning of Otterbein United Methodist Church, where Mike attended for many years and where he often assisted with running the sound board. Military honors will be offered by members of American Legion Post 49 and VFW Post 1126, as Mike was an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Marine Corps, having earned the rank of sergeant. He was also a qualified sharpshooter on the M14 rifle.

Mike had a passion for helping people and loved to do it. He was never too busy to put down what he was working on to help another.

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In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial gift to Otterbein United Methodist Church, PO Box 98, Atwood, IN 46502.

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## Denver Prater

Denver Prater, 78, of Piercetown, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021, at home.

He was born Oct. 14, 1942, to Elmer and Lula Ousley Prater. On Oct. 29, 1960, Denver married the love of his life, Patsy Tolson; she survives.



Denver, affectionately known as "Pierre," had a great sense of humor and enjoyed playing practical jokes on the grandchildren. He owned and operated his own business for many years, Denver's Mobile Home Service, and enjoyed working on his own truck and lawn mowers. Denver loved the Lord and enjoyed playing his guitar and writing music. He especially enjoyed traveling with his family and spending time by the ocean. He was a devoted husband and father and loved his family dearly.

Denver is survived his wife of 60 years, Pat; three children: Rhonda (Brian) McCleary, of Warsaw; Jim (Kim) Prater, of Etta Green; and Scott Prater, of Piercetown; nine grandchildren: Jaci, Ashley, Katie, Tarah, Ryan, Brianna, Brookelyn, Stephanie, Britanie; and 18 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are four siblings: Gardis Prater, of California; Edna May Stone, of Sidney; Delmar Prater, of Sidney; and Betty Tolson, of Warsaw.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter-in-law, Sandy Wright Prater.

Funeral services celebrating Denver's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 21 at the Free United Baptist Church, 7035 S. Ind. 13, Piercetown. Pastors Ward Etsie Allen and Luther Bailey will officiate with burial to follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in Piercetown. Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20 and one hour prior to the service at the church.

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

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Online condolences may be left at [www.heritage-fcs.com](http://www.heritage-fcs.com).

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## Obituaries

### Martha Ann Vangilder

MENTONE - Martha Ann Vangilder, 74, formerly of Mentone and Warsaw, passed at 2:48 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2021, at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

Martha was born on March 1, 1946, in Warsaw, to the late Dr. Donald and Barbara Gast Vangilder.

She was a 1964 graduate of Mentone High School. Martha then graduated from Indiana University with a degree in music and English in 1968. She had worked at the Kosciusko County Health Department. She had volunteered at the jail and as a tour guide for the Historical Society.

She had been a member of the Mentone United Methodist Church. She also was a member of the Old Lancers Society of America, where she demonstrated her skills at various Revolutionary War Encampments in Warsaw as well as in Dearborn, Mich. She was known to wear a colonial costume of her own confection. Her greatest passion was making lace crosses.

Martha is survived by her daughter, Anisa Bradley, of Rochester; grandchildren, Mary Ann and husband Atiba Davis, Margo Riadi, Chris Crews, Donald Bradley and Floye Bradley; great-grandchildren, Mia, Malia and Michaela; a sister, Donna Kay Pineda, of Kendallville; a niece, Karla; and grandniece, Jada.

She was preceded in death by her parents; maternal grandparents, Karl and Mabel Gast; and paternal grandparents, Bert and Cora Vangilder.

Visitation will be from 12 to 1 p.m. Monday Jan. 18 at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone. The funeral service will take place at 1 p.m. Monday at King Memorial Home, Mentone, with Pastor Jeff Herron and Pastor Gail Lav officiating. The interment will take place in the Menton Cemetery, Mentone.

The family requests that everyone in attendance wear mask.





### Martha VanGilder

Martha A. VanGilder, 74, formerly of Mentone, died at 2:48 pm, Tuesday at Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Ft. Wayne.

Survivors include her daughter Anisa Bradley, Rochester; and sister Donna Kay Pineda of Kendallville. Her funeral service is at 1 p.m. Monday at King Memorial Home, Mentone. Visitation is an hour prior at the funeral home. Masks are required.

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Condolences may be emailed to [mckeemortuary.com](mailto:mckeemortuary.com).

### Dennis Ray Zartman

Dennis Ray Zartman, age 76, of Warsaw, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021, at 11:10 p.m. his residence.

Dennis was born July 28, 1944, to Lawrence T. and Ruth Decker Zartman. He was united in marriage to Vera Louise Farmer Zartman on Oct. 27, 1991, in South Bend.

He attended Mentone High School and continued his education at Kalamazoo Valley Community College, in Kalamazoo, Mich. He then went on to attend Bob Jones University in Greenville, S.C. He worked as an inspector for Paragon Medical, Warsaw, retiring in 2013. Dennis was an active member of Living Hope Ministries.

Dennis is survived by wife, Vera Zartman; children: Marvin Lee (Monica) Farmer, Warsaw; William Riley (Emily) Hensley, Warsaw; Ronald Aron (Heather Rosenquist) Hensley, Warsaw; Teresa Marie White, Dee Ana Robison; siblings: Violet Johnson, Bonnie Dotson, Susan Lawhorn; 18 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by brothers Larry Zartman and Richard Zartman.

Services will be private.

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

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Memorial donations may be made to Kosciusko County Cancer Fund, c/o K-21 Health Foundation, 1101 Park Ave., Winona Lake, IN 46590.

To sign the guestbook or send a condolence, go to [www.mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com](http://www.mchattonsadlerfuneralchapels.com).



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