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John D. Stegman, age 80 of Columbus, Ohio, passed away Monday, Dec. 14, 2015. John was born and raised in Peru, the son of the late John and Mildred Stegman. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Samuel Stegman. The Stegmans owned John Stegman Men's Wear on South Broadway for many years. John was a Naval Officer, held Market and General Management Manager Positions in industry, and after earning a Ph.D., taught MBA candidates in OSU's Fisher College of Business. He is a member of Broad Street Presbyterian Church, Columbus Rotary Club, The Army Navy Club in Washington, D.C., The Columbus Maennerchor, and the Faculty Club at The Ohio State University. He was local, state, and region (Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware) President of the Navy League of the U.S. He was also the National Chairman of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps. He will be greatly missed by his daughters, Pamela (Doug) Boes of Nebraska City, Nebraska and Angela (Matthew) Smith of Worthington, Ohio; six grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and many other extended family members and dear friends. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016 at Broad St Presbyterian Church, 760 E. Broad St. Memorial contributions may be made to the Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Sea Cadet Headquarters, 2300 Wilson Blvd, Suite 200, Arlington, VA 22201-5435. Arrangements by Schoedinger Northwest Chapel. To share memories or condolences, please visit www.schoedinger.com.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, January 1, 2016

Donnabelle Richter, 97, went to be with the Lord and Savior at 6:20 p.m. Thursday December 31, 2015 at Millers-Merry-Manor Nursing Home in Peru, Indiana. She was born on July 26, 1918 in Logansport, Indiana to Arbie and Francelia (Gillespie) Brinley. She married Louis Richter on June 11, 1941. Donnabelle and her husband Louis were part of the former Richter-Keirn Oldsmobile-Buick Automobile Dealership in Peru, Indiana for approximately 40 years. Louis preceded Donnabelle in death August 7, 2006. Surviving are three children including two daughters- Mary Lou Richter Tate (Husband, Michael) of Carroll, Ohio, Marti Richter Donaldson of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. One Son-Robert Louis Richter (wife, Theresa) of Indianapolis, Indiana. Also surviving are five Grandchildren-Jody, Chris, Tami, Vanessa, and Joshua. Two great grandchildren-Katelyn and Haley. Preceded in death are both parents, husband, two Sisters-Mary and Gertrude, and one brother Robert. Donnabelle was a homemaker, a member of the First Christian Church for 74 years, a member of the Delta Chi Sunday School and the Martha and Sara Women's Fellowship Groups. Donnabelle and Louis had a summer home at Culver, Indiana for 63 years where they made many lasting friendships with residents and congregation of Emmanuel Methodist Church and Pastor Ron Lewellen and family. Donnabelle was past president of Lincoln school PTA, and was an avid sports fan as well. She loved the Colts and Pacers. She was able to live in her own home with the help of many wonderful caregivers. She was also so thankful for the excellent healthcare given by Dr. Michael Mull, Lavone Eddy, and nurses Mary and Michelle. Donnabelle lived a full life and was ready to meet her maker. Her favorite scripture was Psalm 118:24, This is the Day that the Lord has made. Let us Rejoice and be Glad in it. Friends may call Wednesday January 6, 2016 from 10:00 AM until time of Service. Service will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor: Jim Loft officiating. Burial will be at the Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, Indiana. Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church/ or the Emmanuel Methodist Church of Culver, Indiana through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Arrangements Entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home 105 west third street Peru, Indiana 46970. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, January 2, 2016

Loren Frederick Butts, age 83, passed away on Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at Blair Ridge Health Campus in Peru. He was born November 26, 1932 in Kokomo, IN to the late Jesse and Geneva (Martin) Butts. Loren was a Kokomo High School graduate with the class of 1950. In July 1952 he married Barbara (Snyder) Butts and she preceded him in death on December 27, 2004. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War from 1953 to 1955. During his time he was awarded the United Nations Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and Korean Service Ribbon. In 1967 he and his family moved to Peru where he worked as plant manager of Precision Ceramics. He retired from Peru Community Schools in 1997 having served as custodian for nearly 25 years. Though he wasn't without fault, he was kind, giving, and always strived to be the best person he knew how to be. He was proudly baptized in 1994 and became a member of the Peru First Baptist Church. His proudest moments and accomplishments came from raising and spending time with his four children and their families. Surviving family members include his sister Lorraine Meeks and husband Howard of Greer's Ferry, AR., son Michael and wife Maryann of Stuart, FL., son Jeff and wife Josie, daughters Teresa French and husband Ray, and Melanie Butts all of Peru. Grandchildren Nick (Kayla) Butts, Jacob Butts, Amy (Greg) Million, and Zac Butts. Also surviving are great grandchildren Emily & Cameron Butts, Lilah & Chase Million, and several nephews and nieces. He was also preceded in death by brothers Burlin, Orville, and Eldon Butts, and grandson Jeremy Butts. Family and friends may visit at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home from 3:00pm - 6:00pm on Monday January 4, 2016. Funeral service will be officiated by Pastor Robert Adelsperger on Tuesday, January 5th at 10am with burial following at Mt. Hope Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Peru First Baptist Church. Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, January 2, 2016

Lorraine A. Bisbee, 98, of Peru, passed away at 7:05 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016 at the home of her daughter Marlene. She was born in Madison, Wisconsin on Feb. 9, 1917, the daughter of Henry and Anna Seidler Michaelis. Lorraine married John L. Bisbee in Madison, on June 23, 1937 and he preceded her in death on June 10, 1979. Lorraine was a 1936 graduate of East High School in Madison, Wisconsin and a homemaker. She was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church, the Altar & Rosary Society and the Daughters of Isabella. She loved crocheting, sewing and any type of crafting. An avid gardener, Lorraine loved to work in the flowers

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around her home. She showed us how to live beautifully, truthfully and faith filled simplicity. She is survived by daughters Marlene Howell of Peru and Mary Hiers of Amboy; sons James (Jude Ann) Bisbee of Reo Rancho, New Mexico, Thomas Bisbee and his wife Peggy of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Rick Bisbee of Las Vegas, Nevada. Fourteen grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband John, a son Jerry Bisbee, a daughter Loretta Hill, four brothers and two sisters. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Lorraine Bisbee will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Jan. 8, 2016 at the St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 West Fifth Street, Peru with Rev. Adam Mauman officiating. Burial will be at Ever Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Family and friends will gather from 5 - 7 p.m., Thursday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru. There will be a prayer service Thursday at 7 p.m. at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Cancer Society. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, January 4, 2016

Gladys Moffatt, 94, passed away peacefully on Friday, Jan. 1, 2016 at Springs Valley Meadows Nursing Home in French Lick. At 2:10 p.m. the Lord called her home to be with her husband, Raymond S. Moffatt, her two sons, Ronald Moffatt, and Wayne Moffatt, and her daughter, Betty Townsend. She was born Aug. 9, 1921 to Edward and Bertha Powell in Shoals. Gladys loved traveling to Florida with her husband, camping, and participating in shuffle board tournaments. She enjoyed playing Bingo, reading her Bible, and watching birds fly outside her window to feed out of her bird feeders. However, her real passion was spending time with her family, reminiscing, and looking at old pictures. She is survived by her sister, Betty Powell Archer and her daughters, Sandy and Peggy, of French Lick; a daughter-in-law, Sandy Moffatt of Columbia City; nine grandchildren, Traci Ratkovich and husband Mike of Bedford, Shelly Miller Gahs of Peru, Larry (Jay) Gahs and wife Tabitha of Kokomo, Jodi Bailey and husband Jim of Peru, Jeanie Townsend of Orleans, Shelly Moffatt-Martin and husband Bill of Wolf Lake, Scott Moffatt of Indianapolis, Timothy Moffatt of Fort Worth, Texas, and Jim Moffatt of Hattiesburg, Mississippi. She is also survived by several great-grandchildren, Michelle Mikels, Mellissa Woods, Matthew Woods and wife Ashley, Marissa Babbs and husband Chad, Jalayna Gahs, Tanner, Konner, and Sydnie Boley, Kody and Emily Huff, Billy Young and wife Asia, Stephaine Bailey, Allie Spillman, Tommy Hayes, and Meagan Moffatt; several great, great-grandchildren, Mercedes, Aleksis, and Brayden Mikels, Justice and Kaitlyn Woods, Levi Taylor, Raven, Zoey, and Skyla. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Edward and Bertha Powell; three brothers, William, Carl, and George Powell; her husband, Raymond Moffatt; her three children, Wayne Moffatt and wife Mildred, Ronald Moffatt, and Betty Townsend; and grandchild, Kelvin Moffatt. The viewing will be held from 12 - 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 5 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with the funeral service at 2 p.m., with Pastors Tony Winter and Floyd Laabs officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. A love offering to the Gladys E. Moffatt family will be accepted through Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, January 4, 2016

Dorothy June Butt, 85, Peru, passed away at 10:55 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born on May 11, 1930, in Rinard, Illinois, the daughter of Earl and Rhoda (Butt) Pearce. On Feb. 22, 1953, in Erie, Indiana, she married Kenneth M. Butt, and he survives. Dorothy had been a homemaker and in earlier years had worked as a bookkeeper for Jones Hardware. She was an active member of the Erie United Methodist Church, and she enjoyed sewing, quilting, reading, going to garage sales and spending time with her family. Survivors include her husband, Kenneth M. Butt, Peru; children, Teresa and husband Greg Blue, Fifield, Wisconsin; Christine Meador and husband Andy Katz, Indianapolis; Julia and husband Ron McGinnis, Monticello, Kentucky; Steven Butt and fiance' Angela Pauda, Mesa, Arizona; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; twin sister, Doris Beck, Peru; and sister, Frances Gochenour, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, William Pearce; sisters, Elizabeth Miller, Ruth Houlihan, and Charlotte Grimes; sons-in-law, Brian Dugan, and Mike Meador; and daughter-in-law, Alice Butt. Funeral service will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2015, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, and one hour prior to service on Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Memorial contributions may be made to the Erie United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mcclainfh.com
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, January 4, 2016

Raymond H. Smith Jr., 81, died at home on Jan. 2, 2016 in Peru. Ray was born on Jan. 10, 1934 in Hebron, to Raymond and Agnes (Wronka) Smith. He was married to Sharon (Hamann) Smith on Sept. 14, 1957 at St. Helen's Catholic Church in Hebron. Ray was a graduate of Hebron High School and Purdue University. At Purdue, he was a Reserve Officer Training Corps cadet and a member of Phi Kappa fraternity. He graduated as a mechanical engineer and served two years in the Army. He started his engineering career at International Harvester in Illinois, before joining Wheel Horse Products in South Bend where he worked for over 25 years. He continued with Toro-Wheel Horse in Minnesota for seven years, before he and Sharon retired and moved back to Greene Township. Ray enjoyed working in the yard and maintaining the fish pond that he built by hand with rocks gathered from local farmers' fields. A member of the former St. Mary of the Assumption Church and then St. Jude's, Ray was a faithful Catholic. He enjoyed the Disciples in Mission Bible Study group and formed many dear friendships. Ray was an active Lion's Club member for 40 years, in both Greene Township and Apple Valley, Minnesota. Ray was predeceased by his parents, his infant twin sister Eleanor, and brother-in-law Ted Hamann. Survivors include his wife Sharon, Peru; daughters - Deborah (David) Swihart, Peru, Cheryl Smith, Atlanta, Georgia, Laurel (Terry) Hoog Lake Waukomis, Missouri, USAF Lt Col (Ret) Diane Smith, Lafayette, Valerie Carroll, Yuma, Arizona; grandchildren; Michele Swihart, Fort Wayne, Anthony Carroll, Mesa, Arizona, Matthew Hoog, Lake Waukomis, Andrew Hoog, Lake Waukomis;

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sister Patricia (Smith) Hamann, Hebron, and nieces and nephews; Terri Waywood, John Hamann, Nancy Price, and Tom Hamann. Visitation for Ray will be 4 - 8 p.m., with a Rosary being prayed at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2016, at St. Joseph Funeral Home, 824 S. Mayflower Rd. South Bend. A funeral Mass will be held 11 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016, at St. Jude's Catholic Church, 19704 Johnson Road. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude's Catholic Church; St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church building fund in Peru; or the Greene Township Lion's Club. Condolences may be made at www.sjfh.net
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, January 5, 2016

Norma Jean Griffith, 88 years old, passed away at 8:35 a.m. Sunday Jan. 3, 2016 at Dukes Memorial Hospital Peru. She was born July 7, 1927 in Washington, Indiana to Joseph and Stella Mae (Morgan) Tredway, who are both deceased. She married Dalton A. Griffith on July 28, 1945, who passed away June 4, 1992. Preceding her in death were her parents, five brothers, three sisters, her husband, one daughter Carol Leedy and one granddaughter Laura Griffith. Surviving are: one son, Dalton Alan Griffith (wife, Francia) of Las Vegas, Nevada; one daughter, Laura Place (husband, Mike) of Peru; one son-in-law, Stan Leedy (special friend, Karma Murray) Plymouth. There are seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and three great great grandchildren. One sister, Shirley Walters (husband, Jim) of Paoli also survives and several nieces and nephews. Norma was retired in 1990 from the Controls Co. of North Manchester. She attended Zion Chapel Church where she loved her church family. She was a great prayer warrior, encourager, and had a card ministry as well. She never met a stranger. "Jean" was still in contact with her school friends, Mary Alice Davis and Irma June Burch. She was an avid sports fan and she loved to play games. There will be no visitation or funeral service upon her request. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Zion Chapel Church, 915 S. Broadway Peru, Indiana. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, January 5, 2016

Monica M. Pickett, age 52, Bunker Hill, passed away at her home on Monday, Jan. 4, 2016. She was born on Dec. 25, 1962 in Kokomo, the daughter of Richard William and Kay Francis (Hull) Harris. She married Gary D. Pickett Nov. 19, 1990. Monica was a loving wife and mother and was employed by City Of Firsts FCU. She is survived by her husband, Gary, sons Jordan and Joshua Pickett. Also surviving are brothers Jeffery Harris, Fort Wayne, Matthew Harris, Columbus, Ohio, and sisters Kathleen Harris, Bunker Hill, Maureen Pickett, Kokomo, and Dr. Vicki Keedy, Nashville, Tennessee. Monica was preceded in death by her parents. Friends may call on Friday, Jan. 8, 2016 from 2 - 7 p.m. at Allen Funeral Home in Bunker Hill. A rosary will be held at 6:30 p.m. Funeral service will be held at St. Patrick's church Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016 at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at Springdale Cemetery in Bunker Hill. Friends and family may sign the online guestbook at www.Flowersleedyallen.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, January 6, 2016

W. Jayne Lutz, 92, of Wabash, died at 2:23 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016 at Miller's Merry Manor East in Wabash. She was born July 17, 1923 in Bunker Hill to Chester and Bertha (Hartgrove) Garbert. Jayne was a 1941 graduate of Bunker Hill High School. She married C. Rex Lutz on Nov. 26, 1943 in Bunker Hill, he died in Aug. 1, 2003. She was a bookkeeper for Leath Furniture in Wabash retiring in 1984. She was a member of First United Methodist Church for over 50 years. She served as past president for the United Methodist Women, and was a member of the Gusta Robinette Circle. Jayne was a member of Delta Theta Tau Sorority for 40 years and also an associate member of Delta Theta Tau. She also volunteered for F.I.S.H. She is survived by two daughters - Tamara L. (Douglas) Rensberger of Wabash, and Deena B. (Richard) Hipskind of Valparaiso; six grandchildren; Troy D. (Tina) Hartman of McIntosh, Florida, Clinton C. Hartman of Warsaw, Wesley A. (Jennifer) Hartman and Adam D. Rensberger, both of Wabash, Haley E. Hipskind of Overland Park, Kansas, Cheston A. (Abby) Hipskind of Valparaiso; eight great-grandchildren, Dalton S. Hartman and Cooper D. Hartman, both of McIntosh, Chancellor A. Hartman of Wabash, Nigel L. Grubbs, Nadia E. Grubbs, and Gavin Grubbs, all of Overland Park, Kansas, Ashlyn P. Hipskind and Ella Hipskind, both of Valparaiso; one brother, Larry L. Garbert of Sebring, Florida; three sisters, Patricia A. (Murray) Hamman, Marilyn (James) Allen, and Janet Kay Montgomery, all of Peru. She was also preceded in death by her parents, and brother, Joseph H. Garbert. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 11, 2016 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Kurt Freeman and Pastor John Cook officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill. Friends may call 3 - 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service Monday. Preferred memorial is the First United Methodist Church. The memorial guest book for Jayne may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, January 7, 2016

Logan Wyatt Blankenship was born on April 5, 1999 in Beckley, West Virginia to the loving parents of Wendell Blankenship of Peru and Samantha (Cook) Browning of Disputanta, Virginia and passed away on Dec. 22, 2015. Logan was a resident of Disputanta, Virginia and formerly of Peru. He is also survived by a step-mother, Amy (Ulshafer) Blankenship, a brother Cooper Blankenship, step-sisters Mallory Brewer and Mackenzi Brewer, all of Peru; step-father Ernest Browning, half brother Andrew Cook, Sr., and step-brother Michael Browning, all of Disputanta, Virginia. Logan is also survived by grandfather Cecil Blankenship of Princeton, West Virginia, formerly of Baileysville, West Virginia and grandfather and grandmother William Cook and Ruth Cook of Pineville, West Virginia. Logan also has numerous loving aunts, uncles, and cousins in Peru and West Virginia. He is preceded in death by a grandmother, Anita (Ford) Blankenship of Baileysville, West Virginia. Logan attended Peru High School, Peru, for the 2014-15 school year. He loved riding his bicycle, swimming, fishing, computers, and video gaming. He was aspiring to be a Computer Technician and to own a Computer Tech Software Company. Logan was greatly loved and will be missed by all. He was laid to rest on Dec. 31, 2015 in Disputanta, Virginia. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, January 9, 2016

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Carroll Gene Bankston, 82, passed away at 3:34 pm on Wednesday Jan. 6, 2016 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born in Lilbourn, Missouri as an only child to Arthur and Virginia (Blankinship) Bankston, who are both deceased. He married Betty J. Holding on Jan. 5 1951, and she passed away Dec. 27, 2013. Surviving are: one son, Curt Bankston (Vicki), two daughters: Pam Clark (Denny) and Marcia Woolley (David Boring). He is also survived by grandchildren Jami Rockenbaugh Edwards, Betsy Rockenbaugh Curtis, Murphy Clark, Cassidy Clark, Rana Rockenbaugh Sturgill; eight great grandchildren and one great great grandchild; and a special friend Pat Wolfe. Carroll was in the Naval reserves. He earned a business-finance degree and was the owner and operator of Bankston Auto Sales for many years. After retirement he worked at Marco Shores Golf Course in Florida during the winter months and was an avid golfer as well. He was a member of the Peru Maennerchor and enjoyed playing cards with his friends there on Thursday nights. While raising his family, he liked to go boating and camping in his RV and enjoyed motorcycling on his BMW. Mr. Bankston was a 50-year member of Peru Miami Masonic Lodge #67. Please join us in celebrating and recalling memories and accomplishments that Carroll achieved. Friends may call from 9 a.m. - Noon on Monday, Jan. 11, 2016. Service will at noon Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. A Masonic Service will be also be conducted at Noon Monday. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru with Pastor Lauren Hall officiating. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.flowersleedvallen.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, January 9, 2016

Carol Jean Trexler, 66, passed away Monday, Jan. 11, 2016 in her residence surrounded by family. Carol was born Sept. 2, 1949 to the late Mick and Maxine (Richardson) Wright. She graduated from North Miami High School and then went on to work at Sweetser Supermarket. She also sold Avon for 29 years. Carol met her husband, Robert N. Trexler, when they worked together at Bell Telephone Company in Peru. Carol and Robert were married Jan. 24, 1970. Carol also worked for her mother- and father-in-law at their restaurant, Kuch's Kove. Carol was a member of Liberty Baptist Church in Sweetser. She enjoyed bowling and playing cards, but her biggest joy in life was taking care of and loving on her kids and grandkids. Carol is survived by her husband, Robert, LaFontaine; son, Robert "Bobby" G. Trexler, Bluffton; daughter, Tara Trexler, Wabash; sister, Susie (Jerry) Peters; brother, Mike (Becky) Wright; sister-in-law, Becky Lytle; and 4 grandchildren, Jordan, Peyton, Taylor, and Ava. Carol was preceded in death by her parents, Mick and Maxine Wright, and her brother, David Wright. Arrangements have been entrusted to Armes-Hunt Funeral Home and Cremation Services College Park Chapel, 4601 S Western Ave, Marion. There will be a visitation on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016 at 10 a.m. at Liberty Baptist Church, 517 Church St, Sweetser. Immediately following will be a funeral service honoring Carol's life at 11 a.m. with Pastor Terry Bishir officiating. Burial will be at Maple Grove Cemetery, Sweetser. Contributions in memory of Carol may be made to Liberty Baptist Church Missions in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at www.armeshuntfuneralhome.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, January 12, 2016

David Lee Ply, 72, of Wabash, died at 11 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016 at his home. He was born Feb. 4, 1943 in Wabash, to John Wesley Ply and Mintha (Shambaugh) Holley. David was a Wabash High School graduate. He first married Karen Sue Graves. He then married Margaret Poland in Peru; she preceded him in death. David was a US Navy veteran. He enjoyed tinkering around the house, doing home improvements, cooking, fishing, and watching sports. He is survived by: four children - Kim Nethercutt, David Ply, Jr., and Kristina (Ron) Roberts, all of Peru, and John (Kelly) Ply of Wabash; six grandchildren - Kristin (Christopher) Bowman and Daniel Ray McNear, both of Peru, Cody Lee Ply of Arkansas, Jessica (Travis) Haiflich of Auburn, Tyler Morris of Peru, and Wesley Ply of Ohio; four great-grandchildren - Braxton Hayes, Jaxson Haiflich, and Marley Haiflich, all of Auburn, and Wyatt Morris of Peru; and a brother, John Henry "Sonny" Ply of Wabash. He was also preceded in death by his parents, and his sister, Joann Holley. Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Kay Gaier officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 5 - 8 p.m. Friday, at the funeral home. Preferred memorials are Wabash County Cancer Society or American Heart Association. The memorial guest book for David may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Raymond A. Fisher, 79, of Peru, passed away at 6 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016 at his home. He was born in Willytown, Indiana on Nov. 23, 1936 the son of George and Mildred Irene Rowe Fisher. Ray married Marilyn J. Personett at the home of the Rev. Charles F. Golden on Feb. 26, 1960. Ray worked for Square-D Company in Peru for 41 years and retired from there in 1995. He also loved playing golf at the Peru Municipal Golf Course for numerous years. He and Marilyn wintered in Lake Placid, Florida from 2001 through 2009. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, daughters Carla Ashbrook and her husband Andy of Peru, Vicki Martin and husband Troy of Pierceton, sons Jeffrey Fisher and his wife Candy of Peru, and Terry Fisher of Mishawaka, seven grandchildren and one great grandson. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers - Ernie and Dick Fisher, and his sister Norma Laymon. Friends may call on Friday, Jan. 15 from 4 - 7 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru. Funeral will take place on Saturday, Jan. 16 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru at 10 a.m. with Pastor Kenny Cole officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Peru. Ray was a United States Marine Corp Veteran serving from 1956 through 1959, and a 21 gun salute will be performed at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Military service by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Memorials may be made to : Great Lakes Home Health Care/ Hospice. Friends and family may sign the online guestbook at www.Flowersleedyallen.com to leave a memory or message of condolence. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home of Peru.
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Lawrence Thomas "Larry" Chomko, 67, of Peru, passed away Dec. 16, 2015, in his home. Born Sept. 15, 1948, in Monessen, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Peter and Elizabeth "Betty" Chomko. Larry was a graduate of Monessen High School and the University of Iowa. In 1970, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and continued to serve as a reservist until 1978. Larry was retired from the Logansport State Hospital. He had previously worked at Roeing and Rockwell. As a young man, Larry achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He was very proud of his son for carrying on the tradition of being an Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, playing cards, history and spending time with his son and grandson. Larry is survived by his son, Patrick Chomko, of Logansport; grandson Eli Chomko, of Logansport; one brother Ron (Barbara) Chomko of Nevada; and two nieces Stacey and Lisa and their families. Also surviving are extended family members in Michigan, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Florida, Colorado and Canada. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a nephew, Bryan Chomko. A memorial service celebrating the life of Larry Chomko will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016, in Fisher Funeral Chapel with Pastor Damon Soper officiating. Interment, with full military rites, will be in Legion Circle, Mount Hope Cemetery, Logansport. A gathering of family and friends will take place two hours prior to the Jan. 16 service in the funeral chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Main Street United Methodist Church. You may share condolences and view his video tribute at www.fisherfuneralchapel.com.
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Paulette Ann Trent, 69, of Logansport, passed away with her family by her side, Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016 at Memorial Hospital in Logansport. Born Aug. 31, 1946, she was the daughter of Paul Ruschkofski and Dorothy (Buck) Ruschkofski-Clark. On March 28, 1964 in Logansport she married her husband of 51 years, Roger Trent who survives. A 1964 graduate of Logansport High School, Paulette retired from Logansport Juvenile Facility and had previously worked at Memorial Hospital for many years. Surviving along with her husband, Roger is her sister, Barbara (Evert) Wolfe, daughter, Bobbye (John) Fuqua and sons Mike (Paula) Trent, David Trent (Laurie Delaplane), grandchildren, Rachele (Andy) Scales, Laura Rhoades (Nick Berkshire), Zayne (Alyce) Trent, Whitney Trent, Joshua Trent, Jacob Trent, and great-grandchildren Ashton Scales, Milly Rhoades, Amelia Trent, Chance Shotts and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father Paul, stepfather Everett Clark and great-grandson Brandon Lamb. Visitation will be held at Gundrum Funeral Home on Saturday, January 16th from 1-3 pm. At the request of the family, funeral services will be private. In lieu of flowers or gifts, please make contributions to the family through Gundrum Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the guestbook online at www.gundrumcares.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, January 14, 2016

Carol Baker, 79 years old, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016 at Rolling Meadows Nursing Home in Lafontaine. She was born on June 16, 1936 in Peru to Richard Dingman and Martha Faye Morrison, who are both deceased. She married John Jacoby who preceded her in death. Also preceding her in death were two children, Melissa and Cash. Surviving are: her husband, Louis Wayne Baker, of Logansport; one daughter, Amanda Finan (husband, Pete) of St. Petersburg, Florida; three sons - Louis Cameron Baker (wife Becky), of Peru, Alex Christopher Baker (wife Altessa) of Panama City, Florida, and Clinton Patrick Baker of West Lafayette. There are 15 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren; and three sisters: Judith Maggard of Peru, Charlotte, and Pam. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. Carol retired in 1998 from the paper mill in Wabash, CCA. She was the first woman to retire from production in the history of the mill. She was an avid reader, a genius at crossword puzzles, loved her dogs and horses throughout her life, and was a fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers. Upon her request, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, January 14, 2016

Gerald William "Billy York" Pankop, 90, of Wabash, died at 7:02 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016 at Parkview Wabash Hospital. He was born Jan. 1, 1926 in Kendallville to William and Ruth (Wilkerson) Pankop. Gerald graduated in 1947 from Roann High School. He married his high school sweetheart, Josephine Laura Howard, in Roann on Sept. 7, 1947; she died Feb. 23, 2003. He served in the US Army at the Battle of the Bulge in the 99th Infantry Division, where he was awarded the Purple Heart. He worked 13 years for GenCorp and 20 years as the parts manager at Dorais Chevrolet, both in Wabash. He retired in 1986. Gerald was a member of the Roann United Methodist Church, but most recently attended the Christian Heritage Church in Wabash. He was a member of The American Legion, The Veteran's of Foreign Wars, and The Wildlife Club, all of Wabash. His memberships also included the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Disabled American Veterans, the Fraternal Order of Police, American Huey 369 Association, and the National Rifle Association. Gerald's grandchildren were his pride and joy! He loved going to garage sales and being outside, fishing, wildlife, and flowers. He is survived by his four children, Rita (Don) Griffith of Peru, Gary Pankop of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and twins, Craig (Diane) Pankop, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and Kaye Day, of Peru; his half-brother, Arthur Pankop of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his parents; his grandsons, Scott and Timothy Griffith, his great grandson, Jason Bell, step-brother, David York; his half sister, Margerite Pemelman; and his step-father, Charles Lavern York. Funeral services were held at Christian Heritage Church, 2776 River Road, Wabash, on Monday, Jan. 18, 2016 at 2 p.m. with Pastor Tim Prater officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Valor at Memorial Lawns Cemetery, Wabash. Friends called on Sunday, Jan. 17, 2016, 2 – 6 p.m. at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash. Preferred memorial is D.A.V. Transportation or Christian Heritage Church. The memorial guest book for Gerald may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, January 15, 2016

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Robert A. Spaulding II, 83, of Logansport and formerly of Peru passed away at 2:25 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016 at the Chase Center in Logansport. He was born on June 25, 1932 in Ft. Wayne, the son of Thomas Spaulding and Marie (Fivecoat) Spaulding. On June 18, 1956, he married Doyne A. Personett, who survives. He served in the US Army during the Korean conflict. He retired from White-Rodgers in Logansport. He was a member of the VFW Lodge in Peru. In addition to his wife, Doyne, he is survived by: Valerie Ervin, Logansport; daughter Vicki (husband Ed) Medley, Florida; a son, Robert A. Spaulding III, Monticello; four grandchildren; and several great grandchildren. Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, with Pastor Dean Snyder officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope cemetery in Peru. Friends may call on Monday from 10 a.m. until time of service. A military committal service will be provided by the Miami County Military Rites team. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, January 15, 2016

William Walter Campbell, age 59, of Terrace Park, Ohio, born on Jan. 16, 1956 to Walter P. Campbell Sr. and Patricia A. Campbell, went to be with the Lord on Jan. 13, 2016. In 1982, Bill gave his life to the Lord and in the process created Faith In Motion Ministries, where Bill served the Lord for many years spreading the word around the world as an Evangelist. Bill got his engineering degree and worked for Johnson Nash for 17 years until he went full time into his ministry. Bill also loved his family very much. Bill was preceded in death by his mother Patricia, his brother Steve Campbell, and his wife of 30 years, Vicki Campbell. Bill is survived by his father Walter Sr., wife Zuzana Campbell, sons Bob (Leonna) Campbell and Dan (Jessica) Campbell, step-children Larry Scott (Cathy) Pierce, Cheri (Dan) Vaughn, and Stacey (Dion) Wolfenbarger, sisters Nancy Campbell and Linda Long, brothers John Campbell and Walter P. Campbell Jr., seven grandchildren, 12 step-grandchildren, two step-great grandchildren, and several aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews and many other loved ones. A visitation will be at Peoria Church, 5575 E 300 S, Peru on Monday Jan. 18, 2016 from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. with the funeral service immediately following and burial at Mount Hope Cemetery with Pastor Brian Daniels officiating. Memorial contributions are suggested to the family of Bill Campbell. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, January 16, 2016

Richard A. Wood, 77, of Akron, passed away at 5:36 p.m., Friday, Jan. 15, 2016 at his residence. Born Aug. 4, 1938 in Rochester, he was the son of Lester A. and Edna M. (Blodgett) Wood. On Sept. 2, 1959 in Akron, he wed Mary Frances Arthur, who survives. Richard was a mechanic at Arthur's Service and owner at Ray's Service Station in Akron. He was a 1956 graduate of Akron High School. He served his country in the United State Air Force. He enjoyed going to the round table at the restaurant to have coffee and talk about the day's news. He also was a very dedicated Chicago Cubs Fan. Survivors include" his wife Mary Frances Wood - Akron; a daughter Joyce Mikesell - Athens; a son Raymond and wife Jill Wood - Akron; his grandchildren - Brianne, Dylan, and Shane; his sisters - Helen and husband Dick Clark, New Haven and Mary Alice and husband Frank Roberts, Prescott, Arizona. He was preceded in death by: his parents - Lester A. and Edna M. Wood. Services will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, where military rites will be preformed by the Fulton County Honor Guard. Burial will be at a later date in Akron Cemetery. Friends may visit from 5 - 8, Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron. Memorial contributions may be made to the Akron Lions Club. Share a memory or send an online Condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, January 18, 2016

James Eugene White¹, 52, Peru, died at 6:57 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 15, 2016, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. He was born in Marion, to the late Edward C. White, Sr., and Bethelene J. (Mauler) White. James worked for Wendt LLP in Wabash as a rigger and mechanic. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle. Survivors include his step-sons, Matthew Cook, Warsaw, and Lucas Cook, Akron; granddaughter, Chloe Cook, Akron; brothers, John White, South Bend, Richard White, Huntington, and Edward C. White, Jr., Jonesboro; sister, Kathleen (David) Ervin, Marion; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, James was preceded in death by his brother, Kevin L. White. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, with Rev. Tom Mansbarger officiating. Burial will be at Estates of Serenity, Marion. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Hospital for Children, c/o Riley Children's Foundation, 30 S. Meridian St., Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Online condolences may be made at www.nswcares.com. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, January 18, 2016

¹ A Peru man, who was taken to Fort Wayne Lutheran hospital Friday morning after being involved in a crash, died of his injuries later that day, according to the Indiana State Police. The preliminary crash was investigated by Troopers Chuck Meyers and Taylor Roth, revealing that James White, 52, Peru, was driving a 1993 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck eastbound on Wabash Road near Miami County Road 700 East. White lost control on the icy road and traveled into a ditch on the north side of the road. The truck rolled at least once, ejecting White. White was not wearing a seat belt. At approximately 7:55 a.m., officers from the Indiana State Police and the Miami County Sheriff's Department responded. White was flown by Samaritan Helicopter to a Ft. Wayne hospital. He suffered life threatening injuries. As of Friday, neither the use of alcohol nor narcotics is suspected as having contributed to this crash. Troopers Meyer and Roth were assisted with the crash investigation by First Sergeant Mike Tomson, ISP Sergeant Rick Brown, Trooper Bart Stouffer, Trooper Dustin Rutledge, and Trooper Taylor Roth.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, January 19, 2016

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Fitzgerald R. McMillen, 57 years old, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2016 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born June 17, 1958 in France. He is survived by his parents, George McMillen and Henrietta West. Also surviving are sister, Lida Han (David) and two brothers, John McMillen (Beth) and Andy McMillen. Two nephews, two nieces, and one great nephew also survive. He was preceded in death by one brother, George McMillen Jr. and a sister, Marguritte McMillen. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army and worked as a chef at Highland Country Club in Indianapolis. He was a member of St. Charles Parish in Peru. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He will be buried in Vincennes. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, January 20, 2016

Daniel Eugene Drake went to see his Heavenly Father at 1:12 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 15, 2016 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born on Feb. 14, 1947 in Terre Haute, to Lucille Oden. On Sept. 29, 1968, Daniel married Marlene Myers. Daniel is survived by his wife Marlene; his son Duane Drake and wife Tina; and twin daughters: Carol Masters and husband Clinton, and Cheryl Stout and husband Lonnie. Dan also left behind 11 grandchildren: Savannah Smith, CJ Masters, Kiley Drake, Kori Drake, Kassandra Gower, Brittany Masters, Dakota Drake, Isaac Stout, Faylena Stout, Cheyanne Drake, and Shania Drake. Also, six great grandchildren: Anastasia, Caelynn, Lilliana, Gavin, Aliannah, and Madelynn. Also, two step-sisters, several sister and brother in-laws, and many nieces and nephews survive. Dan was preceded in death by his mother Lucille Thomas and step father Frank Thomas; and two brothers, Franklin Drake and Timothy Drake. Dan retired from the U.S Army in 1988 and from semi truck driving three and a half years ago. His home church was Parkview United Methodist, where he attended regularly. He loved camping, traveling and spending time with his family. Arrangements are set for Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016 at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru. Viewing is from 9 – 10:30 a.m. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Catherine Koziatek and Pastor Bob Clark officiating. Burial with military rites will be at Marion National Cemetery in Marion. Love offerings to the family may be made to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home or the Drake family. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, January 20, 2016

William (Bill) Robert Reed, 73, passed away quietly on Jan. 17, 2016, at Duke's Memorial Hospital in Peru after a brief stay in hospice care. Bill was born in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, on Jan. 4, 1943, to Robert and Jane (Cope) Reed. He graduated from Susquehanna Township High School in 1960 and Elizabethtown College in 1966 with a degree in education. He spent most of his working years as a Construction Superintendent. His work took him from Pennsylvania, to Florida, New Mexico and California as he built medical facilities and commercial buildings. He met his wife, Barbara, in San Diego, California, and in 1999 they moved to Peru, where he continued his work in construction. The pinnacle of his construction career in Peru was the town's new firehouse. He felt that Peru had a great group of firemen and EMTs and that the town is fortunate to have them. He was equally lucky to know them and to have been able to work with them. Bill is survived by his wife of 25 years, Barbara Keto Reed; his daughter, Meredith (Reed) Mangan, Mohnton, Pennsylvania, wife of Kevin, and grandsons Riley, Timothy and Christopher; Devin (Reed) Patrick, Gulf Breeze, Florida, wife of Jason and grandson, Brady, and granddaughter, Emma; his brother, Terry Reed, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, and his wife, Susie; niece Heather (Reed) Reardon, Baltimore, Maryland, wife of Brian and five great nieces and nephews. Bill was an avid lover of the outdoors including hunting and he immensely enjoyed fishing, especially on the Great Lakes. He was an enthusiastic Penn State football fan and was always happy when the Nittany Lions were victorious. He spent his free time in retirement creating original craft projects, including garden art and woodworking. He was a very proud grandpa who enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and watching them grow. Cremation is being coordinated by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. A celebration of Bill's life will be held at a later date with family to scatter his ashes over Lake Michigan. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Christmas for Kids, Peru Fire Dept., Local 383, 12 N. Miami, Peru, IN 46970. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, January 20, 2016

Janet Sue Pierce, 75, passed away on Jan. 15, 2016 at Lutheran Hospital. She was born in Mexico, Indiana to Glenn and Ethel (Berger) Chaplin on Sept. 9, 1940. They preceded her in death. Visitation will be held at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru, Indiana on Friday, Jan. 22, 2016 from 9 – 11 a.m. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., with Pastor Ken Spangler officiating. Burial will follow at the Greenlawn Cemetery in Mexico. Love offerings may be made to the family. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, January 20, 2016

Stephen L. Hartzler, 83, of Akron, following a valiant effort to live, passed on to join his wife of 64 years at 6:35 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016 at Memorial Hospital of South Bend. Born May 14, 1932 in Miami County, the son of Lester "Joe" and Helen Marie (Thompson) Hartzler. On June 17, 1951 in the Athens EUB Church he was wed to Kathryn I. Walters, who preceded July 13, 2015. Raised on the farm, Steve's first job was at General Tire in Wabash. He worked his way on to Sonoco Products Company of Akron, where he retired as Plant Superintendent. During his 32 years at Sonoco, he and his wife raised their family while working their successful livestock and farming operation. His family's involvement in 4-H led to a Hereford herd that they maintained throughout their lives. Steve moved from Gilead to the Akron area the summer before his senior year. He continued to play basketball and

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baseball at Akron High School before graduating in 1950. There he also met his future wife, Kathryn Walters. He started his political career as a Republican Precinct Committeeman. In 1980, he was elected as a Fulton County Councilman and later, a Fulton County Commissioner, where he served as president. He served on numerous political boards and was a current member of Fulton County's Alcoholic Beverage Board. He was awarded a Sagamore of the Wabash. He also served on the 4-H Fair Board and Community Foundation Board. Steve and wife, Kathryn, were avid sports fans, having held season tickets at Tippecanoe Valley High School for the boy's basketball games since the school's inception, as well as having season tickets to the Notre Dame Women's Basketball games for many years. Survivors include: his daughters - Stephenia Barkman, Rochester and Melinda and husband Pete Pratt, Rochester; his son Mark and wife Deb Hartzler, Akron; his grandchildren - Melea Powell-Hoffer, Stephen Heinzmann, Stacey McGriff, Blaine Hartzler, and Ashley Marrs; step grandchildren - Stacy Barkman, Scott Barkman, Tara Wolfe, and Tabitha Floor; 19 great grandchildren, anticipating the birth a great granddaughter; a sister Patsy and husband Channing Utter - Akron; and a brother - Larry and wife Bev Hartzler, Akron. He was preceded in death by: his wife, Kathryn I. Hartzler on July 13, 2015; his parents - Lester "Joe" and Helen Marie Hartzler; and his brothers Richard "Jack" and Jerome Hartzler. Services will be 10:30 a.m., Monday, Jan. 25, 2016 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 W. Rochester Street Akron, with Pastor Phil Pratt officiating. Burial will follow at Akron Cemetery, Akron. Friends may visit from 2 - 8 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 24, 2016 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to: Stephen and Kathryn Hartzler Memorial Scholarship entrusted at the Northern Indiana Community Foundation. Share a Memory or send an online condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, January 21, 2016

Mary Ruth (Hayden) Orpurt, age 93, gently passed away on Jan. 14, 2016 in the loving arms of her husband and with her children by her side. She was born on July 13, 1922 to Francis Gross Hayden and Julia Agnes (nee McDonough) Hayden. As a child growing up in South Lee, Massachusetts, Mary enjoyed swimming, skiing, skating, bike riding and hiking in the Berkshire Mountains. She graduated from Lee High School, Lee, Massachusetts in 1940 and took her nurse's training at Faulkner Hospital School of Nursing in Boston. In 1944, as a Registered Nurse at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in New Jersey, she met Philip Orpurt, who was working there on assignment for Civilian Public Service. They were married on Dec. 3, 1945, and in 2015 they celebrated 70 years of marriage. A homemaker for much of her adult life, Mary also worked as a nurse at several hospitals, as a substitute campus nurse and in the library at Manchester University. She also was a volunteer at Shepherd's Center in North Manchester, their home town for more than 60 years. Mary is survived by her husband, Philip A. Orpurt and five children: Karen (Gary) Crim, Dayton, Ohio; Marcia (William) Young, Medina, Ohio; Steven (Laura Smith), Phoenix, Arizona; Phyllis (Timothy) Peter, Prairie City, Iowa; Barbara (Paul) Dayton, Newburgh, Indiana. Grandchildren are: Marjorie Young (Adam) Kennedy, Matthew (Courtney) Young, Peter Crim, Benjamin Crim, David Peter (fiancee Magen Strunk), Bonnie Orpurt, Aaron Peter, Jeffrey Dayton, Julia Dayton, Rachel Peter, Scott Dayton, Caleb Peter and three great-grandchildren: Ivy Young, Kingston Kennedy and Noah Young. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the Manchester Church of the Brethren, North Manchester. The family requests memorials be given to Timbercrest Senior Living Community, Manchester Church of the Brethren, or Manchester University. Condolences may be sent to mckeeemortuary.com. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, January 21, 2016

William N. Housouer, born Dec. 9, 1927 in Nappanee to George and Bertha Housouer, passed away in his home, Jan. 15, 2016. Preceding William in death were: his parents, his wife June, his ex-wife Evelyn and a stepson, John. Surviving him includes: a sister Luella (Lu) Sauer, of Nappanee; three children, Elizabeth Buck, William Housouer, Frances Jean Johnson, all of Peru; five stepchildren - Rose Kenny, Janette Peltó of Tucson, Arizona, Diana Wiles, Betty Wiles of South Range, Michigan, and Terry Wiles of Luzerne, Michigan; plus several grandchildren and great grand children. From Nappanee, they moved to Villa Park, Illinois. In December 1944, and still in high school, he went to work for the Railway Mail Service, Chicago Post Office, until January 1946. Soon after, he joined the Navy Reserves. After training in California, he moved to Comis, Michigan to work on his Dad's farm. He married Evelyn and lived in Fairview, Michigan, until William got called up for active duty August 1952. They moved to Wisconsin while he served on the Great Lakes. He was honorably separated from the Navy in April 1954. They moved to Lansing, Michigan and he went to work at the main Post Office. Evelyn and William were divorced in 1960. William retired from the Postal Service in 1967, and went to work for a well drilling company. In January 1969, William married June. Later that year they moved to Fairview, Michigan where he started his own well drilling/pump service business. He fully retired at age 76 in 2003. He moved to Peru in 2012, to be close to his kids. Note: Ex-wife Evelyn introduced June to William and all remained close friends until their deaths. The memorial service will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, January 23, 2016

Billy Gene Bevington, 88, of Peru, passed away Jan. 22, 2016 at 8:15 a.m. He was born Oct. 18, 1927 in Peru to Otis and Joeanna Bevington. He married Helen Louise Graf on Jan. 10, 1948. She preceded him in death. Billy was a World War II army veteran serving as a supply truck driver in Japan. He worked on the Northfork and Southern Railroad, former Wabash Railroad, as a fireman, carman, roundhouse and wreck foreman for 38 years, retiring in 1987. He enjoyed farming, playing cards and listening to bluegrass and southern gospel music. While raising his family, he liked to go boating, camping and horseback riding. He was a member of the Moose, Maennerchor and Eagles. He attended Zion Chapel Church. Billy is survived by his three daughters, Colleen Kinzie and husband Larry, Mary Sharp and husband Ken, and Teresa Williams and husband Gary, all of Peru; seven grandchildren - Amber (Josh) Whited, Ryan (Heather) Kinzie, Natasha (Nathan) Minns, Amber (Auner) Lopez, Brian (April) Sharp, Shawn Williams, and Scott Williams, plus 14 great-grandchildren. Also Jean Zimmerman, a special friend survives. Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Charles, Harold, and Robert and two sisters Roena "Della" Townsend and Pauline Mussal.

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Friends may call on Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016 from 4 - 7 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru. The funeral will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2016 at 10 a.m. at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with the Pastor Rod Correll Sr. officiating. Burial will be at the Santa Fe Cemetery, with military service provided by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Great Lakes Home Health Care/Hospice. Friends and family may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, January 23, 2016

Mildred Eileen Buzbee, 88, a resident of Chase Center, Logansport, and formerly of Miami County, passed away at 12:12 a.m. Friday, Jan. 22, 2016, at Chase Center. Born July 14, 1927, in Miami County, Indiana, she was the daughter of the late Everett and Alta Lee Martindale Ramer. She was a member of Zion Chapel Church, Peru. Survivors include three children, Janet K. Patchett, Twelve Mile; Ralph D. Buzbee and wife Barbara, Phoenix, Arizona; and Phillip R. Buzbee and wife Kimberly, North Manchester; four grandchildren, Shannon Lindsay and husband Jon, Whitman, Arizona; Aaron Buzbee and wife Tabitha, Farmersville, Ohio; Adam Buzbee and wife Tracie, Marengo, Ohio; and Anthony Buzbee and wife Carissa, North Manchester; and nine great-grandchildren, Kara and Keagan Lindsay, and Seth, Emma, Kyle, Caden, Brian, Shelby, and Caleb Buzbee. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, David Lee Buzbee; two sisters, Louise Jones and Dorothy Townsend; three brothers, Gerald Ramer, Wilber Dee Ramer, and Edgar M. Ramer; and one son-in-law, Charles Patchett. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016, at Zion Chapel Church, Peru, with Pastor George Dinkel and Pastor Rod Correll officiating. Burial will be in Santa Fe Cemetery, Santa Fe, Indiana. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the time of service on Tuesday at the church. The online guestbook can be signed at www.mcclainfh.com. Memorial contributions may be made to the church. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, January 23, 2016

Racing legend **Bob Harkey** died last week, prompting Peru resident John Fugate to reminisce about the race car driver's affection for Peru. "(Bob) drove the Peru Circus Special in the Indianapolis 500," Fugate said. "He finished eighth in it in 1972 and finished in the top-10 three times there." The car was sponsored by the local Rotary Club after Lindsay Hopkins, the car's owner, made the request at a Rotary meeting, Fugate recalled. Ten people gave up \$1,000-a-piece. "That worked out as it was a very cheap sponsorship," Fugate continued. "We drove Harkey and his chief mechanic crazy every day. At the time, I was the assistant director of PR at the Speedway and several of us would walk in and tell them there was a package of shoes and noses in there for them. They always told us not to start that up and we'd get a big laugh out of it." Fugate said the car is no longer put together and was likely, "in a million pieces but there's someone in Indiana who still has that car, I believe."

Fugate moved to Peru after working at the Indianapolis Speedway. He ran Chamber of Commerce for 10 years, announced youth circus 14 years, including the comeback appearance in old timers show this fall, and has been on the board of directors of Circus Hall of Fame for 35 years. The importance of Peru's sponsorship of Harkey's car is not something that can be easily determined, according to Fugate, who was not yet a resident here at the time of the sponsorship. "I don't know how much impact that had on the circus, but I'm sure it did," Fugate said. "I was aware there was a circus in Peru but I didn't come up here to see it until about 1973 or 1974."

When Fugate did come to see the circus, he brought Tony Hulman George, Tony Hulman's grandson, with him. Hulman was the owner of the Indianapolis Speedway, purchasing it in 1945 and credited with helping to bring racing back after World War II.

Hulman invited Peru children to the Speedway after a visit here, and the children were able to meet many of the drivers, including Harkey. "Bob really became enamored with the kids, he and his wife, along with Pancho Carter," Fugate added. "They would come to the circus every summer. Bob was invited to drive in the parade in his uniform and helmet, which he did many times," Fugate recalled. "The last time he was here, the summer before last (2014), he brought his Auburn Cord Duesenberg up. It was a beautiful silver and dark maroon car," Fugate continued. "It was a kit car, mostly fiberglass, but it still sells for around \$50,000."

He also helped out with other endeavors, including a Chamber of Commerce car show, Fugate recalled.

"The people appreciated him," Fugate said. "The Chamber had a car show every year to keep it afloat and Bob, Pancho and several other drivers would come and flocked to him because he was a popular guy."

Harkey passed away Saturday, Jan. 16. He was 85.

A popular Indy race driver, he competed in the Indianapolis 500 six times between 1964 and 1976 and finished in the top ten three times. He was one of only 11 drivers still living who could claim to have driven in the "500" with a front-engined car, according to his obituary. He was one of only eight survivors who had started with both a front-engine and a rear-engine car. He was one of only six living drivers who could claim a top 10 finish with both. In February 1959, he took part in the very first event at the then-brand new Daytona International Speedway. He loved open-wheel racing of sprint cars and midgets. He competed in 84 USAC (United States Auto Club) National Championship events between 1963 and 1979. Indianapolis Motor Speedway boss Doug Boles issued a statement on Harkey's passing: "Bob Harkey competed during one of the most transformative times in Indianapolis 500 history as the cars moved from rear-engine to front-engine and from no aerodynamic devices to wings and downforce. But what made Bob Harkey special was his continued involvement in and around the Speedway each May after his racing years. He always had time for our fans, young and old, and his passion for the Indianapolis 500 was evident in every fan interaction."

In addition to his storied racing career, he loved performing as an aerial stunt pilot. Always looking for a challenge, he performed as a stunt man in several motion pictures, and he even boxed as a professional. He performed all the stunts for Robert Mitchum in "Thunder Road;" was one of the drivers in "Winning," starring Paul Newman, Joanne Woodward and Robert Wagner, and also performed stunts in "Speedway" with Elvis Presley.

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His love of people showed through as Harkey was part of Champion Spark Plug Company's Highway Safety program. He continued his volunteer work after retiring from racing, serving as a guest speaker, mentor and leader at schools, civic groups and community events. Fugate pointed out that Harkey's involvement with causes such as the Highway Safety Program were important to him.

"He would go out to schools and talk about highway safety to the kids," Fugate said. "He said if we save even one life, this program is worthwhile. He did that for about 12 years."

One of Fugate's favorite memories of his friend does not involve racing but rather, airplanes. Harkey gave Fugate a few flying lessons. "We were in an AT-6, which was a primary World War II fighter trainer," Fugate reminisced. "We were hanging upside down over Pittsboro, Indiana. We both had shoots on and he said, 'If anything goes wrong, don't worry. Stay here and I'll go for help!'"

"That sticks in my mind about Bob Harkey. He loved life, he loved people and not too many people can say that 'he did it my way,'" Fugate said. "I thank God that I became a good friend of his from 1963 on and I'm going to miss him."

Harkey is survived by wife Cheryl, a daughter, Robyn, and several cousins.

Services were Saturday, Jan. 23 at Conkle Funeral Home Speedway. Burial will be in Floral Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the USAC Benevolent Foundation.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, January 25, 2016

Mari Ellen Ramsey, 93 years old, passed away at 3:23 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016 at North Woods Village Kokomo. She was born May 29, 1922 in Pettysville, Miami County to Wilber Personett and Frances (Burkholder) Personett, who are both deceased. She married Clarence L. Ramsey April 5, 1942 preceding her in death. Also preceding her in death is one brother Merrill Personett. Surviving is one son Steve Ramsey (wife, Connie); one grandson Marcus Ramsey (wife, Ginni); great granddaughter Hayley; step grandsons Travis and Jennifer Tow and Justin Tow; step great grandchildren Trenton Tow, Jayden Tow, Mary Jay Sweeney and Abigail Tow of Huntsville, Alabama. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews. Mari attended Chili High School graduating in 1940. She worked for and retired from Kroger Food stores for 29 years. Mari was a member of the First Baptist Church, serving as deaconess and working on many boards. She also worked as Pink Lady for Dukes Memorial Hospital and serving on the board. A memorial service will be held at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016 at 1 p.m. Friends may call on Wednesday from 11 a.m. until time of service. Pastor Robert Adelsperger will officiate. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, January 29, 2016

Lenore Seiler, 87, Peru, died Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2016 at 7 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. She was born April 10, 1928 to McKinley and Mary E. Russell. She married William J. Seiler, on Feb. 15, 1958, and he survives. Lenore was a Mary Kay consultant and director for over 40 years. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, and great great grandmother. She enjoyed her time serving as a Sunday School teacher and choir member for many years. Lenore is survived by her loving husband, Bill Seiler, Peru; her children, Steven W. Seiler, Peru, and Yvonne Michael, Kokomo, grandchildren, Gregory W. Graf, Peru, Daniel P. Michael, Peru, and Jarred L. Haney, Kokomo, and their families. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, and one sister. A private service was held at 1 p.m. Friday Jan. 29, 2016 at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor Rod Correll Sr. officiating. Burial was held at the Ever-Rest Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, January 29, 2016

Robert J. Sears Sr. 87 years old, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2016 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born Oct. 11, 1928 at New Paris, Ohio to Willie H. Sears and Fannie (Johnson) Sears, both deceased. He married Betty A. Woodward Oct. 31, 1953 and she passed away on Jan. 3, 2003. Surviving are: two sons Willie H. Sears (fiancée, Susie Green) of Peru, Robert J. Sears Jr. (wife, Deborah) of Winona Lake; three daughters, Pamela Mae Myers (husband, Mike) of Newton, Kansas, Violet Hunt (companion, Cherokee), of Greentown, and Judy McKay of New Underwood, South Dakota. There are several grandchildren and great grandchildren that survive, as well as one daughter-in-law Linda Utter of North Manchester; and one great great grandchild. Preceding him in death are a wife, both parents, one son - Byron Utter, one son - Hayden Wayne Sears, two brothers, two sisters, and one great granddaughter - Josie Sears. Robert was a retired foreman for American Landscape. He was also a United States veteran of the Korean Conflict. Friends may call on Monday, Feb. 1, 2016 from 4 - 8 p.m. at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2016 at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Pastor Curtis May officiating. Burial will be at the Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with the Miami County military rites team providing military service. Memorials may be made to the Military Rites Team through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, January 29, 2016

Edward "Rudy" Downing, 86, of Peru, passed away Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016 at 3:13 a.m. at his residence. A mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016 at the St. Charles Catholic School. Family and friends will gather from 2-8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home 84 W. Main St. Peru. A prayer service will be held at 8 p.m.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, January 31, 2016

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Edward E. "Rudy" Downing, 86, of Peru, passed away Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016 at 3:13 a.m. at his residence. Rudy was born in Star City on Jan. 27, 1930, the son of Ralph F. and Julia M. Conner Downing. Rudy was a 1949 graduate of Peru High School. He married Alice Sawyer on July 8, 1950 and she preceded him in death Sept. 23, 1973. He then married Claudette Ann Mathis Dec. 28, 1974 and she survives. He worked as a Licensed Plumber at Delco Electronics until his retirement in 1995. He was a member of St. Charles Catholic Church, the Peru Maennerchor, The Knights of Columbus and Local UAW #292. Rudy was an avid sports fan and thoroughly enjoyed watching the Peru High School sports. He was an enthusiastic gardener and proud of his Hibiscus flowers. His greatest pleasure in life was spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is survived by his wife Claudette, children Gary and his wife Debbie Downing, Peru, Michael Downing and fiancé Suzanne Ahnert, Rochester, Lisa and her husband Gary Loe, Peru, Timothy and his wife Gail Downing of Etna Green; step-children Dan and his wife Dawn Dock, Dallas, Texas, David and his wife Debbie Dock, Macungie, Pennsylvania, Paul Dock, Cucamonga, California; grandchildren Joshua and Stacey Downing, Justin and Danielle Downing, Jennifer and Rick Miller, Patrick Downing and Anna, Nicole Rodriguez and Matt, Mandi and Filip Bielanski, Amber Loe and Froy, Hannah Downing, Jackson Downing and Quinn Downing; step grandchildren Adam Dock, Andrew Dock, Christopher and Missy Dock, Matthew Dock, Megan and Johnathan Nolter, Lauren Dock, Michelle Crance, Lesley Dock and Samantha Dock; great grandchildren Grady Downing, Ashley Miller, Alice Miller, Averil Miller, Olivia Downing, Owen Downing, Matea Downing, Andrew Rodriguez, Mason Atkins, Samantha Lovall and Max Bielanski; step-great grandchildren Evelyn Dock, Madison Ennis and Charles Ennis; a brother Francis and his wife Mary Jo Downing and a sister Mary Funkhouser. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Alice Sawyer Downing, granddaughter Kristy Downing and a daughter-in-law Brenda Dock. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Edward E. "Rudy" Downing will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016 at the St. Charles Catholic School with Father Adam Mauman officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 2 - 8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St. Peru. A prayer service will be held at 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers donations may be made through the funeral home to St. Charles Catholic Church Building Fund or the Peru High School Athletic Department. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, IN. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, February 1, 2016

Sherrill D. "Cub" Rogers, 61, of Peru passed away at his residence at 9:25 a.m. Jan. 27, 2016, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Peru on Jan. 3, 1955 to Canie Rogers and Agnes (Sizemore) Fouts. He married Kathy Kaukusch on July 17, 1976. Cub worked in the maintenance department at Armour-Eckrich Meats, and his hobbies were gardening and upholstering. He is survived by his wife, Kathy, and daughter Sherilyn Evans (husband, Tyler) of Peru, as well as grandson, Jayden Evans. He is also survived by a brother, Jack Rogers of Denver, Indiana, and sisters Lois McCoy (husband, Verlin) of Connersville and Marcia Rogers of Stanton, Kentucky. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, as well as three brothers: Larry Campbell, Sherman Rogers, and Banford Rogers; and three sisters: Verlene Rogers, Linda Morecraft, and Brenda Baldwin. Friends may call at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016 from 1 - 3 p.m. A memorial service will follow at 3 p.m., with Pastor E.J. Litherland and Rev. Dr. Richard Birden officiating. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Robert S. Wilson, 93, formerly of Peru, passed Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016 at 9:32 p.m. at the IU Health Center, Lafayette. Robert was born in Logansport on July 11, 1922, the son of Raymond Shearwood and Ethel Mae Jamison Wilson. Robert had one brother who died at birth. He had two sisters and never had the chance to have a life with them because they were born during the depression. His parents separated and his mother was unable to support any of the children. They were all adopted out to different people. They were very small at the time and never knew one another. He never saw his sisters again until he returned from the service in 1943 and they never became very close because of living apart so long. He lived most of his life in adopted homes and orphanages in Mexico. A few years later his mother remarried and he was invited to come live with his mother on a farm without his two sisters. Robert graduated Peru High School in 1940 and joined the US Army Foreign Service where he had his military training at Fort Clayton in the Panama Canal Zone, he also trained for Special Forces and the rest of the service was top secret. He was injured in the service and received an Honorable Discharge. He returned home to Peru only to depart for Texas to start working on Oil Drilling Rigs for 21 years. He then contracted with Camay Drilling Contractor to work in North Africa. Robert finished a three year contract with Camay Drilling and returned to Indiana to begin work at Delco Electronics. After working at Delco for five years he went to Alaska and became a driller on the North Slope Oil Company. After two weeks he decided he was no longer interested in the oil business. Robert left the North Slope and went to Anchorage, Alaska and started working in Civil Service as a Fuel Distribution Pumper Operator. After five years he was laid off because of Civil Service cut backs. Robert then went to work for Kulis Air National Guard Base as a Special Security Officer guarding the base and air craft. After five years at Kulis, Robert went to work with Federal Security and worked 22 years in Alaska. Robert retired and moved to Arizona and lived there for nine years and then returned to his home state of Indiana. Robert was a life member of the American Legion, the Veteran of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans. Robert married Rebecca Brenton in Kokomo on April 22, 1966 and she preceded him in death on May 5, 1999. He is survived by his daughters Carol Bowman and her husband Richard of Bristol, and Debra Johns and her husband Alton of Peru. There will be no services in Indiana. Robert will be buried at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery, Gustine, California. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, February 2, 2016

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Jack Walter Slajs, 82, was listening to the Psalms being read to him at home when he left his earthly life and entered his heavenly home on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016 with his loving wife at his side. Jack was born in Cleveland, Ohio to John and Marie Slajs on Aug. 5, 1933. He grew up in Riverside, California. On Oct. 3, 1952 Jack married Earline Dildine. He joined the Air Force on March 5, 1955. Jack loved serving our country. While serving in the Air Force, he and Earline lived in several states, such as California, Oregon, Georgia, Mississippi, Florida and Indiana. They also lived in Japan. While in Japan, they were blessed to adopt their son, Anthony. When Jack retired from the Air Force on April 1, 1975, he and Earline settled in Indiana. When in South America, Jack learned from the Lord what he wanted him to do with his life. A bus was driving by where he was sitting and the bus had, "Revival Time" on the side. Jack knew then that he was to be a servant of the Lord, wherever he went. While in Peru, Jack and Earline were founding members of the Independent Christian Fellowship Church. Then, they became members of the Mexico Baptist Church, where Jack served a Deacon. Jack was known as the church's hugging greeter. His hobbies included woodworking. Jack made a lot of the woodwork inside he and Earline's home. He enjoyed gardening, especially flowers. Studying the word of God was one of Jack's most favorite past times, as well as singing with Earline, when she sat down to play the piano. He was loving, and was very happy when he was working with people. One of the happiest times in his life was when he was overseas and helping people. He loved being around people. Jack is survived by his lovely wife, Earline. They were married 63 years. He is also survived by their son, Anthony of San Francisco, California. Viewing for Jack Slajs will be from 11 - 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016 at the Mexico Baptist Church, and a celebration of his life will follow at 1 p.m. Pastor Charles Cole and retired Pastor Larry Scott (Jack's brother-in-law) will officiate. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery. Military rites will also be included. Memorial contributions may be made to the Miami County Military Rites or to the Mexico Baptist Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Leon Robert Sharp, 64 of Peru, passed away Monday, Feb. 1, 2016 at 6:15 p.m. at the North Woods Village in Kokomo. Leon was born in Peru on Jan. 2, 1952 the son of William Robert and Lucille Ann Hoover Sharp. Leon went to North Miami High School. He worked as the Custodial Engineer for the Peru Nursing Homes. Leon is survived by his sister Diane and her husband Wayne Guyer, Wabash; niece Tonia and her husband Troy Davis; nephews Troy and his wife Rachel Guyer, Chad and his wife Amber Guyer, great nieces; Natasha Davis, Alice Guyer, Abby Guyer and Erica Guye; great-nephews; Austin Davis, Luke Guyer, Bradley Guyer and Jack Guyer. He was preceded in death by his parents. A service celebrating the life of Leon Robert Sharp will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, Feb. 5, 2016 at Ever Rest Memorial Park Chapel, Logansport, with Wayne Guyer officiating. Family and friends will gather from 9:30 - 10 a.m., in the Chapel. Burial will be at Ever Rest Memorial Park. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, February 2, 2016

Betty J. Jeter, 83, of Peru, passed away at 1:05 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2016. Betty was born in Indianapolis on Oct. 31, 1932 the daughter of Frank H. and Edna R. (Kronke) Bearsuilt. She married Raymond Vance, the father of her son James. She later married Howard S. Jeter on Aug. 7, 1971. Betty attended Lawrence High School and Indiana Business College and is a member of the Loree Brethren Church. Surviving is a son, James Vance and his wife Diana of Amboy, a step-daughter, Teresa Jobe of Connersville; grandchildren, Christopher Vance, Stephanie (Scott) Dubois, Eric (Heidi) Vance, Krysten (David) Moon, Maryann (Brandon) McQuinn, Benjamin (Mandy) Vance, Heather (Charles) McKinney, Patricia Vance, Garrison (Leslie) Evans, Aaron Vance, Matthew Vance, Michael (Shanique) Vance, Audrey (Jason) Dice, Kimberley (Jeremy) Lovins, James (Amanda) Jobe, Lisa Mitchell, Matthew Jeter, Timothy Jeter, Jr., Nathan Jeter and 42+ great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, Raymond Vance and Howard Jeter, and stepson Timothy Jeter. A service celebrating Betty J. Jeter will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, Feb. 8, 2016 at the Loree Brethren Church, 8483 S. Strawtown Pike, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Bill Bussard officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Hope Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 9 - 11 a.m., Monday at the church, prior to the service. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Loree Brethren Church AWANA. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, IN 46970. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, February 4, 2016

William L. Rockey, 73, Peru, passed away at 9:12 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016, at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis. He was born in Logansport, the son of William and Marguerite Yarian Rockey. He was married to the former Peggy Fitzpatrick, and she survives. He graduated from Peru High School in 1960. Bill loved trains, especially steam trains, and he was a member of the National Model Railroad Association. He retired from CSX Railroad and from the Indiana National Guard and Army Reserve. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Rockey, Peru; two sons, William Rockey, Jr., Beaverton, Oregon; and Jeff Rockey and wife Janice, Peru; stepson, Brian Robertson and wife Brooke, Peru; stepdaughter, Michelle Jones and husband Greg, Ft. Wayne; and grandchildren, Skiler Rockey, Trevor Robertson, Emma Jones, and Riley Jones; and brothers-in-law, Stan Fitzpatrick, Macy; and Kevin Fitzpatrick and wife Sheila, North Manchester. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 8, 2016, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Kenn Freeland officiating. Burial will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County with military rites by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of service on Monday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Miami County Military Rites Unit, c/o McClain Funeral Home, PO Box 248, Denver, Indiana 46926. Condolences may be sent online at www.mcclainfh.com.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, February 6, 2016

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Darral Gene Peoples, 64, Macy, passed away at 8:46 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Born Sept. 26, 1951, in Winnsboro, Louisiana, he was the son of Clarence Ray and Alma Lea Hawthorne Peoples. He was married to the former Melanie Jane Townsend, and she survives. Darral was retired from Delphi Electronics in Kokomo. He enjoyed farming, hunting, fishing, and working on cars. In addition to his wife Melanie Peoples, Macy, he is survived by his stepmother, Elsa Rae Peoples, Louisiana; four children, Mika J. Peoples, Louisiana; Sarah E. Gibson and husband Dan, Kokomo; Darral G. Peoples, Jr., Macy; and Kurt H. Peoples, Macy; grandchildren, Ava Peoples and Benjamin Gibson, Kokomo; and four siblings, Harold Peoples, Glinda Jones and husband Floyd, Karen Rollins and husband Jerry, and Beverly Wright and husband Dalton, all of Louisiana. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Condolences may be sent online at www.mcclainfh.com.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, February 6, 2016

Meredith Roller, 87, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 7, 2016 at Dukes Hospital. He was born on Dec. 28, 1928 near Idaville, Indiana. He was the youngest of seven children born to Millard C. and Martha B. (Ireland) Roller. He graduated from Jefferson Township High School in 1946. He farmed with his parents until he was drafted to serve in the Korean war in the 1950's. After he was discharged, he managed the General Finance loan company in Kokomo until his retirement in 1980. He was active for many years in both the Masonic Lodge and the Shriners. He enjoyed golfing and eating out in his retirement. He never married, so after his mother passed away, he and a very special friend got to know about many different restaurants in Miami and surrounding counties and beyond.

He moved into assisted living at Blair Ridge in April, 2010. He remained there until his health deteriorated to the point that it was necessary to move to the nursing center on Jan. 23, 2016. He is survived by one brother, Marlin Roller and his wife, Rosalyn, plus several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and five siblings: Norman Roller, Louise Bushman, Eugene Roller, Evan Grostefon, and Eleanor Irwin. Family and friends may call at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016 from 9 - 11 a.m. Funeral service will follow at 11 a.m., with Pastor Phil Cruea officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Mexico, Indiana. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, February 9, 2016

Harriett Cooper, 75, Peru, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2016. She was born April 7, 1940 to Clifford and Mary Bakehom. She married Gerald Cooper in 1959. Harriett retired from American Stationery. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. Harriett is survived by her children, Jim (Kim) Cooper, Kaleen Cooper, and Gary Cooper all of Peru. Four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Sisters, Cheryl Whittenberger (Gene), Vicki Gilsinger (Dana). Brothers, Basil Bakehorn, Mike Bakehom (Patty), Dennis Conklin (Alicia), and Greg Conklin (Dixie) and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, stepmother, Dorothy Bakehom, sister, Nancy Bell, brothers, Don Bakehorn, Dale Bakehorn, Ray Bakehom and Ronald Conklin. Memorial Services will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Kenneth Greenwald officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main St., Peru, IN 46970. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, February 9, 2016

Gwen E Jackson, 62, Westfield, went home to be with her Lord on Feb. 4, 2016. She was born on July 2, 1953, in Peru to Howard N Jackson and Frances E (Cogan) Jackson. She is survived by her son Nathan Sanchez, Westfield, whom she loved dearly; sisters Deborah (Craig) Stapleton and Ann (Richard Tornes) Jackson; brothers Leonard (Dianne) Jackson and Larry (Melissa) Jackson; nieces and nephews Aaron Gilsinger, Kevin Jackson, Christina (Tony) Marshall, Clay, Rachael, Haylie, and Luke Jackson, Jeremy (Jessica) Sawyer, Chelsi and Ali Hiers, Todd and Marie Tornes, Lindsay Pratt, and Megan Chmielewsky; and several great nieces and nephews. Gwen gave a home to many beloved dogs during her life. She was preceded in death by her parents. Gwen was graduated from Peru High School in the Class of 1971 and from Purdue University in 1975 with a B.A. Degree in Art Education. She earned her Masters of Science in Education with a Major in Secondary Education from Indiana University-Kokomo in 1983. She taught elementary art for most of her professional life in North and South Carolina and in Indiana. Her first position was the Elementary Art teacher for Central School in Peru, and her last position was the Elementary Art teacher for Oak Trace Elementary School in Westfield. Gwen was a member of First Baptist Church of Peru while growing up there and a current member of Grace Community Church of Noblesville. She was a member of the Peru YMCA swim team, the Peru High School Swing Choir, and won the Miami County Jr Miss Pageant in 1971. Visitation will be held at the Grace Community Church, 5504 E 146th Street, Noblesville, on Thursday, Feb. 11 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. followed by a memorial service at 6:30 p.m. Shirley & Stout Funeral Home assisted the family with cremation. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, February 9, 2016

Darwin L. Harding, formerly of Peru, passed away on Jan. 31, 2016 in Florida. He was born May 20, 1947 to Carl and Bertha (Owen) Harding. He graduated from Peru High School in 1965. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Donna. He is survived by daughters Dawn and Sasheen Harding, brother DeWayne and wife Mary, nephews Damian and Terry Harding and niece Katherine Jackson. There were no services. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, February 10, 2016

Gerald Harvey Edwards, 92, of Peru passed away Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016 at 6:54 p.m., at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Gerald was born in Miami County on July 4, 1923, the son of Roy M. and Fannie I. Hopper Edwards. Gerald was a 1941 graduate of Peru High School. He married Vivian D. Burke on Aug. 17, 1948 and she survives. He worked as a DeKalb Dealer for 15 years and also farmed. Gerald retired from farming after 50 years. He was a member of the McGrawsville United Methodist Church where he served as the

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men's President for 3 years, the FFA Treasurer and Vice President, the Miami County 4H Fair. Gerald was involved in the Indiana Rural Youth of Miami County where he served as President, the District President, and the State President from 1948-1949. He also was involved in the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Board for more than 30 years. Gerald enjoyed gardening, yard work, RV Camping and especially spending time with his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife Vivian, a son Gary A. Edwards and his wife Jane of Peru, a daughter Marcia Harkema and her husband Bob, Peru, a son-in-law Charles Berkheiser and a sister Kathleen Anderson, Peru; as well as six grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter Sharon Berkheiser and a granddaughter Kelly A. Edwards. Services celebrating the life of Gerald Harvey Edwards will be held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016 at the McGrawsville United Methodist Church with Rev. Kenny Cole and Rev. Steve Austin officiating. Burial will be at Rankin Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 4 - 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 15, 2016 at the McGrawsville United Methodist Church, 9377 S. 300 E., Amboy. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the McGrawsville United Methodist Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St. Peru, Indiana. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, February 13, 2016

Wilma V Burke, 75, of Peru, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at Aperia Care in Peru. Wilma was born in Whitesburg, Kentucky on July 2, 1940 the daughter of Jesse and Carrie Huntsaker Stallard. Wilma married Earl Burke on Sept. 13, 1958 and he preceded her in death Jan. 12, 2001. She is survived by a son Jeffrey S. Burke, a sister Juanita and her husband Junior Browning, Peru. Wilma was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Earl, brothers Billy Stallard and Bert Stallard. A service celebrating the life of Wilma V. Burke will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, Feb. 15, 2016 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street, Peru, with Pastor Dwight Elliott officiating. Burial will be at Reyburn Cemetery, Peru. Family and friends will gather from 9 - 11 a.m., Monday, Feb. 15, 2016 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, February 13, 2016

Adelard Henri "Al" Fluette, 74, of Peru passed away Friday, Feb. 12, 2016 at 7:54 a.m., at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne. Al was born in Woonsocket, Rhode Island on July 12, 1941, the son of Leo A. and Alice Proulx Fluette. Adelard served in the United States Air Force as an aircraft mechanic from 1960 to 1967. After leaving active duty, he went to work focusing on tool and dye over the years. He retired from Lear Corp. here in Peru in 2002. Al's passion was flying and anything aviation related. He held a private pilot license and enjoyed flying single-engine aircraft. He was known for building and flying radio-controlled airplanes, coin collecting fishing, camping and restoring older vehicles. Al was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church and the American Legion. Al is survived by his children Leo Fluette, Peru; Gerald Fluette and his wife Gina, Peru; Michelle LeBlanc and her fiancé Robert Buettner of Odenton, Maryland; a step-daughter Kelly M. Clingaman, Peru; sisters Rita Pristawa and her husband Walter, Woonsocket, Rhode Island, Pauline Atteridge and her husband Robert, Lake Wales, Florida; a grandson 2nd Lieutenant Alexander C. LeBlanc, Laughlin AFB, Texas and also Vicky C. Fluette, Peru. Al was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Doris LeBlanc, a brother Robert Fluette and his fiancé Sandy K. Clingaman. Services celebrating the life of Adelard Henri "Al" Fluette will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, with Father Adam Mauman officiating. Burial will be at the Marion National Cemetery, 1700 E. 38th Street, Marion, with Military Rites provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends will gather from 4 - 8 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2016 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. ASPCA. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, February 15, 2016

Shawna Lynn Wallace-Watson, 35, of Wabash, died at 10:20 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13, 2016 at her home. She was born May 15, 1980 in Wabash. She was raised by Gene Fox and Kathleen and Loren Rife. Shawna was a 1999 graduate of North Miami High School. She enjoyed watching her sons wrestle, riding Harley's, loved music, and plants. She attended The Lord's Table Church in Wabash and was involved with Shop with a Cop. She is survived by: her longtime companion, James Watson of Wabash; two sons, Jace Edward Watson and Jaylen Allen Watson, both of Wabash; mother and stepfather Kathleen Kay and Loren D. Rife, both of Wabash; grandparents, Dick (Donna) Wallace of Wabash, and Vi Miller of Urbana, Indiana; two sisters, Betha (Travis) Wallace-Rader of Peru, and Carrie Fox of Wabash; parents-in-law, Mark Watson of Lincolnville, and Sherry "Sheila" (Lyle) Lawson of Wabash; two sisters-in-law, Christina (Bob) Martin Huddleston of Wabash, and Lisa Williams of Ohio; several nieces and nephews, Justice Rader, Jordan Rader, Jarett Faust, Trever Shake, Levi Hall, Ethan Hall, Angela Williams, Ronnie Williams, Brittany Williams, Shannon Williams, James Rose, and Misty Rose; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her father, Gene Harvey Fox, grandfather, Wilbur Miller, aunt, Sally Wallace Little, and sister-in-law, Rosalee Rose. Funeral services will be 3 p.m., Friday, Feb. 19, 2016 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Roxanne Mann officiating. Burial will be in Friends Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 1:30 - 3 p.m., Friday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is to Jace and Jaylen Watson Trust. The memorial guest book for Shawna may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Lillian Melling Covert passed away Feb. 13, 2016 at 5:52 p.m. at Dukes Memorial Hospital surrounded by her family. Visitation is Wednesday, Feb. 17 from 3 - 7 p.m. at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill. The funeral is Thursday, Feb. 18 at 11 a.m. at the McGrawsville United Methodist Church, McGrawsville, officiated by Rev. Kenny Cole. Lillian was born August 3, 1923 in

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Hayesville, North Carolina to Killian and Laura (Price) Carter. She was the oldest of three children. Her brothers are William who preceded her in death, Ben Carter of Casa Grande, Arizona, and Glenn (Pete) Carter of Hayesville, North Carolina. Lillian married Robert Melling on April 6, 1946. Rev. Melling passed away Sept. 2, 1988. They had two children: Sue (Ron) Bennett and Stephen (Dolly) Melling. Grandchildren include: Victoria (Mike) Smith of Muncie; William (Amy) Stuber of Peru; Stephany (Jamie) Astrup of Peru; Jennifer Davis of Logansport. She has 15 great grandchildren and 12 great-great grandchildren. Lillian retired from the North Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church as an Audio Visual Librarian in 1988. Lillian married Franklin Covert on March 6, 1991 at McGrawsville United Methodist Church. Frank passed away on April 3, 1998. Lillian moved to Blair Ridge Health Campus in 2012 and loved her new apartment. She was an active member of McGrawsville United Methodist Church as long as her health permitted. She enjoyed the Bible Study time offered at Blair Ridge. Lillian was a fun-loving person who loved to sing and dance to the oldies. She enjoyed the variety of activities offered at Blair Ridge. Lillian was preceded in death by her parents, both husbands, her brother, William; her granddaughter, Diane Watson, and great grandson, Ethan Astrup. Friends May Call From 3 - 7 p.m. (Wednesday) at Allen Funeral Home. Funeral will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at McGrawsvill United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at Springdale Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to McGrawsville United Methodist Church. Family and Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.Flowersleedyallen.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home
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Harold L. Ealy Jr, 85, of Peru, passed away on Feb. 14, 2016 at Hickory Creek of Peru care center. Harold was born on July 16, 1930, the son of the Late Harold Ealy, and the late Areta (Chapman) Ennis. Harold served his country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a group leader at Delco and retired from there after 40 years of service. He married Janet (Alman) Ealy on May 12, 2000 and she survives. Harold liked to sing and play the guitar, dance and enjoyed talking on the CB radio where he was known as "Cedar Crest Rooster". He also enjoyed bowling on a league. Harold is survived by his wife Janet Ealy of Peru; four children, Steven L Ealy, Debra (Dennis) Parks, both of Kokomo, Carolyn (Mike) Conner of Tipton, and Janet (Jeff) Dye, Wabash. He is also survived by four step sons, Dennis (Pat) Betzner, Rex (Teresa) Betzner, Max (Mary) Betzner and Chris (Janet) Betzner; four brothers, Joe (Martha) Ealy, Gail (Helen) Ennis, Jr; John Ennis, and Benjamin Ennis. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren, 10 step grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, 31 step great grandchildren, four great- great grandchildren and one step great- great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold Ealy, Areta Ennis and step father Gail Ennis, Sr; one daughter, Delores Trueblood, one sister, Geraldine Schoman and one brother Ronald Ennis. Visitation will be Friday Feb. 19, 2016 from 11 - 1 p.m. at Sunset Memory Garden Funeral Home 2097 W Alto Rd Kokomo. A funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. at the funeral home, with Pastor Jeff Harlow officiating. Entombment will be at Sunset Memory Gardens cemetery. Online condolences may be made to www.sunsetmemorygardenfuneralhome.com The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Gary L. Tarrant, 62, passed away on Feb. 14, 2016 at 6 p.m. at his home in Bunker Hill with his son, Nicholis and daughter, Misty by his side. He was born on Dec. 31, 1953 at Mountain Home A.F.B., Idaho. He was the only son born to Clyde (Terry) and Shirley (Anderson) Tarrant. He graduated from Maconaquah High School. He served in the US Navy from 1970-1972. He was later employed with Rock Industries where he joined the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 103. When he left Rock Industries he worked out of the Union Hall retiring in 2009. He is survived by five children: Brandon (Florida), Nicholis (Kokomo), Misty (Peru), Shaelynne and Garyan (Rochester); and one step-son Stetson(Rochester). He also leaves behind five grandchildren, Cameron and Halley (Florida). Makayla and Jesse (Peru) and Briahson (Rochester), and several nieces and nephews. He also leaves behind three sisters: Sandy Olson-Polk (Chicago), Vicky Tarrant-Pierce (Bunker Hill) and Yvette Tarrant-Vandsen (Peru). He was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Shirley Tarrant. Family and friends may call from 3 - 7 p.m Wednesday. at East Pointe Bible Church. 1540 Paw Paw Pike, Peru, Indiana. His wishes were to be cremated; a private burial will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, love offerings may be made to Allen Funeral Home to help the family with the funeral costs. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, February 16, 2016

John Mark Sutton, 60, died at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis on Sunday, Feb. 14, 2016. John was born on June 27, 1955 in Peru to Jack W. and Marilyn (Denton) Sutton. He was a 1973 graduate of Peru High School, and attended Brigham Young University. He worked for 27 years with his father Jack at Sutton's Standard Station, 105 West Main, and later at Bryan Steam Corp. He was an avid fisherman, a member of Bassmasters, and was feared by fish everywhere. He is survived by: his parents; two sisters: Jane Sutton of Miami Beach, Florida, and Julie (Ritch) Shepherd of Orem, Utah; four brothers: Jeffrey (Teresa) Sutton of Carmel; Jerome "Jerry" (Janie K.) Sutton of Centennial, Colorado; Joseph (Lynne Buccilli) Sutton of McCordsville; and Jordan (Angie) Sutton of Livonia, Michigan. He is also survived by 17 nieces and nephews, two great nieces, and one great nephew. Friends may call from 4 - 7 p.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. A private graveside service will be held on Friday. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Arrangements entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Rosetta C. Burns, 96, Ft. Wayne, passed away at 2:52 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 15, 2016, at Kingston Care Center, Ft. Wayne. Born Dec. 13, 1919, in Peru, she was the daughter of Orlie P. and Fern Griswald Black. She was married in Peru, to Max Burns on April 20, 1947, and he preceded her in death. For many years, she worked as a secretary for Peru attorney Russell Wildman. She is survived three children, Melody Fey, Ft. Wayne; Kimberly Singleton, Huntington; and Mark Burns and wife Jackie, Ft. Wayne; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; siblings, Marjorie Edwards, Mesa, Arizona; Mary Hoagland, Peru; Patricia McIntosh, Kalamazoo, Michigan; Jerry Black and wife Glenda, Cantonment, Florida; Nancy L. Norris and husband Dennis, Twelve Mile. She

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was preceded in death three siblings, John "Jack" and Carl "Bud" Black, and Ruth Grady and one granddaughter, Elaina Michelle Singleton. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the funeral home. The guestbook can be signed online at www.mcclainfh.com. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Steven E. Staller, 58, of Russiaville, passed away at 3:50 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016 with his loving and supportive family by his side. Steven (Steve) was born in Peru, on Oct. 31, 1957, the first son of Donald E. and Harriet A. (Hann) Staller. He was a 1976 graduate of Maconaquah High School. He then spent many years running his auto body business before returning to school to graduate from Purdue University in 1989 where he earned a degree in Electrical Engineering. It was during this time that he met the love of his life, Shannon (Fogle) Staller and they later married Sept. 29, 1990. Since that time, he has been employed with Delco, Delphi and now GM Holdings as an engineer where he earned numerous patents in his field. Surviving is his wife, Shannon, son Seth of Columbia Missouri, daughter Sable of Indianapolis, brother Jeff of Peru and brother Mike of Lehigh Acres, Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents and a niece, Fayth Staller. Also surviving are five nieces and nephews and five great-nieces and nephews. Steve thoroughly enjoyed his family, sports, wood working and being a proud father. His kids were his pride and joy, and it was his mission to give them a strong foundation in life which he achieved and then some. He was a devoted husband, father, son and brother, and his departure from this world all too early will be felt forever by those who loved him. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016, at Stout & Son Funeral Home, 200 East Main Street, Russiaville, with Pastor Steve Allen officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Memory Garden Cemetery. Friends are invited to visit with the family from 5 - 7 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Messages of condolence may be left online at www.stoutandson.com.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Richard M. "Rich" Aikman, 68, passed away Monday Feb. 15, 2016 at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. Rich was born March 20, 1947 in Peru to Charles and Mary (Killian) Aikman. He married Mary Lyons on May 4, 1985 and she survives. He was a 1966 graduate of Peru High School and retired from Wal-Mart after many years. Rich was an avid bowler and softball fan and was a constant presence at the old Maconaquah Park diamond. For many years, Rich kept score for his sons' Little League and fast pitch softball teams. Rich is survived by his wife Mary, sons Leslie Foster of Texas, Shea Aikman of Kokomo, Ethan Aikman of Kokomo, brother Jim Aikman of Peru, and niece Kelly Aikman (Brian) Kinser of Noblesville, Indiana. A private service will be held on Monday. Love offerings can be made in care of Flowers- Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, February 18, 2016

Jane E. Sharp, 84, formerly of Roann, died at 4:54 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 18, 2016 at Wellbrooke of Wabash. She was born Oct. 26, 1931 in Etna Green, to John Ganshorn and Mary Agness (Hatfield) Anglin. Jane was a 1949 graduate of Bourbon High School. She married Raymond S. Sharp in Columbia City on Oct. 26, 1952; he died Dec. 10, 1979. She retired from Wabash Magnetics in 1997 after 31 years. She attended the Wabash Alliance Church. Jane made quilts for all of her grandchildren, enjoyed IU Basketball, knitting and gardening, and loved her family. She has lived at Wellbrooke the past two and a half years. She is survived by: four children, Kenneth (Mary) Sharp of Peru, Joseph (Lisa) Sharp of Roann, Jacqueline (Leslie) Mittank of Wabash, and Cathie (Richard) Conley of Peru; 11 grandchildren, Natasha (Nathan) Minns of Terre Haute, Amber (Auner) Lopez of Peru, Brian (April) Sharp of Terre Haute, Beth (Jeff) Yates of Fort Wayne, Aaron (Trista) Mittank of Marysville, Ohio, Justin (Amber) Sharp of Sumpter, South Carolina, Michelle (Jason) Turley and Ashley Sharp, both of Peru, Mike (Nikki) Amburgey of Vincennes, Curtis Amburgey of Huntington, Jason Holley of Wabash, and Cory Sheppard of Logansport; 27 great grandchildren; and two sisters, Phyllis Scott and Margaret (Max) Weakly, both of Bourbon. She was also preceded in death by her parents, son, Tony Sharp, and three brothers. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, 2016 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Jeff Yates officiating. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery. Friends may call 2 - 6 p.m. Sunday, at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is American Cancer Society. The memorial guest book for Jane may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, February 18, 2016

Jody E. Minick passed away Friday, February 19 at 1:20 a.m. at Hickory Creek Nursing Home. Jody was born June 14, 1930 in Arkansas to Elmer and Lexie (both deceased) and was raised with two brothers, Zelus and James (deceased) along with two sisters: Berma Lee (deceased) and Jerri, still living in Arkansas. Dad married on November 16, 1951 to Viola (now deceased) and raised seven children with the youngest son Gary Wayne (deceased). Jody's remaining children are Virginia Smith (husband-Ray), Evelyn Snow, Lynn Minick, (wife-Chris), Sharlene Orpurt (husband-Al), Judy Gale Sparks (husband-Leon) and Sharon Kaiser (husband-Ed). Also surviving are 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Jody was in the military and worked for the N & W Railroad until his retirement. Jody was known for his great compassion shown in his ministry of giving out food items to those in need for over 30 years. He continued his compassion in the nursing home by assisting other residents and he enjoyed the "outings" to museums, zoos, ball games and other social events. Friends may call Monday, February 22 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home from 2pm to 5pm with service starting at 5 pm with Pastor George Dinkel officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru with military rites by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, February 21, 2016

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David E. Snyder, 86, Peru, passed away at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, February 19, 2016, at Blair Ridge Health Campus, Peru. Arrangements are pending at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. - [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Sunday, February 21, 2016](#)

Larry L. Klein, 80, of Akron, passed away at 11:05 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 19, 2016 at Kosciusko Community Hospital of Warsaw after being in failing health for several months. Born Aug. 14, 1935 in Akron, he was the son of Ellis and Treva (Morris) Klein. On June 19, 1955 in Akron, he wed Barbara McDaniel who preceded him in death in August of 1973. He then married Carolyn Kay Slaby on Sept. 13, 1977 in Mishawaka; she survives. Larry had been a superintendent, principle, and school teacher at Maconaquah Schools and North Miami Schools where he coached basketball and cross country. He also had been a minister in Muncie (Church of God), Peru (First Church of God), and South Dayton Beach, Florida (Warner Christian Academy). Larry was a 1953 graduate of Beaver Dam High School, then Anderson College in 1958, and Masters Degree in School Administration from Butler University. He was ordained in 1986 as a minister of the Church of God. He was a former member of the Akron Lions Club and the Rochester Optimist Club. Survivors include: his wife Kay Klein, Akron; a daughter, Kathy Miles, Akron; his sons Melvin Klein of Ft. Wayne and Gary Klein of Beaver Dam Lake, Claypool; his step daughters Cami and husband Steve Nail of Atlanta, Georgia, and Keriann and husband David Martin of Knightstown; five grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife Barbara Klein; his parents, Ellis and Treva Klein; and a son-in-law, Verl Miles. Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2016 with memorial visitation from 10 - 11 a.m. prior to the service at Akron Church of God 301 S West St, Akron, with Pastor Ryan Chapman presiding. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery, Akron. Memorial visitation hours are 6 - 8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2016 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron. Memorial contributions to: Kosciusko Home Care & Hospice 1515 Provident Dr, Warsaw, Indiana or the WeeCare Children's Ministries. Share a Memory or send an Online Condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com. - [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, February 22, 2016](#)

David Earl Snyder left his earthly home and entered his heavenly home at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, Feb 19, 2016, at Blair Ridge Health Campus, Peru, with his family by his side. David was born in South Bend, on March 9, 1929, to the late Earl and Clara E. Fincher Snyder. The family moved to Miami County, where he grew up and graduated from Jefferson Township High School. He was married to Joan W. Raber on June 26, 1950, and she preceded him in death on May 21, 2013, after nearly 63 years of marriage. David served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. After the war, he and Joan adopted a beautiful daughter, Cindy, in 1955. They later adopted another beautiful daughter, Valorie, in 1958, and in 1960, they were blessed with the birth of their third beautiful daughter, Lisa. David grew up on the farm, helping his father and later took over the farm when his father passed away. He loved farming and retired in April of 1994. David was a loving husband, father, brother, uncle, cousin and friend. He was a Godly man and a member of the Mexico Baptist Church, where he served as Moderator and a Deacon for many years. He also served as a Trustee and helped to build the new addition to the church. In 1975, he and Joan served as missionaries in Nicaragua. His hobbies included wood carving, square dancing, playing golf, boating, and camping with his family. When David retired from farming, he and Joan traveled during the winter months to Florida. He is survived by his three daughters, Cindy (David) Murphy, Valorie (Charles) Cole, and Lisa (Jeff) Wooten, all of Peru; three grandchildren, Laura (Jeremy) Flaherty, Danville; Leslie (John) Flynn, West Lafayette; and Ian Wooten, Cincinnati, Ohio; four great grandchildren, Fionnegan and Eamon Flaherty, and Aubrey and Brayden Flynn; three sisters, Anita Burrous, Indianapolis; Virginia Langston, Debary, Florida; and Vivian (Tom) Clark, Loveland, Colorado; and a host of nieces and nephews. David's "Going Home" celebration will at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26, 2016, at Mexico Baptist Church with his son-in-law, Pastor Charles Cole, and Pastor Jay Nickless officiating. Burial will follow at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico, with Military Rites presented by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Viewing will be from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25, 2016, at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Mexico Baptist Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana. The online guestbook can be signed at www.mcclainfh.com.
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William "Bill" H. Garman, 63, of Rochester, passed away at 9:30 a.m. Friday Feb. 19, 2016 at his residence. He was born on July 24, 1952 in Hillsboro, Ohio the son of Everett and Lillian (Davis) Garman. On April 3, 1976 in Tucson, Arizona he married Susan J. Clavers and she survives. Bill retired from the United States Air Force as a Master Sargent after serving over 33 years. He served during the Vietnam War having been stationed in Vietnam, Guam and Thailand. He worked as a jet engine mechanic and air craft crew chief during his military career. He was a member of First Christian Church, Eagles Lodge, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, Fulton County Habitat for Humanity, Master Gardeners, former Miami County 4-H Leader, Superintendent, 4-H Council, 4-H Fair Board and Extension Board member. In his spare time he enjoyed gardening, woodworking and lawn care. Survivors include: his wife, Susan J. Garman, Rochester; sons, Brian and wife Kristie Garman, Huntington, and Michael Garman and girlfriend, Carrie Teller, Winder, Georgia; a daughter, Sandra and husband Michael Hoffarth, Rochester; grandchildren, Galan and Liam Dishner, both of Huntington, Makenzie Garman, Huntington, Christopher and Isaac Garman, both of West Lafayette; brothers, John and wife Renate Garman, Schierstein, Germany, Jim and wife Bunny Garman, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina; sisters, Nedra and husband Jim Guthrie, Grove City, Ohio, Lori and husband Darrell Tillis, Orient, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents in 2001. Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday Feb. 26, 2016 at First Christian Church, Rochester, with the Rev. Mike VanHeyningen officiating. Friends may call from 4 - 8 p.m. Thursday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, and one hour prior to service Friday at the church. Burial will be at a later date at Fulton Cemetery, Fulton, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to Fulton County Habitat for Humanity. Online condolences may be expressed at www.zimmermanbrosfh.com - [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, February 22, 2016](#)

Betty Ebert, life-long resident of Peru, and a devout servant of God and His Son Jesus Christ, gracefully entered into the Heavenly Father's eternal peace on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016. Betty was born in Peru on April 22, 1928 to Isabel Kelly Hann and Robert A Hann. She was the younger of Robert's and Isabel's two children. Her brother was Robert W Hann, a veteran of World War II who served in the US Army Signal Corps; he predeceased Betty in 1994. She graduated from Peru High School in 1946, and attended Butler University before returning to Peru for the rest of her life. Betty Hann married her PHS Sweetheart, Herbert A Ebert, on Nov. 27, 1949 at the Methodist Church on West Main Street in Peru. They were husband and wife for 53 years and a few days before Herb's untimely death on Dec. 5, 2002. This remarkable woman was a devoted Grandmother, Mother, and Wife. Her grandchildren - Angela, Grant, Sierra, and Andrea - were the love of her life especially in her later years, her happiest moments, her joys. Grandma Ebert considered herself blessed with her grandchildren, who each brought her happiness with every visit, every special event, every letter, every card, and every phone call. Likewise, her grandchildren returned her love for Grandma in their own special ways. And Betty was a fantastic Mom to sons Michael and Joel. Father Herb imparted his talents in engineering, machining, and business to his sons, and Mother Betty gave them her values of faith, respect, equality, humility, and dignity. Together, Betty and Herb's strengths were complementary foundations to Joel and Michael, which they in turn passed on to their children. Betty and her paternal sister-in-Law, Carolyn Ebert Barnes, who also survives Betty, have for over 50 years forged a special relationship. Both Betty and Carolyn viewed each other as Mother - Daughter, a bond, which it was, and is, and will remain. Betty loved God's creatures small and great and the beauty of this Earth God created for us. During her years as mother to her two sons, "Mom" gave caring love for her companion pets ranging from a parakeet, to numerous stray cats and dogs. Later in life, she became an avid bird watcher who had great joy observing native Indiana wild birds, especially small finches and sparrows. These wild birds gave her much comfort and joy especially in the final months of her life. A memorial celebration of Betty's life and her acceptance into eternal life with God and His Son Jesus Christ will be held at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home on West Main Street in Peru on Friday, Feb. 26, 2016, starting at 4 p.m. and commencing at 5:30 p.m. Betty's family wants that this memorial will be filled with happy moments and stories. Rev. Ron Bowland, who has given Betty/Mom/Grandma exceptional pastoral ministry, will open the celebration with brief reflections of a remarkable life lived and an even more special life beyond. Pastor Ron will offer Betty's favorite Bible verses, and a short prayer. Family and those attending are encouraged to share their own reflections on her remarkable life. Those who cannot attend in person may offer happy moments or silent thoughts from wherever you may be. The family of Grandma-Mother respectfully request that in lieu of flowers and other temporal offerings that if you are so inclined instead donate whatever you wish to Peru Grace Brethren Church "in Loving Memory of Betty Ebert" so that this Church will continue its ministry to God's will and the needs of the Peru, Indiana Community. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, February 22, 2016

Georgia C. Durkes, 102, formerly of Peru, passed away at 12:25 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 21, 2016 at the Century Fields Retirement Community, Greentown. She was born in Peru on May 12, 1913 the daughter of Charles E. and Nellie Thrush Butt. Georgia married George L. Durkes on Sept. 3, 1935 and he preceded her in death on Jan. 30, 1982. Georgia was a 1932 graduate of Peru High School and a member of the Parkview United Methodist Church. She loved gardening, sewing and being a farmwife. She participated in the Miami County 4 H Dress review from 1968 - 2005. Surviving are her daughter Beverly Jean Watkins and her husband Don of Greentown; grandchildren Michelle Harvey and her husband Zane of Fishers, Troy Watkins and his fiancée Susan Acuff of Fishers, and Daniel Durkes; great-grandchildren Max Harvey, Micayla Harvey and Mason Harvey and a brother-in-law Lester Stout of Peru. Georgia was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, George, a son, Gary L. Durkes, and siblings Frances Hanaway, Janet Stouffer and Lois Stout. A service celebrating the life of Georgia C. Durkes will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 26, 2016 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru with Rev. J. Robert Clark officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 9 -11 a.m., at the funeral home prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Parkview United Methodist Church. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Plessa Edward Mast, 89, of Urbana, Illinois, died Friday Feb. 19, 2016. Ed was born Oct. 18, 1926 in Bourbon, Indiana to Plessa L and Vada Mae Mast. His father was a minister in the United Brethren Church and his mother received seminary training before becoming a pastor's wife and homemaker for Ed and his three siblings, Jane, Mary Etta, and Paul. He lived in Churubusco and Napanee, before moving to Peru, where he met Phyllis Oury in 1937. They became close friends and in 1947 they began a 68 year marriage. Ed graduated from Peru High School in 1944, and after being drafted he enlisted in the Navy as an Electronics Technician's Mate in the fall of 1945 during World War II. His service in the Navy led to his interest in antennas and radar systems. He returned to complete his undergraduate and Master's degrees in Electrical Engineering at Purdue University. He received a PhD in Electrical Engineering in from the University of Illinois in 1958 and he remained at the U of I for his entire career as a Professor of Electrical Engineering, becoming Associate Head of the Electrical Engineering Department in 1985 before retiring in 1987. The main focus of his research was on antennas, wave propagation, and electromagnetic field theory. Teaching students was his passion and was always a high priority. In addition to his work at the U of I he worked many summers for aerospace companies in Southern California, where he designed antennas for spacecraft and missiles, with a particular focus on electromagnetic propagation of radiofrequency signals during spacecraft reentry. Ed is survived by his wife Phyllis of Urbana; his seven children, Philip (Katy) of Palo Alto, California, Kim

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(Cindy) of Loveland, Colorado, Eric (Jill) of Atlanta, Georgia, Dan (Laura) of Urbana, Anne (John) of Edwardsville, Alan (Lynne) of Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, and Jeffery (Kristin) of Loveland, Colorado; 22 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, his brother Paul Mast of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and many extended family and cherished friends. He is predeceased by his parents and his sisters. There will be a gathering of family on Thursday at the Mast Homestead, 1005 Martz St, Syracuse, which was built by Ed, his father and his brother in the mid-1940s using lumber from Ed's grandfather Levi's house south of Bremen, Indiana. At noon on Thursday, Phyllis and her children will be available to meet with family and friends at the Oakwood Park Chapel on Lake Wawasee. A funeral service will be at 1:30 PM at the Program Center (former United Methodist Church) at Oakwood Park. A service of Christian burial with military honors will be at 3:30 PM Thursday at Bremen Cemetery, 100 E 2nd St, Bremen, Indiana 46506. A memorial service will be held in Urbana at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Urbana or to the Clark-Lindsey Legacy Fund % Renner-Wikoff Chapel, 1900 S Philo Road, Urbana IL 61802. Condolences may be offered at www.renner-wikoffchapel.com. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, February 24, 2016

William "Bill" Lee Page, 70, passed away peacefully on February 24, 2016 at Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center surrounded by his loving family. William was born on March 22, 1945 in Marion to William O. Page and Colene E. (Stith) Page. He graduated from Van Buren High School where he was active in track and football. He proudly served in the US Army from 1963-1966. He was able to travel around to many beautiful places while deployed, but his favorite was always Thailand. He was honored to have served his country, so much so that he continued his service through the National Guard Reserves. William met the love of his life, Mary Rita Qualio, when he returned home from active duty. As soon as they met, she knew he was the one. Six months later, on Jan. 27, 1967, Bill and Rita were married by Father Sego at St. Charles Catholic Borromeo Church in Peru. They recently celebrated 49 years of marriage. Together they raised three daughters, Mary Page, Candia Page (Lynn Alder), and Barbara Hall (Brian Hall). They also have two beautiful grandchildren, Alexis and Clayton Hall. In 1972, after graduating from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy at Indiana University, William began his long and fulfilling career with the Peru Police Department. He held every position at the department, including Chief for eight years. He enjoyed working with the public, especially the children in schools. William began the first DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program in the Peru Community Schools in which he was a DARE officer. He also set up an award program for 6th graders, based on academics and good behavior, in which students received trophies at the end of the school year for their hard work. He wanted students to know that hard work paid off and that there were people out there that believed in them. He paid for all this by himself. He won numerous awards, whether it was through his exemplary work through the police department, community service, or the many pistol matches he competed in. He retired from the Peru Police Department in 2000. Believing in public service, William was a Miami County Commissioner for four years along with Chase Huber and Guy Deeds. Together they strived to make Miami County a better place to live. During his retirement years, he and Rita loved to take road trips to Michigan. He looked forward to Sundays with the coffee group at McDonalds and Tuesday night card games. He had a close knit set of friends that he enjoyed being with. He and Jerry Landis could sit and tell stories for hours about hunting, service life, and the police department. They would have people crying from laughter. William is survived by his wife, Rita and three daughters as well as his two grandchildren. He is also survived by a sister, a brother, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Colene Page. Family and friends may call Monday from 4 - 7 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Services will be Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 10 a.m. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to: Veterans House, In Memory of William Page, c/o Kimberly Few 2669 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis, IN 46222
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, February 26, 2016

Mary Elizabeth (Hylton) Farrell, age 85, of Rising Sun, Indiana went to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016 while surrounded by her loving family at her daughter's home in Lafayette. She was born in Ammons, Kentucky on Jan. 5, 1931 to the late Guy Owen and Lucy Katherine (Poole) Hylton. On Sept. 17, 1981 she married Ron Farrell in Las Vegas. She was a wonderful mother and homemaker and worked as a proof reader for American Stationary for 8 years. She enjoyed life and loved spending time with her family. She is survived by her husband, Ron of Rising Sun; son, Duane (Liz) Flaherty of Macy; three daughters, Betty Brennan of Tennessee, Kay Weathington of Lafayette, and Lynn (Roy) Lewis of Florida; 15 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Debra Louise (Flaherty) Coleman; two brothers, Henry and Robert Hylton; and a step-son, Randy Farrell. Visitation will be from 12 - 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, in Peru, with the funeral service following at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at Springdale Cemetery in Bunker Hill. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Great Lakes Hospice, 900 Cooper St, Jackson, MI 49202. Sanders Funeral Care of Kingman has been entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at <http://www.sandersfuneralcare.com>. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, February 29, 2016

Ruth Meek Enyart, 92, of Rochester, passed away at 1:50 a.m., Monday, February 29, 2015 at Life Care Center of Rochester. Services will be noon on Thursday, March 3, 2016 in the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 West 18th St., Rochester. Friends may visit with the family from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. on Thursday in the funeral home. Interment will be in the Rochester IOOF Cemetery.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Timothy J. Braun, 54, of Peru, passed away Thursday, Feb. 25, 2016, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. He was born in Adams County on Dec. 23, 1961. He was the son of the late Richard Braun Sr. and Barbara Braun, Monroe. Timothy is survived by: his wife, Debra Braun, Peru; one son, Brandon "Dakota" Braun of Denver and Becca Braun, Peru; a granddaughter, Saria Harper Braun,

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Bunker Hill. Timothy is also survived by a brother Steve Braun (Karla), and sisters, Jackie Geimer (Dave), Linda Gregg (Wally) and Susie Liette. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Becky Braun and Nancy Hoy (Todd) a brother, Richard Braun Jr. and several nieces and nephews. There will be a memorial service at St. Mary's Church in Decatur on Saturday, March 5, 2016 at 10 a.m..

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Martha E. Rasmussen, 95, passed away peacefully in her sleep at home in Peru, Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016. She was born on Nov. 17, 1920 in Frankenmuth, Michigan to George and Anna (Haas) Daenzer. She married Vernon D. Rasmussen on Dec. 1, 1942. She is survived by one daughter, Carol (Terry) Stejskal; two sons, Larry and Merlen (Donna) Rasmussen; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild, many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by: her parents; husband; two sons, Benny and Allen Rasmussen; one daughter-in-law, Gayle; four brothers, Harold, Edwin, Herman and Albert Daenzer; three sisters, Alma Danker, Elsie Fischer, and Clara Block. She was a housewife for 60 years in rural Pierce County, Wisconsin before moving to Peru. She was an avid reader, enjoyed playing Euchre, and was very active in her church life both in Wisconsin and Indiana. She has left behind many very close friends. A memorial service will be held at St John's Lutheran Church, Peru, at 11 a.m., Thursday, March 3, 2016. Friends and family may gather from 10 a.m. to the time of service. A separate memorial and interment service will be held in Wisconsin at a later date. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Dorothy Faye Sellers, 77, passed away peacefully surrounded by family and loved ones at IU Health University Hospital on Monday, Feb. 29, 2016. She was born on July 17, 1938 in Smackover, Arkansas. She married Henry A. Sellers on June 24, 1956 in Quitman, Mississippi. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church. She loved spending time with family and friends. Her hobbies were antique clock collecting and spoiling her grandchildren. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Henry, and four sons, Richard Sellers and wife, Lea Ann, Peru; David Sellers, and wife Denise, Chicago, Illinois; Jeff Sellers, and wife Christine, Fort Wayne; and Jason Sellers, Young America, 10 grandchildren, and one brother, Richard Weaver, Marietta, Georgia. Friends and family may gather from 9 a.m. to time of service at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 7, 2016 at St. John Lutheran Church, Peru, Indiana, with service following at 11 a.m. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, March 2, 2016

Eugene Wooten, 86 of Peru, passed away peacefully with his wife Phyllis at his bedside Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 3:19 p.m. at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Eugene was born Sept. 18, 1929 to Jack and Mary Wooten. Eugene graduated from Peru High School in 1948 and he married Phyllis Joan Burns in Chili on Dec. 23, 1951. He retired from NIPSCO in 1990 after 26 ½ years of service. He was a local fence builder with his sons for many years, he was a member of the Moose and the Nature Conservancy. Eugene enjoyed vacationing with his family in the Grand Tetons. He thoroughly enjoyed hunting, fishing and camping. Gene and Phyllis had three sons and one daughter: Jeffrey Wooten and his wife Lisa, Peru; Steven Wooten and his wife Tamara, Fishers; Troy Wooten and his wife Linda, Ft. Wayne; one beautiful daughter Beth who passed away on Dec. 19, 1988; two special grandsons who made him very proud, Ian Wooten and his friend Stacy Hill and Cody Wooten and his wife Leslie; three step-grandsons Colin Gallagher and his wife Emily, Brad Gallagher and Brennon Gallagher; and one step- great grandson William Gallagher. He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Beth and a half-sister Thelma. A service celebrating the life of Eugene Wooten will be on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 10:30 a.m., at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street, Peru, with Pastor Charles Cole officiating. Burial will be at Ever Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Family and friends will gather from 3 - 6 p.m., Sunday March 6, 2016 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made through the funeral home to the Grand Teton National Park. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, March 3, 2016

In loving remembrance of **Phyllis J. Gehring**, a graveside Memorial Service of her life will be celebrated in the spring with her cherished family and loved ones. Phyllis, 84 passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 5, 2016 in the quite comforts of her home surrounded by loved ones. She was born January 23, 1932 in South Bend, IN to Gertrude Zartman and Howard White. She graduated from Fulton High School in 1950. For over 59 years she was married to her best friend and loving husband Kenneth E. Gehring. Married in Denver, Indiana on Sept. 22, 1951. Kenneth preceded her in death March 23, 2011. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. She worked at Rinks and Clarks as an office bookkeeper. Left behind to celebrate her life are her five daughters and their families: Christine Bowyer and husband Steve of Peru; Marietta Gay and husband Tom of Cleburne, Texas; Debra Giver and husband Bernard of Peru; Virginia (Ginny) and husband Michael of Logansport; and Diana Gehring of Marquette, Michigan; her grandchildren Marissa and Robert Doyle, Christopher Bowyer, Shannon Corbin, Casey and Courtney Giver, Molly Graybeal and Joseph Graybeal; great-grandchildren Alissa Estep, Robert Doyle III and Carolyn Doyle, Autumn Menen, Perry Menen and Hadley Corbin; and her great-great grandchildren: Dylan Graybeal- Pomasl and Avery Menen. She has a sister surviving, Maridean and Jim Barnett and a sister-in-law Margaret. Preceded in death, are her cherished siblings: Freida Roe, Anna Personette, Lulubell Koenig, Virgil White and Gerald White. Arrangements have been entrusted to Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, March 7, 2016

Lauranne H. Munns, formerly of Peru, passed away on March 2, 2016 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. Lauranne was born in Peru, on Jan. 6, 1942 the daughter of Lawrence and Estella Garber. Lauranne married Larry R. Smith, she then married Terry Brechbiel and

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then married Jerry Munns. She was a 1960 graduate of Peru High School and a homemaker and a life member of the Sigma Phi Kappa Sorority. She is survived by: a son Eric Smith and his wife Cathy of Denver, Indiana; a daughter Lori Summers, Tipton; grandchildren Race Summers, Dalton Summers, Barrie Lauran Summers, Lorrie Summers, Jensen Summers, Samantha Smith and Emily Smith; a great granddaughter Devon Lauran McGuff-Summers; a sister Mary Jo Husband and a brother Ralph "Butch" Garber. She was preceded in death by parents and her husbands Larry and Jerry. Family and friends will gather from Noon - 2 p.m., on Saturday, March 12 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street, Peru, IN. A service celebrating the life of Lorraine will be begin at 2 p.m. following visitation. Interment will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru, directly following the service. There will be a public gathering for family and friends at the Peru Maennerchor, 154 S. Wabash St, Peru, from 3 - 5 p.m. for sharing of fond memories and fellowship with snacks and refreshments provided. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Emery Johnson, 91, of Peru went to be with his Heavenly Father on March 6, 2016 at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. He was born in Bloomington on Jan. 2, 1925. He was married to Betty (White) Johnson. He had one sister, Irene Land. He also had one niece and nephew. Emery attended Peru High School, and was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Peru. He is survived by one son, Ron Johnson (wife Kim) of Tampa, Florida; and five grandchildren: Rachael, Robert, Kasey, Jennifer, and Sean. He was preceded in death by a son, Larry Johnson, and a sister. Visitation will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at the First Church of the Nazarene, 331 West 6th Street, Peru, from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Memorial service will follow at 10:30 a.m., with Pastors Floyd Laabs and Tony Winter officiating. Friends and family may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Carl Lee Scarlett, 40, Peru, passed away on Monday, March 14, 2016, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Born May 7, 1975, in Peru, Indiana, he was the son of James Douglas and Irma Viola Barnes Scarlett. On June 3, 2004, in Peru, Indiana, he was married to the former Agnes Dee Murdock, and she survives. He was a 1993 graduate of Peru High School. Survivors include four step-children, Jennifer McKercher, Minnesota; Michael Sandlin and wife Destiny, Minnesota; Mark Sandlin and wife Crista, Scott Co, IN; and Jessie Sandlin, Peru; siblings, Vicki Williams, Peru; Burt Scarlett and wife Krystal, Peru; Kathy Walker and husband Junior, Peru; Angie Folden and husband Jim, Princeton, West Virginia; twin sister, Karla Ortega and husband Guadalupe, Akron; Cindy Norris and husband John, Hartford City, IN; Rick Creager and wife Becky, Elkhart; five grandchildren, and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 18, 2016, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana. Burial will follow in Gaerte Cemetery, Macy. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the time of service on Friday at the funeral home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Edna Mae Lorenz, 94, formerly of Amboy, passed away at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 19, 2016 at Century Villa Health Care, Greentown. She was born in Howard County on Oct. 22, 1921 the daughter of Austin and Clara Duncan Reed. Edna married Ross H. Lorenz on Dec. 24, 1940 and he preceded her in death on Jan. 18, 2006. Edna graduated from Prairie High School in 1939 and was a member of the Loree Brethren Church and the Women's Missionary Society. She was employed at Delco Electronics for 23 years, retiring in 1983. Surviving are: two sons, Dale Lorenz and his wife Barbara of Kokomo and David Lorenz and his wife Cindy of Peru; a son-in-law Erhardt Ballschmidt and wife Ann of Amboy; grandchildren, Brian Ballschmidt and his wife Barbara, Anthony Lorenz and his wife Shawna, Adam Lorenz and his wife Lejona, Alex Lorenz and his wife Alyssa, Richard Lorenz and Shelly Hite and her husband Mitch; great-grandchildren Brianna Ballschmidt, Brandon Ballschmidt, BrIttni Lorenz, Jordan Lorenz, Kaitlyn Garrett, Laine Hite, Madelynn Lorenz, Issac Lorenz, Anna Lorenz Celia Lorenz, Merra Lorenz and K.J. Lorenz; two great-great grandchildren, Zoey Lorenz and Zayden Lorenz; and a sister Jane Knapp of Frankfort. She was preceded in death by her parents, her dear husband of 65 years, Ross, a loving daughter Joyce Elaine Ballschmidt who died on Sept. 1, 1989 and a brother Lewis Edwin Reed. A service celebrating the life of Edna M. Lorenz will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 26, 2016 at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 North Main Street, Amboy, with Rev. Greg Reed officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Family and friends will gather from 5 - 8 p.m., Friday at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, March 24, 2016

Dennis Lee Hay, 77, of Lafayette, Indiana, died at 8:45 a.m. Monday, March 21, 2016 at IU Arnett Hospital in Lafayette. He was lovingly surrounded by his wife and daughter at the time of his death. Denny was born on March 25, 1938 to Thomas J. and Louisa Hay, who preceded him in death. As a boy, Denny grew up playing along the banks of the Ohio River with his brothers. Denny entered the Navy Reserves after he graduated from Cannelton High School in 1956. On November 23, 1973, Denny married Debanney (Beachler) in Logansport, who lovingly stood by his side. They were the perfect picture of what love truly is! Denny was the former owner of the Fox and Hounds in Peru. After selling his business, he enjoyed his time by studying and investing in stocks and bonds, which he was very knowledgeable in. Denny also enjoyed playing cards with family and friends, spending time with his daughter, son in law and grandchildren. He was also an avid Colts and Notre Dame fan and loved to watch sports. Sorry, Cubs fan's even though he was a die-hard fan, Denny says this isn't their year either. He also loved traveling and particularly to places near a body of water. But in general he loved God's gift of nature. Denny also had a sense of humor like no other! And he wasn't afraid to share his wit with anyone around him. Denny is survived by his wife; daughter and son-in-law Melissa (Hay) and Scott Bishop;

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four amazing grandchildren who brought him so much joy: Rebeka, Hayden, Patrik and Joslyn Bishop, all of Lafayette; his father-in-law, John Beachler I of Peru; two sisters, Sue Hay of Indianapolis and Judy Herzog of Cannelton; three brothers, Jim Hay of Philpot, Kentucky, Norman Hay, of Cannelton, and Paul Hay of Indianapolis; in-laws, cousins and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding in death were his parents; one sister, Ruthie Groves; five brothers: Thomas, Ralph, Jack, Harold, and Earl Hay; and his favorite mother in law, Barbara Beachler. A celebration of Denny's life will be held on April 9, 2016 at Evangelical Covenant Church (3600 S. 9th Street, Lafayette, IN 47909). Visitation with the family will begin at 12 p.m. with the service to begin at 2 p.m.; Pastor Stacey Littlefield will lead the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Evangelical Covenant Church or to the family for Denny's grandchildren's education fund. Arrangements entrusted to Keller Mortuary Services in Lapel. Online condolences may be offered at www.KellerMortuary.com - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, March 25, 2016

Thomas Edward Norman, 65, Peru, passed away at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2016, at Millers Merry Manor, Peru. Born Oct. 27, 1950, in Miami County, he was the son of David J. and Marjorie L. Nichols Norman. He was a graduate of North Miami High School, and he worked for many years at Creighton Brothers. Survivors include his father and step-mother, David and Grace Norman, Macy; five children, Cindy Ray and husband Jason, Tammy Carter and husband Josh, David Norman, and Greg Norman, all of Peru, and son Michael Norman, Indianapolis; one brother, Ronald Norman and wife Jennifer, Macy; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; step-brothers, Richard and Robert Robins; and step-sister, Cindy Squires. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 29, 2016, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, with Chaplain Jason See officiating. Burial will follow in Plainview Cemetery, Macy. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the funeral home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, March 25, 2016

On Wednesday March 16, 2016 **Parker**, 18, gained his wings as the result of an automobile accident. He was born May 1, 1997 to Bryan and Marsha Harrison-**Klein**. Anyone who knew Parker knew him for his personality and his big heart. He lit up any room with his smile. He loved hanging out with his friends and family. Parker was an avid sports fan and fisherman. He enjoyed wrestling, baseball, and football for the Maconaquah Braves. His favorite football team was the Pittsburgh Steelers. He left us all way too soon, but he left us with some pretty sweet dancing moves. He is survived by his mother, Marsha Harrison-Klein, and father, Bryan (Karen) Klein, and siblings Olyvia, Dekan and Katie Klein, Britney (Nick) Doty, Leah (J.B.) Burkhart, and Paul Fisher. He also leaves behind a tremendous amount of family, friends, and loved ones. A celebration of life will be held Thursday March 31 from 2 - 4 p.m. for family and 4 - 7 p.m. for friends at Normanda Christian Church in Tipton County. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, March 26, 2016

Sylvia K. Miller, 70 of Peru, passed away at 2:55 a.m. Thursday March 24, 2016 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was born in Peru on Aug. 21, 1945 the daughter of John and Betty Kiefer Woolley. Sylvia was a 1963 Graduate of Peru High School and was self-employed. She was involved in the Peru Amateur Circus since its beginning. She was a former CCFI Board Member, Producer and Trainer. She is survived by sons Jim Sharp, Dan Sharp and Mike Sharp of Peru; brothers James E. Woolley of Apopka, Florida, and Jerry L. Woolley of Kokomo. Several grandchildren and great grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother John Woolley and a stillborn sister Carolyn Woolley. A memorial service celebrating the life of Sylvia K. Miller will be held at a date and time to be announced later. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Peru Amateur Circus in her name. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, March 26, 2016

David Herman Strong, 62, was called home on Wednesday March 23, 2016 at St. Vincent Hospital on 86th St. in Indianapolis. He was born on Aug. 23, 1953 in Kokomo. He was the son of Dewey H. (Tom) and Mary K. Strong. He was a member of the Peru Glad Tidings Assemblies of God for the last 7 years. He loved the Lord first and for most, and he would argue with anyone over Him - even the Pastor if he thought the Pastor was wrong according to David. He married Marsha K. McClain on May 9, 2001. Survivors include six children and four step children: Ruby Kay Peters and husband Philip, Portage; Christopher and fiancé Renee LaZarrus, California; Dewey and wife Barb, Peru; Jay and wife Mikayla, Peru; Sarah, 19, Kokomo; and David, 18, Peru. His stepchildren are Kathryn Staley and husband Eric, Indianapolis; Chrystal Sprang and husband Mike, Michigan; Joseph Brock, Peru and wife Sally of Lakeland Florida, and Gary Brock, Winter Haven, Florida. Other survivors include sister Karen Poe and brother Jim Strong, 14 grandchildren, nine step grandchildren, and one great grand baby on the way. One grandson preceded him in death. Services will be held on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at Glad Tidings, 388 W. 7th St. Peru with viewing from 1 - 5 p.m. and funeral service following at 5 p.m. with Pastor Paul Colyer officiating. Burial will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Salem Cemetery, with Pastor Bryan Maggart officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home to help with funeral expense. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, March 28, 2016

Shirley A. Adamson, 78, of Akron, passed unexpectedly at 7:28 p.m., Friday, March 25, 2016 at Parkview Regional Hospital of Ft. Wayne. Born on July 7, 1937 in Fulton County, Indiana, she was the daughter of Kenneth and Mary (Royer) Luckenbill. On July 23, 1960 in Argos, she was wed to Richard L. Adamson; he survives. She had worked for Chamberlain and Wen Products of Akron for

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42 years. She also worked in Republican politics. She was a graduate of Akron High School in 1955. She enjoyed flower gardening, painting, decorating, collecting antiques, playing solitaire, and repurposing many things. She spent her life helping others. She loved spending time with family and her dog Maggie. Survivors include: her husband, Richard Adamson - Akron; her sisters - Nancy Luckenbill - Warsaw and Judy and husband Bruce Grindle - Syracuse; nephews Daniel and wife Sherri Grindle - Millersburg and Jeffery Grindle - Ft. Wayne; a niece - Kathy and husband Norman Prater - Akron. She was preceded in death by her parents, Kenneth and Mary Luckenbill and a brother, Gary Luckenbill. Services will be 10:30 am, Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron, with Pastor Vern Hostetler officiating. Burial will follow at Akron Cemetery, Akron. Visitation is 5 - 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Share a Memory or send an Online Condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, March 28, 2016

On Wednesday March 16, 2016 **Parker**, 18, gained his wings as the result of an automobile accident. He was born May 1, 1997 to Bryan and Marsha Harrison-**Klein**. Anyone who knew Parker knew him for his personality and his big heart. He lit up any room with his smile. He loved hanging out with his friends and family. Parker was an avid sports fan and fisherman. He enjoyed wrestling, baseball, and football for the Maconaquah Braves. His favorite football team was the Pittsburgh Steelers. He left us all way too soon, but he left us with some pretty sweet dancing moves. He is survived by his mother, Marsha Harrison-Klein, and father, Bryan (Karen) Klein, and siblings Olyvia, Dekan and Katie Klein, Britney (Nick) Doty, Leah (J.B.) Burkhart, and Paul Fisher; grandparents George Richard and Mary Klein, Richard Harrison (deceased) and Bonnie Christiansen. He also leaves behind a tremendous amount of family, friends, and loved ones. A memorial service will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 31, 2016 at the Normanda Christian Church in Tipton County. Following the memorial service, a Celebration of Life will be held from 2 - 4 p.m. for family and 4 - 7 p.m. for friends at the church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, March 29, 2016

Beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, **Anita C. Bucher**, 89, of Peru, passed away at 4:20 a.m., Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at her residence surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Peru on Feb. 10, 1927 the daughter Darwin and Flossie Showkwyler Darby. Anita married Donald R. Bucher on Oct. 28, 1944 and he preceded her in death on August 23, 2012. Anita was a graduate of the Lafayette High School and a member of the Loree Brethren Church. She was employed by the Good Year Service Stores in Peru and Kokomo retiring in 1975. Anita was an avid knitter, creating scarves, afghans, and baby blankets for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her greatest joys in life were her husband, Don, and her family. She was a staunch supporter of her children and grandchildren and it was in her role as family matriarch that most will remember her. Surviving are: a son, Fred Bucher of Peru; grandchildren Angela Hays, Abra Masuth, Allison Roop, Melissa Bucher, Heather Fowler, Todd Bucher, Sherry Jackson, Patricia Wright and Reba Jackson; and 18 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Don, a daughter-in-law Nadine Bucher, a son Joe Bucher, two brothers and two sisters. A service celebrating the life of Anita C. Bucher will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, April 1, 2016 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street with Pastor Bill Bussard officiating. Burial will be in the Rankin Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 4 - 8 p.m., Thursday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made through the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home to the Loree Brethren Church. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, March 29, 2016

Jack Walter Sutton, 87, of Peru, died March 28, 2016. Jack was born Oct. 2, 1928 in Dogtown, just north of Loree, in Miami County and raised by his grandparents John Wesley and Barbara Ellen (Mast) Sutton. Jack lived a good life and gradually got old and wore out. He died of natural causes on March 28, 2016 after living most of his adult life in Peru, Miami County. Jack was a 1946 graduate of Clay Township High School. Jack was a fixture in the local business community. He operated a full-service Standard Oil station for 27 years on the corner of Cass and Main and previously worked at another local station for 20 years. He was a good example of hard work and integrity. Jack served his country as a member of Company B, 76th Engineering and Construction Battalion during the Korean War and later as a member of the Miami County Draft Board. In his early days, he hunted mushrooms and ran trap lines along Pipe Creek. He enjoyed fishing and caught more than his share of large-mouthed bass after dark. Jack was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. His oldest son, John Mark Sutton, preceded him in death on Feb. 14, 2016. He is survived by: his beloved wife of 61 years, Marilyn Jeanne (Denton) Sutton; his six children: Jane Maureen Sutton, of Miami Beach, Florida, Jeffrey Miles (Teresa) Sutton of Carmel, Jerome Marshall (Janie) Sutton of Centennial, Colorado, Joseph Martin (Lynne Buccilli) Sutton of McCordsville, Jordan Mitchell (Angie) Sutton of Livonia, Michigan And Julie Melinda (Ritch) Shepherd, of Orem, Utah; 17 grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and three sisters - Sheila (Dick) Fickle of Kokomo, Patty Sue Dail of Deatsville, Alabama, and Jo Ellen Boon, of Orlando, Florida. In lieu of sending flowers, keep the money and do something nice with it. Friends may call at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home on Friday, from 4 - 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, March 29, 2016

Richard L Clemons, 50, Peru, went home to be with the Lord with his family by his side at 6:45 a.m. Saturday, March 26, 2016 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, following a five year battle with cancer. He was born Dec. 19, 1965 in Peru to Inita (Sparks) Clemons and the late James Richard Clemons. He graduated from Peru High School in 1984. On June 29, 1993, he married Tracy L. Campbell, who

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survives. Richard worked at Kokomo Tube until their closing and Alloy Custom Products, Delphi. Richard enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, fishing, gardening, cooking, and spending time with his granddaughters. He loved all types of music and was blessed with the musical talent of playing drums. He was an avid Butler Bulldogs fan. Memberships include the Literary Aid Society, Eagles, and VFW. Richard was a loving husband, father, son, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. He will be remembered for the love and special times shared by all. In addition to his wife Tracy, survivors include two sons, Shane Clemons (Amber) Peru; Colton Clemons, Peru; two granddaughters, Callista and Celes Clemons. He also leaves behind his mother, Inita Clemons, Peru; two sisters, Deb Clemons, Peru; Kim Taylor (Russ), Belleville, Illinois; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, James Richard Clemons. Family and friends: May call at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home on Friday, April 1, 2016 from 9 - 11 a.m. Funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. with Pastor Virgil Barker officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the family to cover medical expense through the Flowers Leedy Funeral Home. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers Leedy Funeral Home. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, March 29, 2016

Beverly Jo Feltis Rensberger, 75, Rochester, passed away on March 30, 2016, at her residence, after a long battle with Kidney Disease. She was born on Dec. 28, 1940, in Royal Center, the daughter of Yale Marvin and Thale Mae Kistler Feltis. Beverly retired from K-Mart Corporation and then worked 10 years for the Miami County Museum. She is survived by her loving husband, Carl D. Rensberger, Rochester. She is the beloved mother of her six children, Michael Keith and wife Shelley, Plainfield; Jeffrey Keith and wife Candace, Locust, New Jersey; Christine Ewing and husband Dale, Michigantown; Stevan "Scott" Keith and wife Wendy, Deedsville; Bradley Keith and wife Judy, Pocattello, Idaho; and Andrew Keith and Katherine Medain of Michigantown. Also surviving are her five step-children, Penny Rensberger Bunn, Macon, Georgia; Angela Rensberger DiGiammarino, Juliette, Georgia; Andrea Rensberger Daniels, Juliette, Georgia; Aaron Rendberger and wife Bethany, Gray, Georgia; and Kellie Ann McKenzie and husband Michael, Denver, Colorado; brother Larry Felts and wife Joy, Ft. Myers, Florida; and sister, Janet Feltis Moss and husband Dick, Peru. She is mourned by her extended family which includes 29 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren; She will be sorely missed by the innumerable nieces and nephews and cherished friends. She was preceded in death by two husbands, Marshall Lee Keith and Robert P. Nutter. She will be mourned and cherished by all the lives she touched in an amazing and fun-filled life. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 4, 2016, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Bob Metzger officiating. Burial will follow in Hamlet Community Cemetery, rural Rochester. Visitation will be from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Miami County Museum. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, March 31, 2016

Max A. Shafer, age 84, of Peru passed away at 3:45 pm Monday, March 28, 2016 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born in Peru on February 26, 1932. Max was preceded in death by his parents Arnol and Mildred Bishop Shafer. Max graduated from Jefefrson Township. He married Suzanne Eberle Shafer in 1953. He served in the United States Army from 1955-57. Along with Suzanne he is survived by four children: Hal Shafer, Peru, Kim Wiles (Gerry Wiles) Greenwood, Ark., Brad Shafer (Peggy Shafer) Peru, Renee Deniston (Jim Deniston) Peru, 10 grandchildren and six great grandchildren, one sister, Carolyn Wilson (late Harold Wilson), two brothers, Bob Shafer and Harold Shafer (Charlene Shafer). Max was a life time farmer. He enjoyed watching NASCAR, gardening, and planting flowers. He was a member of Eerie Methodist Church. Max enjoyed time spent with his family, grandkids, and friends. A viewing will be held from 4 pm to 7pm Friday, April 1, 2016, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 am Saturday, April 2, 2016, at the funeral home, with Pastor Warrel Law officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Eerie United Methodist Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, March 31, 2016

A pitcher and a catcher were lifelong friends. They often wondered if there was softball in heaven. They promised each other that whoever died first would come back and tell the other if there was softball in heaven. Years had passed since then, and the pitcher was remembering his friend, who had long passed from this world. There was a knock at the door, and it was his dear friend the catcher! The pitcher was so excited to see his friend. The catcher said that he had good news and bad news to report. The good news was that there is indeed softball in heaven with beautiful fields and crowds of fans. The pitcher was pleased to hear the good news and asked what could possibly be bad news. The catcher replied, "You are scheduled to pitch tonight."

Butch Miller was called up to play center field for Heaven's Angels on March 30, 2016. He began his love of softball on Grant Street. The youngest of eight siblings, they were never hard up for players. Irene, Lewis, Edward, Marjorie, Clayton "Pete", and Robert have all passed before Butch. Ruby Quince is the last surviving sibling born to Louis and Martha Miller. After graduating from Peru High School in 1946, Butch went to work for NIPSCO until his retirement in 1986. In his free time, Butch pursued his love of softball. He was an original member of the Peru fast pitch softball team which won several Indiana State Championships in the 1940s, 1950s, and early 1960s. They were so good, in fact, that in 1960, the Husky Harlans traveled to Long Island, New York to play in the Fast Pitch World Classic. They lost to Oklahoma City and Detroit, but what a ride for the Peru Husky Harlans!

Softball was not Butch's only love. He married Barbara Stewart (deceased) and began his family. Surviving are his wife Rachel Miller (married Aug. 3, 1993), daughters, Vicki Pacey, Carolyn Daly, Lori Booker, Linda Miller Hall and his son, Jim Miller. Surviving are 13 grandchildren, Ian and Nathan Pacey, John and Josh Musall, Erin (Miller) Marburger, Jordan (Miller) Tucker, Casey (Miller) Glassley, Peter, Samuel, and Aaron Booker, Ryan and Zack Howard, Brianne (Howard) Dininger, step-children Jo (Jim) Gierse, Patricia (Gregg) Carrick, Gary and David Mannies and four step-grandchildren. Also surviving are 13 great-grandchildren and one

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great-great-granddaughter. Preceding him in death were grandsons James Miller and Blaine Howard. He was also preceded in death by wives Barbara Stewart Miller and Beverly (Hoff) Miller. The greatest love of Butch's life was always our Heavenly Father. He was an active member of Oakdale Baptist Church, serving in many capacities. He was a gentle, compassionate soul who loved people and was always happy to share the good news of Christ. Wherever he went, he always told people, "God bless you and enjoy God's blessings."

With his passing, we will miss his smile and wonderful sense of humor, but we know where he is and probably what he is doing. On his behalf, we would like to say to all, "God bless you, and enjoy God's blessings."

Visitation will be held from 1 – 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 3, 2016 at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 4, 2016 at the Oakdale Baptist Church, with Rev. Robert Stuck officiating. Burial will follow at the Mount Hope Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, March 31, 2016

Max A. Shafer, age 84, of Peru passed away at 3:45 p.m. Monday, March 28, 2016 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. He was born in Peru on Feb. 26, 1932. Max was preceded in death by his parents Arnol and Mildred Bishop Shafer. Max graduated from Jefferson Township. He married Suzanne Eberle Shafer in 1953. He served in the United States Army from 1955-57. Along with Suzanne he is survived by four children: Hal Shafer, Peru, Kim Wiles (Gerry Wiles) Greenwood, Ark., Brad Shafer (Peggy Shafer) Peru, Renee Deniston (Jim Deniston) Peru, 10 grandchildren and six great grandchildren, one sister, Carolyn Wilson (late Harold Wilson), two brothers, Bob Shafer and Harold Shafer (Charlene Shafer). Max was a life time farmer. He enjoyed watching NASCAR, gardening, and planting flowers. He was a member of Eerie Methodist Church. Max enjoyed time spent with his family, grandkids, and friends. A viewing will be held from 4 - 7p.m. Friday, April 1, 2016, at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 2, 2016, at the funeral home, with Pastor Warrel Law officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Eerie United Methodist Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends many sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, March 31, 2016

Shirley A. Mitchell passed away on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home. She was born on Feb. 26, 1935 in Peru, Indiana to Arthur and Esther Mitchell. They preceded her in death. Shirley was a lifelong resident of Peru. She worked at several local businesses over the years. She graduated from Peru High School in 1954. She enjoyed sewing and her many fur babies. She is survived by three brothers and one sister: Larry (Nancy) Mitchell, Peru; Art (Virginia) Mitchell, Lowell, In; Cathy Mullett, Kokomo; and Tom (Wendy) Mitchell, Peru. Also surviving are 13 nieces and nephews, and 19 great nieces and nephews. Honoring her wishes, there was no visitation or funeral service. Memorial contributions may be made to Scratching Post Cat Rescue, Inc., 600 Chili Ave., Peru, Indiana 46970. Arrangements were entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, March 31, 2016

Diann Sue DiPiero, 69, of Fort Wayne, passed away on Friday, April 1, 2016 at Canterbury Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Born on Jan. 25, 1947 in Laketon, she worked in Insurance Administration with Tennant Special Risk for the past 10 years and prior to that was employed with Millers Merry Manor for 30 years where she progressed from Nurse's Aide to R.N. to the Director of Nursing. Diann was a giving person with a wonderful sense of humor. She always put her family's needs before her own and cared deeply for her family, friends and patients. She enjoyed having fun at Casino's, beaches, listening to country music and golden oldies, and playing online games, Yahtzee, and cards. She is survived by her loving husband, Lou DiPiero of Fort Wayne; daughter, Debra (Rich) Spencer of Peru; son, Jay Orpurt of Indianapolis; five grandchildren, Zachary (Amber) Spencer, Shelby Orpurt, Tyler Orpurt, Trevor Orpurt, and Gavin Spencer; and two great-grandchildren, Izabella and Landyn Orpurt. Memorial Service will be on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 7 p.m. at Hockemeyer and Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road., Fort Wayne, with calling two hours prior. Memorials may be made to Cancer Services of NE Indiana or Heartland Hospice. For online condolences, please visit www.hockemeyermillerfh.com. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, April 1, 2016

GeNelle E. Hoffman, 95, formerly of Akron, Indiana passed away at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 26, 2016 at Peabody Retirement Community of North Manchester. Born Oct. 4, 1920 in Akron, she was the daughter of Emmet and Hazel (Merley) Taylor. On July 3, 1938, she married Earl Hoffman, who preceded her in death on July 1, 2012. She was a homemaker and former co-owner of Hoffman Body Shop of Akron, Ind. where she was bookkeeper. GeNelle was a graduate of Akron High School in 1938. She was a member of the Akron United Methodist Church for 62 years where she served as financial secretary for 30 years. She also was a member of the Sunshine Bunco Club. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Survivors include: her daughters - Karna and husband Frank Earl, Warsaw, and Jacqie Hoffman, Carmel; her son, Ronald Hoffman of Stuart, Florida; her grandchildren - Todd and wife Shelly Hoffman, Corey and wife Mickey Hoffman, Lori and husband Richard Hine, Leneé and husband Dan Coleman, and Dustin and wife Tonya DuBois; 9 great grandchildren and JoAnn Craft, of Akron, who showed unending love and care. She was preceded in death by: her parents - Emmet and Hazel Taylor; a son - Larry Hoffman; her brothers - Emmet Taylor Jr. and Charles Taylor; and a sister - Norma Lee Dye. Memorial Services will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 3, 2016 at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 West Rochester St., Akron, Indiana, with Pastor David Eaton officiating. Burial will be at Akron Cemetery. Visitation is set for 1 - 2 p.m., Sunday,

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April 3, 2016 at the funeral home. Memorial Contributions to: Akron United Methodist Church or Great Lakes Hospice or Kindred Healthcare. Share a memory or send an online condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, April 1, 2016

A precious angel taken from this earth too soon, **Everett Trey Christensen**, passed away on Thursday March 31, 2016 of pneumonia. He was 8 weeks and 3 days old. Everett was born on Feb, 1, 2016 in Peru, to Jamie Rutledge and Trey Christensen whom he is survived by. Everett was an extremely happy and smart baby. He brought so much happiness and joy to so many in his short time with us. We will all be holding him in our hearts until we meet him again in Heaven. He is survived by his Big Brother Jason James Christensen, his maternal grandparents Tabitha Rutledge and James Rutledge, paternal grandparents Joyce and David Colelli; his maternal aunts Kirstie Rutledge, Tabitha Rutledge, Abbey Caldwell; paternal aunts Devin (Braxton) Studebaker, Izabella Colelli, and Jocelynn Colelli; his maternal uncles James Bradley, and David Bradley; paternal uncle Tanner Boggs; paternal great grandparents JoAnn and Dennis Hughes, Chris and Janet Christensen, Dean Eltzroth, and Joseph and Vickie Colelli; maternal great grandparents Sharon Russell, Linda Rutledge, and Johnny Rowe; his paternal great aunts Christy (Chris) McGuire, Andrea, Amy and Katherine Colelli; paternal great uncle Christopher Colelli; maternal great aunts Melissa Graft, Jennifer Brock and Veronica Rowe; maternal great uncles Duane Rutledge, David Rutledge, Michael Sharp, and Johnny Rowe. Additionally his many cousins also survive. He is preceded in death by his paternal grandfather Jason E. Christensen, his maternal aunt Angel Rutledge, his paternal great grandmother Betty Eltzroth, his maternal great grandfathers Charles Russell and James H. Rutledge, his maternal great aunts Eva (Marie) Rutledge and Jessica Rutledge. Visitation will be held on Wednesday April 6th from 9 - 11 a.m. with funeral services to follow at 11 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy funeral home. In lieu of flowers please make memorial donations payable to Flowers-Leedy in care of Everett Christensen. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 4, 2016

Andrea M. Miller, 63, of Amboy, passed away at 8:55 a.m., Sunday, April 3, 2016 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was born in Peru on July 3, 1952, the daughter of Howard and Genevieve Garber Pond. Andrea married Keith W. Miller in Amboy on February 14, 1970 and he survives. Andrea was a 1970 graduate of Oak Hill High School and a homemaker. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Family was important to Mom and she loved her family unconditionally. She thoroughly enjoyed being at home in the country and having her grandchildren with her. Surviving in addition to her husband Keith is a son Taylor Miller and his wife Donnelle of Kokomo; grandchildren Logan Miller and Morgan Miller; her mother Genevieve Pond of Amboy; brothers Blaine Pond and his wife Ann of Amboy, Brent Pond and his wife Sally of Amboy and Bradley Pond and his wife Nancy of Amboy and sisters Renee Driver and her husband Ken of Mexico and Tammy Fewell and her husband Larry of Amboy. She was preceded in death by her father and a brother Brian Pond. A service celebrating the life of Andrea M. Miller will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 6, 2016 at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 North Main Street, Amboy, with her brother Pastor Blaine Pond officiating. Burial will be in the Bond Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 4 - 8 p.m., Tuesday at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 4, 2016

Lori Ann Berkheiser, 52 years old, of Peru, passed away on April 2, 2016 at Methodist Hospital Indianapolis. She was born in Peru on May 14, 1963 to William and Julia (McCain) Berkheiser; they both survive of Peru. Also surviving are a brother Michael Berkheiser of Peru, several uncles, aunts, nieces and nephews. Preceded in death is a brother, Jeffrey Berkheiser, one aunt, Sharon Berkheiser, one uncle, Jim Berkheiser, paternal grandparents, Joseph and Alice Berkheiser, and maternal grandparents, Jack and Maxine Hayworth. She was a housekeeper for the NW Railroad dormitory. Graveside Service will held Thursday April 7, 2016 at 10 a.m. at the Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel Peru, with Pastor: Bill Sheets officiating. Memorials may be made to the Miami County Military Rites Unit through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.flowersleedyallen.com.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 4, 2016

Dennis Arnold, 82, Peru, passed away at 9:35 a.m. on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Norfolk, Virginia on July 10, 1933, the son of William and Esther Fritzinger Arnold. He married JoAnn Spencer on Aug. 31, 1963, and she preceded him in death Feb. 24, 2007. A lifelong Peru resident, Dennis was a 1953 graduate of Peru High School and a United States Navy Korean War Veteran. His Military decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, Navy Occupational Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He retired from Ameritech in 1994, after 30 years of service. A man of strong faith, he was a lifelong parishioner of St. Charles Catholic Church. He was well-known within the community, being a lifetime member of The Knights of Columbus, The AT&T Pioneers, The American Legion Post #418 and the VFW Post #2067, where he served as a trustee. Additionally, he was an active member of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Dennis was a loving husband, father and uncle who cared greatly about his country, community and family. He thoroughly enjoyed traveling and, in addition to visiting countries around the world while in the Navy, he visited England, Ireland and Scotland, as well as various places of interest throughout the United States. He loved animals, especially his Labrador Retrievers, Maggie, Buddy (both deceased) and Duke. Family and friends were a priority to Dennis and he always looked forward to getting together, whether it was a quiet visit at home, dining out or a party. He filled the room with joy, love and laughter with his incredible warm personality that was quick with a smile and a hug or handshake. His greatest pleasure in life was spending time and reliving memories with his family and

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friends. Surviving are children, Angela Arnold and Brian Arnold, both of Indianapolis; as well as several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents and his wife Joann, he was preceded in death by his brothers, William "Billy" Arnold and Kenneth Arnold. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Dennis Arnold will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the St. Charles Catholic Church Guerin Center, 80 West 5th Street, Peru, with the Reverend Adam Mauman officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, with Military Rites provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru. There will be a prayer service at 8 p.m. on Friday with a Knights of Columbus Memorial Service immediately following at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Miami County Military Rites Unit or to the Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Michael Ray "Lightning" Wright, 61, Denver, Indiana, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, April 3, 2016, while vacationing in Florida. Born Oct. 28, 1954, in Peru, Indiana, he was the son of Max Marr "Mick" and Maxine Alice Richardson Wright. On March 4, 1978 in Peru, Indiana, he was married to the former Rebecca S. Lester, and she survives. Mike was a 1973 graduate of North Miami High School, and he was an Engineer for CSX Transportation in Lafayette. Mike loved spending time outdoors, especially fishing, and he would travel to Minnesota each year to enjoy this favorite pastime. Mike enjoyed sports and many other things, but more than anything, he loved spending time with his one and only, precious granddaughter, Palmer. She had her grandpa, affectionately known to her as "Bagong," wrapped around her little finger, and Mike loved driving "Palmer's 2015 Ford Mustang GT." Surviving along with his wife are two children, Brian M. Wright and wife Leigh, Peru; Michelle L. Wright, Kokomo; one granddaughter, Palmer Wright, Peru; one sister, Susie Peters and husband Jerry; mother-in-law, Carolyn Lester, Peru; sister-in-law, Becky Lytle and husband Dana, Denver; brother-in-law, Robbie Lester and wife Linda, Peru; as well as several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, David D. Wright; and one sister, Carol Jean Trexler; father-in-law, Charlie Lester; and brother-in-law, Gary Lester. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, April 11, 2016, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Steve Quinlan officiating. Burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver, Indiana. Visitation will be from 2 - 8 p.m. on Sunday, April 10, 2016, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Miami County Relay for Life-Team Lightning, Kokomo Humane Society, or Westlawn Cemetery. The online guestbook can be signed at www.mcclainfh.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 7, 2016

Barbara Jean (Grover) Tucker Beck, 90, of Kokomo, passed away at 8:35 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at Golden Living Center in Kokomo. Barbara was born on April 29, 1925 to the late Edwin and Hazel (Wimberley) Grover in Kokomo. Barbara retired as a waitress from Holiday Inn in Kokomo and also as a deli cook from HEB Deli in Texas. Barbara is survived by: her sons, Tom Tucker of Belton, Texas, Bill (Mary Ann) Tucker of Kokomo, Rich (Pam) Tucker of Kokomo, Dave (Debbie) Tucker of Galveston, and Dan (Bonnie) Tucker of Logansport; siblings, Moe (Barb) Grover of Kokomo, and Connie (Mike) McCollum of Kokomo; 23 grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bud Tucker, daughter, Barbara Anne Willis, daughter in-law, Carol Tucker; siblings, Bernice Grover, Helen Coble, Maxine Brown, and Dick Grover. Visitation will be on Saturday, from 2 - 4 p.m. at Eilers Mortuary, 3400 S. Webster St, Kokomo. A Memorial Service will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home with Bishop Rich Tucker officiating. Cremation will take place. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 50 E 91st St #100, Indianapolis, IN 46240. You are invited to read Barbara's obituary online at www.ellersmortuary.com, where you may sign the guest book or share a personal message with the family. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 7, 2016

William 'Bill' D. Adams, 51, of Munfordville, Kentucky, formerly of Terre Haute, passed away unexpectedly on March 20, 2016, while on vacation in Titusville, Florida. Bill is survived by his father, William A. Adams and Helen of Peru; his wife, Julie Adams and his daughter, Lauren Adams, both of Terre Haute; his sister, Holly Ridgley and nephews, Drew Ridgley, Max Ridgley and Sam Ridgley, all of Atlanta; and his aunt, Lillian Secrest of Tollesboro, Kentucky. He was predeceased by his mother, Betty Eikenberry and her second husband, Wallace Eikenberry. Bill was born in Ashland, Kentucky, on March 25, 1964, to William A. Adams and Betty J. Adams. He graduated from Peru High School in 1982, and received a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Indiana, State University in 1988. Bill served two terms in the Indiana Army National Guard. He also completed a semi-tractor trailer driver's course and drove over the road for various companies, traveling through 48 states. On Sept. 14, 1991, he married Julie Findley after five years of dating. On Sept. 27, 1998, he welcomed his beautiful daughter, Lauren. She was the light of his life. He went on to work for City Transit of Terre Haute from 2000 to 2014, as a bus driver mostly for the ADA route. He became unable to work in 2014 due to a vehicle accident and often remarked how he missed his ADA (disabled) riders. Bill had many interests including Civil War Battlefields, World War II, aviation, shortwave radio, scuba diving, and space flight, as well as the Exotic Feline Rescue Center. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date in Rochester. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 9, 2016

William "Bill" J. Mallow, 94, of Peru passed away at 2 a.m., Thursday, April 7, 2016 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. He was born in Miami County on Aug. 4, 1921 the son of George and Pearl Shropshire Mallow. He married Lola Sage in 1942 and she preceded him in death. He later married Lalah Pritchard of Noblesville and she also preceded him in death. A paragon of America's

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Greatest Generation William J. Mallow enlisted in the United States Army on July 2, 1942. His Military decorations include American Theater Ribbon; the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon w/1 Bronze Star; the Philippine Liberation Ribbon; World War II Medal and the Good Conduct Ribbon. He participated in the campaign in New Guinea. Following his return to civilian life in 1945 Bill worked on the railroad and in 1952 opened the family business Mallow Appliance of Peru which he owned and operated until his retirement in 1986. Bill was blessed with good health and enjoyed over 30 years of retirement. Throughout his life he enjoyed sailing, RV traveling, casinos, flying and county music. In 2014 he was honored as a WWII Veteran on an honor flight to Washington, DC. He became a pilot and enjoyed times with many good friends at the Peru Municipal Airport in his later years. Bill also served on the Miami County Airport Board. Surviving are his sons Jerry Mallow and his wife Beverly, Bud Mallow and his wife Cheryl, grandchildren Lisa (Tony) Uggen, Michael (Jeri) Mallow, Brian (Holly) Mallow and Jeff (Victoria) Mallow and great grandchildren Christian and Brandon Fleener, Taylor Mallow and Morgan and Parker Mallow. He was preceded in death by his parents, wives Lola and Lalah, a brother Henry and sisters Eva Mavity, Flora Jean Wease, Wilma Zion and Paulene Mallow. Visitation will be from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street, Peru, IN. Services will be at 1 p.m., Tuesday April 12, 2016 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home with Pastor Dwight Elliott officiating. Burial will be in Rankin Cemetery with Military Graveside Services provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com.
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Carolyn S. McKamey, 82, went to be with the Lord on the evening of Saturday, April 9, 2016 at Blair Ridge in Peru. She was born on Oct. 15, 1933 to Truman L. and Edna L. Bunnell (Binkerd) in Peru. She was a graduate of Butler Township High School, and she also completed her undergraduate studies in Education at Ball State, and her Master's in Education at Manchester College. She married her husband of 62 years, W. Dean McKamey, on Feb. 14, 1954. She was preceded in death by both of her parents, and her husband. Carolyn worked as an elementary school teacher for 35 years, and retired from Elmwood Elementary School (2nd Grade) in 2001. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Peru, and was also involved in various community organizations including the Sigma Beta Pi and Delta Kappa Gamma sororities, and the Peru Art Club. Carolyn was a lover and supporter of local art and music functions, and enjoyed attending community concerts by the Peru Circus Band and the Swamp Water Stompers, and other groups, as well as playing the piano, singing, and playing in the hand bell choir at her church. Carolyn was a loving wife, and mother of three, and grandmother. She is survived by her children: Thomas (Gina) McKamey (Carol Stream, Illinois), Peggy (Daniel) Gingrich (Logansport), and Steven (Barbra) McKamey (Peru); four grandchildren: Mark (Jaci) McKamey (Wausau Wisconsin), Claudio McKamey (Carol Stream, Illinois), and Faith and Elijah McKamey (Peru); and by her two siblings, Dolores (Ronnie) Wildrick (Peru), and, Truman Bunnell Jr. (Peru). She also leaves behind a number of nieces, nephews, and extended family. A viewing will be held on Thursday, April 14 from 4 - 7 p.m. at Flower's-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru, and the funeral service will be at the First Baptist Church of Peru on Friday, April 15 at 11 a.m., with Pastor Bob Adelsperger officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made either to the First Baptist Church of Peru, or to the Peru Circus Festival Band, Inc. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, April 11, 2016

Eleanor Eileen (Bailey) Marburger Goedert passed away quietly, at the age of 93, on Thursday March 31, 2016 at 9:25 a.m. at Dukes Hospital in Peru. She was preceded in death by her first husband of 41 years, Milton Harvey Marburger, and her second husband Melvin Goedert, her parents Allie Bealer Bailey and Mary Catherine (Garber) Bailey, four siblings, a brother Edwin Bailey and three sisters Mercedes Alfield (Bob), Adeline Cain (Wallace) and Lydia Ann Beecher (Wayne), and a daughter-in-law, Helene Marburger (Richard). She is survived by her two sons, Julius Marburger (Sara) and Richard Marburger, seven grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren. In keeping with her wishes, there will be no memorial services. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, April 12, 2016

Donald L. Dockum, 84, formerly of Peru, went home to be with our Lord and his loving wife of 49 years, Mary Helen (Enyeart), on Thursday April 7, 2016 at his home in Dunnellon, Florida surrounded by his children and loved ones. He was born in Whitehall, New York on Sept. 16, 1932 to Charles and Bertha (Norton) Dockum. He graduated from Whitehall High School in 1951. He served his country proudly, having served four years in the National Guard and 26 years in the US Air Force before retiring in 1979 at Altus AFB having obtained a rank of Master Sargent. He was one of the Supervisors of the "High Pressure Flight Suit" team that supported the top secret SR71 spy plane at Edwards AFB IN 1965 that broke the air speed and altitude records of that time. Don is survived by his daughter Debbie (Roy) Rheinfrank of Kokomo, step children John (Rose Marie) Miller of Orlando, Florida, Jim (Shirley) Miller of Kokomo, Susan Chilcutt of Bunker Hill, grandchildren Matt Chilcutt (wife Maggie and daughter Ellie), Nancy Lewis (and daughter Brooklynn), Jennifer, Virginia, Rachel, Matt and Jenny and great grand children. Also surviving is his brother Charlie (Judy) Dockum, sister Carol (Bruce) Angus, brother-in-law John Stone and many nieces and nephews and his special friend Phyllis. Preceding him in death were his parents Charles and Bertha, his wife Mary Helen, his sister Faye, and his son-in-law Larry Chilcutt. He is leaving behind many friends and family who will remember him with fond memories and much love. Graveside services will be held at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru at 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, 2016. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.
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Faithful Servant of the Lord, on Sunday, April 10, 2016, **Gladys Pearl Weisenberger**, 85, surrounded by some of her many family members, peacefully went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, where her faith became sight. Gladys was born on July 1, 1930, in Peru, to Clarence and Helen (Dutton) Fitzgerald. Gladys' greatest passion was serving the Lord, raising her five children, and volunteering in many different areas. She was a long time member of the Peru First Church of the Nazarene. She was one of the first women to serve in the WAC (Women's Army Corps) where she served as a clerk typist from 1948 - 1950. She retired from Gen Corp. Automotive in 2000. Gladys is survived by her five children: John W. Coleman of Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, Steven A. Coleman and his wife Suzanne of Panama City Beach, Florida, David S. Coleman of Midwest City, Oklahoma, Teresa A Hullinger and her husband Robert of Lafayette, and Jeffery B. Coleman and his wife Anginette of Peru. She had 13 grandchildren: Beth Ann Crye, Rebecca Boonrin, Eric Hanisee, Jessica Hullinger, Bradley Coleman, Nicholas Coleman, Matthew Coleman, Alicia Maggart, Ashleigh McDaniel, Austen McDaniel, Arek McDaniel, Jonathon Disbro, and Brittney Disbro. She also had eight great grandchildren: Amanda, Roark, Georgia, Nathaniel, Rocky Andrew, Bryce, Veda, Rylee. She is also survived by her brother-in-law (Gerald Hopkins), many nieces, nephews, and loving friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Weisenberger, parents, two sisters - Katherine Arwood and Marie Hopkins, one brother, John Fitzgerald, and one daughter-in-law, Anna M. Coleman. Viewing will be at the Peru First Church of the Nazarene located at 331 W. 6th St. on Friday April 15, 2016 from 4 - 7 p.m. Funeral will be at the Peru First Church of the Nazarene on Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 10 a.m. Visitation at 9 a.m. Graveside service to follow at Ever Rest Memorial Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Peru First Church of the Nazarene. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 13, 2016

James "Jim" Blair passed away on Monday, April 11, 2016 at Blair Ridge in Peru, Indiana. He was born on July 20, 1928 and was a 1946 graduate of Peru High School. James was a member of the Masonic Lodge for over 60 years and a member of the First Christian Church. He married his high school sweetheart, Ruth Ellen Reed Blair on October 24, 1948. He was preceded in death by a son, James Jay Blair, by his parents James L Blair and Esther Cover Blair, and his two sisters Betty Blair Mislinski and Kathleen Blair Lassiter. James worked for the C&O railroad for 45 years and also loved a part time job driving truck for Elb Hiner for several years. James spent his entire life doing what he loved most which was farming. From growing up on a farm as a boy to owning and working his own farm, there was nothing he enjoyed more. He also loved working in his garden and growing vegetables to share with everyone. James was a loving husband, father of two, grandfather of five, and great grandfather of five. He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Ruth and a daughter, Joleen Blair Sutton and her husband, Gary Sutton of Greenville, South Carolina and his daughter-in-law, Kathleen Ashcraft Blair of Birmingham, AL; five grandchildren: Lindsey (Aaron) Woods, Natalie (Nic) Bogle, Cole (Kristie) Sutton, Audrey (Jonathan) Bass, and Christy Sutton King; five great grandchildren: Ryan King, Mason King, Zoe Woods, Nathaniel Woods, and Callie Bogle. James is also survived by a brother, Richard H (Arlette) Blair and a number of nieces and nephews. The visitation will be Saturday, April 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru with the funeral service following at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor James Loft officiating. Burial will follow at the Mount Hope Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the First Christian Church, 53 W Main St, Peru, IN. 46970. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.

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Eloise Eloise Shank, 96, went home to be with the Lord on April 13, 2016. Preceded in death by her husband, John Shank, and her grandson, Eric Gilley. She is survived by her four children; Diane (Correll) West of Peru, Mark Kinser of Johnson City, Tennessee, Andrea Kinser Browell of Lafayette, and Christ (Kinser) Huggins of Wheat Ridge, Colorado. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Friends may call from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Funeral will follow at 1 p.m. Monday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 14, 2016

Jay D. Sullivan, 72, of Wabash, died at 9:07 p.m., Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at Vibra Hospital of Fort Wayne. He was born Sept. 25, 1943 in Wabash, to Pete and Josephine Blanche (Carr) Sullivan. Jay was a 1962 graduate of Noble High School in Wabash. He was a US Army veteran serving in Germany. He married Barbara Stouffer in Roann on May 12, 1967. He retired from Wabash Paper Works/Container Corporation after 44 years. Jay was a member of the Church of Christ at Treaty and was an avid sports fan. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Sullivan of Wabash, three children, Kellie Sullivan and Jason Sullivan, both of Wabash, and Nicole Turner of Goshen; daughter-in-law, Melody Sullivan of LaFontaine; five grandchildren, Christopher (Raquel) Goff of LaFontaine, Ella (Davin) Smith of Huntington, Maggy (Scott) Hare of Salem, Ohio, and Aubrey Turner and Taylor France, both of Goshen; 10 great grandchildren, and two sisters, Marlyn (Glenn) Brown and Sharon (Roy) Hinrichsen, both of Wabash. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Patrick Sullivan, and his sister, Jean Halterman. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 18, 2016 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Doug Oakes, Minister, officiating. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends may call 2 - 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Animal Shelter of Wabash County. The memorial guest book for Jay may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

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Anna M. Dunn, 60, Marion, died at 3:56 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2016, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne. She was born in Marion, to the late Harold Francis and Marcella (Davis) Case. Anna worked as a dietician for the Grant County Sheriff's Department. She loved scrapbooking, gardening, cooking, playing Euchre, as well as watching movies and Colts football. Anna's favorite part of life was spending time with her family. She attended Northeast Church of God. Survivors include her children, Cheryl (Lisa Rayburn) Case, Fort Wayne, Shelly (Steven) Layton, Denver, Rickey (Terrie Shields) Bradshaw II, Joliet, IL, Sherry Shipley, Sweetser; grandchildren, Garrett, Megan, Gabby, Daulton, Lilly, Brayden, Drew, Evan, Matthew, and Joshua; siblings, Phyllis Doyle, Marion, and Steven (Janie) Case, Fairmount; brother-in-law, Brian Drollinger; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends; and her dog, Petey. In addition to her parents, Anna was preceded in death by her husband, Rick Bradshaw; and siblings, Marcella Jean Drollinger, Marilyn Sample, and Larry Ernest Case. Friends and family may call from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2016, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion. Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. with Pastor Stephen Howser officiating. Online condolences may be made at www.nswcares.com.
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Louise Murphy, 97, Peru, and formerly of rural Denver, Indiana, passed away on Thursday, April 14, 2016, at Dukes Memorial Hospital. L. Louise Murphy was born in southern Miami County, on July 27, 1918, on her grandparents' farm. She graduated from Jefferson Township High School in 1936, and on March 12, 1939, she was married to Raymond M. Murphy by the late Rev. C.F. Golden. They were blessed to be married for 73 years. Louise had worked at J.C. Penney Co. and the North Miami Community School Corporation. She was a member of the Chili Methodist Church, where she was a Sunday School secretary for many years. She had recently attended the Peru First Baptist Church, where she was a member of the Resurrection Sunday School Class. She is survived by a son, Richard R. Murphy and his wife Janice, Denver; daughter, Nancy Masten and her husband Robert, Peru; grandchildren, Anthony Murphy, Michelle Murphy, Robert Masten, Jr., Kerwin Masten, and Mary Day; seven great-grandchildren, London Murphy, Alexandra Masten, Robert Oakley Masten, Corey Masten, Jordan Masten, Adler Tuttle, and Katherine Day; sister-in-law, Loraine Moore and her husband, Jean; and many nieces and nephews. Louise was preceded in death by her mother, Ida Ruth Fenn See, her stepfather, Grover See, her husband Raymond Murphy, three sisters, Wilma Donat, Mable Crim and Ruth Elizabeth (Bette) Kinley, and two brothers, Gaylord See and James Grover See. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 17, 2016, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Tim Earle and Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Visitation will be from 3 - 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, 2016 and one hour prior to the service on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Chili United Methodist Church or Westlawn Cemetery Association.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, April 14, 2016

Carolyn S. Wright, 74, of Peru, passed away at 9:26 p.m., Thursday, April 14, 2016 at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. She was born in Mt. Vernon, Illinois on Jan. 23, 1942 the daughter of Thomas and Edith Troxell Clark. Carol married Donald L. Wright on Sept. 9, 1961 and he survives. She was a homemaker and an Air Force wife for more than 23 years while her husband was on active duty. Upon retirement of her husband from the Air Force, she worked at the Grissom Air Force Base Commissary, where she thoroughly enjoyed her job as supervisor of the baggers. Carol was an avid card player, loved planting flowers and spending time with her family especially her grandchildren. Surviving in addition to her husband Don is a son Gregory Scott Wright; grandchildren Zach (Abbie) Wright, Hannah Wright and her fiancé Steve Adair and Madison Wright and great grandchildren Austin Adair, Hudson Wright and Hartlee Wright. She was preceded in death by her parents, a son Donald L. "Andy" Wright, Jr. and a brother Jim Clark. There will be no visitation or funeral service. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral to the Miami County Military Rites Unit or Scratching Post Cat Rescue Inc. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, April 16, 2016

Judy K. Townsend, 68, of Waupecong, passed away early Friday morning, April 15, 2016 at her home. She was born Nov. 20, 1947 in Logansport to Fred A. and Mary Jeanette Gruhl. She married Dwight W. Townsend on Nov. 2, 1979 and he preceded her in death on Aug. 22, 2002. Judy worked for Delco Electronics in Kokomo. She retired with 20 years service. She was a 1965 graduate of Lewis Cass and member of U.A.W. Local #292. She enjoyed gardening, flowers, her pets and playing games with her grandchildren and family. Surviving family include her son and daughter-in-law, Don "Charlie" and wife Penny Bowman, Waupecong; grandchildren, Brent (Nicole) Bowman, Kokomo; Andrew Bowman and Fiancée Lauren Harrison, Muncie; and Jenna Bowman, Waupecong. She is also survived by siblings, David Smith, Olivet, Michigan; and Joyce (Wendell) Propes, Walton and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Dwight Townsend and sister-in-law, Eva Smith. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at Murray Weaver Funeral Home in Galveston. Burial will follow at Ever Rest Memorial Park Cemetery in Logansport. Visitation will be held from 4 - 8 p.m. Monday, April 18 at Murray Weaver Funeral Home in Galveston. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Disabled American Veterans or the Veterans Administration. Envelopes will be provided at the funeral home. Murray Weaver Funeral Home in Galveston assisted her family with arrangements.
www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com
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Zana Jane (Lord) Kaufman, 95, Kokomo, passed away at 7:50 p.m. Saturday, April 16, 2016 at her home. She was born at home in eastern Howard County on Dec. 28, 1920, a daughter of Henry Orval and Bessie Rae (Kingery) Lord and was the middle of five children. On Aug. 7, 1942, she married Lt. Lloyd Wilson Partee who was killed in action aboard a P-51 Mustang over North Africa on July 22, 1944. In 1948 she married Tom Maple. They had four children; Linda Joan (Ronald) Maus, Kokomo, Jeffry Thomas, who died Sept. 13, 1955, Michael Lord (Pam) Maple, Kokomo, who died July 13, 2015 and Daniel Craig (Gina) Maple, Greentown. She later married Francis L. Kaufman who preceded her in death. Zana graduated from Union Township High School in 1939 and then from Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, Indianapolis, in 1942. She served in the Army Nurse Corps as Second Lt. from 1945 to 1946. She then studied at Indiana University, and received her Bachelor of Nursing Degree in 1948. She went on to work private duty nursing in Converse, where she raised her family. She also worked at the Kokomo School of Practical Nursing. At Indiana University Kokomo, she was a nursing clinical instructor and the recipient of the Amicus Award in 1982. When Zana was 65 years old, she retired from IUK and was a per diem nurse at Chrysler and retired from nursing at the age of 75. She was a member of Converse Church of Christ, but began attending Greentown Wesleyan Church after marrying Francis and later joined the church, (a total of 42 years). She also served as Worthy Matron of Converse Eastern Star Chapter 334, was active in the Pierian Department Club as well as PTO, and other activities while living in Converse. She was a life member of Indiana University Alumna, Gold Star Wives, and she contributed to a young boy in India through Compassion international. Zana also sewed and donated fleece blankets to her church, abused women and children, mental Health Association, Family Service Association and others. Zana enjoyed her family, friends, "Junkin'", music, dancing, entertaining, family history, sewing, collecting, giving and life in general. She enjoyed making people happy. She is also survived by her grandchildren, Trent (Julie) Maus, Chicago, Mick (Erin) Maple, Kokomo, Matt (Angie) Maple, Kokomo, Mindy Maple (Nic) Barker, Kokomo, Nathan Bickel, Peru, Drew Maple, Kokomo and Josh Maple, Kokomo; as well as 11 great-grandchildren, Harold Maus, Michael Maple, Brennen Maple, Parker Maple, Jaelyn Maple, Brayden Maple, Evan Maple, Ayden Martin, Ashton Barker, Britne Bickel, and Carson Maple. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 21, 2016 at Greentown Wesleyan Church, 120 N. Maple Street, Greentown, with Revs. Eric Roemer and Paul Boss officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery. Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m. until service time Thursday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Jackson Street Commons, C/O Family Services, 618 South Main Street, Kokomo, IN 46901. Hasler & Stout Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Messages of condolence may be left online at www.hasler-stout.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Katina L. Powell, 43, passed away on May 7, 2016. Arrangements are pending at Good Family Funeral Home of Rochester. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, May 10, 2016

Philip "Phil" M. Gilgrist, of Pensacola, Florida passed away at Sacred Heart Hospital on Wednesday, April 20, 2016. Phil was born in Indianapolis, on Aug. 1, 1932 and moved to Peru, when he was 5 years old. He was very active in school activities and played on the basketball, football and golf teams. He attended Butler University and then transferred to Indiana University. He played on the IU Golf team and graduated in 1958. He also served in the US Army from 1953 to 1955. Phil and Nancy married on Peru in December of 1956. After graduating from Indiana University, he had long career in the Cement and Lime industries in Sales/Marketing. His career brought numerous moves to Illinois, Washington, Minnesota, Georgia and Texas. Phil and Nancy retired to Pensacola, Florida in 1995. He was a member of Indiana University Alumni and Indiana Men's Association and Cokesbury United Methodist Church. Phil was preceded in death by his parents, Anna Louise and Myron Gilgrist; brother, Michael of Indiana, mother and father-in-law, Norma and Lewis Sharpf; brother-in-law, Allen Sharpf of Indiana and sister-in-law, Barbara Sharpf of Vancouver, Washington. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; daughter, Lynn Engel (David) of Naperville, Illinois; sons, Mark of Washington, D.C. and Todd Gilgrist (Lisa) of Suwanne, Georgia; two granddaughters, Alexis and Sarah Gilgrist; brother, John Gilgrist (Caren) of Indianapolis; sister, Julie Gunn (Bob) of Tipton; brother-in-law, Larry Sharpf, Vancouver, Washington; sister-in-law, Carol Sink (Michael) of Dallas, Texas and numerous nieces and nephews. He will be deeply missed by his dear wife of 60 years, his wonderful children, precious granddaughters, family and friends. His quick wit and deep love for all of us will stay in our hearts forever. Special thanks to the doctors and staff at Sacred Heart Hospital and the Life-Care Center of Pensacola. Burial will be in Indiana at a later date with a private family service. Memorial Donations for Philip M. Gilgrist may be made to the Charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to Harper-Morris Memorial Chapel, Pensacola. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, May 16, 2016

On Saturday, May 14, 2016, **Wilma Jane (Wilson) VanDyke**, 87, passed away at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. She was born February 5, 1929 in Wabash, IN to Thomas and Ruth (Resler) Wilson. She married Robert B. VanDyke on June 29, 1947 who preceded her in death on March 8, 1997. Wilma attended Peru Church of the Brethren for the past several years. She enjoyed her morning group of coffee drinkers at Hardees. She was frequently seen visiting the residents of Miller's Merry Manor. She also attended lunch at Area Five for the past 27 years where she enjoyed the company of her friends. She had a passion for traveling by train or bus any chance she got. And, she was an avid picture taker. She is survived by her children: James VanDyke and fiancé Wanda Ellis, Peru; Roger (Sherry) VanDyke, Kokomo; Gail VanDyke, Peru; and Jane (Tim) Holland, Peru. She had five grandchildren: Shannon (Dana) VanDyke-Grasman, Irvine, California; Jamie (Paul) Quigley, Mishawauka; Holly (Brad) Rogers, Peru; Kain Holland, Loveland, Colorado; and Blane (Mary) Holland, Peru. She is survived by six great-grandchildren: Quig Quigley, Elizabeth "Libby" Rogers, Jackson Rogers, Logan Rogers, Layla Holland, and Tessa Holland. She is also survived by two step-great-grandchildren: Shawneci Windell and Cole Trueblood. She is survived by two sisters: Pauline Gentry, Peru; and Shirley (George) Greene, Whitesboro, New York. She was preceded in death by both her parents; her husband; one sister, Joanne Winters of Roanne;

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and step-grandson Eric Pettay of Tybee Island, Georgia. Friends and family may call from 3-6 p.m. on Thursday, May 19 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 20 at the funeral home. Pastor Phil Cruea will be officiating and burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, May 16, 2016

Richard "Dick" S. Sharp Sr. died peacefully on May 22, 2016. He was born on Feb 14, 1935 in Peru Indiana to Edward J. and Bessie B (Scholes) Sharp. He married Carolyn J. Keown on April 1, 1955 in Peru, who after 48 years of marriage, preceded him in death on Aug. 30, 2003. Sharp retired from Peru Utilities after 42 years of service. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and Maennerchor. He was a 1955 Butler Township High School Graduate. He is survived by three children, one son Dick Sharp Jr. (Sara), Peru; two daughters, Doreen Eldridge (Dale), Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin and Deborah Frissell, Noblesville, Indiana. Six grandchildren, Megan Dannegger (Austin), Andy and Abby Eldridge, Kristin, Scotty and Katie Frissell. Three great grandchildren—Shelby, Hayleigh Renn and Kloe Dannegger. Sharp was preceded in death by three brothers, Edward J. Sharp (Sally), William E. Sharp (Mary) and Harry G. Sharp. Two sisters—Mary Jane Ashbrooke (Kenneth) and Nellie Bender (John), two grandchildren Luke L. Eldridge and Mitchel L. Sharp. Private family burial. Eternal rest is Everest Cemetery.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, May 24, 2016

On Wednesday May 25, 2016, **Amon Tew**, 79 of Kokomo, formerly of Miami, Indiana went peacefully home to be with the Lord. He was born or July 5, 1936 in Conway, Arkansas to Alvie and Alpha Tew. He married Joanna (Kessler) Tew, who preceded him in death. He married Evelyn Joan (Sommers) Tew in 1979, who survives. He retired from Kokomo Sanitary Pottery in 1998 after 41 years. He was a member of Mt. Zion Free Methodist Church. He enjoyed singing at his church services and helped in many other ways in the church. He enjoyed cutting wood, riding his bicycle around town, and delivering mail at the nursing home. He loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Amon is survived by his wife Joan, his mother Alpha Caudle, sons Richard (Denise) Tew, Jeffery (Tammy) Tew, Dale Sommers, Kevin (Patti) Sommers, and Brian (Lisa) Sommers; and daughter Pam (Jeff) Maish. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father Alvie Tew, wife Joanna Tew, his sisters Brenda and Joan Suiter, and brother Johnny Tew. Visitation will be Tuesday May 31 from 2 - 7 p.m. and funeral will be Wednesday June 1 at 10 a.m. at Allen's Funeral Home, in Bunker Hill. Following funeral service, burial will be at Clymer Cemetery in Miami County. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, May 28, 2016

Lawrence Conner, Jr., 94, rural Mexico, peacefully passed away at home at 2:30 a.m. Sunday, May 29, 2016, with his wife of 74 years at his side. Born Nov. 20, 1921 in Macy, he was the son of Lawrence Ellsworth Conner, Sr. and Grace Ellen Washington Conner. On May 3, 1942, at the Mexico Church of the Brethren, he married Harriette M. Stofer, and she survives. Lawrence was an active member of the Mexico Church of the Brethren, where he held many offices and served wherever needed. He spent his entire life as a dairy and grain farmer and passed along his passion for agriculture to his children. For several years, he served on the board at the Mexico Elevator. He enjoyed fishing and spending time outdoors, but most of all, he loved being with his family. The patriarch of the Conner Clan, he is survived by his wife, Harriette Conner, Peru; three sons, Eldon Conner and wife Jean, Peru; Glenn Conner and wife Donita, Peru; and Larry Conner and wife Diane, Peru; six grandchildren, Cassie Smith (Kelly Shultz), Rochester; Bev (Tim) Middlekauff, Peru; Bret Conner, Peru; Bart (Katie) Conner, Westfield; Katrina (Jason) See, Denver; Jenny (Danny) Thompson, Indianapolis; Lindsey (Jacob) Fife, Elkhart; Abby (Matt) Roberts, Lafayette; great grandchildren, Terry Smith, Taylor (Chelsea) Smith, and Travis Smith, Conner Middlekauff, Corbin Middlekauff, Kennedy Conner, Keegan Conner, Owen Page, Baylor Conner, McKenzie Conner, Austin See, Allyson See, Grace Thompson, Gabby Thompson, Caleb Fife, Chloe Fife, Madison Roberts, and Morgan Roberts; great-great granddaughter, Lillian Smith; and a sister, Janet K. Dalman, Holland, Michigan; as well as several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Marilee Wildman and Carolyn Conrad. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, at the Mexico Church of the Brethren with Chaplain Jason See and Pastor Gene Correll officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 3 - 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2016, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Mexico Church of the Brethren. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, is handling arrangements. The online guestbook can be signed at www.mcclainfh.com.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, May 30, 2016

Allison Berry 39, of Peru, passed away peacefully on May 31, 2016 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Allison was born on Aug. 15, 1976 to Robert and Nancy Ege. She was joined in marriage on Jan. 29, 2016 to Robert Berry and he survives. Allison was a 1994 graduate of Maconaquah High School. Allison is survived by her parents, sister Jennifer (Chris) Walden, two children, Brayden Roe and Jordan Roe, both of North Webster; aunts Anita Steininger, Peru and Carolyn Bury, Florida; uncles, Raymond (Kelly) Ege, Peru, Ronald Richardson, Illinois, and Ronald Bengel, Iowa; a brother-in-law Alvin Berry, Illinois; a sister-in-law Pamela Howard, Indiana; her daughter-in-law Keyla Berry, Tennessee; her son-in-law Chris Berry, North Carolina; her nephews, Dakota and Dayton Erickson and niece Makinsey Erickson, Peru. Services will be Tuesday June 7 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. for family and close family friends. Services entrusted with Riverview Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, June 4, 2016

Dorothy Evelyn Bullock, 92, passed away on June 5, 2016 at 10:48 a.m., in her home surrounded by her family. Leaving her dearly loved family, Dorothy peacefully entered her eternal home to meet her Lord. She was born on Dec. 10, 1923 in McClean County, IL, the daughter of Clarence and Mallie Adams. Dorothy was the fourth of seven children and the last surviving child of her family. Dorothy graduated from Ridge High School in Van Wert, Ohio in 1941. Upon graduation she moved to Bunker Hill, IN where she was a telephone operator. She met William Paul Bullock and they were married on June 13, 1943 while Bill was home on furlough

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from the Army. They had five children and were married 63 years. During the time her husband owned Bullock's Standard Service station, Dorothy spent many years being the bookkeeper. Upon Bill's retirement in 1988, Dorothy traveled with her husband in their motor coach throughout the country. They also enjoyed traveling to other parts of the world. Viewing America's beautiful countryside, the ocean-side, playing golf, and visiting with family and friends were greatly enjoyed. Upon her husband's death in 2006, Dorothy spent time visiting with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Dorothy's interests included her church, spending time with family and friends, reading, crocheting, knitting, watching birds, walking with friends and the Republican Party. Wherever Dorothy was she enjoyed sharing conversation and fellowship with everyone. While her children were growing up, Dorothy was a Girl Scout Leader, a Cub Scout Den Mother, Sunday school teacher and served on Grant Schools PTA. She was fondly referred to as "my other mother" by many of her children's friends. Throughout Dorothy's life she was involved in many community and church organizations. She served on the Miami County Election Board until the age of 85. She was a member of PEO, Christian Women, and Home Ec Club. Dorothy attended the Peru Church of the Brethren until 1981 and the Loree Brethren Church until her death. Dorothy is survived by two sons and three daughters; Michael and his wife Lana of Peru, Mary and her husband Mark Donaldson of Peru, Janet and her husband Jim Cattin of Bangor, Maine, Jane and her husband Tom Hopewell of Winamac and Jack of Winterport, Maine. Dorothy has 16 grandchildren. 12 great-grandchildren and two great great-grandchildren. Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, William Paul, her granddaughter Angela Hopewell and six brothers and sisters. A celebration of life will be held from 4 to 8 p.m., Friday, June 10, 2016 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home with her family and friends. This will be a time of conversation, fellowship and reflection. A service will be held Saturday at 10:30 a.m., with her son-in-law Rev. Thomas Hopewell officiating with burial to follow in the Rankin Cemetery, Bunker Hill, IN. Those who wish to remember Dorothy in a special way may make a contribution in her memory to Riley Children's Hospital or Disabled American Veterans. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, June 7, 2016

James Edward "Jim" Carpenter, 86, died Tuesday, May 24, 2016 in Elizabethton, Tennessee. He was born Oct. 12, 1929 in Three Rivers, Michigan, to Leslie Loren and Lena Jeannette (Drake) Carpenter, the 7th of 12 children. He married Gloria Jean Farley on Sept. 12, 1949 in Centreville, Michigan, who preceded him in death on April 17, 1997. He later married Helen Beatrice (Wilyard) Gerontinos on Jan. 26, 2002, who preceded him in death on Dec. 6, 2012. Jim served 20 years in the U. S. Air Force, then moved to Indiana where he worked as a Union Plumber Pipefitter and enjoyed farming as a hobby. After retiring, he lived in Florida and Tennessee. Surviving are: a sister, Vada (Richard) Kline, Lake Havasu City, Arizona ; five daughters: Diana (Ernie) Martino, Palm Coast, Florida; Dawn (Mark) Hendricks, Pidgeon Forge, Tennessee; Darcy (Ramon) Morton, Auburn; Daryn (Jeff) Vassau; Black Mountain, North Carolina; and Darla (Rod) Shelburne, Warsaw; nine grandchildren: Matthew Myers, Amanda Bockart, Frances Boyes, Andrew (Mary) Morton, John (Karin) Morton, Laura Morton, Kyle Vassau, Lindsey Scott and Lauren Shelburne; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four sisters: Thelma Granger, Virginia Kohls, Mildred Fitch, and Beatrice Crouch; 6 brothers: Wesley (Birl), Lester, Loren, Leslie (Chick), Rolland (Rex), and Ronald (Ray); and a grandson. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 11, 2016 at Warsaw Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 210 S High St, Warsaw, with visitation one hour prior. The Rev. Andrew Morton and Rev. Erik Ohman will officiate. A graveside service with military honors will take place later at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida. Memorials may be made to a charity of your choice.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Raymond Moscowitz, 78, a former Peru Tribune publisher, died June 8 in Bloomington. Moscowitz, a member of the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame (inducted 2002), was publisher of the Tribune from January 1995 to November 1996. Moscowitz spent 29 years with NNI, the last 10 as editorial director, based in Peru. In 1998, the Hoosier State Press Association created The Ray Moscowitz Award, which recognizes newspaper excellence "beyond the call of duty." The first Ray Moscowitz Award was given at the association's 1998 Newsroom Seminar to seven newspapers for a series of stories that exposed how public officials routinely violate Indiana's Open Records Law. He was named Print Journalist of the Year 2001 by Western Kentucky University at Bowling Green, Kentucky, in October 2001. Survivors include his wife, Barbara, Bloomington; son and daughter-in-law, David and Leigh, and grandchildren Amelia and Elijah, Columbia, South Carolina; sisters Barbara Benon, Santa Barbara, California, and Sharon Hasson, Encino, California; a sister-in-law, Gerry Moscowitz, Encino, California. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Cecelia (Sherman) Moscowitz, and a brother, Robert. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, at the Day & Deremiah-Frye Funeral Home, 4150 E. Third St., Bloomington. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, June 11, 2016

Deborah Lynn Long passed away June 13, 2016. She was born on Dec. 18, 1955 to Paul Edward Gross and Shirley Jean (Bruce) Gross. She married Michael Lynn Long on Feb. 23, 1974. They had four children: Autumn, (Deryll) Tague, Troy (Jackie) Long, Nicole Knight, Sarah (Clayton) Shearer. She leaves behind 12 grandchildren who were the light of her life: Caleb, Makayla, Gloria Rose, Rachel, and Amelia Tague. Eric, Adrianna, and Emma Knight, Isaac and Joshua Long, Seth Spry and Gates Shearer. She was a member of the First Church of Christ. She loved spending time with her grandchildren, sewing, quilting, gardening, and listening to birds. She also enjoyed calling and encouraging her friends. Visitation will be Thursday June 16, 2016 from 3 - 7 p.m. at First Church of Christ 2584 S. Business 31 Peru, IN. Funeral services are Friday June 17, 2016 at 10 a.m. at First Church of Christ 2584 S. Business 31 Peru, IN. Evangelist Shane Capps will be officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to First Church of Christ. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guest book at: www.flowersleedyallen.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, June 14, 2016

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Adrian G. Ralstin, 93 of Mooresville formerly of Rochester and Kokomo, passed away at 2:50 p.m., Friday, June 10, 2016 at St. Francis Hospital in Indianapolis. Born Jan. 2, 1923 in Peru, he was the son of the late Guy V. and Hettie L. (Lunsford) Ralstin. On July 29, 1944, Adrian married Beverly J. Russell in Gainesville, GA. She preceded him in death in 1998. Adrian was a 1941 Peru High School graduate and he also attended Purdue University, Indiana University and the University of Houston. He served in the United States Navy as a radar technician and was attached to VS-25 Air Anti-Submarine Squadron. Adrian was a fireman on the C & O and Wabash railroads. He was also a production supervisor for Delco Electronics, Kokomo for 35 years. He was a member of First Christian Church, Winamac and First Christian Church in Rochester. He most recently attended Nashville Christian Church in Nashville, Indiana. He was also a member of the BPO Elks, American Legion Post 14 in Peru, Bruce Family International of North America, Society of Indiana Pioneers and the Fulton County Historical Society. Adrian enjoyed fishing and traveling. Survivors are one son, David M. Ralstin (Catherine), grandchildren, David Andrew Ralstin (Amber) and Arin Lindsay Lindauer (Tony), great grandchildren, Lindsay Diane Ralstin, Natalie Kay Ralstin and Baby Boy Lindauer, sister-in-law, Judy Russell, niece, Jennifer Hoover (Steve), nephew, Jimmy Russell (Misty), nieces, Barbara Williams (Dr. James) and Jackie Jarrard, great nephews, Tyler Hoover, Mitchell Hoover, Zachary Russell and Isaac Russell and several cousins. He was also preceded in death by brother and sister-in-law, Albert and Janet Tower and brother-in-law, James M. Russell. Visitation will be held from 4 - 8 p.m., Friday, June 17, 2016 at Harrison-Metzger-Rans Funeral Home, 123 E. Main St., Kewanna, IN 46939. Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 18, 2016 at the First Christian Church, 106 S. Market St., Winamac, IN. 46996 with visitation for one hour prior to the service. Pastor L. D. Campbell will officiate. Graveside services and Military Rites will follow at 2 p.m. at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Peru. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church in Winamac. Sign the online guest book or leave condolence for Ralstin family at www.ransfuneralhomes.com The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, June 14, 2016

Rex Clinton Walter McHenry, 91, Peru, passed away at 9:07 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15, 2016, at Blair Ridge Health Campus, Peru. Born April 2, 1925, in Denver, he was the son of Albert Ross and Oatie Robbins McHenry. He married Joan VanDusen on September 14, 1947, at the home of the late Rev. C.F. Golden, near Denver, Indiana. Rex was a graduate of Jefferson Township High School and a United States Army Veteran. He was a good husband and family man. He enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. For several years, he coached his son's little league teams and later enjoyed attending all of their ballgames. He enjoyed fishing, mushroom hunting, golfing, boating, boxing, horseback riding, and raising beagles. Rex loved to dance, especially to "Old Time Rock and Roll." He had retired from the C&O Railroad and was a member of the Denver Baptist Church, Peru Moose Lodge, and the VFW. He is survived by his wife Joan McHenry, Peru; three children, Pamela Ann Cole and husband James, Coldwater, Michigan; Rex Walter McHenry, Granger; and Bradley Ross McHenry, Fishers; six grandchildren, Robert (Kelli Kalisik) Cole, Andrew (Maria) Cole, Christopher Cole, Adam McHenry, Brandon McHenry, Shea (Brandon) Sexton; and five great-grandchildren, Ashlyn, Madelyn, Braylon, and Ava McHenry, and Annabel Cole. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, William R. McHenry, three sisters, Beulah Ault, Pauline Brandt and Helen McHenry, and one granddaughter, Jennifer Cole. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 19, 2016, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, with Pastor Tim Earle officiating. Burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver, with military honors provided by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Visitation will be from noon - 2 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Miami County Military Rites Team or Parkinson's Foundation. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, June 17, 2016

Barbara A. (Ward) Wagler, age 91, Peru, passed away June 14, 2016 at St. Vincent's hospital, Indianapolis. She was born Oct. 14, 1924 to Marion G. Ward and Ethel M (Beamer) Ward in Peru. At age 12 on Feb. 12, 1936, Barbara was diagnosed with Type I Diabetes going on to a life well lived on insulin for 80 years—with the help of her village of family and friends. Her exceptional achievement was recognized by the 75 year Journey Award from Eli Lilly and the Joslin Victory award, becoming the 52 person world wide to receive this recognition. She lived an extraordinary life enjoying ordinary activities. In 1943 she graduated from Peru High School followed by working as an abstractor at Wabash Valley Abstracting. Moreover, she was a remarkable seamstress. On Sept. 30, 1951 she married the love of her, life Milford R. Wagler in Peru First Christian Church. Barbara loved the crazy havoc of family life, which for her, included many friends of all ages. In addition, she was a proud member of Eastern Star, Onward Lier's Club, and Friday Night Card Club; however, her true passions were her kitchen garden, flowers, and family. Barbara is survived by her husband of almost 65 years, Milford Wagler, her son Michael Wagler, her daughter Kim Wagler Ziner; grandchildren: Katherine, Travis, Jennifer, Emily, Holly, Kain, and Blane; and great grandchildren Lindsey, Sidney, Sage, Tegan, Libby, Jackson, Logan, Layla, Tessa, Natalie and Emily. Please join her family in a celebration of her life at Flowers-Leedy Funeral home June 21, 2016 from 5 - 7 p.m. An Eastern Star service will be held at 7 p.m. on June 21. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the American Diabetes Association or Joslin Diabetes Center 50 year medalists study, att. Christi Gabbay, One Joslin Place, Boston, MA 02215. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, June 18, 2016

Linda Lou Price, 73, of North Manchester, died at 11:14 p.m., Thursday, June 23, 2016 at Peabody Healthcare. She was born Oct. 3, 1942 in Warsaw, Indiana to Jesse and Kathryn (Aduddell) Lefforge. Linda graduated from Manchester High School in 1960. She was a member of the North Manchester United Methodist Church. She loved all animals, especially her dog, Nattie. She is survived by four children, Roger Gene (Melessa) Price, Jr. of Indianapolis; Ronda Woods of North Manchester; Rodney V. (Christine) Price of Springfield, Virginia; and Rocky (Cindy) Price of Peru; sister, Jo Dee Hoemig of Fremont, Indiana; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, son, Royal L. Price, and one great-grandchild. Memorial services will be 7

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p.m. Wednesday, June 29, 2016 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Bender Chapel, 207 W. Main Street, North Manchester, with Pastor Kent Harting officiating. Graveside services will be 4 p.m. Wednesday at Fairview Cemetery, North Manchester, with Rev. Sue Babovec officiating. Friends may call 5 - 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Alzheimer's Association. The memorial guest book for Linda may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, June 25, 2016

Jack Leroy Iliff, 70, Peru, passed away Monday morning, June 20, 2016. Born on Nov. 12, 1945 in Peru, the son of Edward Paul and Helen (Fisher) Iliff. He was a lifelong resident of Peru with a lake home on Nyona Lake, Macy. Jack was a dedicated and loyal employee for the Norfolk and Southern Railroad for many years. He leaves his wife of 51 years, Kathleen (Crawford) Iliff, Peru; his sisters, Patricia Thompson, Peru; Peggy Richter and husband Harry, Kokomo; Brother John Iliff, Florida. His daughters, Pamela Iliff-Pine, Peru; Lana Iliff, Louisville, Tennessee.; three grandchildren, Amber Wolfe and husband Adam, Peru; Clinton Walker, Peru; Abigail Walker and companion Spencer Million, Chili, and two great-grandchildren, Kara and Benjamin Wolfe, Peru. Along with many loved nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents and older brother, George Iliff. Family and friends will be celebrating his life with a memorial service, Saturday, July 2, 2 p.m. at the Family Fellowship Church of God, 360 Harrison Avenue, Peru. Visitors are welcome. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, June 29, 2016

Jane Dyer Johnson passed into the next life peacefully surrounded by loved ones on June 13, 2016. She joins her father Don and other family members who preceded her in death, along with many dogs, cats, horses and her pig Wilbur in a better world somewhere. Jane loved her friends almost as much as she loved her horses. She will be remembered for her many acts of kindness, for her infectious beautiful smile and a laugh that was a party in itself. She leaves behind her husband Daryl Johnson, their son Deryn Johnson, a long list of family and precious friends who will forever love and miss her. A Memorial Service to honor her life will be held July 9 at 10 a.m. Bring your horse or walk the trail as there will be a "cowgirl's last ride" followed by a light lunch; all to take place at her home on the farm she loved so dearly, 6401 S 200 W Peru, IN 46970. "Now boast thee, death, in thy possession lies a lass unparallel'd". Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Allen Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, July 6, 2016

Kathryn L. Aikman, 95, of Peru, passed away at 4:21 a.m. June 14, 2016 at Blair Ridge Health Campus, Peru. She was born on Sept. 28, 1920, in Rochester, Indiana to Lloyd Wissinger and Carrie Davis Wissinger Purdy. In 1935 at First Christian Church, she married John L. Aikman, who preceded her in death. Kathryn was a retired beautician. She is survived by: her children - son Jack L. Aikman, Kingman, Indiana and a daughter, Paula "Nikie Starkey (husband Max) of Peru; her granddaughters Mary Kathrya Purvis (husband Mark) of Carmel, Kristen N. Smith (husband Shawn) of Caldwell, and Laura A. Dillon of Logansport; and great grandchildren, Haley Dillon, Indianapolis and Cooper Purvis of Carmel. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a daughter Laticia Aikman, a grandson Jack Aikman Jr., and three sisters, Evelyn Finster, Ruth Douglas and Roseanna Yoder. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, July 7, 2016

Rebecca Susie Logsdon left the loving arms of her family July 5, 2016 at 1:30 a.m. at the age of 65 to enter the loving arms of Jesus Christ. She was born May 9, 1951 in Peru, the daughter of Martin Wesley Howell and Inez Mae (Chambers) Smith. She met and married Daniel Logsdon in 1987. Susie was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and aunt. She was raised in Miami County. She is preceded in death by two brothers Raymond Chambers and Terry Howell and a daughter Terri Lea Singer. She always put her family first. She loved her animals and enjoyed the wildlife that she saw at her door. She is survived by one daughter Deanna (Michael) Emmons of Akron; four grandchildren; six great grandchildren; nephews; nieces; and several sisters and brothers in law. The family gratefully acknowledges and thanks the staff of Great Lakes Hospice and her nurse Lisa King. There will be a Celebration of Life gathering at her home at 86 1/2 German St. at 3 p.m. on Friday July 8, 2016. A service will be held by Great Lakes pastoral services. Love offerings may be made to Flowers-Leedy Funeral home in memory of Rebecca Logsdon. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, July 7, 2016

Barbara J. Ericson passed away peacefully at Haven Hospice, Orange Park, Florida on July 8, 2016 at the age of 90. Barbara is survived by her son; Michael C. Heineman (Heather) of Titusville, Florida and daughter; Lisa K. Heineman Skipper (Mark) of Orange Park, Florida; eight loving grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren, each of whom she dearly loved and was very thankful to have them in her life. She was preceded in death by husbands Roy Lee Heineman, James Murray Ward, and Warren R. Ericson. Ms. Ericson was born on March 12, 1926 in Converse, Indiana and graduated with the class of 1944. She attended Ball State University in Muncie, and received certification from New York School of Gemology. She retired from the Peru Phone Company and later worked as a jeweler for 14 years. She was a social, active woman who was involved in Eastern Star, Phi Delta Kappa, Red Hat Ladies, and the Elks Club. Although she will be greatly missed...she is now, truly Home! In lieu of flowers or donations, the family wishes for you to consider performing "A Random Act of Kindness" in honor of Barbara J. Ericson and her commitment to helping and serving others. The hope is that each act performed will encourage yet another act of kindness and that this legacy shall live on through each of her friends and family! The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, July 21, 2016

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Betty J. Riggle, 76, of Galveston, passed into eternity at 6 p.m. Friday, July 15, 2016 at Waterford Place Health Campus in Kokomo. She was born Feb. 28, 1940 in Logansport to Roscoe and Marie (Farmer) Riggle. She married Paul "Red" Riggle Jr. on Sept. 7, 1957 in Cass County and he preceded her in death June 23, 2012. Betty retired from Delco Electronics in Kokomo in 1987. She enjoyed traveling and late model racing. Surviving family include her children, Russell A. Riggle, Galveston; William E. (Lisa G.) Riggle, Peru; Paul "Ed" Riggle, Elkhart; and Cindy (Kelvin) Grumpp, Wabash; grandchildren, Jason and wife Sarah, Bobby, Nikki, Ashley, Wayne, Dustin, Stephanie and husband Noah, Aly and Sami; great grandchildren, Shelby, Lexus, Jaden, Reagan; and a sister, Linda Hambrick of Ossian. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Paul, and one grandson, Isaac Paul. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 23 at Murray Weaver Funeral Home in Galveston with Rev. Kenny Cole officiating. Burial will follow at Hickory Grove Cemetery in Carroll County. Visitation will be held from 4 - 8 p.m. Friday, July 22 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be given to Waterford Place Health Campus in honor of Betty. Murray Weaver Funeral Home have been entrusted with arrangements. www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, July 21, 2016

James "Jim" A. Pugh, 65 of Lucerne passed away Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at St. Elizabeth East Hospital in Lafayette. Born on July 29, 1950 in Rochester, he was the son of the late Cameron and Ruby (Confer) Pugh. On June 20, 1971 in Peru, he married Rebecca "Becky" S. Koontz who survives. Jim was a tool and die maker for A. Raymond Tinnerman Manufacturing and formerly ELCO. He attended Metea Baptist Church. Jim enjoyed fly fishing, restoring Allis Chalmers Tractors and was an avid fan of the Pioneer Panthers, Indiana Basketball, Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears. Surviving along with his wife Becky, is a son, Michael (Nicole) Pugh, Lafayette; two daughters, Jennifer (Trevor) Fuller, Cooperstown, New York; Allison (Scott) Grenert, Logansport; four sisters, Brenda (Mark) Gundrum, Fulton; Linda Fisher, Macy; Connie (Dwight) Humerickhouse, Macy; and Zalla Working, Moyock, North Carolina; grandchildren, Macy, Sophie, Roman and Averie Pugh; Zachary and Elyse Grenert; Nolan and Grace Fuller; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by five brothers. A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 23, 2016 in the Gundrum Funeral Home. Jim's last ride will be in his red truck to Ever-Rest Memorial Park cemetery. Visitation will be held from Noon until the time of service on Saturday, also at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the ECAN (Esophageal Cancer) at P.O. Box 243 Stevenson, MD 21153. You may sign Jim's guestbook, watch his video tribute and funeral service at our website www.gundrumcares.com The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, July 21, 2016

In loving memory of **Monte Jay Binkerd**, 73, Peru, who went to be with the Lord at 3:40 a.m. Friday, July 22, 2016 peacefully in his sleep at Millers Merry Manor. He was born Sept. 29, 1942 to Oral Jay and Phyllis Edna Binkerd. He was preceded in death by both parents. He has one daughter: Michelle (Dave) Maxwell, Peru; two sons: Gary (Beth) Binkerd and Tony Binkerd both of Denver; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; three brothers: Alan Jay (Diane) Binkerd, North Manchester, Neil Jay Binkerd, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Bruce Jay (Debra Z) Binkerd, Peru. Monte served six years in the United States Army National Guard, served as bowling coach for youth bowling league for 40 years and won state recognition for his accomplishments. He was co-owner of Milliner Printing Co. of Wabash until he retired. He was a member of Peru Class of 1960 reunion committee. He was also into amateur CB radios and known as Circus City Cameraman. Visitation will be held on Tuesday July 26 from 4 - 7 p.m. located at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home at 105 W. 3rd St. Peru. Funeral Services will be held Wednesday July 27 at 10 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, July 23, 2016

Dorothy M. Cattin, 95, of Peru passed away at 6:29 a.m. on July 20, 2016 at St. Vincent Hospital. A homemaker, Dorothy was born in Logansport on March 14, 1921 to Raymond and Ethel Marie (Jamison) Wilson. She married Kenneth Cattin on March 18, 1940. He preceded her in death on Feb. 19, 1988. She is survived by one daughter, Joyce Larrison (husband Bob, deceased) of Peru; three granddaughters - Kimberly Ankenbruck of Cicero, Amy Larrison of Indianapolis, and Jennifer Butcher (husband John) of Bunker Hill; and four great-grandchildren - Ian Butcher, Audrey Butcher, Julia Ankenbruck, and Nick Ankenbruck (wife Christina). Arrangement have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Memorials may be made to a favorite charity or the American Cancer Society. Burial will be at a later date. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, July 23, 2016

Nannee Hazel "Jean" (Johnson) Dowell Clemons, 85, of Peru, went to be with her heavenly Father at 11:13 p.m., Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at her residence. She was born on Aug. 31, 1930, in Arlington, Nebraska, the daughter of Ollie R. and Lillie A. (Beauchamp) Johnson. She moved to Clifton Mills, Kentucky at age one year and was the fourth of nine children. Jean married William Owen Dowell on Dec. 4, 1945 in Hardinsburg, Kentucky. He is deceased; they shared a daughter. She married Solon Ray "Red" Clemons on Nov. 17, 1954 at the Peru Church of God by Rev. Forrest Richie. He preceded her in death on June 9, 1991; they shared three daughters. On Feb. 7, 1949, she moved to Logansport, where she worked at Logansport State Hospital, St. Joseph Hospital, and Olive Jones Nursing Home. Jean left her field of nursing, as a L.P.N., to raise her family. During that time, she was an avid babysitter and cared for 40 children over time. She retired in 1994 from Controls, Inc. in Logansport, as a solderer of electronic boards. Jean was always willing to help when needed and was loved by all who knew her. As a member of the First Church of God (Peru Church of God) since 1954, she served as Sunday school secretary for many years, as well as, providing care in the nursery during worship service. Her faith was strong and her love for family and friends was unconditional. She is survived by four daughters, Betty Gapski, Nita Pope (Willie), Cherri Briscoe, all of Peru, and Denise Price, Henderson, Nevada; seven grandchildren - Keven, Rachelle,

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Stephanie, Andrew, Thomas, Elena, Ashlyn; 11 great grand children; one great great grandchild; a sister, Harlona Elpers, Logansport; a sister-in-law, Beverly Clemons, Denver; several nieces and nephews, and dear friends, Janice Smoker, Carol (Steve) Gough, Pastor Tom (Barb) Brown, Roger Stone, and Lois Harding. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brothers Hewitt, Homer, Harold, Herbert, Hugh, and sisters, Helen and Helois. The family extends a special thank you to the doctor, nurses, caregivers, and chaplain of Great Lakes Caring-Hospice. Their heartfelt care of their mother was deeply appreciated and it allowed her to remain at home with her family. Arrangements are pending for a memorial service to be held in August. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, following the memorial service. Pastor Tom Brown will preside at the service. Family and friends will celebrate the life and legacy of Jean Clemons. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Miami County Helping Hands or to a charity of choice in lieu of flowers. Condolences may be made at www.flowersleedyallen.com Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, July 25, 2016

Ronald K. Eads, 73, Peru, passed away at 12:14 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at St. Vincent Hospital. He was born July 22, 1942 in Louisville, Kentucky, to James R. and Grace (Williams) Eads. He married Linda L. (Barnes) Eads Nov. 29, 1965; she preceded him in death in 2008. Ronald is a Veteran of the Vietnam War. He served 20 years in the United States Air Force where he retired as MSgt from Grissom Air Base, Bunker Hill. Survivors include two daughters, Rhonda L. Bockover and husband William, Franklin, and Kay D. Bowman and husband Mark, Carmel; four grandchildren, Lindsey (Bowman) and husband Jesse Scullen, Nick Bowman, Kelsey Bockover, and Spencer Bockover; three sisters - Barbara Delk, Fairdale, Kentucky, Marion Entrican, Dallas, Texas, and Donna Eads, Atlanta, Georgia. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 28, 2016 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St. Peru. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call from 5 - 7 p.m., Wednesday, July 27 at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guest book at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, July 26, 2016

Reba Faye Garrison, 75, Rochester, passed away at 7 a.m. on Monday, July 25, 2016, at Miller's Merry Manor, Culver. Born Sept. 26, 1940, in Miami County, Indiana, she was the daughter of Coy Lee and Allie J. Hale Clemons. On April 30, 1960, in Macy, she was married to Charles Gary Garrison, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 22, 1972. Reba graduated from Macy High School in 1957, and over the years, Reba worked at various jobs, including North Miami Schools where she was a teacher's aide. She finally settled into a career with Goodwill Corporation as a regional management trainer. Survivors include: four children, Gary L. (Karen) Garrison, Marion; James A. Garrison, Schoolcraft, MI; Todd W. (Carol) Garrison, Chicago; and Charles Richard Garrison, Rochester; four grandchildren, Brady, Ben, Brandi, and Cody Garrison; three siblings, Robert (Jan) Clemons, Virginia; favorite sister, Barbara Mikesell, Rochester; and Bobby (Penny) Clemons, Denver; two sisters-in-law, Barb Clemons, Syracuse; and Mildred Joy Garrison, Chicago; brother-in-law, Don (Sally) Garrison, Iowa; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Carl Clemons. Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Friday, July 29, 2016, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Chaplain Jason See officiating. Burial will follow in Chili Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Chili Community Cemetery. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, July 26, 2016

Metamorphosis may seem like death to the Caterpillar but it is also the birth of the Butterfly. **Kalene Sue (Ekstrom) Zawar-Tajammal**, 53, completed her transformation on Sunday, July 24, 2016 at 6:35 p.m. surrounded by family at home. She fought a courageous battle and is at peace now. She was born March 20, 1963 to Frank and Jolene Ekstrom, Peru. She graduated from Maconaquah in 1981 with Honors. She was a Computer Programmer/ Software Analyst. She is survived by her parents; two sons, Jeffrey Durbin (Peru), Michael Durbin (Dawsonville, Georgia); her beloved soul mate "Zari"; siblings, Roger Ekstrom (Gail), Peru; Linda Baker (Bill), Peru; Deborah Hahn, (Gainesville, Georgia). Several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews, along with her dog, Precious also survive. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Bob and Marjorie Johnson, and Walter and Edna Ekstrom. Kalene enjoyed creating artwork using computer graphics. She was a very private individual. Her family is honoring her wishes to be cremated with no memorial service. Family and friends may sign the online guest book at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Love offerings may be made to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St., Peru, IN 46970. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, July 27, 2016

Michael A. Lawrence, 81, Denver, passed away at 11:24 p.m. on Tuesday, July 26, 2016, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Born Feb. 7, 1935, in Peru, he was the son of Albert H. and Kathyrene Myers Lawrence. On Sept. 7, 1952 in Miami County at the home of the late Rev. Austin Gable, he was married to Lillian Mae Bell Lawrence, and she preceded him in death on March 19, 2011. Michael retired from farming and as a heavy equipment operator for Rock Industries. Survivors include three children, Dr. Kenneth E. Lawrence and wife Jean, Logansport; Patricia A. Sanai and husband Behrooz, Carmel; Michelle K. Lawrence, Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Michael Lawrence, Portland, Maine; John Lawrence, Logansport; and Leila and Joshua Sanai, Carmel; one sister, Alicia (Lowell) Snyder, New Haven; and seven nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother, Robert M. Lawrence. A time of visitation will be held from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 30, 2016, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Following visitation, the funeral procession will leave for Chili Community Cemetery, where graveside services will be held. Memorial contributions may be made to Chili Cemetery. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, July 28, 2016

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Debra L. Yerk, 53, Macy, passed away Tuesday, July 26, 2016, at Woodlawn Hospital, Rochester. Born Sept. 13, 1962, in Indianapolis, she was the daughter of Richard E. "Dick" and Ethel L. Thomas Cattin. Survivors include her fiancé, Robert E. Robins, Macy; two children, Rebecca L. (Matthew) Clark, Macy; Charles J. Yerk (special friend, Ashley Adams), Macy; grandchildren, Amaya Blickenstaff-James, Colton Clark, and M.J. Clark, all of Macy; nine siblings, Dennis (Bev) Cattin, Peru; Edith Browning, Rochester; Allen Lambert, Rochester; Susan (Dave) Shambarger, Macy; Pam Cattin, Winamac; Glen (Karen) Cattin, Winamac; Lenny Lambert, Rochester; John (Holly) Cattin, Mexico; and Larry Cattin (Krista Stockberger), Macy; many nieces and nephews; close friend, Charles John Yerk, Sr.; and her beloved canine companions, Marley and Jack. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three siblings, Cindy Cattin, Lloyd Lambert, and Michael Lambert. Funeral services will be held at 5 p.m. Sunday, July 31, 2016, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Chaplain Jason See officiating. Visitation will be from 2 - 5 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Condolences may be sent online at www.mcclainfh.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made through the funeral home to offset funeral expenses. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, July 28, 2016

In loving memory of **Sue Lynn LaBare**, of Peru, who went to the Lord on July 30. Sue enjoyed her sports especially the Pacers, she also enjoyed being with her grand-children and great-grand children. She was a life long member of the Lutheran Church. She has five children, Dirk LaBare, Lori (Phil) Ledyard, Julie LaBare, Eric LaBare, and Denise Witham. She is survived by one brother John (Charlotte) Hoepfner, and a sister Dian (Jim) Wagner. She is preceded in death by her loving husband Robert LaBare and her parents Herman and Betty Hoepfner. Visitation will be held Wednesday Aug. 3 from 9 - 11 a.m. with funeral service following at Flower & Leedy Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to St. Johns Lutheran Church. Service will be officiated by Scott Butler. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Arrangement have been Entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, August 1, 2016

Trevor S. Hughes, 40, of rural Peru, Indiana, went to be with his Lord on Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2016 in Miami County. He was born June 18, 1976 in Peru to James B. and Kathleen (Garner) Hughes. Trevor was a 1994 graduate of Maconaquah High School, and received his associate degree from Vincennes University. He married Annie See at the Olive Branch Church of God on July 24, 2004. He was a farmer and also sold seed corn for Brodbeck's and La Crosse Forage and Seed. Trevor was a member of the Olive Branch Church of God, and was on the Board of Directors at both the Miami-Cass County R.E.M.C. and the Miami County Soil and Water District. He was also a member of the Simmental and the Flecka Associations. He enjoyed farming, camping, and traveling. He is survived by his wife, Annie Hughes, and two daughters, Jenna Rose Hughes and Emma Dell Hughes, all of Peru, mother, Kathleen Hughes and his sister, Shanna (Paul) Emmons, both of Peru, brother, Evan Hughes of Macy, and his in-laws, Mike and Jenny See of Roann. He was preceded in death by his dad. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 8, 2016 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor Jeff Sumner officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Friends may call 2 - 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Donations may be made to Trevor's daughters, Jenna and Emma Hughes. The memorial guest book for Trevor may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, August 4, 2016

Richard L. "Dick" Keller, 76, of Peru, passed away at 4:25 p.m., Aug. 3, 2016 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. He was born in Danville, Illinois on June 9, 1940, the son of Paul and Elizabeth Keller. Dick married Marsha Ann Boone on Feb. 4, 1967 at St. Charles Catholic Church, Peru and she survives. Dick was a 1958 Perrysville High School graduate, and a 1962 graduate of Indiana State University. He taught for 38 years retiring in 2002 from Peru High School. Dick was a member of the Peru Maennerchor and the Baseball Coach Association. He coached for Peru High School Baseball for 20 years and was an avid woodworker. Surviving in addition to his wife, Marsha, is a daughter Risha L. DeLawter and her husband Michael of Mitchell, Indiana and a son, Dr. Richard Keller and his wife Stacy of Noblesville; grandchildren Alex Farag, Katie DeLawter, Daniel Keller and Bridget Keller and special care givers, John and Casey Miller. A service celebrating the life of Richard L. "Dick" Keller will be held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2016 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main St., Peru with Rev. J. Robert Clark officiating. Burial will follow at the Ever Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Family and friends will gather from 4 - 8 p.m., Monday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Alzheimer's Association. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, August 4, 2016

Dennis C. Wilson, 66, Perrysburg, passed away at 7:03 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2016, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Born Oct. 28, 1949, in Peru, he was the son of the late William E. and Helen Maxine Lewis Wilson. On Oct. 28, 1982, in Springfield, Tennessee, he was married to the former Colleen Kay Knauff, and she survives. He was a member of the former Perrysburg Baptist Church, Manitou Moose of Rochester, and was retired from Square D Corporation. Surviving with his wife are: five children, Cheryl Lynn Cox, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Christie Sue Wilson, Sebring, Florida; Chasity Marie Reber and husband James, Dayton, Tennessee; Melissa Kay Sailors and husband D.J., Denver; Melanie Danae Sailors, Peru; and William Zachary Wilson and wife Cassandra, Macy; 22 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren; three siblings, Mick Wilson and wife Judy, Rochester; Billi Hoover and husband Bill, Peru; and Larry Wilson, Mexico; brothers and sisters-in-law, Bill Knauff and wife Marty, Rochester; and Linda and Tom Hoover, rural Denver. He was preceded in death by one son, Dolen Craig Wilson. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 12, 2016, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Rod Correll and Pastor Tim Earle officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 4 - 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 11, 2016, at the funeral home. The online guestbook can be signed at www.mcclainfh.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, August 10, 2016

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Donald Wilfred Carson, 84 of Peru died peacefully at his home at 6 p.m., Friday, Aug. 12, 2016. He was born on the Carson farmstead near Denver, Indiana on Oct. 6, 1936, the son of James Andrew and Marie (Stowman) Carson. Don married Peggy Jo Bruce on Nov. 15, 1958, and she preceded him in death on Feb. 5, 2001. A lifelong resident of Miami County, Donald attended Denver Elementary School and Jefferson Township High School. He served in the Army 1954-1956 driving an armored personnel carrier while stationed in post-war Germany. He farmed with his family, worked for Square-D as a foreman and for Stokely-VanCamp canning factory before establishing his own electrical business. He was awarded best Electrician in Miami County. Don was a life member of the Peru Maennerchor. Donald is said to be a relative of Christopher (Kit) Carson, pioneer frontiersman. Survivors include a son, Bruce Carson and his wife Brenda of Peru, grandsons Jesse Carson of Kokomo and Jody Carson of Chicago, Illinois, a great grand-daughter Bailey, his beloved Terri Grossi and a niece Janet L. (Musselman) Hunter, Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Peggy and a sister Nina L. Musselman. A service celebrating the life of Donald W. Carson will held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2016 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street, Peru, with Chaplin Virgil Barker officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico, with Military Honors provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends will gather from 9 -11 a.m. on Wednesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers Memorial Donations may be made through the funeral home to Miami County Helping Hands. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com
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Robert Wayne Butt, 87, Macy, passed away at 5:24 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 14, 2016, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Born Feb. 27, 1929, in Miami County, he was the son of Walker Marvin and Marjorie Elizabeth Bishop Butt. On June 17, 1951, at the United Methodist Parsonage in Denver, Indiana, he was married to Mary Lou Conner, and she survives. He was a member of the Macy Christian Church and the YMCA Carriage Club. He was a 1947 graduate of Jefferson Township High School and retired from Square D Corporation in Peru. He was also a farmer in Miami County for many years. He is survived by his wife, Mary Butt, Macy; four children, Betty Jane (Steve) Zoelzer, Shelbyville; William Robert (Elizabeth) Butt, Macy; Patricia Ann (Brent) DeMien, Macy; and Marcia Jo (Rick) Rogers, Rochester; seven grandchildren, Brenda (Alan) Lentz, Evansville; James (Ashley Couch) LaChance, Land O' Lakes, Florida; Maureen (Jason) Bohanon, Springfield, Missouri; Ryan (Megan) DeMien, Macy; Loren (Joni) DeMien, Ft. Wayne; David Rogers, Rochester; and Gabriel (Carrie) Rogers, Rochester; five great-grandchildren, Bethany and Rebekah Lentz, Evansville; Conner Bohanon, Springfield, Missouri; and Tenley and Emersyn DeMien, Macy; one brother, Kenneth M. Butt, Peru; and Martha E. Snyder, Converse; along with several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Barbara Jean Butt; and one brother, Richard Butt. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug 18, 2016, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, with Pastor Doug Emberton and Pastor David Welsh officiating. Burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Visitation will be from 4 - 8 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Macy Christian Church or Gideons International. Condolences may be left online at www.mcclainfh.com.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, August 15, 2016

In Loving memory of **Peggy Sue (Miller) Richardson**, 50 Peru went to be with the Lord at 3:25 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, 2016 at her sister's home, surrounded by her family. She was born Sept. 4, 1965 to DeWayne LeRay and Carline Sue (Hale) Miller. Peggy married her husband David Richardson in 2009. She proceeded in death by her parents, a brother Bill Miller, and a nephew Billy Joe Miller Jr. Peggy has five daughters; Nancy (Matt) Miller, Peru; Beth Cummings, Peru; Michelle (David) Roper, Peru; Morgan (Brandon) Clevenger, Arizona and JoAnn Brunk, Arizona; and three granddaughters and three grandsons. Peggy had three sisters - Debra (George) Brewer, Marion; Robin (Tony) Saylor, Marion and Rita (John) Stickler, Peru; two brothers - Bill (Dawnetta) Miller, Amboy and Ray (Connie) Miller, Converse. Peggy had 10 nieces, five nephews, 17 great nieces, 16 great nephews, four great great nieces and six great great nephews. Peggy graduated from Oak Hill High School in 1984. Family and Friends may call from 10 a.m. till time of service at 1 p.m. (Wednesday) at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Burial will follow at the Converse Cemetery. Memorials: Love Offering to Peggy Sue Richardson through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home
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Gloria Jean (Jarnigan) Spearman, 67, Peru, was born Sept. 1, 1948 in Nettleton, Mississippi to the proud parents of Alberta Wilson and Cornelius Jarnigan. Gloria departed this life on Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2016 to be with her Lord. Gloria accepted Christ at an early age. She was a member of Mount Herman Baptist Church. Gloria worked at Schneider Electric (Square D) and retired after 31 years of dedicated service. She enjoyed watching Joel Osteen, having bible study with her daughter, shopping, and spending time with her family. Loving family members who survive to cherish Gloria's memory include her mother, Alberta Wilson; her husband, Billy G. Spearman Sr.; two children, Sharon Spearman (Donald) Sykes and Billy (Deborah) Spearman Jr.; three grandchildren, Shanecia Spearman, Quaniece Spearman, and Quantrell Spearman; one brother, Charles Jarnigan; and nine nieces and nephews, Keshia, Cornelia, Charles, Oko, Tina, Lisa, Wanda, Vivie, and Don, along with a host of cousins and relatives and her best friend, Annie Burnie. She is preceded in death by her father, Cornelius Jarnigan; step-father, Richard Wilson, one brother, Arthur Jarnigan, and three sisters, Dorothy Sykes, Diane Wilson-Hatcher, and Joyce Ann Smiley. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday Aug. 20, 2016 at Riverview Funeral Home with Pastor EJ Lacy officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 11 - 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Online condolence may be done on the funeral home website, www.riverviewfhperu.com
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In loving memory of **Franklin D. "Frank" Bales**, 77, Peru, who went to be with the Lord on Aug. 14, 2016 at Parkview Heart Institute surrounded by his family who will love and miss him dearly. He was born on Dec. 24, 1938 to Leon and Lena Elizabeth (Mohler) Bales. Frank married Nancy J. (Orpurt) Bales on Feb. 17, 1961; she survives. Frank was a member of the Moose and he worked at the Square D. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and spending time with his family that he loved more than anything. He leaves behind his wife Nancy; one son Dennis (Debbera) Bales; five daughters Jody Logdson, Carmon (Bales) Daugherty (Herbert), Teri Twining (Howard), Henrietta Robinson (Charles) and Nancy L Bales. He has 20 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren. Two sisters Pamela Ashley (Jr) and Sharon (Bales) Behny and several nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and cousins also survive. He is preceded in death by his daughter Carmon (Bales) Daugherty; his parents Leon Bales, Lena Elizabeth Mohler and step mother Matilda Bales; three brothers Henry Bales, Donnie Kellogg and Russell Kellogg; four sisters Margaret Massey, Verna Sailors, Ina Web, and Geri Norwood; and one great granddaughter Breanna Logdson. Visitations will be held from 4 - 7p.m. Thursday Aug. 18, 2016 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home located at 105 W. 3rd Street Peru, IN 46970. Funeral Services will be held on Friday Aug. 19, 2016 at 10 a.m. with his nephew David Sailors officiating at the funeral home. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery following the funeral. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flower-Leedy Funeral Home. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, August 16, 2016](#)

Nannee Hazel "Jean" (Johnson) Dowell Clemons, 85, of Peru, went to be with her heavenly Father at 11:13 p.m., Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at her residence. She was born on Aug. 31, 1930, in Arlington, Nebraska, the daughter of Ollie R. and Lillie A. (Beauchamp) Johnson. She moved to Clifton Mills, Kentucky at age one year and was the fourth of nine children. Jean married William Owen Dowell on Dec. 4, 1945 in Hardinsburg, Kentucky. He is deceased; they shared a daughter. She married Solon Ray "Red" Clemons on Nov. 17, 1954 at the Peru Church of God by Rev. Forrest Richie. He preceded her in death on June 9, 1991; they shared three daughters. On Feb. 7, 1949, she moved to Logansport, where she worked at Logansport State Hospital, St. Joseph Hospital, and Olive Jones Nursing Home. Jean left her field of nursing, as a L.P.N., to raise her family. During that time, she was an avid babysitter and cared for 40 children over time. She retired in 1994 from Controls, Inc. in Logansport, as a solderer of electronic boards. Jean was always willing to help when needed and was loved by all who knew her. As a member of the First Church of God (Peru Church of God) since 1954, she served as Sunday school secretary for many years, as well as, providing care in the nursery during worship service. Her faith was strong and her love for family and friends was unconditional. She is survived by four daughters, Betty Gapski, Nita Pope (Willie), Cherri Briscoe, all of Peru, and Denise Price, Henderson, Nevada; seven grandchildren - Keven, Rachelle, Stephanie, Andrew, Thomas, Elena, Ashlyn; 11 great grand children; one great great grandchild; a sister, Harlona Elpers, Logansport; a sister-in-law, Beverly Clemons, Denver; several nieces and nephews, and dear friends, Janice Smoker, Carol (Steve) Gough, Pastor Tom (Barb) Brown, Roger Stone, and Lois Harding. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brothers Hewitt, Homer, Harold, Herbert, Hugh, and sisters, Helen and Helois. A graveside service will be Saturday, Aug. 20 at 2:30 p.m. at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru with Pastor Tom Brown officiating. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Miami County Helping Hands or to a charity of choice in lieu of flowers. Condolences may be made at www.flowersleedyallen.com Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, August 16, 2016](#)

Norma Jean Zody, 82, of Amboy, passed away at 2:07 a.m., Monday, Aug. 15, 2016 at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne. She was born in Miami County on March 3, 1934 the daughter of Warren and Blanche Gordon Wininger. Norma married Meredith Eugene "Bud" Zody on August 4, 1972 and he survives. Norma was a 1953 Clay High School graduate and retired from Delco. Never meeting a stranger, Norma was a friend or mother to almost everybody she met. Surviving in addition to her husband Bud, are her children Stephen Walker and his wife Robin of Avon; Terry Henson and her husband Michael of Kokomo; Susan Triplett and her husband Chuck of Peru; Dale Walker and his wife Peggy of Huntington; Lisa Flatford and her husband Gary of Cartersville, Georgia; Jeannie Flatford and her husband Scott of Converse; Nancy West and her husband Gary of Kokomo; daughter-in-law Millie Zody of Kokomo; special niece Patty Beeler and her husband Bill; 18 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren and a special cat Sugar. Norma was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Junior Zody, two sisters, Juanita and Betty and two brothers Fred and Charlie. A service celebrating the life of Norma Jean Zody will be held at 4 p.m., Friday, Aug. 19, 2016 at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 North Main Street, Amboy, with Rev. John Haines officiating. Burial will follow at the Park Lawn Cemetery, Amboy. Family and friends will gather from 4 - 8 p.m., Thursday at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Cancer Society or the American Diabetes Association. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, August 16, 2016](#)

Robert L. "Grizzly" Kuntz, 79, of Peru passed away on Saturday, Aug. 13, 2016. He was born in Miami, Florida on April 21, 1937 to E.B. and Thelma Kuntz. Bob was self-employed as a landscaper. He is survived by his companion of 36 years, Carmen Wren, and his "furry friend", Mia. Also surviving are: daughter Staci (Scott) Wilson; grandson Keaton Wilson; granddaughter, Carsen Wilson; step-son Randy Yarian; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; also, a brother Ross Kuntz, Florida; and a sister Jeanine Liefert, Ohio. Visitation will be held on Saturday, Aug. 20, 2016 from 2 - 4 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West Third Street, Peru. Funeral service will follow at 4 p.m., with Pastor Robert Stuck officiating. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, August 16, 2016](#)

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In loving memory... **Connie L. Garrett**, 52, passed away on Aug. 14, 2016 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Connie was born in Peru on Sept. 14, 1963 to Woodrow (Woody) and Barbra (Gouchour) Sparks. On Sept. 12, 1981, she married Randy E. Garrett. He survives. In addition to her husband, Connie is survived by two kids: Randy Garrett Jr. and Michelle Garrett, both of Peru; also, five grandkids: Katlynn, Alexis, Mackenzie, Aiden, and Nevaeh; three brothers: Denny Zinsmaster, Peru; Bill (Deb) Sparks, Peru; and Rich (Pat) Sparks; and one sister, Karla (Burel) Blair. She was preceded in death by her parents. Connie worked at Arby's in Peru and Wabash for 20 years, and will be sadly missed by all. Visitation will be held from 9 - 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 18, 2016 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West Third Street, Peru. Funeral service will follow at 11 a.m. Love offerings may be made to the family thru Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, August 16, 2016

Neil A. Fiedler, 66, of Logansport, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at 10:22 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2016 at Logansport Memorial Hospital. Born on June 21, 1950 in Rochester, he was the son of the late Orland and Lucille (Carter) Fiedler. Neil was a graduate of Caston High School. On May 28, 1971 he married Christina J. Wilson, she survives. Neil served in the U.S. Army National Guard and retired after 22 years. He also retired from Modine and he also was a driver for Cass County Transit. Neil enjoyed riding his Can Am motorcycle, collecting John Force Memorabilia and also collecting knives and swords. He was also an avid Chicago Bears fan. Survivors include his wife, Christina J. Fiedler of Logansport, daughters; Samantha Lambert (David) of Logansport, Crystal Burton (Kenneth) of Peru, and Ginger Harper (Eric) of Peru, brothers; Russell Fiedler (Bonnie) of Arizona, and Tom Fiedler (Jill) of Florida, sisters; Donna Cottrill of Lafayette, LuAnn Davis (Matt) of Logansport, and also Debbie Smith (Jon) of Greentown. He is also survived by grandchildren; Josh and wife Cassie Lambert, Krista and husband Mike Davis, Cassandra Ingle, Austin Ingle, Morgan Baker, Kinzie Burton, Carlie Reynolds, Alexis Beall, Meya Beall, Izaiah Harper, Kandace Harper, Jayden Ohrt, and Trinity Harper, and also great-grandchildren; Gavin Lambert, Aubrey Davis, and Landon Lambert. He was preceded in death by brother-in-law Charles Cottrell. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Aug. 19, 2016 at Marocco-Rans Funeral Chapel with Pastor Adam Speicher officiating. Visitation will be from 5 - 8 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 18, 2016, at the funeral home. Burial will be at Ever Rest Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Children's Hospital and/or the American Cancer Society. Please sign the guestbook and leave an online condolence for the Fiedler family at www.ransfuneralhomes.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, August 17, 2016

Charles E. Hollenback, 80, of Roann, died peacefully at his home, surrounded by his family, at 8:12 a.m., Friday, Aug. 19, 2016. He was born March 14, 1936 in Huntington County, to Charles J. and Rita (Lange) Hollenback. Chuck married Colleen K. DePoy in Wabash, on Dec. 30, 1956. He retired from GenCorp in Wabash in 1997 after 42 years. He was a member of Roann United Methodist Church, Wabash Moose Lodge, and a 50 year member of the Gilead/Macy Masonic Lodge. Chuck loved fishing, hunting, going to garage sales, auctions, gardening, scuba diving, metal detecting, camping, and especially being with his family. He was involved with the youth in the community serving as a former Cub and Boy Scout leader and coached his son's baseball team. He is survived by his wife, Colleen K. Hollenback of Roann, three children, Cindy (Ernie) Holycross of Danville, Illinois, Cheryol (Tom) Crull of Roann, and Clay (Dr. Tracey Littrell) Hollenback of Wilton, Iowa; four grandchildren, Dana (Donnie) Perry of Danville, Chad (Megan) Hauptert of Fort Worth, Texas, Garrett Hollenback and Reid Hollenback, both of Wilton; one step granddaughter, Daphne Holycross of Roann; great-grandson, Grayson Hauptert of Fort Worth, and 5 step great grandchildren; three brothers, David Hollenback of Roann, Robert Hollenback and Ed Hollenback, both of Wabash, six sisters, Ruby Herrell of Missouri, Pauline (John) Brane of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Mary Ellen Morris of North Manchester, Indiana, Carolyn Jo Hollenback of Markle, Indiana, Ann Koch of Wabash, and Connie (Chuck) Dutton of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina. He was preceded in death by his parents, step-granddaughter, Trisha Frank, and his brother, Richard Hollenback. Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2016 at Roann United Methodist Church, with Pastor Wayne Balmer officiating. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery. Friends may call 2 - 7 p.m., Monday at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 335 S. Chippewa, Roann, and one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the church. There will be a Masonic Service at 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is Roann United Methodist Church. The memorial guest book for Chuck may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, August 20, 2016

Sallyann (Ridenour) Dixon passed away on Aug. 6, 2016. Sallyann grew up in Peru, the only child of Julia and Oscar Ridenour. Although she cherished the many friends she came to know while living in other towns, her heart always remained in Peru. Her summer home of 60 years on Lake Maxinkuckee was also very dear to her. Sallyann attended Christian College in Columbia, Missouri and graduated with a bachelor degree in social work from Indiana University, Bloomington. She married Leora J. Porter in 1949 and together they had three daughters. Sadly, he died in a car accident in 1964. In 1967 she remarried (Paul Kiesling) and moved to Logansport where she lived for several years. After their divorce, she was briefly married to Bob Jones. She did not, however, give up her beloved family home in Peru during this time. She returned to Peru and married James A. Dixon, formerly of Logansport. They were married 16 years. She lived there until moving to Greencastle in 2001. She was an avid (and very good) golfer, enjoyed painting, playing bridge, fishing and other water activities. She was a talented dancer as a child and even turned down an offer to study ballet in NVC. Sallyann had many friends wherever she lived and will be remembered for her great beauty and sense of humor. In addition to her parents and her first and fourth husbands, she was preceded in death by her youngest daughter, Jo Dee. She is survived by daughters Suzanne Roach, Greencastle (Tom) and Camille Singleton, Wabash and granddaughters Lesley Fisher, Bloomington and

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Katie Singleton, Wabash. She is also survived by several step-children and step-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church, 102 W. Main Street, Peru, IN 46970. Visitation (noon - 2 p.m.) and memorial service (2 p.m.) will be held at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home 84 W Main St. Peru on Saturday, Aug. 27. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery. Condolences may be expressed to eddyfuneralhome@comcast.net. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, August 20, 2016

Rose Moorhouse was born on Feb. 10, 1932 and died May 9, 2016 in Moreno Valley, California. She was 84 years old. Rose lived in Peru and worked at Grissom AFB for many years before moving to Moreno Valley California. Rose had a Master's Degree from Indiana University in Library Science and attended Concordia University in Wisconsin where she earned an Associate's Degree in Lay Ministry and a Bachelor's Degree in Business. Rose worked most of her life, from working in an airplane parts factory, to working in Federal Civil Service for the Army Corp of Engineers; for the Navy as a Technical Librarian and as Head Librarian for the Air Force at March AFB until her retirement in 1992. Rose was active in her church, Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, serving on the Braille Mail Committee. Two children pre-deceased Rose, Rodger Alan Moorhouse who died in 1965 at 5 years old and Edward Donald Moorhouse Jr who was born Oct. 4, 1953 and died April 15, 2010 at 57 years old. She is survived by her oldest son, David William Moorhouse, 64; her only daughter, Diana Lynn Covey, 59, her sister Jacquelyn Smith and her sister-in-law Joyce Yates. She is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Rose was predeceased by two brothers, James Luther Morris and Truman Franklin Morris. Rose's ashes are being taken to Skokie, Illinois to be buried next to her husband, Edward Donald Moorhouse, who died June 28, 1964. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, August 20, 2016

Logan Daniel Stephens, 23, died at his residence in Indianapolis, on Saturday, Aug. 20, 2016. Logan was born on May 4, 1993 in Greenfield, Indiana and was the son of Janet P. Wissman Neal and James Daniel Stephens. Logan graduated from Peru High School in 2011 and worked for Trim Plus LLC in Indianapolis. He enjoyed cooking, disc golf, corn hole, camping, fishing, movies, his dog, Luke and spending time with his family and friends, especially his niece Madelynn. Logan is survived by his father Danny; mother Janet and stepdad Tom Neal; his sister Megan and her husband Jason Simpson, step-brothers Dalton Neal and Damon Neal; nieces, Madelynn Simpson and Jaylynn Simpson; Aunt Sandy and her husband Sam Wheeler; Uncle Harlo and his wife Nelly Wissman, Aunt Teresa Gable, Aunt Lana and her husband Don Neiderhauser and Uncle Rick Stephens. Several cousins; Savanna, Sophia, Sydnee, Harley, Tyler, Rickey, Dannie, Jason and Kyle, and family in Jackson, Kentucky and Wabash, Indiana including step-grandmother Linda Neal of Wabash also survive. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and his dog, Luke. A service celebrating the life of Logan Stephens will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 25, 2016 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main St., Peru with Rev. Kirk Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Family and friends will gather from 4 - 7 p.m., on Wednesday, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, August 22, 2016

Susan Youtsey Ireland, 51, Denver, passed away at home at 4:06 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 20, 2016, surrounded by her family. She was born Sept. 8, 1964, in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky. A graduate of Beachwood High School in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky, she went on to receive her education at DePauw, Ball State, Purdue, St. Mary's College, and Texas A & M., and she was a devoted Kentucky Wildcats basketball fan. Mrs. Ireland was retired from North Miami Community Schools, where she taught high school Math and Science for over 20 years. She was active in her community as an EMT, volunteering with the Denver Fire Department, and in addition to teaching, Susan used her talents to help tutor many students over the years. She was married to Randy Ireland on July 8, 1995 in Denver, Indiana, and on Sept. 9, 1998, she gave birth to a son, Andrew, who was her pride and joy. In addition to her husband and son, she is survived by her three step-children, Kent (Jenn) Ireland, Denver; Kelly (Tom) Maynard, Peru; and Lacy (Duely) Lawson, Denver; and eight grandchildren, Clayton, Madison, and Nathan Maynard, all of Peru; Seth and Isaac Ireland, all of Denver; and Hunter, Hilary, and Logan Lawson, all of Denver; mother, Nancyann C. Youtsey, Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky; two sisters, Nancy L. Youtsey, Wellington, Florida; and Deborah A. Youtsey, Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky; and brother, Thomas O. Youtsey III, Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky; and many extended family members and special friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Thomas Odiorne Youtsey, Jr. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, 2016 at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Pastor Tim Earle officiating. Burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Visitation will be from 2 - 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2016, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Susan Ireland Memorial Fund c/o Denver Lions Club, which will be used to establish a benefit fund for cancer victims within our community. Messages of condolence may be sent to the family online at www.mcclainfh.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, August 22, 2016

Murray G. Hamman, 86, of Peru, passed away at 5:07 p.m., Monday, Aug. 22, 2016 at Blair Ridge Health Campus, Peru. He was born in Miami County, on March 14, 1930 the son of J. Herbert and Susie Jones Hamman. Murray married Jeanne McBride at the First Baptist Church, Peru on July 9, 1949 and she preceded him in death on Sept. 21, 1995. He married Patricia Garbert Beasey on May 10, 1997 and she survives. Murray was a 1948 graduate of Peru High School where he played on the 1948 Semi State Basketball team. A US Army Veteran, his military decorations include the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. As a young man, he worked with his father at B & H Farm Equipment. He then owned and operated Murray's DX Gas Station in Peru. He and his wife Jeanne owned and operated Hamman Oil Co. of Peru until their retirement in 1990. Murray was a member of the Peru Maennerchor and the American Legion and a life member of the Peru Elks and Eagles Lodges. An avid sportsman, he enjoyed fishing, bowling, golfing and mushroom hunting. For many years he played on the Club 14 fast pitch softball team. Surviving in addition to

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his wife, Pat, is a daughter Denise Hamman-Yater and her husband Tracy of Peru; a step-daughter, Terrie Beasey Hanson and her husband William of Peru; brothers James Hamman and his wife Betty of Peru, George Hamman and his wife Merrill of Wilmette, Illinois, Jerry Hamman and his wife Julie of Peru and Danny Hamman and his wife Juanita of Bartow, Florida; sisters Nora Velasquez and her husband Tony of Leesburg, Florida and Linda Struble and her husband Mike of Peru; step-grandchildren, Derek Hanson and his wife Barbara of Peru and Tricia Harrison of Kokomo; step-great-grandchildren, Matthew Harrison and Kate Harrison of Kokomo, Gavin Hanson, Alivia Hanson and Isabella Ingalsbe all of Peru; brother-in-law Larry Garbert of Sebring, Florida, sisters-in-law Marilyn Allen and her husband Jim and Janet Montgomery both of Peru, and several nieces and nephews. A service celebrating the life of Murray G. Hamman will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Aug. 26, 2016 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main St., Peru with Chaplain Richard Olson officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Family and friends will gather from 5 - 8 p.m., Thursday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. The family would like to extend a special thanks to the Great Lakes Hospice and Blair Ridge Health Campus. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Alzheimer's Association or the charity of your choice. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, August 23, 2016

Martha Marie "Speedy" Leslie, 89, passed peacefully on Monday Aug. 22, 2016 in her sleep at the home of her daughter, Julia Sonafrank, where she had resided for the past seven years. Martha was born in Mishawaka on Sept. 25, 1926 to Arthur and Julia VanDerHeyden who preceeded her in death. She married the love of her life, Russel R. Leslie, on Sept. 13, 1947 at St. Bavos Catholic Church in Mishawaka. After his retirement, they spent many year wintering in Florida. He preceeded her in death on April 2, 1994. Martha continued spending time in Florida and had many great friends and memoirs at Bob Hope Retirement Villa. Together they had six children. Her surviving children include: Thomas (Delia) Leslie, Kirbyville, Missouri; Julia Sonafrank, Denver; Bruce Leslie, Pine, Arizona; and Dee (David) Greer, Denver. Martha has 16 grandchildren. Those surving include: Thomas Leslie Jr., April Deal, Darryl (Nikki) Pugh, Kelly Pugh, Craig (Shelly) Pugh, David (Theresa) Ireland, Missy (Jason) Yurechko, Alicia (Derek) James, Jessie Ireland, Rachael (Brandon) Leslie, Brent Leslie, Leslie (Chris) Hendrix, Lisa (Matt) Turnpauigh, Jonathon (Sarah) Carrothers, and Nicholas (Brittany) Carrothers. Martha also was blessed with 28 great-grandchildren: Aiden, Lily, and Josephine Leslie; Skyler and Alexander Deal; Dawson and Trace Pugh; Warren and Lane Russo; Timothy, Jesscia, and Elizabeth Hoffman, and Connor Pugh; Micah, Elly, and Lucy Ireland; Rosie and Andy Yurechko; Luke, Max, and Eli Grist and Jordi James; Baleigh and Evelyn Hendrix; Jocelyn, Lucy, and Quinn Carrothers; Declan Carrothers. In addition to her husband, Russel, she was preceeded in death by her siblings: Maurice, Donald, Roy VanDerHeyden, and Irene Hassenfus. Other family that preceeded her in death include: Joseph Sonafrank, son-n-law, JoAnn Carrothers, daughter, Arthur Leslie, son, and Laura Greer, granddaughter. Martha was an avid crocheter, enjoyed reading, doing word searches, and having an occasional beer. If you have an afgan she crocheted please bring it to share at the visitation. Family would like to thank Dr. William Hoover and Dr. James Dugan who took such good care of Martha and always made time to make her feel comfortable. They would also like to thank Dukes Memorial Hospital staff and nurses as well as Premiere Hospice. A special thanks to Angel, Sherry and Aleesha who were a blessing in her final days. Visitation will be at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. 3rd St. Peru, on Friday, Aug. 26 from 3 - 7p.m. Funeral will be held on Saturday at 1 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy with Rev. Mark Spencer officiating. Burial Will Be At Westlawn Cemetery in Denver, Indiana. Love offerings may be made to Premiere Hospice thru Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.flowersleedyallen.com The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, August 24, 2016

Juanita Davis Wilson, 88, of Peru, passed away at 3:53 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 20, 2016 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was born in Van Lear, Kentucky on Dec. 19, 1927 the daughter of Paris Everett and Cora Alice Osbourne Smith. Juanita married Frank Willis Davis in October 1944 and he preceeded her in death. She later Robert L. "Big Bob" Wilson in 1983 and he preceeded her in death in 1997. Juanita was a homemaker and mother. She loved children and helped raise nieces and nephews. She worked two jobs most of her life to keep a roof over everybody's head. She worked a factory days and waitress work nights. She also had a restaurant and three 'Mom and Pop' neighborhood grocery stores. She retired on disability from General Tire and Rubber Co. with over 25 years between the two plants in Wabash and Peru. She was a lifelong member of the ESA (Epsilon-Signa-Alpha), a life member of the VFW Axillary, the American Legion Axillary, the Moose Lodge Axillary and a member and co-founder of the American Business Women's Association. She is survived by: four children - sons, Paul Roger Davis, Frank Willis Davis and wife Carol, a daughter Linda Carol Davis Utter and her husband Robert E. Utter, and son Donald Ray Davis; four grandchildren, Melissa Davis, Donald Andrew Davis, Samuel Hardy Davis and Michelle Davis Imbierowicz and husband Matt; five great-grandchildren, Clara, Hailey, Oliva, Nick and Ben, and a sister Lillian Denny and her husband Murray of Ft. Walton, Florida. She has had many wonderful friends throughout her life, some living, some deceased. She was preceeded in death by her parents, her first and last husbands, Frank Willis Davis and Robert L. Wilson (Big Bob); one sister and three brothers; she leaves behind her children, grandchildren, and many wonderful nieces and nephews. May she rest in peace. A service celebrating the life of Juanita Davis Wilson will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 27, 2016 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main St., Peru with Chaplain Virgil Barker officiating. Burial will follow in the Mt. Hope Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 5 - 8 p.m., Friday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, August 24, 2016

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Raymond Charles Bowyer, 68, Walton, passed away Friday, Aug. 12, 2016 at Pipe Creek Falls, his lifelong home. He was born July 23, 1948, in Peru. He attended Lewis-Cass High School and the predecessor Tipton Township schools in Walton and Onward. Raymond graduated from Logansport High School in 1966 and joined the United States Navy in 1967. His bachelor degree in business was earned at Indiana University Kokomo in 1986 and his Doctorate of Jurisprudence was conferred at Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis in 1989. He also farmed, had his own excavating business, was a member of Local 103 International Union of Operating Engineers in Kokomo, the Peru-Miami Masonic Lodge 67, and the National Rifle Association. He was a 32nd Degree Mason with the Scottish Rite in Ft. Wayne. Raymond loved cats, gospel and Western music, reading, poetry and his Red Wing boots. He was especially attached to Robert W. Service and his epic poems, several of which he could recite by rote. He had published poetry, enjoyed hunting, could quote from the Bible, had been a barbershop quartet member and was always keen for a heated argument. He was preceded in death by his parents Raymond Mayne and Mary Ost Bowyer and his half-brother Paul J. Witte. Surviving are his sister Barbara (Ruben) Valencia, Oswego, Illinois, and her four children; Shane (Lisa) Hornbeck, Aurora, Illinois; Noel (Niki) Valencia and DeLaney 'Kiki' Valencia, both of Oswego, Illinois; and Kerstin (Eddie) Villalobos, Montgomery, Illinois; several grand nieces and nephews; and a multitude of cousins. Interment will be at a later date at Bowyer Cemetery near Pipe Creek Falls. In lieu of flowers, please direct contributions to an Alzheimer's or mental health research organization. Visitation will be Saturday, Aug. 27 from 1 - 3 p.m. at Kroeger Funeral Home. A Masonic Service will be conducted at 3 p.m. on Saturday with full military honors following at 3:15 p.m. A light repast with time for reminiscence and fellowship follows the service at the VFW Post 3790, 1023 Erie Ave., Logansport. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.kroegerfuneralhome.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, August 25, 2016

Harold Ugene Ramer, 90, of Peru passed away on Aug. 24, 2016 at Blair Ridge in Peru. He was born in Peru on July 31, 1926 to Howard and Lucy (Glassburn) Ramer. He Married Nellie Jean Ramer in 1948. She survives. Harold served on the LCT584 Landing Craft Tank. He was the Skipper of the 300-foot Army LCT. As the Skipper, he was over five crewmen. Harold started working before the age of 21 for the C&O Railroad, and finally CSX. He retired at age 60, around 40 years as a brakeman or conductor. He also worked for 14 years transporting trailers for Horizon Transportation. He was a member of the Parkview United Methodist Church. He enjoyed fishing, camping and spending time with his family. He also loved being in church every Sunday. He is survived by his wife, as well as four children: Thomas (Beverly) Ramer, Galveston; Linda (Ron) Woodruff, Akron; Teresa Church, Fort Wayne; and Michael (Angie) Ramer, Peru. Seven grandchildren: Tamara Ramer, Cincinnati, Ohio; Matt Rager, Chicago, Illinois; Andre Rager, Mentone; Beth (Tony) Rawe, Cincinnati, Ohio; Michael Ramer (Joanna), Peru; Jennifer (Jared) Schortgen, Fort Wayne; and Katlain Ramer, Kokomo. and seven great-grandchildren: Sidney Ramer, Peru; Sean Ramer, Peru; Heath Schortgen, Fort Wayne; Laci Rager, Mentone; Thaddeus Schortgen, Fort Wayne; Nolan Rawe, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Isabella Ramer, Kokomo also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents, stepfather Lloyd Wissinger, a sister Willadean Fisher, and a son, Eric Alan Ramer. Friends may call from 1 - 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 28, 2016 at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West Third Street, Peru. Funeral services will be held at the Parkview United Methodist Church on Monday, Aug. 29, 2016 at 10 a.m. Pastors Bob Clark and Catherine Koziatek will officiate. Burial will follow at the Ever Rest Memorial Park, Cass County, with military service provided by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, August 25, 2016

James Allen Austin, 51, of Houston, Texas died along with his wife, Summer Anne Austin, 38, in a private plane crash near the West Houston Airport on July 8, 2016. James was born April 29, 1965 in Plymouth, Indiana a son of Richard A. and Corine (Crawford) Austin. He graduated from Peru High School in 1983. In 1984 he enlisted in the U.S. Army. Following his discharge, he earned an associates degree from IPFW, Fort Wayne and a bachelor's degree from Huntington University. Summer was born Aug. 1, 1977 in Memphis, Tennessee a daughter of Leo A. and Maureen M. (Melvin) Sieben. She was a graduate of Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts and earned a bachelor's degree from University of Memphis. The couple was married April 24, 2004. Jim was a key account manager with Systech Environmental, Houston, Texas and Summer was Vice-President of Marketing for Camden Property Trust, Houston, Texas. Jim is survived by two sons, Brice R. Austin and Brock A. Austin, and their mother, Barbara Springer Austin, all of Blue Springs, Missouri; two granddaughters; his parents, Richard and Corine Austin of South Whitley; a brother, James W. (Jill) Austin, Peru and sister, Mary Jo Austin, Fort Wayne. Summer is survived by her parents, Leo A. and Maureen M. Sieben of Memphis, Tennessee; brothers, Leo (Sarah) Sieben, III of Fort Worth, Texas and James (Lisa) Sieben of Frisco, Texas and a sister, Mariah (Mohanad) Salin of Memphis, Tennessee. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 4, 2016 at Smith and Sons Miller Chapel, South Whitley. The couple will be interred together at the South Whitley Cemetery. Visitation will be Sunday from 1 p.m. until the service at the funeral home. Preferred memorials for Jim are to the Agapé Missions, Collamer Christian Church, South Whitley or Huntington University Alumni Association. For Summer, St Jude Children's Research Hospital. Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, August 26, 2016

Mary L. King, 88, of Decatur, passed away Friday, Aug. 26, 2016 at her residence. Mary was born on Sept. 3, 1927 to the late Truman H. and Naomi P. (Bracht) Goldner in Adams County, Indiana. On May 20, 1944 she married Leo H. King. He preceded her in death on Oct. 7, 2015. Mary was member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church. She was a homemaker and also managed J.J. Newberry from 1967-1974. She is survived by one son Larry (Barb) King of Cable, Ohio; three daughters, Marsha (Noel) Hunt of Amboy, Dianna (Dale) Workinger of Greentown, and Linda Heimann of Decatur; one sister Ellen M. (Howard) Allison of Franklin,

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North Carolina., one half brother Richard Goldner of Tampa, Florida, one half sister Debra (Vince) Judy of Columbia City, 11 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren. Mary was also preceded in death by three brothers James, Robert and William Goldner, two half brothers Gregory and Truman Goldner, three step brothers Leroy, Norval, and David Sprunger and one half sister Judith Weiland. Visitation will be on Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2016 from 4 - 8 p.m. at Haggard-Sefton & Hirschy Funeral Home and from 9 -10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31st at the church. Funeral Service will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, with Pastor Chris Gadlage officiating. Burial will be in Decatur Cemetery. Memorials can be made to: St. Mark's United Methodist Church or Family Life Care-Hospice. To sign the guest book, click on www.hshfuneralhome.com
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, August 29, 2016

James A. "Jim" Sturdivant, 72, of Logansport, passed away at 6:49 p.m. Friday, Aug. 26, 2016, in Miller's Merry Manor. Born Dec. 14, 1943, in Flora, he was the son of the late Alva Anderson and Mary Gladys (Powell) Sturdivant. On Dec. 18, 1965, in Cass County, he was married to Sue Ann (Crim) Sturdivant. She preceded him in death on Dec. 1, 2001. A 1962 graduate of Logansport High School, Jim proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War era. After 31 years, Jim retired from the Chrysler Corporation in 1997, where he worked as a transmission repairman. A member of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, Jim served as a stake missionary. His priorities were in perfect order: God, Family and Country. He will be dearly missed. Jim was also a member and past master of the New Waverly Masonic Lodge. He is survived by three children: James A. Sturdivant, Jr. and his wife Melissa and Jo Ellen Sturdivant, all of Logansport and Kathleen Michelle Krueger and her husband Mark, of Lake Cicott; three sisters: Josephine Cunningham of St. Louis, Missouri, Doris Ruse of Indianapolis and Lena Tibbets of Hollywood, Florida; six grandchildren: Brianna Benson, Savannah Sturdivant and Mark, Gage, Kadence and Joseph Krueger; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother, Harold Sturdivant, and one sister, Margaret Ferrell. Friends and family will be received from 4 - 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30 at Fisher Funeral Chapel. A funeral service celebrating Jim's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31 in the funeral chapel with Brent Kepner officiating. Burial, with full military rites, will follow in the Ever-Rest Memorial Park. Honors will be accorded by the Indiana Army National Guard Honor Unit, the Cass County Honor Guard and the Patriot Guard. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Leukemia Society. You may share condolences in his guest book and view his video tribute at www.fisherfuneralchapel.com - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, August 29, 2016

Betty Marie Montgomery, 90, Peru, passed away at 6:58 a.m. Monday, Aug. 29, 2016, at Blair Ridge Health Campus, Peru. Born March 16, 1926, in Grass Creek, Indiana, she was the daughter of James Henry and Hazel Marie Gillam McManama. On March 21, 1944, in Grass Creek, she was married to Donald Max Montgomery, and he survives. She was a graduate of Grass Creek High School in 1944. She was a former President of the Auxiliary at Dukes Hospital, where she volunteered many years as a pink lady. Together, Betty and Don were active with many horse organizations and both held many offices with the Indiana Quarter Horse Association, Hoosier Palomino Association, and Kokomo Saddle Club. Betty was an active homemaker, she enjoyed knitting, crocheting, sewing, gardening, and spending time with her family. She is survived by two daughters, Sheri Lynn Montgomery, Peru; and Pamela Sue Montgomery Shively and husband Steven, Peru; seven grandchildren, Megan L. Lippincott, Peru; twins, Andrew L. Lippincott, Hayfield, Minnesota; and Brianne L. (Roy) Timmons, Peru; Virginia Marie (Ronnie) Miller, Ft. Myers, Florida; Dustin Adam Shively, Peru; Sarah Beth (Adam) Lawson, Noblesville; and Jacob Miguel Montgomery Shively, Peru; 18 great-grandchildren, with one one more on the way; and one sister, Hazel Louella Dragoo, Peru. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Robert McManama; and one sister, Louise Plummer. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 2, 2016, at New Waverly United Methodist Church, New Waverly, Indiana, with Pastor Mandie Gould officiating. Burial will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County. Visitation will be from 4 - 7 p.m. on Thursday, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver and one hour prior to the service on Friday at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Dukes Hospital Auxiliary or Alzheimer's Association. Condolences may be sent online at www.mcclainfh.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, August 30, 2016

JoAnn Donaldson Blair, 90, passed away at 12:01 a.m. Monday, Aug. 29, 2016 in Noblesville. She was born in Detroit on July 6, 1926 to Joe and Maggie Donaldson. She traveled the world as an Air Force wife with her husband and family until their 1972 retirement when the family settled in Peru. She was a former president of Dukes Hospital auxiliary Pink Ladies and worked at State Farm Insurance for over 30 years. She was the Miami County Breast Cancer Reach for Recovery Representative for over 20 years and was herself a 43-year breast cancer survivor. She was an active volunteer at Air Force Family Services when overseas. Preceded in death by husband Jimmie, she is survived by her children, Laurie Reynolds (Dennis), Scott (Sharon), Tim (Rizz) and Erin Beyer (Jeff). She was grandmother to Jason Reynolds and Alison Jung (Chad), and great grandmother of Alexis and Morgan Reynolds, Thatcher, Wyndham, and Kipling Jung. She is survived by sister of Norma Schneider. Visitation will be Thursday, Sept. 1, 2016 at 11 a.m. till time of service at 1 p.m. at Flowers Leedy Funeral Home, Peru with funeral service following at 1 p.m. In keeping with tradition, and out of respect for JoAnn, please show up at least 15 minutes late....as was her practice. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to ASPCA or Salvation Army. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.
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A. Ray Ahnert, a member of The Greatest Generation serving his country in World War II where he was awarded the Bronze Star and served in Gen. George Patton's Third Army in the Battle of the Bulge, passed away on Aug. 28, 2016 at his residence in Peru. Ray was born in Peru on Dec. 26, 1918 to Max Emil Ahnert and Susie Faye Helm Ahnert. On Oct. 5 1940 he married Eileen Mowery.

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Ray was a tool and die maker and retired from Rockwell Standard in Logansport, and then went to work for Cutler/Ace Hardware, where he worked until the age of 88. He was a faithful and active member of the First Baptist Church in Peru for over 50 years. He was a man of great faith. He is survived by his son Dan Ahnert, Peru; his daughter Janet (Ralph) Stitt, Indianapolis; granddaughter Amy Newhouse, Indianapolis; brother Leonard Ahnert, Peru and sister Iva Herrell, Peru. He was preceded in death by his wife Eileen, his parents and brothers George, Lewis, Lawrence and sister Harriet. Friends may call from 4 - 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 1 at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West Third street, Peru. Funeral services will be held at the First Baptist Church on Sept. 2 at 10 a.m. with Pastor Bob Adelsberger officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, with military service provided by the Miami County Military Rites team. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.flowersleedyallen.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, August 30, 2016

Jenny Kay Beard, 76, of Peru passed away on Aug. 27, 2016 at her home. Jenny was born in Peru on March 1, 1940 to Catherine (Wolf) Beard and LaVaughn Beard who preceded her in death. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her siblings: Loretta Doyle, Roberta Hagan and Robert Beard. Surviving is brother Harry (Judy) Beard of Peru. She is survived by 11 nieces and nephews: Kathy (Steve) Henke, Jamie Doyle, Robert, John (Toni) Hagan, Maureen (Chris) Bishop, Vicki (Chris) Jones, Sheldon, Shannon (Kim) Beard, Cathy Primeano, Steven Beard and Julie (Jerry) Gosch. Three nephews who preceded her in death were Michael Doyle, Shawn Beard, and Tom and Daniel Hagan. Jenny attended Peru High School graduating in 1958. She was a hairdresser for 40 years working with Louise Yentes for a number of years before opening her own shop. She belonged to St. John's Lutheran Church. In lieu of flowers memorial gifts may be made to the funeral home to cover funeral expenses. The visitation will be before the funeral at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home from 9 - 11 a.m., with Pastor Greenwood officiating. Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, August 30, 2016

Jere Allan Wendt, 74, of Lakeville, died at 8:50 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 27, 2016 at Florida Hospital Wesley Chapel in Wesley Chapel, Florida. He was born Nov. 2, 1941 in Peru to John and Doris (Line) Wendt. Jere was a 1959 graduate of Peru High School and attended Indiana University in Bloomington. He married Pamela Adkins Oswalt in South Bend, on May 14, 2008; she preceded him in death on Oct. 3, 2009. In 1962, he was a founding partner of Wendt LLP, Wabash and Mishawaka, a heavy equipment company. He attended the Church of Christ in North Liberty, and the Heritage Church in Lutz, Florida. Jere enjoyed collecting trains, and donated and volunteered at the Central Pasco and Gulf Railroad at Crews Lake Park in Shady Hills, Florida. He was a member of the Lakeville Lions Club and was affiliated with Alcoholics Anonymous for more than 30 years. He was a long-time Wabash County resident. He is survived by five children, Wendy Black of Land O Lakes, Florida, Clark (Amy) Wendt of Wabash, Tosha Oswalt and Amy Oswalt, both of South Bend, and Regina Zimmerman of Edwardsburg, Michigan; 14 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; three brothers, Michael (Donna) Wendt and Randy (Jill Brandt) Wendt, both of Wabash, and John David (Donna) Wendt of Lagro; and his loving dog, Cie Cie. He was also preceded in death by his parents and his son-in-law, Johnny Black. Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 3, 2016 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Tim Stewart officiating. Entombment will follow in Fairview Cemetery, in Mishawaka. Friends may call 2 - 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2, 2016, at the funeral home. The memorial guest book for Jere may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, August 30, 2016

Evangelist **Bobbie "Bob" Peach**, 78, was born in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky on Jan. 21, 1938 to Ernest and Annie Peach who preceded him in death. Bob passed away at his home on Aug. 30, 2016 at 9:03 a.m. He is survived by his wife, of 39 years, Connie Peach whom he married on May 13, 1977 and together they accepted the Lord as their savior on March 19, 1980 and were baptized. Through their lifetime together evangelism was their main focus, spending time in Uganda and Kenya Africa with the Karamajong tribe, schools and orphanages and later in the southern states of the US going door to door. Bob's request to his wife was for her to continue the ministry after his death. His surviving children include: Dana Peach, Tony Peach, Tonya Logan and Tina Wilson. Grandchildren are: Trey Peach, Miranda Ramer, Chelsea Peach Goff, Christian Clarke, Trinity Cox, Richard Batchelor, Brent Wilson, Sadie Wilson, Allie Wilson, Ronnie Burke, and Austen Logan. Bob was also blessed with 18 great grandchildren, and one surviving sister, Margret O'Conner. Siblings who preceded Bob in death are: Christine Peach, Daphna Noel, and niece Sandy Wray. Visitation will be at Zion Chapel Church 915 S. Broadway Peru from 3 - 7 p.m. Thursday Sept 1 and 12 - 1 p.m. Friday Sept 2, followed by the Funeral. Burial will be at Everest Memorial Park Logansport. Love offerings can be made to continue the ministry in memory of Bob or to help pay for funeral expenses. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, August 31, 2016

Betty Jean Sipe, 91, passed away at Aperia Care, Peru on Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2016. Betty was born in Greensburg, on March 8, 1925 to Forrest and Gladys Graham. A World War II bride, Betty married Earl Sipe on Oct. 1, 1943 who preceded her in death in 1991. Betty is survived by sons Fred (Martha), Dennis (Kathy), Phillip (Pam), David (Jackie) Peru, and Jeff, Florida. She was grandmother to Denny, Deb Townsend, Ryan, Greg, Danny Carlson, Nina Lemon, Adam, Louis, Laura Berryman and 17 great grandchildren. One brother, Charles (Jeanne) Graham also survives. One sister Wanda Wilson and one brother Bill Graham preceded her in death. Betty was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. She enjoyed reading, watching football, and socializing with family and friends. Betty retired from Scott's IGA and Peru YMCA. A funeral is scheduled for Betty at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6 at St. John's

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Lutheran Church, Peru with Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Friends may call Tuesday from 11 a.m. till time of service at 1 p.m. Pastor Kenneth Greenwald will officiate. Burial will follow at Everest Memorial Park. Memorial contributions can be made to VFW or St. John's Lutheran Church. The family would like to express their deep thankfulness for the care and compassion shown to Betty by the staff at Aperia Care and Great Lakes Hospice Services. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, September 1, 2016

Gregory J. Combs, 62, Kokomo, died at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 2, 2016, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru, Indiana. He was born in Fries, Virginia, to Joseph Combs and Faye (Thomas) Blanton. Gregory was a courtesy driver for Paul Richards Chevrolet in Peru. He loved to go to flea markets, go roller skating, and ride motorcycles. Gregory was known as "Mr. BTO" of Karaoke, and he especially loved his cats. Survivors include his mother, Faye Blanton, Jonesboro; sisters, Paula (Allen) Smith, Fairmount, and Tina (Bruce) Lizar, Marion; step-siblings, Greg Blanton, Marion, Charles Blanton, Jr., Marion, Connie (Earnest) Leal, Oklahoma, Ed Barton, Oklahoma, Kathy (Ted) Wilkinson, Gas City, and David Shrontz, Marion; fiancé, Paula Blunt, Kokomo; step-son, Andrew Blunt, Kokomo; and former step-sister-in-law, Jackie Shrontz. He will also be missed by many nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his father, Joseph Combs; step-mother, Joyce Combs; step-daughter, Brenda Blunt; step-father, Charles Blanton, Sr.; and step-brothers, Richard Shrontz and Jeff Shrontz. Visitation is from 5 - 8 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 5, 2016, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016, at Riverside Cemetery with Pastor David Miller officiating. Online condolences may be made at www.nswcares.com.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, September 3, 2016

Brian W. Brindle, 61, of Peru, passed peacefully into the hands of the Lord on the eve of his 62nd birthday, at 5:10 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 4, 2016, at Blair Ridge Health Campus in Peru, with his wife and sons at his side. He was born in Peru on Sept. 5, 1954 the son of Richard and Muriel Safford Brindle. Brian married Leanne Windsor at the Parkview United Methodist Church on May 25, 1979 and she survives. Brian was a 1974 graduate of Peru High School and attended the Olive Branch Church of God. He was employed as a Tool & Die Maker at United Technology and was an avid golfer. Brian was a loving and devoted husband to Leanne and father to his three sons Wayne, Jeremy and Brandon. He is survived by his wife Leanne, sons Wayne Brindle of Peru, Jeremy Brindle and his wife Erin of Mexico and Brandon Brindle and his wife Christina of Wabash and brothers Bruce Brindle and his wife Regine of Peru and Barry Brindle and his wife Anita of Peru. A service celebrating the life of Brian W. Brindle will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016 at the Eikenberry Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru, with Pastors Jeff Sumner and J. Robert Clark officiating. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Family and friends will gather from 3 - 8 p.m., on Tuesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Olive Branch Church of God or Premier Hospice. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, September 5, 2016

Margaret L. 'Peggy' Inman, 67, of Bloomfield, passed away peacefully, surrounded by loved ones, on Sept. 5, 2016 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was born on Dec. 27, 1948 in Daviess County, Indiana to Joseph Clinton and Doris L. (McRoberts) Inman. Peggy was a member of the Warren United Church of Christ. She worked as a hairdresser, retiring in 1992, was an Election Officer in Wabash County and did volunteer work for the American Heart Association. Peggy loved collecting artwork from the Battle of the War of 1812 and attending battle reenactments in Grant County of that war. She was a master pie baker who also enjoyed collecting antiques, refinishing furniture, basket weaving, caning and making blankets for her children and grandchildren. The thing that she enjoyed most was taking care of her home and family. Survivors include: one son, Jonathan Michael (Cindi) Eager of Lafayette; one daughter, Kathy Lynn (Carl) Shumpert of Peru; grandchildren, Dylan Lynch, Collin Riddle, Sophia Eager and Jackson Eager; her mother, Doris Inman of Bloomfield; two brothers, John Clinton (Teresa) Inman of Clinton, South Carolina and Michael J. (Sue Ellen) Inman of Lynchburg, Virginia; one sister, Jennifer Jo Inman (Frank) Little of Bean Station, Tennessee; other special family members, Gary Linn and wife, Susan Dawes Eager of Mitchell. Peggy was preceded in death by her father, Joseph C. Inman. Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016 at Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon with Rev. Charly Dye officiating. Peggy will be laid to rest in Scotland Cemetery in Scotland, Indiana. Family and friends may call from 4 - 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9 at the funeral home. The family has requested that memorial contributions be made to the American Diabetes Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. All arrangements have been entrusted to James W. Meng, Jr. and the Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon. Online condolences may be sent to www.mengfuneralhome.com.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Judy Ann (Kennedy) Wall passed in peace at the age of 69 at St. Vincent Hospice in Indianapolis on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016. At the time of her death, she was surrounded by her children. Judy was born on Jan. 3, 1947 in Indianapolis, to Kenneth and Clareann Kennedy. In the fall of 1978, Judy married Edward Wall and was together with him for 30 years before his passing in early 2009. She was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Peru, and a member of the Daughters of Isabella. She enjoyed watching most sports, but especially loved hockey. She liked to volunteer to help others whenever she was able. She is survived by her two sons, Kenneth Wall currently stationed at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois; and Robert Wall of Peru. Also surviving are her brother Paul Kennedy of Indianapolis; mother-in-law Jeanne Wall; sister-in-laws Jan Buker, Pat Wall, Susan Pierson, and Shirley Koester; brother-in-laws Rick Wall and Dennis Wall; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her father-

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in-law, and her spouse Edward Wall. Judy was a wonderful mother and she will be missed by family and friends. Friends may call from 2 - 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Funeral will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home with Father Adam Mailman officiating. Burial will follow at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery Peru. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, September 8, 2016

Deloris J. Laird, 88, Amboy, and Bradenton, Florida, went home to heaven to be with the Lord on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016. She was born in Marion, on Feb. 4, 1928, the daughter of Willard Franklin and Mary Ellen Zent Smith. Deloris married Robert D. Melton on Sept. 15, 1946 and he preceded her in death in 1958. She married Warren E. Laird on Dec. 1, 1963 and he survives. Deloris was a member of the Amboy Friends Church and attended Orange Grove Free Methodist Church in Bradenton, Florida. She and her husband Warren owned and operated the Laird Funeral Home in Amboy. She served as secretary for the Park Lawn Cemetery. She was a former member of the Miami County Historical Society and the OES #334 of Converse. She enjoyed reading, sewing, bicycling, traveling and playing cards. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family. Surviving in addition to her husband Warren is a daughter Connie (Melton) and her husband David Mygrant, of Rochester, step-daughter Jill (Laird) and her husband Kent Hoilman, Highlands Ranch, Colorado, a step-son Dennis Laird and Lynn Albers of Gypsum, Colorado ;grandchildren Jeff (Faith) Mygrant, Jason (Jody) Mygrant, Jennifer (Jeff) Troyer, Alex Hoilman, Kimberly Hoilman and Colleen Ross; great-grandchildren Chanse Mygrant, Hope Mygrant, Hannah Troyer, Sam Troyer and Tory Ross. She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband Robert D. Melton, a sister Ruth Davenport and brothers Robert Smith and John (Jackie) Smith. A service celebrating the life of Deloris J. Laird will be held at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 N. Main Street, Amboy, at 2 p.m., Monday Sept. 12, 2016 with Pastor Dwight Elliott officiating. Burial will be in the Park Lawn Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 2 - 6 p.m., Sunday at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Amboy Friends Church or Orange Grove Free Methodist Church, Bradenton, Florida. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, September 9, 2016

Hugh "Rudy" Rudolph, 83 of Peru passed away Saturday afternoon, Sept. 10, 2016 at his residence. He was born in Lowndes County, Alabama on Oct. 9, 1932 the son of Mac and Clara D. Hardy Rudolph. Rudy married Zelma Thomas in Selma, Alabama on Dec. 30, 1961 and she survives. Rudy graduated from Hudson High School in Selma, and served as a Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force for 24 years retiring on Jan. 31, 1977. His Military Declarations include the Air Force Good Conduct Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal. Following retirement from the Air Force Rudy was employed at General Motors in Marion. Rudy was a member of the Peru Church of the Brethren where he served on the Church Board and head of the Ushers. He also served with the Miami County United Way, Big Brothers and Big Sisters and volunteered at Blair Pointe Health Campus. He enjoyed golfing, fishing and gardening and was a member of the Retiree Golf Groups of Peru and Kokomo. Surviving in addition to his wife Zelma are daughters Diane Burke of Montgomery, Alabama and Merlene Ellsberry and her husband Herman of Birmingham, Alabama; a godson Shawn Thomas of Kokomo, sisters Deola Gordon and Lola Rudolph, brothers Roosevelt Rudolph, Aheart Rudolph and Henry Rudolph. Several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister Whantha Nelson and brothers Willie Mac Rudolph and Ulysses Rudolph. A service celebrating the life Hugh "Rudy" Rudolph will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016 at the Peru Church of the Brethren, 134 E. 5th Street, Peru, with Pastor Phil Cruea officiating. Burial will be at the Marion National Cemetery, Marion, with Military Graveside Services provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends will gather from 4:30 - 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street, Peru, IN. In lieu of flowers Memorial Donations may be made through the funeral home to the Peru Church of the Brethren. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, September 12, 2016

In loving memory of **Henry Eugene "Gene" Hileman**, 88, of Peru, went to be with the Lord at 9:05 a.m. Monday, Sept. 12, 2016 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Peru. He was born on Dec. 16, 1927 in Miami County to Floyd and Sadie (Henry) Hileman. Henry married his wife Annabelle Hahn in 1949. She preceded him in death on Feb. 14, 2009. Henry graduated from Butler Township High School. He then served in the US Army. Henry worked at Ford Garage as service manager for many years. He worked at Laidlaw for a short time and then REMC. In December 1962, he moved his family to the farm southeast of Denver. Henry began his farming days which was the joy of his life. He also drove bus for North Miami High School. After retiring, he and Annabelle moved to Peru. Surviving is a son Randy (Fran) Hileman, daughter Janet (Eddie) Rose, grandchildren Shelly (Phil) Sparks, Amy (Richie) Eldridge, Jeff Rose, Jeromy (Kaysey) Hileman, Amber (Bob) Spicer. Also, surviving are 17 great grandchildren: JD, Dalton, Zoey, Chloe, Jeffery, Brianna, Erika, Emma, Gavin, Ella, Auston, Owen, Elsee, Lilly and Stormy. Also surviving are five brothers - Darrel, Roland, Alan, David and two sisters - Betty Gail and Judy. Friends and family may call from 4 - 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2016 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Officiating By Pastor Julie Walker, the funeral Service will be held Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016 at 10 a.m. at Mt. Hope Cemetery Chapel. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Memorial contributions can be made through the funeral home to St. Jude Children's Hospital and/or Mad Anthony's Children's Hope House. Family and Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersleedyAllen.com. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, September 12, 2016

Wilbur Lee Beal, 81 of Miami, Indiana, passed away on Sept. 12, 2016 at home surrounded by family. He was Born on March 9, 1935 in Mount Vernon, Illinois. Wil was a proud veteran of the Air Force serving from 1956 to 1962 and fought in the Korean War.

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After his tour in the military, he continued his adventures in the Truck Driving world for 40 years. He was also a faithful member of Loree Brethren Church. Wilbur is survived by: one son, Matthew (Suzanne) Beal, of Miami; two grandsons, Andy (Erica McMann) Gerlach, of Kokomo, Cody (Emily Pegg) Gerlach, of Bunkerhill; two great grandchildren, Nickolie McMann and Lillyann Gerlach, of Kokomo; two nieces, Melissa (Larry Haynes) Streeting, of Michigan City and Yvonne (Dale Robbins) Streeting, of Michigan City; one sister, Loretta (Gene) Walker, of La Porte; five brothers, Eddy (Vicki) Beal, of La Porte, Larry (Bonnie) Beal, of Michigan City, Michael (Sharon) Beal, of Kingsbury, Arthur (Faye) Beal, of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Harold (Bonnie) Beal, of Little Rock, Arkansas; brother-in-law, Clarence Streeting, of La Porte; and numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great- great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by: his parents, Fred and Lola Beal; his first wife, Rozella Jane Payne Beal; his second wife, Betty Lou Norris Beal; and his sister, Phyllis (Beal) Streeting. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016 at Loree Brethren Church in Bunker Hill at 3 p.m., with visitation from 1 - 3. Memorial contributions can be made to Loree Brethren Church to AWANA or the Camp ShipShewana Scholarship Fund. Arrangements entrusted to Indiana Funeral Care.

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Rev. James L. Lund, 83, of Peru passed away at 12:08 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, 2016 at Lutheran Hospital in Ft. Wayne. He was born in Peru on May 12, 1933 the son of Norvil Elias and Dortha Lee DePuy Lund. Jim married Phyllis B. Shafer at the First Brethren Church in Mexico on July 12, 1959 and she preceded him in death on Feb. 13, 2005. He married Dorris Frazier on Nov. 7, 2009 at the Sharon Baptist Church in Flora, and she survives. As a young boy, Jim worked as a paper boy and later worked in the advertising department for the Peru Tribune. He was a graduate of Peru High School and Manchester College. He received his Master of Arts Degree in Education from Ball State University in Muncie and his Master of Divinity Degree from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago, IL. He retired from the Peru Community Schools after teaching for 46 years. He was a Pastor serving the American Baptist Churches in Mexico, Fairmount, and the Sharon Baptist Church in Flora. In 2006 he was designated "Pastor Emeritus" with Distinction of the Sharon Baptist Church. As a young man, he was active in DeMolay and later in numerous organizations including The Masons, IOOF and the Knights of Pythias. He served as President of the Miami County Retired Teachers Association and was a recipient of the Fifty Year Award of Gold given by the Grand Lodge of Masons of Indiana and the Peru Miami Lodge #67 F & AM. Surviving in addition to his wife Dorris are daughters Leasa Ann Culp and her husband Brad of Johns Creek, Georgia, Rebecca Lynn Zepick and her husband Kent of Indianapolis, and Lora Lee Dice and her husband Lester of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, step-children Jon Frazier (Lisa) of Marion and Stephanie Ahlborn of Ft. Wayne; grandchildren include Zachary, Alexa and Lauren Culp, Caleb and Conner Zepick, and Ashley and Brittany Dice. Step-grandchildren include Josh, Savinni and Macy Frazier and Serena Ahlborn, seven step-great grandchildren also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Phyllis, brothers William Copeland and John Lund and a step-sister Madelyn Blakeman. A service celebrating the life of Rev. James L. Lund will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016 at the Oakdale Baptist Church, 348 Chili Avenue, Peru, with Pastors Gary Britton and Robert Stuck officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. Family and friends will gather from 4 - 8 p.m. Friday at the Oakdale Baptist Church. Commencing at 7:30 p.m. Friday, there will be a Masonic Service followed by an IOOF Service and ending with a Knights of Pythias Service. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Gideons. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, IN. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com

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Jeremy Lee Spencer, 42, Rochester, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday morning, Sept. 11, 2016, at his mother's residence in Logansport. Born Aug. 24, 1974, in Logansport, he was the son of Jeffery Lee Spencer and the former Connie Mae Evans. On July 1, 2006, at Calvary Presbyterian Church, Logansport, he was married to Trisha Dawn Spencer, and she survives. Jeremy worked in quality control for Rochester Metals. He was an active member of the Rochester V.F.W. Post, where he served as chaplain for the men's auxiliary, and he was a passionate Indianapolis Colts fan! In addition to his wife, Trisha, Rochester, Jeremy is survived by three children, Patrick Gage Mathew, Logansport; Jacob Lee Spencer and Ashlynn Dawn Spencer, both at home; his father, Jeffery Lee Spencer and wife Julie, Nyona Lake; mother, Connie Mae Collins and husband Frank, Logansport; grandmother, Betty DeWitt, Logansport; two brothers, Travis John "T.J." Spencer, Rochester; and Kyler Jacob Spencer, Nyona Lake; mother-in-law, Judy Friend, Rochester; father-in-law, Duane Stuart and wife Kay, Logansport; and many other extended family members. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016, at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester, with Pastor Steve Quinlan officiating. Burial will follow in Odd Fellow Cemetery, Rochester. Visitation will be from 4 - 8 p.m. on Wednesday at Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester. As Jeremy was an avid Colts fan, family and friends attending the funeral are encouraged to wear Colts clothing or blue. Funeral arrangements have been jointly entrusted to Zimmerman Bros. Funeral Home, Rochester and McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Condolences may be sent online at www.mcclainfh.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Spencer family for the future benefit of Jeremy's children. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, September 13, 2016

Charlotte E. "Charlie" Piovesan, 62 of Peru went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2016. She was born on March 13, 1954 in Warren, Ohio to Cecil L. and Violet E. (Van Horn) Powell who preceded her in death. She was a 1972 Graduate of Warren Western Reserve High School. On April 15, 1972 she married the love of her life Robert Piovesan. She worked for many years at Allred Chiropractic in Peru before retiring. She is survived by her loving husband Robert Piovesan as well as her beloved children, Christine (Grante) Manning of Carmel, Lisa Piovesan (Kyle Enyeart) of Peru, Robert "13.1" Piovesan of Peru and her precious

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grandchildren, Zachary Smitherman and Lilliana "Lilly" Piovesan. She is also survived by her siblings, sister Sandra (Carl) Cononico, brother David Powell and his longtime companion Patricia Van Horn and sister Pamela Daugherty all of Warren, Ohio. She leaves behind many nieces and nephews as well as great nieces and nephews. She loved nothing more than spending time with her family. She thoroughly enjoyed attending sporting events of her grandchildren. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in honor of her grandchildren. Friends and family may call from 4 - 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19, 2016 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru. A private funeral will be held at a later date for family. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, September 16, 2016

Paul "Roger" Davis know as Roger to most friends and family was put to rest Sept. 15, 2016 at 3:58 a.m. He was born Nov. 26, 1945 to Juanita Smith Davis and Frank Willis Davis in Van Lear, Kentucky. He was a border line mentally handicapped son born to a disabled World War II Veteran which enabled him to receive many benefits throughout his life. Bless our Veterans. Both parents preceded him in death. His many hobbies included raising rabbits and fish guppies when he was younger and as he grew older, he got into weight lifting and wrestling which stayed with him throughout his life. He also loved horses and he also was an avid Elvis Presley fan. He mowed lawns in the summer and plowed snow in the winter to earn extra income. He dearly loved his lawn tractors and tinkering with them. Being a mentally challenged person made life difficult for him but his mother made him as independent as possible enabling him to live on his own with the help of family and others. He leaves behind one son Samuel Hardy Davis; two brothers Frank Willis Davis Jr. and Donald Ray Davis; one sister Linda Davis Utter; one nephew, Donald Andrew Davis; two nieces Melissa Davis and Michelle Davis Imbeiwicz and husband Matt; three great nieces Clara Olivia and Haley, two great nephews Nick and Ben. Considering his circumstances he lived a fairly good life. He will be missed. A service celebrating the life of Paul "Roger" Davis will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street, Peru. Burial will be in the Mt. Hope Cemetery. Family and friends will gather Tuesday from 4 - 7 p.m. at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, September 16, 2016

Margaret E. Burkhardt, 92, of Denver, Indiana passed away at 7:30 a.m., Monday, Sept. 12, 2016 at her residence. She was born in Cass County on March 1, 1924 the daughter of Roy and Mary Bloomer Huddleston. Margaret married Marvin E. Burkhardt on March 11, 1944 and he preceded her in death on Aug. 1, 1995. Margaret was an honors graduate of Peru High School, a member of the Main Street United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women. She had been employed by the Miami County Auditor Office, the Peru License Branch and Peru Attorney Russell Wildman. Margaret was a devoted wife, mother, grandma and great-grandma. She loved her sewing and quilting; she was an avid gardener and was canning homemade apple sauce at the time of her death. She is survived by sons Steven Burkhardt and his wife Judy of Denver, and Alan Burkhardt and his wife Becky of Denver; a daughter Rebecca Friesen of Phoenix, Arizona; a sister Mae Brackenhamer of Palm Desert, California; grandchildren David Burkhardt, Jon Burkhardt, Blaine Burkhardt and Kylie Burkhardt; a brother-in-law Joe Burkhardt of Louisville, Kentucky and a sister-in-law Joyce Thompson of Peru. Three step-great grandchildren and seven step-great-great grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Marvin, brothers Leonard, Howard, Henry and Lewis Huddleston and sisters Esther Schini, Irene Holleraman, Bessie Mays and Mary Anna Musselman. A service celebrating the life of Margaret Burkhardt will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 19, 2016 at the Main Street United Methodist Church, 81 W. Main Street, Peru, with Pastor Lauren Hall officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 4 - 7 p.m., Sunday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street, Peru, IN. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to Alzheimer Association or the Main Street United Methodist Church. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, September 16, 2016

Todd Lanell Birkey, 47, Kokomo, passed away at 10:35 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016, at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on Dec. 5, 1968, in Kokomo, the son of Merle & Gerry (Sousley) Birkey. On Oct. 20, 2012, he married Kimberly S. Emberton and she survives. Todd was a 1987 graduate of Northwestern High School and earned an associate's degree in computer science from Ivy Tech State College. He was a web developer, in the past working for EDS and HP for 25 years and for the last two years for Indiana Farmers Mutual Insurance Company. Todd was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene and Tech Row. He loved riding his Harley Davidson Sportster, going camping, and his boxer pups. Todd is survived by his loving wife, Kimberly S. Birkey; parents, Merle and Becky Birkey and Patrick and Gerry Mooney; sons, Ethan (Hannah) Birkey, and Alexander (Jaymee) Birkey; step-sons, Joshua Greeno, and Jacob Greeno; step-daughter, Heather Brock; brothers, Mark Birkey, and Doug (Michelle) Bougher; sisters, Sheri Bougher Stewart, Holli Kemmerling, Kerry Davis, and Kristi (Mike) Shaffer; and grandchildren, Addyson Brock, Landon Birkey and Logan Birkey. Todd was preceded in death by his sister, Karla Birkey, his grandparents, Lowell and Velma Birkey and Robert and Rebecca Sousley. Funeral services for Todd will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 19, 2016, at First Church of the Nazarene, 2734 South Washington Street, Kokomo, with Pastor David Leeder officiating. Burial will follow in Mast-Hensler Cemetery. Friends are invited to visit with the family from 2 - 6 p.m. on Sunday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Todd's memory to the American Cancer Society or to First Church of the Nazarene Media Fund. Shirley & Stout Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family with arrangements. Messages of condolence may be left online at www.shirleyandstout.com - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, September 16, 2016

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After a long, hard-fought battle with multiple health issues, **Robin "RaRa" Phillipy** went down swinging on Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2016 at 12:46 p.m. She was born on July 11, 1965 in Peru, to Alice (Myers) Luckenbill and Paul Phillipy Sr., who survive her. Though she never had any children of her own (other than her dog Tiki Grace), she helped shape the lives of countless children through babysitting, and later on, friendship. She is survived by both parents. Also, three brothers: Paul "Joe" (Leigh Ann) Phillipy, Jr., Troy "Trooooo" Phillipy, and Anthony "Twon" Price. Also, a multitude of people whose lives she changed forever. The services for Robin were held on Monday, Sept. 19, 2016 at 1 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru and they were fantastic. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to offset funeral expenses. Arrangements were entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, September 19, 2016

Craig James Olson, 67, passed away peacefully at his home on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016, after an extended illness. Craig was born Oct. 21, 1948 in Escanaba, Michigan, to Raymond L. and Patricia A. (Ammel) Olson. Craig was one of nine children. Craig graduated from Peru High School in 1966 and later married the love of his life, Peggy Swinford, who survives. Craig retired from Square D Company in 2013 after many years of service. He was an active member of the Loyal Order of the Moose, VFW, and the Literary Aid. Craig was an avid outdoorsman enjoying fishing, hunting, golfing, auto racing, frisbee golf, gardening, and all types of music. He was a faithful Indianapolis Colts fan, loved animals-especially "Trooper" and "Oscar" and "tinkering" in his barn. Craig also managed to make it to the "office" almost every day of the week. Craig never met a stranger, he was a faithful friend and will be fondly remembered and loved by all who knew him. Always humble, funny and kind, Craig will be greatly missed by family and friends. Craig is survived by his wife, Peggy (Swinford) Olson; daughter, Alaina Ramer (Jason); grandchildren, Ethen and Emmalee Ramer. Also surviving are in-laws, Wayne and Margaret (Swinford) Pence; sister and brother-in-law, Susie and Charlie Huber; step-brothers and sisters, Stephen Pence, Cheryl Weeden, and Stan and Rhonda Ridlin. Sisters and brothers surviving Craig are Cookie Whybrew (Charles), Sharon Shuey (Bill), Gerri Mavrick (Mike), Janice Gardner (Nathan), Dede Scragg (Jay), Mark R. Olson and John J. Olson; sister-in-law, Diana Olson (Brian), numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great nephews, and his loyal four-legged buddy, "Oscar." Craig was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond L. and Patricia A. Olson; father-in-law, Robert D. Swinford; brother-in-law, Charles F. Whybrew; and brother, Brian Olson. The family would like to thank St. Vincent's Hospital, Dr. Milton, Dr. Mull, Premiere Hospice, and all medical and nursing staff for their love and compassion during Craig's long journey. Funeral services for Craig J. Olson will be held on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016 at 10 a.m., at Riverview Funeral Home, 421 West Canal, Peru, with Pastor John Law officiating. Family and friends may call Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016 from 2 - 7 p.m. at Riverview Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Peggy Olson in memory of Craig to aid with medical expenses and for distribution to Craig's favorite charities. Messages of condolence may be left online at riverviewfhperu.com. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Riverview Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, September 19, 2016

Shawna Lee Morgan, 40, of Peru, fought a courageous battle with breast cancer before passing away Monday, Aug. 15, 2016 in Borger, Texas. Shawna was born Oct. 17, 1975 to the late Allen Morgan of Logansport and Margarita Harshman of Borger, Texas. Survivors include her mother Margarita Harshman, Borger, Texas; four children - Michael A. Boggs, Eden P. Boggs, Oko Nayati Hartleroad II, Kendra Lynn Hartleroad; a future granddaughter, Ivory; two brothers - Ray (Martina) Morgan of Bountiful, Utah and Aaron (Gina) Morgan of Peru. A memorial service is Friday, Sept. 23, 2016 at 5 p.m. at the Church of Latter Day Saints in Peru.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Harold E. Guyer, 83, Georgetown, Texas and formerly of Sandwich, Massachusetts and Peru, went home to be with His Lord at 12:55 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016. He was born on May 18, 1933 to Paul and Nira Amos Guyer. Harold was a 1952 graduate of Peru High School and a United States Air Force Korean War Veteran. His military awards include the National Defense Medal, Korean Defense Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. He was self-employed as co-owner/operator of Guyer the Mover until 1977. Guyer the Mover continues to operate into the third generation of Guyers. He retired from the Peru Community Schools after serving 20 years as a bus driver and custodian. Following retirement he was employed by Purdue University to transport the athletic teams to their games. Harold was a lifetime member of the Purdue Alumnae Association and the American Legion. Harold was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who deeply loved his Lord and family. His children and grandchildren were the joys of his life. He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Georgetown. Harold was a man of great faith and integrity. He was always willing to assist his fellow man and never knew a stranger. Serving with the Labors for Christ in the construction of Faith's sanctuary was a special event in his life. He was a loyal Purdue Boilermaker fan when it came to football and basketball. Watching tennis, college sports, Indy/NASCAR races or simply sitting by the lake fishing provided hours of relaxation. Harold married Sonja S. Rouch Guyer at St. John's Lutheran Church in Peru on May 24, 1959. Left to cherish Harold's memory are his wife of over 57 years of marriage along with his daughters Michelle G. Bess and her husband Charles of Frisco, Texas, Melissa G. Olesen and her husband Soren of Pearland, Texas, and Marcynda S. Verdicchio and her husband Peter of Round Rock, Texas; six grandchildren, Blaine E. Bess, Tampa, Florida, Bree M. Bess, Columbia, South Carolina, Drew J. Olesen, Houston, Texas, Cole Guyer Olesen, Pearland, Texas, Isabella M. Verdicchio, Round Rock, Texas and Abigail H. Verdicchio, Round Rock, Texas. His sister Katie (Jim) Wheeler of Boise City, Louisiana is his only surviving sibling of 10 brothers and sisters. Also surviving are special in-laws, Jerry and Sandy Thompson, Carmel, Fred and Lizza Rouch, Santee, California, and Paula Guyer, Peru. Among his over 30 nephews and nieces were special

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nephews Stanley Thompson, Stuart Thompson, Steven Thompson, Sterling Thompson and Scott Thompson, Gerald L. Guyer II and Jim Guyer and special nieces Joyce Giver, Theresa Rasmussen, Janice Rockey and Cherylynn Johnson. Harold was preceded in death by his parents, his identical twin Gerald along with his brothers, George, Charles, John, Harvey and Henry Guyer and sisters, Helen Young and Naida Jean Webster. A service celebrating the life of Harold E. Guyer will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016 at Faith Lutheran Church, 4010 Williams Drive, Georgetown with the Reverend Walt Pohland officiating. Burial with full military honors will be held at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas. Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Lutheran Church Handbell Choir, 4010 Williams Drive, Georgetown, Texas 78628. You may leave a personal message, share a favorite memory or picture on their website: www.cookwaldendavisfuneralhome.com Arrangements have been entrusted to Cook-Walden Davis Funeral Home, 2900 Williams Drive, Georgetown, Texas 78628 512-863-2564. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Doris L. Curl, 85 of Peru, was called to be with the Lord on Monday Sept. 14, 2016. She was born on June 10, 1931 in Seymour, Missouri. She was the daughter of Walter and Ada (Townlain) Cardwell. Doris (Cardwell) married Clyde Curl on Dec. 19, 1949. They were married for 67 years until his death on Aug. 15, 2016. Less than one month later, her broken heart and God's desire to call her home became a celebration. She is survived by: her son David Curl and wife Bonnie, Mexico; daughter Donna Budd and husband Mike, Oregon; granddaughter, Michelle Denny and husband Shaun, Alaska; granddaughter, Charity Reilly and husband Patrick, Georgia; grandson David Curl and wife Sarah, West Lafayette; grandson Joshua Budd and partner Daniel Cosio, California; granddaughter Summer Andrus and husband Troy, Oregon; seven great-grandsons, Preston Reilly, Mitchell Curl, Noah Denny, Wyatt Curl, David III, Aaron Denny, Lincoln Curl; five great-granddaughters, Alexandria Denny, Caroline Reilly, Norah Reilly, Emily Andrus, Charlotte Andrus; great-great-grandson Hayden Denny; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband Clyde, her parents, and sister Rosalene (Cardwell) Newton. Doris worked in the yardage department at several retail stores. She balanced her work at home as well as in the retail industry to support, love and help provide for her family. Doris was a member of Calvary Temple Assembly of God Church in Peru, serving as a greeter. Doris was a faithful servant for God. Her greatest gift for her family and friends was that of being a godly loving mother and grandmother. It was her prayer and desire that her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren all know the Lord as she did. Doris kept Clyde on his toes whether it was ringing the bell or yelling "Honey" to get his attention. She loved it when her great-grandkids spent time with her, jumping in her lap for a hug and a kiss. She also enjoyed the violin, guitar and singing performances. Her legacy of a wife, mother and grandmother's unconditional love will remain with her family forever. A visitation will be held at Calvary Temple Assembly of God at 2908 W 200N in Peru on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016 from 12 - 2 p.m. A "Celebration of Life" service will be held at Calvary Temple Assembly of God on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please send your memorial contribution to Calvary Temple Assembly of God. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Larry Bert Mitchell, 79, Peru, passed away at 10:00 a.m. Thursday morning, Sept. 22, 2016, at his residence. Born March 7, 1937, in Peru, Indiana, he was the son of Arthur Glenn and Esther Louise Hartz Mitchell. On Sept. 10, 1960, in Peru, he was married to Nancy Lou Noel who survives. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, and was a mechanic by trade, having worked independently and for various companies in the Peru area. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Mitchell, Peru; five children, Patricia Ann (Jeff) Cox, Peru; Jane Louise (Jerry) Fisher, Kokomo; James David Mitchell, Kokomo; Jennifer Lynn (DeWayne) Beachey, Kokomo; and Rebecca Sue Mitchell, Lafayette; five grandchildren, Brandy Gross, Jeffery Cox, Ryan Cox, Zachery Fisher, and Morgan Fisher; three siblings, Art Mitchell, Lowell; Tom Mitchell, Peru; and Cathy Mullett, Kokomo; two step great-grandchildren, Kylie and Mason Beachey; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Shirley Mitchell. Military Graveside Rites will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2016, at Mt. Hope Cemetery, with the Miami County Military Rites Team. Visitation will be from 4 - 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 26, 2016, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Online condolences may be sent at www.mcclainfh.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, September 22, 2016

Elizabeth "Betty Anne" Schreiber McClain, 93, a resident of Willow Valley Retirement Community, Willow Street, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 21, 2016, with her daughter by her side. Born Aug. 23, 1923, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, she was the daughter of Philip Raymond and Marguerite Elizabeth DuPree Schreiber. On June 8, 1946, in Philadelphia, she was married to Eugene Earl McClain who preceded her in death on April 8, 2008. Elizabeth was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania having moved her membership from Green Lane United Methodist Church in Roxborough, where she served as church treasurer for many years in addition to filling various leadership roles with the women's organization and Sunday school program. She was a graduate of Frankford High School before attending Drexel University where she obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Business. She retired as an Administrative Assistant at the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School Library after leaving her post as Director of the International Hospitality Program, a position she held for many years. She was also the recipient of the Four Chaplains Award for service from the Chapel of the Four Chaplains in Valley Forge. She is survived by one daughter, Carol Anne Cosgrove, Hilliard, Ohio; one daughter-in-law, Carolyn B. McClain, Baltimore, Maryland; three grandchildren, Katherine F. McClain (Derrick Lavender), Hummelstown, Pennsylvania; Alexandra B. McClain (Caleb Reiber), Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and Sam M. Cosgrove, Colorado; two great-grandchildren, Derrick McClain Lavender, Hummelstown; and Philip Weston Reiber, Harrisburg; as well as several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one son, Philip Earl McClain.

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Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 26, 2016, at the Heritage Chapel of George Washington Memorial Park Cemetery, 80 Stenton Ave, Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania 19462. Visitation with the family will be one hour prior to the service in the chapel. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences may be shared online at www.mcclainfh.com. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, September 22, 2016

Janice Kay Horn, 67, Macy, passed away Wednesday evening, Sept. 21, 2016, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Born Jan. 16, 1949, in Peru, she was the daughter of Carl Eugene and Rose Ella Scott Gibson. On Dec. 3, 1966, in Mentone, she was married to Mickey Alan Horn who survives. Janice was retired from Schneider Electric (formerly Square D Corporation) in Peru. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, camping, and being a supporter of her family in their many activities. Surviving are her husband Mickey Horn, Macy; son, Troy Wayne Horn; grandchildren, Hannah R. Horn and Taylor M. Horn, both of Indianapolis; and Joseph W. Horn, Mexico; and one brother, Bob Gibson, Rochester. She was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Todd Alan Horn. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 26, 2016, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 4 - 8 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Relay for Life.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, September 22, 2016

Larry Eugene Rakes, age 78, of Monticello, Georgia, passed away Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016, at Abbey Hospice in Social Circle, Georgia. Larry was born in Kenova, West Virginia, on Jan. 14, 1938 to the late Willie Rakes and Gladys Combs Rakes. He was a graduate of Ceredo Kenova High School and went on to join the Air Force. He was stationed in Osceola, Wisconsin for four years. Larry was married to Alice Faye Nunley Rakes on October 15, 1956. They would have celebrated their 60th anniversary this year. Larry worked as a train engineer for the Chesapeake & Ohio (C&O) Railway for 28 years. He was a devout Christian who was ordained as a deacon at Trinity Baptist Church in Peru. He served as a deacon for over 30 years, ending his service as a Deacon Emeritus at Shiloh Baptist Church in Newborn, Georgia. Larry is survived by his loving wife, Alice Rakes of Monticello, Georgia; three daughters, Pamela Carter (John) of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Lisa Kelly (Paul) and Deanna Rakes of Monticello; grandchildren, CWO3 Matthew Townsend of Charleston, South Carolina, Marc Townsend of Auburn, Alabama, Laura Carter Duplantis (Cole) of Scott, Louisiana, Neal Carter of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Hunt Kelly and Colt Kelly of Monticello; great grandchildren, Shelby Townsend, Harry Townsend, Andrew Townsend of Charleston, South Carolina and Addison Duplantis of Scott, Louisiana; and four brothers, Don Rakes and Harold Rakes of Ohio, and Lowell Rakes and Willie Rakes of West Virginia. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016, at 11 a.m., at Shiloh Baptist Church Cemetery in Newborn, Georgia. Rev. Danny Sorrells will officiate. Honorary pallbearers CWO3 Matthew Townsend, Marc Townsend, Neal Carter, Hunt Kelly and Colt Kelly. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Abbey Hospice 215 Azalea Court, Social Circle, Georgia 30025. The family would like to thank Abbey Hospice for the loving care that was shown to him during his time there. Jordan Funeral Home Monticello, Georgia is in charge of arrangements. Please visit our website at www.jordanfuneralhomemonticello.com.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, September 26, 2016

Michael James Harkin passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2016 at his home in Newark, Ohio. He was born on Oct. 17, 1975 in Peru. Mike graduated from Peru High School in 1994 and then went on to college at Ivy Tech and the University of Phoenix where he obtained an Associates degree. His company, Final Touch Automotive, was a new direction for Mike, carrying on the love of auto restoration that he shared with his dad. Mike was preceded in death by his father James Harkin, ex-wife Connie Harkin and cousin Ron Justice. He is survived by his beautiful beloved daughters Jazmin and Jenna Harkin, dearly beloved mother Deborah Harkin, sisters Kim Popoff and Kate Jones, aunts Kristi Forshee and Cheryl Herrell, step grandfather Donald Hyman, Uncle Dale and Aunt Cheryl Kerschner, many cousins, nieces and nephews. Mike had the kind of friendships that most of us wish we had... he loved with all of his heart. For those of us who loved him so dearly, "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die." — Clyde Campbell Friends may call from 4 - 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2016 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to: Love Offering to Michael James Harkin Family through Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, September 26, 2016

Edward E. Struble, 81 of Peru passed away at 9:09 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016. He was born in Miami County on April 17, 1935, the son of Francis and Mary Holland Struble. Ed married Winnie Lynn Musall on Nov. 27, 1990 and she survives. Ed was a 1953 graduate of Peru High School and retired truck driver. He was a member of the Tip-Wa Tractor Club and the Pioneer Power Tractor Club. Ed was an example of purest devotion, foremost to his wife and children but also to his church and country. He was an active member of the St. Charles Catholic Church where he was a regular at weekly Mass. Ed showed us how to live life beautifully, truthfully and with faith filled simplicity. In addition to his wife, Winnie, he is survived by a son Francis "Butch" Struble of Muncie, a daughter Audrey Verde and her husband Ernesto of Cave Creek, Arizona; step-children LouAnna Bales and her husband Chris of Bunker Hill, Christopher Fowler and his wife Shannon of Peru, Lisa Schell and her husband Harold of Peru and Teri McCord and her husband Anthony of LaVergne, Tennessee; sisters Mary Ann Oesner of Reno Nevada, Jane Kaufman and her husband Ken of Kokomo, Marcie Nicholl and her husband Greg of Davis, California; sisters-in-law Deborah Struble of Peru, and Suzanne Struble of Arizona; grandchildren Michael Struble and his wife Danyl and Jennifer Mynett and her husband Nathan; great grandchildren Cole Mynett, Chloe Mynett, Taylor Struble and Tristan Struble and 10 step- grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and

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brothers William Struble and Philip Struble. A Mass of Christian Burial celebrating the life of Edward E. Struble will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 29, 2016 at the St. Charles Catholic School, with Father Mauman officiating. Family and friends will gather from 4 - 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street, Peru, IN. There will be prayer service at 8 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Disabled American Veterans. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, September 26, 2016

Landin Michael Hicks, 58, of Peru passed away on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016. He was born the son of Landin and Ines Hicks on Oct. 2, 1957. Landin was a 1976 graduate of Peru High School. He retired from United Technologies. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and Eagles in Peru. Survivors include: his daughters, Tiffany See Simons and Monique Marie Hicks; five grandchildren - Hannah Lenay Hicks, Haylie Rose Meives, Jase Micheal Wolfe, Trevor Edward Simons and Josayn Nicole Simons; his father Landin Hicks; a brother Timothy Hicks, and Tina; a sister Sandra Corn and Howard. Also, several nieces and nephews survive. He was preceded in death by his mother and grandparents. There will be a celebration of life on Oct. 2, 2016 at 1 p.m. at Maconaquah Park in Peru. Family and friends are invited to come celebrate the life of Landin Hicks. Memorial contributions may be made to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in order to help with funeral expenses. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, September 26, 2016

Albert Ray Green, 64, of Peru passed away suddenly at 1:40 a.m. on Sept. 25, 2016 at his residence. He was born in Little Rock Arkansas to John A. and Margrett L. (Green) Clark on Feb. 1, 1952. Surviving are siblings Lyvetta Jane Hunt (Mike), George C. Clark (Susan), Jerry L. Clark, and Mary A. Abbott (Jeff), all of Peru; and Johnny Spencer of Brookston, Indiana. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Thomas A. Clark. Ray never met a stranger, and spent his life giving and taking care of others. At his request, there will be no visitation. A private family service will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, September 26, 2016

Max E. Eytcheson, "Smokey", went to be with his beloved wife Janis M. Eytcheson in heaven on Sept. 24, 2016. He was born on Aug. 20, 1947 in Peru to Robert and Daisy Eytcheson. He was preceded in death by his wife Janis Eytcheson, brother Keith White, and son-on-law Christopher Taulbee. He is survived by Judith White, Bob Eytcheson and wife Jill, and Kenny Eytcheson. Max married Janis M. Eytcheson on Feb. 18, 1982. They created a family between them with three children - Glenda M. Catt married to Walter M. Catt, Tammy L. Hedrick (widowed), Tina M. Harrison married to Richard Harrison. He was a grandfather to 11 grandchildren - Savanna M. Brown married to Bryce Brown, Anastasia M. Chomko, Tricia L. Armentrout married to Lucas Armentrout, Amber L. Sheets married to Travis Sheets, Jeremy Norris, Elizabeth Smith, Jeffrey Harrison Jr, Aaron Arnold, Daniel Harrison, Danielle Palecki, and Destiny Palecki. He also had six great grandchildren. Max's world revolved around his family and friends. Max shared his love for Jesus through his bible study, gospel music, and helping his fellow man to the best of his ability. Max also loved to play the guitar and his harmonica - he loved country music (Jim Reeves), passing his love for music to all the family. Max retired from the local Square D. Isaiah 40:31 "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint". Friends may call from 10 a.m. till time of service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Funeral will follow at 1 p.m. with Pastor Ralph Johnson officiating. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, September 26, 2016

Jean Catherine Myers, 92, of Kokomo, died at 5:02 p.m., Saturday, Sept 24, 2016 at Century Villa Health Care in Greentown. She was born May 24, 1924 in Wabash County to Alvin and Amanda (Shinn) McKillip. Jean married Ralph "Bud" Bowen in Converse, on March 8, 1944; he died Feb. 6, 1984. She then married Lawrence Myers in Wabash on Oct. 20, 1990; he died Aug. 6, 2016. She was a 1942 graduate of Chippewa High School. She was a member of Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, the Richvalley Homemakers Extension Club, and the Woman's Clubhouse. She is survived by two children, Kathy A. Roller and Mark D. Bowen, both of Peru; three grandchildren, Michelle L. (Scott) Waymire of Kokomo, Julie L. (Kris) Kimmerling of Marion, and Michael (Amanda) Bowen of Upland; seven great-grandchildren, Shelby Claire Waymire and Abby Jean Waymire, both of Kokomo, Grace Kimmerling, Faith Kimmerling, and Hope Kimmerling, all of Marion, and Bethany and Henry Bowen of Upland; two step-sons, Greg (Barbara) Myers of Fort Wayne, and Stan (Patsy) Myers, of Wabash; four step-grandchildren, Brian (Shelly) Myers and Jeff (Whitney) Myers, both of Wabash, and Pat (Angela) Myers of Indianapolis and Barry (Lisa) Myers, of Carmel; nine step great-grandchildren Cason Myers, Quinn Myers, Caroline Myers, and Mia Myers, all of Wabash, Michael Myers, Michelle Myers, and Melissa Myers, all of Indianapolis, and Madelyn and Mark Myers of Carmel; brother, Ken (Betty Jo) McKillip of Wabash; and three sisters-in-law, Judy McKillip, Lois McKillip, and Betty McKillip, all of Wabash. She was also preceded in death by her parents; sister, Beulah Lilves; three brothers, Robert McKillip, James McKillip, and Jack McKillip; and great granddaughter, Sara Waymire. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, 2016 at Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 N. State Road 15, Wabash, with David Stokes officiating. Burial will be in Ever Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Friends may call 4 - 8 p.m. Wednesday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen

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Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church. Preferred memorial is the charity of the donor's choice. The memorial guest book for Jean may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, September 26, 2016

Frances I. (Johnson) Jackson, 92, of Peru passed away on Sept. 23, 2016 at 9:45 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. She was born on May 26, 1924 to the late Mack Edward and Cecil Faye (Alexander) Johnson in Kokomo. She graduated from Young American High School in 1942. She married Raymond L. Jackson on Dec. 30, 1945. He passed away on Aug. 4, 1991. Frances was a member of the First Christian Church in Peru. She was a homemaker and a loving mother. She was always a supporter of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed cooking, playing cards, and being a puzzle maker. While at Miller's, she was active in lenin club. She is survived by a daughter, Brenda (Sam) Brown, Peru; a son, Eddie (Kathy) Jackson, Seymour; eight grandchildren: Mark (Tammy Fagan, Marion; Ryan (Anne) Fagan, Swayzee; Jerod (Shelley Fagan, Swayzee; Jason (Sarah Brown, LaPorte; Justin (Autumn) Brown, Indianapolis; Kari (Zach) Whann, Peru; Adam (Amy) Jackson, Brownstown; Aaron Jackson, Jacksonville, FL; two step-grandchildren: Bill Brown, Paoli; Ray (Sheila) Brown, Bloomington; fifteen great- grandchildren: J.D. Fagan, Kiley and Tyler Fagan, Brody and Mason Fagan, Allison, Madelyn , and Makenzie Brown, Maddux and Myla Brown, Kaci, Kody and Kamren Whann, Jhett and Emma Jackson; seven great-grandchildren; and one sister, Betty Sims. Along with her parents and husband, she is preceded in death by two sister, Marjorie Williams-Miller and a Genevieve Britton, and one daughter, Treva Fagan. A visitation will be held at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home at 105 West Third Street, Peru on Thursday, Sept. 29, 2016 from 4 – 7 p.m. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Sept. 30, 2016 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, with visitation from 9 a.m. until time of service. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, September 26, 2016

Landin Michael Hicks, 58, of Peru passed away on Thursday, Sept. 22, 2016. He was born the son of Landin and Ines Hicks on Oct. 2, 1957. Landin was a 1976 graduate of Peru High School. He retired from United Technologies. He was a member of the Moose Lodge and Eagles in Peru. Survivors include: his daughters, Tiffany See Simons and Monique Marie Hicks; five grandchildren – Hannah Lenay Hicks, Haylie Rose Meives, Jase Micheal Wolfe, Trevor Edward Simons and Josayn Nicole Simons; his father Landin Hicks; a brother Timothy Hicks, and Tina; a sister Sandra Corn and Howard. Also, several nieces and nephews survive. He was preceded in death by his mother and grandparents. There will be a celebration of life on Oct. 2, 2016 at 1 p.m. at Maconaquah Park in Peru. Family and friends are invited to come celebrate the life of Landin Hicks. Memorial contributions may be made to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in order to help with funeral expenses. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Lee Roy Wilkinson, 87, passed away Sept. 18, 2016 at Blair Ridge in Peru at 5:58 a.m. surrounded by his loving family. Exposed to Agent Orange in Vietnam, he was sick for many years. He was born in Pekin, Illinois on Aug. 30, 1929 to Jesse and Florence Wilkinson who preceded him in death, as well as nine brothers and sisters and two great grandchildren. He married Betty Mae Hallam on Dec. 9, 1951, who survives, along with four children, six grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and one great great granddaughter. He retired from the US Air Force in 1967 having received the Distinguished Flying Cross. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m., on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at Chapel Ministries Outreach, 3454 W 400 North, Peru. In lieu of flowers, donations may be designated to the Haiti Missionary Fund. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, September 28, 2016

John A. Walker, "Johnny Boy", age 39, passed away on Sept. 27, 2016 due to complications from a recent motorcycle accident. He was born on July 19, 1977 to Howard E. and Martha E. Walker in Peru, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his father in 1998, all grandparents, and many uncles, aunts, and cousins. He is survived by his mother Martha Walker, big sister Kathy Allen (Walker) married to Rick with daughter Brittany Allen, little sister Joyce Birnell (Walker) married to Allen with children AJ and Alicia, and little brother David E. Walker. He also leaves behind many aunts, uncles, and cousins throughout the country. This is a beautiful and large family. John also has many wonderful friends, too many to mention but they know who they are. He grew up and spent his entire life in Peru and graduated from Peru High School. His most recent employer was Western Reman Industrial in Peru where he had worked for the last 10 years. He very much enjoyed his job and co-workers and humored them all. Although John never got married, his actual calling was to take care of his mother after father passed away and he did an excellent job. John was an extremely strong man of faith and was a member of Church of God Worship Center in Wabash, where he and his mother attended regularly together. He was in charge of the church sound system and had recently started playing the guitar which he enjoyed extremely. His world revolved around God and family. He impacted the lives of so many and he was too humble to even notice. The family and friends have lost a beautiful, generous, caring, outgoing, and humorous human being. He loved playing with his nieces and nephew. He was a great role model for both children and adults. John acted like a big kid but also somehow managed to be a disciplined adult. He would be there for anyone, anytime. He was a die-hard Colts fan and loved so many things in life. His favorites were auto racing, motorcycles, trains, having the newest technology and gadgets, shopping/fashion, video gaming, music, movies, golf, and so much more. His greatest love was family gatherings where mass quantities of food would be consumed, games would be played, and just generally had a great bonding experience. John will live on forever in the hearts and souls of those who knew him and he will also

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live on in the recipients of his organs that were donated as he saved at least three people and gave two sight again. We love and will miss you so much John. A visitation will be held at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru on Monday, Oct. 3, 2016 between the hours of 3 - 7 p.m. Funeral services will also be held at the same address on Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 10 a.m. and will be officiated by Pastor Marshall Staten and Pastor Charles Osborne. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Mexico, with a lunch to follow at Church of God Worship Center, his church home in Wabash. Their address is 839 Mill Street, Wabash.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, September 29, 2016

Robert "Bob" Eugene Ege, 71, Peru, passed away on Friday Sept. 30, 2016 at St. Vincent Hospital with his loving family by his side. Bob was born July 2, 1945 in Peru, to the late Eldon and Eva (Harshman) Ege and was the youngest of their five children. He married the love of his life and best friend Nancy Richardson on Jan. 29, 1968 and she survives. Bob was a graduate of Maconaquah High School class of 1965. He served in the US Navy from 1965 - 69 and served in the Vietnam War receiving many medals. He was a Tool & Die Maker with Chrysler, retiring after 27 years of service in 2004. He was an avid Colts, Pacers, Cubs and Bears. Bob was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and uncle. Bob is survived by one daughter, Jennifer (Chris) Walden, Peru; grandchildren, Dakota, Dayton and Makinsey Erickson, Brayden and Jordan Roe; two sisters, Anita Steininger and Carolyn Bury; one brother, Raymond (Kelly) Ege; two brother in laws, Ron Bengel and Ron Richardson, along with many nieces and nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Allison Berry and sister Beverly Bengel. Funeral services will be held at Riverview Funeral Home Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016 at 1 p.m. with Evangelist Shane Capps officiating. Friends may call on the family from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at riverviewfhperu.com

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, October 1, 2016

Mary Ann (Burton) Denham, 87, of Peru, passed away Saturday evening Oct. 1, 2016, after an extended illness. She was born on Nov. 13, 1928 in Burtontown, Kentucky to the late Otha Bell (Hawk) Burton and Walter Eli Burton. Mary Ann married James Denham, Jr. on Oct. 28, 1946, in Somerset, Kentucky. They had resided in the Peru area since 1948. Mary Ann and Jim would have celebrated their 70th anniversary this month. She is survived by her husband, Jim; son James Denham III; son Michael Denham and wife Elizabeth; four grandchildren: Shelleen (Denham) Dawalt, Lori (Denham) Hahn and husband, Judd, Ryan Denham and Alisha Denham; four great grandchildren: Mackenna Dawalt, Brady Hahn, Brooklynn Hahn and Jace Denham; her siblings: Myrtle (David) Correll, Betty (Wally) Gebhardt, Geraldine Correll, Walter (Joann) Burton, Jr., Kenneth (Patty) Burton, David "Tinker" Burton, Linda (Joe) Waymire and Jane Burton along with many nieces, nephews and extended family members. Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her son Gregory Allen Denham, her sister Nancy (Burton) Hunt, and brother Oliver Eugene Burton. Mary Ann was an extremely strong woman of faith and a member of the Mexico Baptist Church. She was a homemaker and a loving wife, mother, and grandmother who touched the lives of many. She loved to collect rooster figurines, loved birds, and loved her home. She was an excellent cook, loved square dancing, and being with her family and friends. The visitation and funeral will be held at Mexico Baptist Church, 4088 N. Carroll Street, Mexico, on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016. Visitation is from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., immediately following visitation. Officiating will be Pastor Gary Colby. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mexico Baptist Church Building fund. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, October 3, 2016

Michael Phillips Taylor, 62, of Peru, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 2, 2016 in Fort Wayne. Michael was born on Oct. 16, 1953 in Bremerton, Washington to James Taylor and Joan Phillips Taylor. Fla() On August 28, 1976, Michael married Cindy J. Flagg in Peru, who survives. Michael enjoyed many things including playing softball, hunting, attending bingo, and spending time with his family. He loved watching his grandkids play sports. Surviving along with his wife, are his two sons, Dan Taylor (Kerri), of Walton, and Dustin Taylor (Brittany), of Peru. Grandchildren are Hayley, Owen, Huntley, and Jack Taylor, Austin, Madison, and Zach Woods. Preceding Michael in death are his parents, James and Joan Phillips Taylor, and one sister, Michelle Hahn. Michael had the kind of friendships that most of us wish we had... he loved with all of his heart. For those of us who loved him so dearly, "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die." - Clyde Campbell

Friends may call from 4 - 7 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 5 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to: City of Peru - Parks Department. Family and Friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, October 3, 2016

Cheryl Elaine Bales Walker, age 56, passed away on Sept. 30, 2016 after fighting an extended illness. She was born on Nov. 2, 1959 to Henry and Mildred Bales in Peru. She was preceded in death by: her parents; her grandparents, John and Thelma Fincher, and Leon and Matilda Bales; her cousin, Michael Hale; and her granddaughter, Bailey Elizabeth Morse. She is survived by her daughters, Jamie (Daniel) Morse of Fort Wayne and Stephanie Pike (Joe) Chumbley of Peru. She is also survived by a son, Robert Pike of Peru. Cheryl was blessed with several grandchildren: Addy, Bradon, Emma, Zoe, David, Abigail, Cassidy, Madison, Aliyah, Alexandria, Zach, Kinz, Braxton and Braylon. A sister, Monica Hann also survives along with nephew, Andy and neice, Jennifer. Cheryl is also survived by a great aunt, Maude Hale. Cheryl touched so many people's hearts. She was always positive and never put herself before anyone else. She lived for her family and adored all of her kids and grandkids. She will be forever in so many hearts. Funeral services will be held at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016 at 11 a.m. with visitation beginning at 9 a.m. She will be

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laid to rest at a later date. The family will hold a potluck luncheon at the Miami Tribal Complex, 80 West 6th Street in Peru immediately following the service. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, October 3, 2016

Mary Ann (Burton) Denham, 87, of Peru, passed away Saturday evening Oct. 1, 2016, after an extended illness. She was born on Nov. 13, 1928 in Burtontown, Kentucky to the late Otha Bell (Hawk) Burton and Walter Eli Burton. Mary Ann married James Denham, Jr. on Oct. 28, 1946, in Somerset, Kentucky. They had resided in the Peru area since 1948. Mary Ann and Jim would have celebrated their 70th anniversary this month. She is survived by her husband, Jim; son James Denham III; son Michael Denham and wife Elizabeth; four grandchildren: Shelleen (Denham) Dawalt, Lori (Denham) Hahn and husband, Judd, Ryan Denham and Alisha Denham; four great grandchildren: Mackenna Dawalt, Brady Hahn, Brooklynn Hahn and Jace Denham; her siblings: Myrtle (David) Correll, Betty (Wally) Gebhardt, Geraldine Correll, Walter (Joann) Burton, Jr., Kenneth (Patty) Burton, David "Tinker" Burton, Linda (Joe) Waymire and Jane Burton along with many nieces, nephews and extended family members. Along with her parents, she is preceded in death by her son Gregory Allen Denham, her sister Nancy (Burton) Hunt, and brother Oliver Eugene Burton. Mary Ann was an extremely strong woman of faith and a member of the Mexico Baptist Church. She was a homemaker and a loving wife, mother, and grandmother who touched the lives of many. She loved to collect rooster figurines, loved birds, and loved her home. She was an excellent cook, loved square dancing, and being with her family and friends. The visitation and funeral will be held at Mexico Baptist Church, 4088 N. Carroll Street, Mexico, on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2016. Visitation is from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., immediately following visitation. Officiating will be Pastor Gary Colby. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mexico Baptist Church Building fund. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, October 3, 2016

Marvin H. Wheatley, 86, Peru, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016, at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne. Born Dec. 1, 1929, in Searcy, Arkansas, he was the son of Johnny and Willie Dennis Wheatley. On Sept. 1, 1953, in Santa Fe, Indiana, he was married to Mary Elizabeth Soles, and she preceded him in death on May 12, 1997. Survivors include three sons, Jerry Wheatley, Texas; Kenny Wheatley and wife Debra, Peru; and David Wheatley, Peru; three sisters, Doris Starbuck, Illinois; Clara Fletcher, Texas; and Mary McKinley, Logansport; two brothers, Doyne Wheatley, Arkansas; and Henry Wheatley, California; three grandsons; four granddaughters; 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his parents, wife, one granddaughter, brother Frank Wheatley, and sister Marie Fletcher. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016, at Chapel Ministries Outreach, Jct. US 31 and County Road 400 N, with Pastor Tom Robbins and Pastor Guy Woodhouse officiating. Burial will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. Visitation will be from 4 - 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, October 4, 2016

Victor R. Fowler, 74, passed away on Sept. 24, 2016 at his home. He was born on June 11, 1942 to the late Gerald Fowler and Fern P. Ericson in Nampa, Idaho. Victor married Rebecca Baker on April 14, 1990. She preceded him in death. Victor was baptized on July 8, 1950 by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He became a priest in the same church in 1958. Victor graduated from Grant-Union High School in Sacramento County, California in 1962. He retired after 35 years from Bryan Steam in Peru. Victor was a devoted motorcyclist. He was a member of ABATE of Indiana - 32 years - more than anyone in Miami County. He was also a life member of the American Motorcyclist Association. He was also honored with a brick with his name on it at the Indiana Motorcycle Safety Memorial in Lawrence County, Indiana. He is survived by his brother, Cleon Fowler and his wife Pam, of Utah; a son, Christopher R. Fowler and his wife, Shannon, of Peru; a stepdaughter, Kara Hobson and her husband Shawn, of Florida; and a stepson, Chris Baker. Also surviving are one grandchild and five step-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held from 4 - 7 p.m. at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 West Third Street, Peru on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2016. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, October 4, 2016

Jesse Mullins Jr., 85, of Macy, passed away at 6:17 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2016 at his residence. On March 9, 1931, Jesse was born in Summersville, West Virginia to Jesse Sr. and Maime Bales Mullins. Growing up he shared his childhood with three sisters and a brother. As a young man, Jesse served in the US Air Force and was honorably discharged. Retiring in 1981 from the Grissom Fire Department, he continued to serve as a volunteer and chief of the Macy Fire Department for 24 years. Macy had been home to Jesse for 45 years. Many know him as the lawn mower "fixer". As an outdoors man, he loved to coon hunt. Often Jesse was seen at the local restaurant playing euchre with friends. Jesse and the former Wilma Mullins were married on Nov. 10, 1951 in Beaumont, West Virginia. She passed away on June 30, 2007. Their union of 55 years produced three daughters and three sons. Two more generations have been added to the family tree. Jesse is lovingly remembered by three daughters, Cheryl Bach and husband Gary of Pewaukee, Wisconsin, Terri Holbrook and companion Buck Howard, Lori Oberg; two sons: Michael Mullins and Larry Mullins all of Macy; 11 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren; two sisters: Bobbi Sparks and husband Johnny of Syracuse, Linda Kay of West Virginia; brother: James Mullins and wife Martha of Syracuse; several nieces and nephews and canine companions: Gus and Liz the Brittany Spaniels. Preceding Jesse in death are his parents, his wife, a son - John Fulton Mullins in 1995, a great granddaughter - Reagan

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Cattin in 2005 and a sister Jean Mullins. Private family services will be at the Good Family Funeral Home, 1200 West 18th St., Rochester with Pastor David Welsh officiating. Honors will be presented by the Macy Fire Department. Interment will be in the Plainview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Macy Fire Department, 190 Columbia St. Macy, IN 46951. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to his family at www.goodfamilyfh.com
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, October 6, 2016

Judith Drook, 76, of Marion and Sandusky, Ohio, died Sept. 23, 2016, as the result of injuries from a motorcycle accident. She spent her last days doing something she loved with someone she loved--traveling cross-country with her dear companion, Lance Warner. Judy was a loving mother, grandmother, and sister to a fortunate few. And she was "Aunt Judy" to many more--nieces and nephews by family as well as others who counted her as family in their hearts. Judy gave of herself in many ways, not only by helping family and friends but also by spreading joy to residents of Marion's Miller's Merry Manor, tending public gardens, and volunteering in a variety of other capacities. She delighted children (and adults) each spring when she dressed as the Easter Bunny and delivered goody baskets and happiness everywhere her floppy, fuzzy feet could take her. All who received Judy's confetti-filled greeting cards felt sprinkled with her love each time they opened one. Besides sharing herself with others, Judy enjoyed gardening, photography, housekeeping, bird watching, traveling, antiquing, and reading. Born in Marion on July 2, 1940, to Herb and Dorothy Custer, Judy lived in Marion most of her life. She was married to Norm Drook for 46 years, until his death in 2006. Judy is survived by her son Brad Drook, of Marion; grandson, Nathan Drook, of Marion; sisters, Sue (Custer) Claxton, of Peru, Indiana, and married to John Claxton and Connie (Custer) Eads, of Marion and married to Bob Eads; brother-in-law, Dick Drook, of Lafayette, Indiana; and many nieces and nephews. She also leaves behind companion, Lance Warner, of Sandusky, Ohio, and his family. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Norm Drook; and son, Jeff Custer. Judy's family will hold a celebration of her life from 1 - 3:30 p.m. Oct. 30, 2016, at Converse Church of Christ, 301 E. Wabash St., Converse. Arrangements are entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Avenue, Marion. At the family's request, memorial contributions may be made to Gardens of Matter Park Fund, c/o the Community Foundation, 505 W. Third St., Marion, IN 46952.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, October 8, 2016

Kathleen F. Anderson, 90, of Peru, passed away at 3:45 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016, at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She was born in Peru on Oct. 25, 1925, the daughter of Roy M. and Fannie I. Hopper Edwards. Kathleen married Harry A. Anderson on July 11, 1948, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 14, 1994. Kathleen was a member of the First Christian Church and a retired Educator. She graduated from Peru High School and Ball State Teachers College. She taught Home Economics at Clay Township, Howard Township and Kokomo Center Schools. Kathleen is survived by a son David Anderson of Peru, a sister-in-law Vivian Edwards of Peru and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Harry, a brother Gerald Edwards, a niece Sharon Berkheiser and a great-niece Kelly Ann Edwards. A service celebrating the life of Kathleen F. Anderson will be held at 11a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2016 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street, Peru, with Pastor Kenny Cole officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Kokomo. Visitation will be from 10 - 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, October 10, 2016

Larry Gene Kotterman, 79, Denver, passed away at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016, at his residence. Born Oct. 16, 1936, in Macy, Indiana, he was the son of Leon and Nola Clingaman Kotterman. On June 6, 1962, in North Manchester, he was married to Judy Fouts, and she survives. Larry was a member of the Denver United Methodist Church and Macy Masonic Lodge. He was a United States Army veteran, and he retired from United Parcel Service after 35 years. He is survived by his wife, Judy Kotterman, Denver; two sons, Todd (Kristen) Kotterman, Sevierville, Tennessee; and Kevin (Lea) Kotterman, Bourbon; two grandchildren, Austin (Casey) Kotterman, Rochester; and Tanner (Gabby) Kotterman, Macy; three great-grandchildren, Hayden, Jackson, and Avery; three step-grandchildren, Kody and Dylan Senff, and Ashli (Jared) Faulkner; two sisters-in-law, Lottie Kotterman, North Carolina; and Nancy (Jerry) Baker, Rochester; and one brother-in-law, Harold "Rick" (Judy) Fouts, South Carolina. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Dean and Cletus Kotterman; and one sister, Gwen Dolby. At Larry's request, private family services will be held at Ebenezer Cemetery, Macy. McClain Funeral Home, Denver has been entrusted with arrangements.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, October 10, 2016

Tim O. Eby, 68, of Sharpsville passed away at 5:15 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 9, 2016 the ER at Community Howard Regional Hospital. He was born on Oct. 20, 1947 in Peru to Otto Junior Eby and Mollie Claire (Bacon) Eby Allman. On June 12, 1970 Tim married Barbara J. Chaplin who survives. Tim was a 1965 Kokomo High School graduate and received a certificate from Ivy Tech in Automotive and a finance certificate from the US Army. He served in the Army from June of 1965 to March of 1969 in Germany, Turkey, and Ethiopia in Finance and Army Security. Tim worked for Chrysler Corp. retiring in 2001 and was the photographer for the Key Palace Theater in Redkey. He loved model cars and photography. Tim was a member of Crossroads Community Church, UAW #685 and NRA. Survivors include wife Barbara J. Eby of Sharpsville; daughter Sharon (Scott) Pavey of Russiaville; son Hans (Mel) Eby of Tipton grandchildren Samantha and Seth Pavey both of Russiaville and Bria and Paige Eby both of Tipton; brother Joe (Mary) Allman of Bloomington; sister Susan Wise of Kokomo. Tim was preceded in death by his parents Otto Junior Eby and Mollie Clarie Allman; step father George Allman. A special Thank You to Crossroads Church family for all the support and help during Tim's

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illness. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2016 at Shirley & Stout Funeral Homes & Crematory, 1315 West Lincoln Road, Kokomo, with Pastor Chris Duncan officiating. Burial will follow at Russiaville Cemetery with Military Honors. Friends may visit with the family from 11 a.m. till the start of the funeral service at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the St. Vincent Heart Hospital or Crossroads Community Church the Special Needs Prom. Online condolences may be left at www.stoutandson.com. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, October 10, 2016

Florence "Jo" Gray, 83, Marion, died in her home at 1:55 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 9, 2016. She was born in North Grove, Indiana, to the late Elmer and Pauline (Johnson) Buzbee. She married William Gray on June 2, 1956, and shared 56 years together until he passed on Feb. 4, 2013. Florence worked at RCA for 19 years and Butterworth for 7 - 8 years. She was a member of the Eagles organization, and she attended Eastview Wesleyan Church. Florence loved sewing and motorcycles, and she followed NASCAR, especially Richard Petty and the Earnhardts. Most of all, she cherished time spent with her family. Loved ones she leaves behind include her children, Barbara (Edwin) Atkins, Marion, Rebecca (David) Mowen, Louisville, Kentucky, William (Laurie) Gray, Gas City, Michael Gray, Elwood, and Robert (Jennifer) Gray, Marion; 24 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; 6 great-great-grandchildren; sister, Carol Phillips; half-sisters, Shirley Short and Lottie Flink; and half-brother, Elmer Buzbee. In addition to her parents and husband, preceding her in death were her daughter, Pamela D. Richardson; sister, Virginia Mettler; brother, Calvin Buzbee; half-sisters, Dolly Buzbee and Margaret Madairy; and grandson, Jeffrey Atkins. Visitation will be from 4 - 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2016, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion. Services will be at the funeral home at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13, 2016, with Pastor Mark Atkinson officiating. Burial will follow at Gardens of Memory. Online condolences may be made at www.nswcares.com. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, October 11, 2016

Gary L. Thomas, 61, of Greentown, unexpectedly passed away on Oct. 15, 2016. He was born May 25, 1955 in Kokomo, to Robert and Elsie Mae Thomas of Galveston. Gary was a 1973 graduate of Lewis Cass High School. He was a member of the Boy Scouts of America, where he achieved the rank Eagle Scout. He attended Purdue University prior to beginning his career with Chrysler Corp. During his 40 years with Chrysler, he completed the Apprenticeship program and became an electrician. He was also a member of U.A.W. #685. He has been described as loyal, dedicated, kind hearted and the most hard working man most ever had known. He will forever be missed by all who loved him. Gary enjoyed camping, racing stock cars and working on vehicles and riding motorcycles. He enjoyed racing and was a die hard "Gordan" fan. Gary leaves behind to cherish his memory, his wife, Cindy Thomas of Greentown; his daughters, Tara Thomas Apellido, Killeen, Texas; Jennifer Thomas, Springfield, Missouri; step children, Tim Campbell, Clarksville, Tennessee; Thomas Bosquez of Bryan Texas; Phillip Wyant, Greentown; Josh Wyatt, Wabash; and Shiyanna Dill of Crystal River, Florida. Surviving grandchildren include, Lexus Apellido, Keely Apellido, Jadden Apellido, EJ Valdez, Alainah Campbell, Blake Campbell, Brooklynn Bosquez and Gavin Bosquez. He was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Elsie Thomas and one brother Frank Thomas. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20 at Murray Weaver Funeral Home In Galveston. Visitation will be held from 4 - 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19 also at the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to Gary's family at www.murrayweaverfuneralhome.com - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, October 17, 2016

Philip L. Harts, 77, of Amboy, went to be with the Lord Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016 at 11:15 a.m. at Marion General Hospital. He was born in Peru on Dec. 11, 1938 the son of John R. and Beulah Agness Harts. Phil married his high school sweetheart, Twila Ann Rich on April 15, 1961 and she survives. Phil graduated from Converse-Jackson Twp. High School in 1956 and attended Purdue University's Agricultural Short Course for Farmers. He resided in the Amboy area all of his life and was a self-employed farmer until his retirement in 2003. In 1957 Phil enlisted in the U.S. Army for six months active duty followed by seven years of weekly meetings and two week summer camps. He was a member of the Converse Church of Christ, the Young at Heart Sunday School Class and the Senior Saints of the Church. Phil enjoyed fishing, golf, mushroom hunting and most all sports played with a ball. He was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. Phil's favorite past time was owning and training Standardbred race horses which he did for more than 30 years. He was a member of the U.S. Trotting Association, the Indiana Standardbred Association and the Indiana Horse Racing Commission. All of his horses were special and he was fortunate to have several good ones through the years. Phil and Twila enjoyed 10 winters in Braden Castle Park, Bradenton, Florida. He served on the Braden Castle Board of Directors. Phil belonged to the Braden Castle Shuffle Board Club where he won several tournament trophies and was inducted into their Hall of Fame in 2009. Phil is survived by his loving wife of 55 years Twila, his brother Lonny Harts and his wife Jan of Amboy, a niece Julie Frey and her husband Eric of Sheridan, nephews Jeff Harts and his wife Nikki of Converse and Brad Harts and his wife Karen of Amboy, two great nieces Alyssa Arnson and Aliya Harts and six great nephews, Justin, David and Jonathan Frey, Ethan and Colin Harts and Peyton Harts. He was preceded death by his parents and grandparents. A service celebrating the life of Philip L. Harts will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016 at the Converse Church of Christ, 301 E. Wabash Street, Converse, with Pastor John Clark officiating. Burial will be in the Converse Cemetery. Family and friends will gather from 4 - 8 p.m. on Friday, at the Converse Church of Christ. Memorial donations may be made to the Grant County Community Foundation, Harts Family Endowment Fund to provide assistance to various programs at the Converse Church of Christ. The family wishes to thank the Wesleyan Health Care Management and Staff, especially Dr. Srikanth for Phil's Care during the nine years he resided there. Laird-Eddy Funeral Home of Amboy assisted the family with the arrangements. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, October 20, 2016

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Julia Ann Berkheiser, 75, of Peru passed away on Oct. 15, 2016 in Florida. A housewife and lifelong resident of Peru, she was born on July 22, 1941 to Jack and Maxine Hayworth. She married William J. Berkheiser in 1962. He survives. She is survived by a son, Michael W. Berkheiser, of Peru; and a brother, Donald McCain, of England. She was preceded in death by her parents, children Jeffery and Lod Ann, brother-in-law Jim, and sister-in-law; Sharron. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. at the Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2016, with Pastor Billy Sheets officiating. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, October 21, 2016

Edgar Lampkin, 74, of Kokomo passed away Oct. 20, 2016 in Kokomo. He was born March 6, 1942 in Lee County, Virginia to Charles B. and Cynthia Jane (Worley) Lampkin. After graduating from Castlewood High School in Virginia, Edgar joined the United States Army where he served as a tank Mechanic. After relocating to Indiana, he began a career with Chrysler that lasted for 30 ½ years; he retired in 2002. He is survived by a son Scott (Mary) Lampkin of Claypool, five grandchildren, Justin, Austin, Warren, Skyler, Stephen and a great granddaughter, Riley. Also surviving is a brother, Frank Lampkin of Amboy and three sisters, Elizabeth Engle of Virginia, Mary Patrick of Michigan, Barbara Hurd of Florida and his lady friend, Sue Jones of Kokomo. He was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson Kaleb. Visitation for Edgar will be from 4-8 p.m., Tuesday Oct. 25 at Faith Baptist Church, 600 South Dixon Rd, Kokomo, IN. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday at the church; Pastor Dale Britton will officiate. Burial will follow at Albright Cemetery with military honors. Memorial contributions may be given to Kokomo VFW Post 1152. Online condolence may be given to the family at www.heritage-fcs.com. Arrangements were entrusted to Heritage Funeral and Cremation Services, Warsaw, Indiana. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, October 22, 2016

William F. "Bill" Butzin, Jr., 56, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016 at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, in Fort Wayne, after an extended illness. Bill was born in Peru on Feb. 1, 1960 to William F. Sr. and Helen (Stephens) Butzin. Through mutual friends, he met his future wife, Romana Shanabarger. The two celebrated 32 years of marriage in May 2016. For 33 years, Bill was a faithful production employee of Square D/Schneider Electric before medically retiring in 2011. He was also a farmer. Bill was a member of Grace Brethren in Peru, where he served on the fellowship committee and enjoyed men's Bible Study. He drew strength and encouragement from the church body. He deeply loved the Lord Jesus Christ. He is survived by his wife, Romana Shembarger; mother Helen Butzin (Peru); sisters: Jane Schmehl (Peru), Judy (Dennis) Kikendall North Carolina; Nephews: Brian Schmehl (Stephanie) Angela, Seth and Emily-Royal Center, Brent Schmel (Logansport), Kurt Kikendall (Kimberly), Kyle, Kimberly and Kelly, and niece Kristi Sledge (Bob) Andrew, Amanda Joshua and Hannah- North Carolina; and close family member Doug Weaver (Logansport). He was preceded in death by his father, grandparents Frank and Hazel Butzin and several aunts and uncles. Bill greatly enjoyed outdoor activities like hunting, fishing and mushroom hunting. He also enjoyed watching westerns and military programs and listening to music by Jon Bon Jovi. He enjoyed many things in life made sweeter by the company of friends. Visitation scheduled Wednesday, Oct. 26 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral home in Peru from 2 - 7 p.m. Funeral service will be Oct. 27 at Grace Bretheran Church, located at 430 S. Broadway. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, October 22, 2016

Stephen (Steve) Michael Beverly, 70, of Springfield passed away Sunday, Oct. 23, 2016 at Springfield Regional Medical Center in Springfield, Ohio. He was born Oct. 16, 1946 in Peru, the son of the late Donald K. and Ruth E. (Bender) Beverly. Steve retired from Bonded Oil Company/Speedway after many years of service. During these years of hard work and dedication, he was proud to have opened the first convenience store/gas station combo for the company in Bloomington, Indiana. He served as a Marketing/Merchandise Manager and Buyer for the majority of his career. Steve graduated from Peru High School in 1964 and earned a B.S. in Business from Indiana University in 1969. He was an avid outdoorsman, hunter and dedicated sports fan, especially for the Hoosiers and Bobby Knight. He enjoyed and donated his time to a variety of organizations including: Noon Optimist Club (Past President), Toastmasters International, IU Alumni Association & the Mustang Club of America & Ohio among others. In his retirement he enjoyed having more time with his family and searching for his "deals" from auctions. Survivors include his wife Patricia (Hilgeman) Beverly, daughter Brigitte (Jim) Williams of Springfield, Ohio, son Bryan (Mendy) Beverly of New Carlisle, Ohio, sisters Dawn (David) Smith of Venice, Florida and Patricia McCubbins of Linton, Indiana. Additional survivors, and the pride of his life were: grandchildren Stephanie (Aaron) Schoepflin, Rachel Ewing, Ryan Beverly, Laura Williams and Henry Williams; great-grandchildren Annabelle and Aubrey Schoepflin. Also surviving are nieces Heather (Glenn) Johnson, Kelly Smith and Nicole Smith, Toma Rusk, Nephews Sebastian Rusk, Matt McCubbins and Mason McCubbins, several cousins, special uncle Henry Bender and many dear friends in both Indiana and Ohio. Steve was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents and grandson Clayton Charles Williams. A gathering of family and friends will take place between 12 -2 p.m. in Flowers-Leedy-Allen Funeral Home in Peru with a graveside service to follow at Mt. Hope. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, October 25, 2016

Gary L. Ott, 80, of Logansport, passed away Friday, Oct. 21, 2016 in Branson, Missouri. Born on Aug. 23, 1936 in Massillon, Ohio, he was the son of the late Lester Ott and Naomi Weller Kuntz. On April 14, 1967 in Anniston, Alabama Gary married Gloria J. Doran

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who survives. Gary joined the U.S. Army in January of 1955 where he was stationed in Germany, France, Fort Eustis, VA and Fort McClellan, Alabama. He was sent to Vietnam in January of 1968 and suffered the loss of his right leg. While serving his country, Gary was a recipient of The Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal and an Army Commendation Medal. Gary worked at R.B.M. (Hamilton Standard – United Technologies) for 25 years before retiring when the factory closed in 1994. He was a member of the American Legion Post #418, Walton; a life member of the VFW Post #3790, member of the MOOSE Lodge #232 and past member of the Eagles Lodge #323. Gary was an avid reader, enjoyed fishing, working outside, and traveling. He has never met a stranger and truly loved to visit with people. Surviving along with his wife Gloria, is a daughter, Dana (Jason) Hoff, New Waverly; son, John (Joyel) Ott, Logansport; grandchildren, Lilah and Layton Ott; Jason M. and Dylan Hoff; brother, Steve Ott; sisters, Joyce (JR) Woods; Janet Haynes; Pat Colley; and Lynne Sneed, all of Massillon, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Ed "Pete" Ott; and a sister, Kathy Fredericks. A celebration of life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 28, 2016 in the Gundrum Funeral Home with Pastor Bob Clark officiating. Burial with full military rites will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Visitation will be held from 3 - 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016 also in the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Guardian Angel Hospice Foundation. You may sign the guest book and send online condolences at www.gundrumcares.com
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, October 25, 2016

Yvonne (Fay) Spohn passed away Sunday, Oct. 23 2016 at the age of 74 after a battle with cancer. Fay was born on June 6, 1942 in Alvin, Wisconsin to Ray and Eva (Donathan) Stapleton. Fay was a strong woman of faith and a member of First Assembly of God in Peru. Fay worked many years as a Home Health Aide. Fay was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who touched the lives of many with her unwavering generosity. She was always looking for a need that she could meet. She always thought of others before herself and cherished every member of her family. She greatly enjoyed her summer and fall at her vacation home in Alvin, Wisconsin. Fay spent many hours watching wildlife and going to yard sales and thrift stores. Fay is survived by husband Clarence Richard (Dick) Spohn; children - Tammy (Bradburn) Wolfe and husband Reggie of Peru, Sherry (Bradburn) Callahan and husband Rick of Richmond, Perry Bradhum of Peru, Tony Spohn and wife Tammy of Peru and Tracey (Spohn) Jones of Peru; grandchildren - Adam Wolfe and wife Amber, Aleana (Wolfe) Hawley and husband Chris, Craig Richardson and wife Miranda, Tyler Richardson, Chelsey Jones, Jake Jones, Isabella Jones, Nick Callahan, Hunter Callahan, and Josh Spohn; great-grandchildren - Kara and Benjamin Wolfe, Liam and January Hawley and Caylee Richardson. Also, brothers: Perry Stapleton and wife Linda, Jim Stapleton and wife Audrey, Larry Stapleton and wife Jerri; along with sisters-in-law Loretta Stapleton and Penny Stapleton; and many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles also survive. Fay was preceded in death by her parents Ray and Eva Stapleton, parents-in-law Edward and Louise Spohn, two brothers Earl and Robert (Bob) Stapleton, her sister Carolyn (Betty) Meadows, her granddaughter Hillary Richardson and niece Kristy (Stapleton) Nutt. Visitation and funeral will be held at Peru First Assembly of God at 365 Monroe Ave., Peru, on Saturday Oct. 29, 2016. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with funeral services beginning at 1 p.m. immediately following the visitation, with Pastors Kevin Palmer, J. Litherland and Steve Ruskus officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, October 25, 2016

Murta J. Douglass, 80, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2016 at her home in Kokomo, Indiana. She was born in Peru on Sept. 16, 1936 to the late Harold Black and Garnett (Resler) Black. Murta married the late Clinton Forest Douglass on May 2, 1965. They have been the love of each other's lives since then. Murta and Clinton would have celebrated their 51st anniversary in May. She is survived by her son, Dan (Darla) Miller of Mexico; her daughters: Janet Miller, Kokomo, and Marcia J. Phillips, Peru. and her son Ralph (Dalena) Fershee, Michigan. She is also survived by her step-children: Brandon (Jannice) Douglass, Peru; Bryan (Tammy) Douglass, Daleville, Indiana; and Anita Goodman, Lafontaine; 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Also, her siblings: David (Angie) Black, Craig (Eva) Black, James (Pat) Black, and Janet (David) Sparling, and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members also survive. Along with her parents and her husband, Murta was preceded in death by one grandchild, and one great-grandchild. Murta was an extremely strong woman and a member of Center Chapel Church of the Brethren. She was a caretaker/cook for 25 years at the Miami County Fairground. Murta was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who touched the lives of many. She loved angels, lambs, and her cat named "Miss Kitty". She was an excellent cook, loved country music (her favorite singer was Alan Jackson), and being with her family and friends – especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Visitation will be held from 4 - 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016 at the Miami County Fairground. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 28, 2016 at the Miami County Fairground, with Al Peck, Chris White, and Rick Stone officiating. Burial will be held at Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Donations may be made to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, October 25, 2016

Hershel Ray Hammon, 48, Perrysburg, passed away at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2016, at his residence. Born March 26, 1968, in Elkhart, he was the son of Stanley Marlin, Sr. and Vicki Louise Carter Hammon. On April 12, 1986, in Delong, Indiana, he was married to Amy Lynn Brown, and she survives. Hershel worked for Heckathorn Saw Mill for 11 years after leaving Five Star where he worked as a meat cutter. He enjoyed playing his guitar, spending time with his family and grandchildren, and his beloved dog, "Baby." Survivors include his wife Amy Hammon, Perrysburg; three children, Faith Copeland, Wabash; Benjamin Hammon, Peru; and Holly Hammon, Peru; sister, Gladys (Doug) Cox, Winona Lake; brother, Stanley (Jackie) Hammon, Peru; grandchildren,

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Lydia, Elijah, Braxten, Carter, Jorden, Judah, and Eden; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, 2016, at One Tree Crossing, Perrysburg, with Pastor Brian Richie officiating. There will be a time of fellowship for family and friends following the service. Guests are invited to bring a covered dish to share during this time. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, has been entrusted with arrangements.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, October 26, 2016

Joan Elizabeth Nixon, 75, formerly of Wabash, Indiana, died Monday, Oct. 24, 2016, at Beth Israel Hospital in New York City. She was born July 1, 1941, in Peru, to Joseph and Marian (Hamp) Nixon. She was a 1959 graduate of Knox High School, in St. James, New York, a 1964 graduate of Wellesley College in Wellesley, Massachusetts, and received her Masters Degree in history from Indiana University in 1969. She worked three years as a news photographer at the Frankfort Times, one of 11 companies in Nixon Newspapers. From 1973-1976 Joan worked for Lavender Women Newspaper in Chicago, and from 1976-2014 she participated in a New York City Harvard study group on manic depression. Joan was a driver for Bella Abzug, a U.S. Congresswoman, in 1976, and was her driver for 22 years, until Bella's death. Joan helped Hunter College, the Women's Environment and Development Organization (WEDO), and also sponsored, the Woman Band, the first feminist music festival in Sacramento, California. Joan is survived by her sister, Eugenia Fulkerson, of Warsaw, two brothers, Don Nixon, and Joseph Nixon, both of Indianapolis. She is preceded in death by her parents, and one brother, John Arthur Kautz Nixon. There will be no services. Memories and condolences may be shared online at Grandstaff-Hentgen.com. Burial will be in Falls Cemetery, Wabash, at a later date. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, October 26, 2016

Salvatore "Sal" P. Cincotta went to his eternal rest on Sunday, Oct. 23, 2016 at the age of 83, surrounded by family. Sal was born on Oct. 5, 1933 and will be dearly missed by his children: Ruth (Jim) Firkus, and Debra (Steve) Altergott. Grandchildren: Jennifer (James) Oldaker, Jessica Lewis, James (Candace) Firkus, Kali (Michael) Strosahl, Jean (Josh) Mitchell, Samantha Altergott, Aaron Altergott. Great-Grandchildren: Kaylee Firkus, Tyler Firkus, Nicole James, Micheal Oldaker, Bianca Firkus, Nicholas Reed, Steven Lewedag, Lennon Lewis. Surviving siblings: August & (Pat) Cincotta, twin sister Carmen & (Tom) Junk, Charles Cincotta. Sal was preceded in death by his wife Faith Cincotta and sisters; Rosie Tobiasz and Mary Krayewske, brothers; Tommy Cincotta, Joe Cincotta and Paul "Cuch" Cincotta. Sal enjoyed his retirement in Las Vegas after working at the Post Office for 30 years. He was a big lover of golf and bowling. Sal really enjoyed family get together with his loved ones. After 25 years living in Vegas, he resided in Peru for eight years with his daughter and son in law Ruth and James Firkus. The family of Sal will be honoring his life privately at their home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, October 27, 2016

Darrald Wilson Steffey went to see his Heavenly Father at 1:20 am on Wednesday Oct. 26, 2016 surrounded by his family. Darrald was born on Sept. 12, 1942 in Bunker Hill, to Roberta and Darrald Steffey. Darrald married Regina in 1966, 1969, and then for real on June 4, 1988. Darrald served in the U.S. National Guard and worked at Square D until his retirement in 2001. His home church was Bunker Hill United Methodist, where he attended when he felt confident that the roof would not cave in upon his arrival or when he knew the sermon would be a quick one. Darrald loved fishing, spending time in his garage, playing poker with the guys, his early morning cup of coffee, his wife's scrambled eggs, the Chicago Bears (even when they were losing), beer, duct tape, and his family and friends. Darrald is survived by his wife Regina of Bunker Hill; two daughters, Kimberly and Christopher Robison of Peru, and Natalie and Kevin Ubel of Peru; his sisters Rita Tanner of Texas, Relna and Ed Kayser of Peru, and Rosie and Denny Schofield of Peru; five grandchildren, Dylan, Kiersten, Brady, Kinzie, and Jada; four great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, his sisters Dolly Spangler, Dorothy and Don Green, and Dee and Leonard Kraus, and his brother-in-law Chuck Tanner. Arrangements are Sunday Oct. 30, 2016 at Bunker Hill United Methodist Church. Viewing is from 2 - 5 pm, with the service to follow with his favorite Pastor Evan Strong. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Bunker Hill United Methodist Church or his wife Regina. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen Funeral Home. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, October 27, 2016

Marcella J. Dickman, 93, of a lifelong Shelby County resident passed away Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016 at Ashford Place Health Campus in Shelbyville. She was born April 2, 1923, in Shelby County, the daughter of James Chester and Blanche Merle (Shadley) Patterson. On Jan. 4, 1945, she married Edward "Dwain" Dickman, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 10, 1990. Marcella is survived by her son, Kenneth Dickman and wife, Sharon, of Amboy; grandchildren, Jessica Major and husband, Josh, John Edward "Eddie" Dickman and wife, Shannon, Abby Bryant and husband, Deric, and Megan Dickman-Robinson; 12 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Ann Moore of Greenwood; and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her son, Mark Owen Dickman; brothers, William Maurice "Mike" Patterson, Paul Woodrow "Woody" Patterson, James Edwin "Jim" Patterson and Meredith Marquise "Kidder" Patterson; brothers-in-law, Jerry Moore, Clyde Richard Dickman and Lawrence Gene Junken; and sisters-in-law, Mary Ellen Patterson, Edith Patterson, Doris Patterson, Alpha L. Patterson, Josephine Dickman and Joan Junken. Marcella graduated from Fairland High School in 1941 and Indiana Central Business College in 1942. She was a member of Fairland United Methodist Church. Marcella was formerly the Shelby County Deputy Treasurer in 1944 and 1945, later she was secretary and treasurer for the Blue River Vocational Tech Center from 1971 until retiring in 1987. Marcella was also a substitute teacher for the Northwestern School District. She taught private music lessons for 30 years and enjoyed playing at various churches. Marcella was a

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74-year member of the Fairland Order of Eastern Star Lodge No. 359, joining in 1942, where she served as organist and Past Worthy Matron in 1961-62 and 1995-96; she was the Past 6th District of Indiana Order of Eastern Star Grand Choir Director and Past President in 1995-96. She was also a member of Indiana Order of Eastern Star Worthy Matron/Worthy Patron Group, Grover Museum, Joseph Boggs Society for Historical Preservation, a charter member of the Shelby County Farm Bureau Band, a former member of Shelbyville Community Band and a past music director for International Order of Jobs Daughters Bethel Lodge No. 37 in Shelbyville. Marcella formerly played the music for the harness races at the Shelby County Fairgrounds. She loved her family and cherished the time she spent with them. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, 2016 at Freeman Family Funeral Homes and Crematory, Carmony-Ewing Chapel, 819 S. Harrison St. in Shelbyville. Eastern Star services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, followed by funeral services, officiated by Rev. Jim Cherry. Interment will be at Forest Hill Cemetery in Shelbyville. Memorial contributions may be made to Fairland Order of Eastern Star in care of the funeral home or Fairland United Methodist Church, 205 W. Washington St. Fairland, Indiana 46126. Online condolences may be shared with the Dickman family at www.freemanfamilyfuneralhomes.com. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Friday, October 28, 2016

William "Bill" M. Sholty, 70, of Kokomo went to be with the Lord on Oct. 26, 2016. He was born on June 2, 1946 in Logansport to his parents John and Kathryn (Byers) Sholty. He was preceded in death by his father John Sholty, brother John "Johnny" Sholty, son William Coty Sholty, and grandson Brandon Rairigh. He is survived by his mother Kathryn (Byers) Sholty, wife Connie (Magill) Sholty, daughter Denise (Jim) Rairigh, sons Dustin (Amber) Sholty and Jared (Kacie) Sholty; brothers Terry (Susie) Sholty and Daniel "Danny" Sholty, sister Nyla Kay Webster; grandchildren Kayla Kelley, Tayler Rairigh, Gabby Sholty, William Sholty, Alexis Sholty, and Mayson Sholty; great granddaughter Braelynn Rairigh. Bill was a loving family man who enjoyed being outdoors camping and fishing with his family. He was also a graduate of 1964 North Miami High School and recently had a class reunion. He enjoyed vegetable gardening with his family and as a younger man he loved flying airplanes and skydiving. Socializing with his customers over his 28-year career with Expert Transmissions and in the final three years with Dan Young in Tipton lead to great stories and friendships. During his automotive career he also was honored to teach students on building transmissions at Ivy Tech Community College. As a longtime member of Main Street United Methodist Church he grew his faith and love for the Lord. He will always be remembered as a loving Husband, Father, Grandfather, and Great Grandfather in which they were his greatest joys in life. In lieu of flowers Memorial Contributions can be made to Main Street United Methodist Church in memory of Bill. Service will be Tuesday Nov. 1, 2016 at 12 p.m. with visitation from 10- 12 p.m. all located at Main Street United Methodist Church, 830 S Main St, Kokomo, IN 46901 with burial to follow at Crown Point Cemetery. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, October 29, 2016

Peggy Jill Bussard, 68, of Roann, died at 7:57 am, Sunday, Oct. 30, 2016 at her home. She was born Dec. 1, 1947 in Monroe, Wisconsin to John and Ida Regina (Haberman) Chambers. Peggy was a 1965 graduate of Monroe High School, and a 1969 graduate of the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater. She married William "Bill" Bussard in Monroe, Wisconsin on June 1, 1974. She taught preschool, kindergarten, and elementary school. She worked with Bill as a missionary in the Philippines for 17 years. Peggy was a member of the Loree First Brethren Church in Bunker Hill. She enjoyed family, friends, reading, cooking, gardening, and singing. Peggy walked with Christ Jesus and was a faithful and gentle ambassador for the faith. By her simple, quiet and prayerful life she mentored many in their walk with Jesus. She had an "eternal purpose" with everyone she knew. She is survived by her husband, William "Bill" Bussard of Roann, two children, Sarah E. Bussard of Roann, and Aaron W. Bussard of North Manchester, and her sister, Kay (Bill) O'Connell of Edgerton, Wisconsin. She was preceded in death by her parents. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, 2016 at the Loree First Brethren Church, 8483 S. Strawtown Pike, Bunker Hill, with Pastor Dick Potter officiating. Burial will be in Roann Community Cemetery with Pastor Tom Curry officiating. Friends may call 4 - 8 p.m. Thursday, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Roann Chapel, 335 S. Chippewa Road, Roann, and from 1 - 2 p.m. Friday at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Loree Brethren Church Youth & Children Fund. The memorial guest book for Peggy may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, October 31, 2016

Jerry DueWayne Clark, 80, of Bunker Hill, died at 5:21 p.m. Oct. 30, 2016 at his home. He was born in Garrett, Indiana, to Hubert Allen and Myrtle Marie (Killian) Clark. He was a 1954 graduate of Garrett High School and married Sally Ann DeWitt on April 9, 1955. He was a proud member of the United States Air Force, serving in both the Korean and Vietnam wars, and also worked for and retired from Maconaquah School Corporation as Head Custodian. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bunker Hill. He enjoyed spending time with family and grandchildren, collecting and restoring antique tractors and loved being outdoors working in his yard. He also enjoyed frequent visits to Dutch Café. He is survived by daughter Denise Ramberger and son Terry Clark, both of Bunker Hill; granddaughters Christy (Shawn) Means of Amboy, Shawna Zeiser of Amboy, Lauren (Justin) Allen of Bunker Hill and Kara Roe of Kokomo; and great-grandchildren Ethan, Emma and Evan Zeiser, Zachary and Owen Means, and Brooklynn Allen. He was preceded in death by his wife, Sally Clark, parents Hubert and Myrtle Clark and sister, Mary Lou Klemm. Friends may call from 4 - 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4, 2016 at the Allen Funeral Home in Bunker Hill. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016 at the Allen Funeral Home. Burial will be in Ever-Rest Memorial Park in Cass County with graveside services and military rites provided by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Allen Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.

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Michael Keith Graf, 60, of Chili, passed away Friday, Oct. 25, 2016 in his residence. Born Sept. 27, 1956 in Miami County to the late Russell "Vern" and Erma (Johnson) Graf. Mike was a graduate of Peru High School and very active with the V.F.W.. He was retired from the Railroad as a line repair supervisor. Mike is survived by his sister, Madelyn (Graf) Putnam and two brothers, Richard and Larry Graf. Per Mike's request there will be no services and a private graveside service will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Gundrum Funeral Home and Cass County Crematory.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Lora Mercer, 51, Peru, passed away on Friday, Oct. 28, 2016 at Aperia Care. She was born on May 2, 1965 in East Liverpool, Ohio. She was the second youngest of six children born to Richard W. and Nancy J. (West) Emmerling. Lora is survived by her children, Andrew (Moriah) Mercer and Adam Mercer all of Peru; two grandchildren Jayden and Ryland; sisters, Nancy Bolton, Tara Emmerling, Colleen (Jeff) Cox; brother, Richard II (Elizabeth) Emmerling; nieces, Shannon Bolton Richard, Katlyn Cox; nephews, Shawn (Lindsay) Emmerling, Chase (Jonna) Howe, Devin Cox, Nate Cox, Maverick Cox, Aaron Cox, Ty Cox, Dylan Emmerling; great nephews, Bryce Ward, Caiden Richards, Ian Howe, Noah Howe, Cooper Howe; and great nieces, Brooklyn Emmerling, Brielle Emmerling. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Mark Emmerling, niece, Tammy Bolton, and nephew, Chad Bolton. Memorial services will be held at the Allen Funeral Home on Thursday, Nov. 3, 2016 from 2 - 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, love donations can be made to Allen Funeral Home. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Allen Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Leonard Lawrence "Nonny" Qualio, 97, a lifelong resident of Peru, passed away at Miller's Merry Manor at 3:05 a.m., Oct. 30, 2016, where he was lovingly cared for the last several years of his life. He was born in Peru on April 4, 1919 the son of Gabriel and Mary Bessignano Qualio. Mary and Gabriel had nine children, (two of whom were named Frank): Charles, Angelo, Leonard, Frank, John, twins Frank and Mary, Angeline and Joseph. Nonny graduated from Peru High School and as a member of America's Greatest Generation, served in the US Army Air Corp in WWII, serving overseas in North Africa and Italy. His military decorations include EAME Theater Ribbon, the American Theater Ribbon, the American Defense Medal and the Good Conduct Ribbon. Following military service, he began working at the Square D Company in 1946 and retired in 1985. In 1948 he married Mary A. Hill of Peru and they had six children. The Moose, VFW, Knights of Columbus and the Peru Maennerchor Club were local organizations in which he was an active member. As an avid sports fan, Nonny loved following the Peru High School Tigers, Notre Dame and the Green Bay Packers and enjoyed playing the lottery daily. He was a founding member of the Bessignano Golf Invitational. He was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church. He is survived by his six children; Michael Qualio and his wife Jacqueline of Marana, Arizona; John Qualio of Bentonville, Arkansas; Mark Qualio and his wife Darlene of Fleetwood, Pennsylvania; Sally Koller and her husband Bruce of Emmaus, Pennsylvania; Nancy Koller and her husband Brian of Kutztown, Pennsylvania and Robert Wisser of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and his loving former wife, Mary Qualio Wisser. He will be missed by his family, many special friends and the 'Biz' golfers. He was preceded in death by his parents Gabriel and Mary, an infant grandson, an infant great granddaughter, his eight brothers and sisters and longtime companion Pat Shives. A Mass of Christian Burial, celebrating the life of Leonard Qualio, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016 at the St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 West Fifth Street, Peru with Rev. Adam Mauman officiating. Burial will be in the St. Charles Cemetery with military rites provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends will gather from 6 - 8 p.m., Friday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru. There will be a prayer service at 8 p.m., Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com

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Carolyn Sue Childress went to be with Jesus on Oct. 27, 2016. She was born on Aug. 27, 1939 to Lawrence and Gladys Wilkinson (Booe). She leaves behind her beloved husband of 59 years, Carl. They married in Williamsport, Indiana on Aug. 28, 1957. They had three beautiful children: Kathy (Ron) Helm, Kenneth Childress and Kevin (Juli) Childress. She is survived by them and her beloved grandchildren: Kenneth Rae, Kyle (wife Kristen), Lori Marie Smith (husband Chris) and Kody, Jennifer Alvarez (husband Jose), Johnathan Helm (wife Lindsey), Robert Helm, and Christopher and Sierra Helm. Also, many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews survive as well as her brothers Merlin, Larry and Bill Wilkinson; and sisters Larita, Ellen and Margie. She was preceded in death by brothers Lester, Dick and Bob. Carolyn loved them all dearly. Carolyn was a retired steelworker, retired from Harrison Steel / Miami Metal. She was a loving homemaker and a fabulous cook. She enjoyed spending time with Carl, her garden, and her faithful little dog, Hanna. A private family service was held on Sunday, Oct. 30, 2016. Arrangements were entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Ronald Gene Kane, 78, formerly of Fremont passed away at 10:40 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, 2016 at his residence. He was born in Peru on Sept. 12, 1938 the son of Thomas Harold and Vern Maxine Wright Kane. Ronald married Linda Tillett on June 7, 1963 and she survives. Ronnie graduated from Bunker Hill High School, attended Indiana University and Tri -State University in Angola, Indiana. He was a retired Indiana State Trooper and Methodist by faith. Ron was a member of the Masonic Lodge, The Scottish Rite and

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Mizpah Shrine. Surviving in addition to his wife Linda is a son Kevin Kane and his wife Angie of Angola, Indiana a daughter Kris Kane of Tuscan, Arizona, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister Rita Ragle. Ronnie will be interred in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru. There will be no visitation or funeral service. Memorial Donations may be made to Parkview Home Health Hospice, 1836 Ida Red Road, Kendallville, IN 46755. Arrangements have been entrusted to Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street, Peru, IN. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Katherine "Kate" Sumpter, formerly of Amboy, passed away at 7:05 a.m., Monday Oct. 31, 2016 in Gulfport, Mississippi. She was born in Miami County on Feb. 13, 1920 the daughter of William and Helen North Venis. Kate married Charles Sumpter on March 3, 1941 and he preceded her in death on August 5, 2004. Kate was a graduate of Amboy High School and a member of the Amboy United Methodist Church. She is survived by a son Kent Sumpter and his wife Jan of Converse, a daughter Deborah Lytle and her husband Robert of Gulfport, Mississippi; grandchildren Melinda Sumpter, Patrick (Kristi) Sumpter and Mia (Ryan) Nadeau; great grandchildren Matthew (Brittany) Hisey, Marlee Sumpter, Garrett Sumpter, Jackson Knowles, Cole Nadeau, Leigha (Drew) Misner, Garrett Shields, Logan Shields and Makenna Titus and great-great grandchildren Keagan Magee, Conner Hisey and Dominik Hisey. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Charles, a great grandson Mark Sumpter, sisters Athlene Fike, Willadean Mann and Pauline Norris and a brother Byron Venis. A service celebrating the life of Kate Sumpter will be held at 3 p.m., Thursday Nov. 3, 2016 at Amboy United Methodist Church, 202 E. Pennsylvania Avenue, Amboy, with Rev. James McDowell officiating. Burial will be in the Park Lawn Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 - 3 p.m. Thursday at the church. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Amboy United Methodist Church. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Audna Maus Johnson, age 101, Logansport, passed away at 5:25 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 31, 2016, in WoodBridge Health Campus. Born Nov. 19, 1914, in Twelve Mile, she was the daughter of Isaiah J. and Laura Moss Maus. On May 15, 1943, in Alexandria, Louisiana, she was married to Robert L. Johnson, who preceded her in death on Dec. 11, 1987. A 1932 graduate of Logansport High School, Audna earned a bachelor's degree from Manchester College and a master's degree from Indiana University, Kokomo. Audna was an elementary school teacher and during her career taught school at Hoover, Twelve Mile, Noble Township, and Logansport. She was also a talented organist and played at several churches in the area. In earlier years, she attended Corinth Brethren Church, Trinity Episcopal Church and Pipe Creek Church of the Brethren. Audna had been a member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority, Cass County Retired Teachers Association and the Cass County Honorary Teachers Association. Surviving are a daughter, Laura Lee Sechen, Cedar Lake; a son, Ed (Patti) Johnson, Logansport, and a daughter-in-law, Susan Johnson, Speedway. Also surviving are grandchildren, William David (Sara) Sechen, Magdalene Elizabeth (J.J.) Melody, Emilee (Jesse) Anderson and David Edwin (Mianda) Johnson, Jr.; great grandchildren, David Edwin Johnson III, Zane Benjamin Johnson, Kyan Michael Sechen, Everett Melody, Wyatt Melody and Liam Anderson. A son, William Maus Johnson and grandson, Michael Lee Sechen, preceded her in death. Visitation will be from 1 - 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4, 2016, at Kroeger Funeral Home. The funeral service will be at 3 p.m. on Friday, also at the funeral home, with Pastor Aaron Gross officiating. Interment will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to Corinth Brethren Church, PO Box 68, Twelve Mile, IN 46988. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.kroegerfuneralhome.com.
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, November 2, 2016

Diane E. Imhoof, 66, Denver, Indiana, passed away peacefully, surrounded by immediate family, at 11:10 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016, at St. Vincent Hospice, Indianapolis. Born Sept. 19, 1950, in Fort Wayne, Diane was the daughter of George H. and Harriette L. Headford. Diane is preceded in death by her father and by her husband, Max A. Imhoof. She is survived by her mother, her sisters Linda (Dean) Brunner, Susan (Mark) Pfeifer, Nancy (Brad) Royal, her brother G. David Headford, and her nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews. Diane and Max shared a passion for travel and visited all 50 states and over 40y countries. A graduate of DePauw University, Diane spent much of her professional career as an administrator at Teachers Credit Union (TCU) and was active in the Denver Town Board. Diane will best be remembered for her devotion to her husband, her commitment to the community of Denver, and her dedication to members of TCU. Visitation will be from 12 - 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Graveside services will follow in Westlawn Cemetery, Denver. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Max and Diane Imhoof Memorial Fund, c/o McClain Funeral Home, PO Box 248, Denver, IN 46926, promoting Denver's civic improvements. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, November 3, 2016

Donald L. Hagenbush, 87, of Peru passed away at 12:15 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2016 at Millers Merry Manor, Peru. He was born in Argos on July 9, 1929, the son of Ivo Israel and Mabel L. Kindig Hagenbush. He married Jacquelyne J. Palmer on Feb. 5, 1950 and she preceded him in death on Jan. 14, 2005. Donald graduated from Argos High School in 1947 and joined his father and three brothers working at Studebaker Motors in South Bend. In 1957 he left Studebaker to work with his brother-in-law Bill Palmer at the W V Palmer Stocker and Feeder cattle enterprise where he helped manage the cattle and farming operations. After the W V Palmer business ceased in 1998, Don went to work at Air Vac in Rochester, where he worked until 2012 when he left to work at various other jobs until 2014 when he stopped working at age 85. Don's unmatched work ethic caused many who knew him to declare him the hardest working man they ever met. Don was a member of the Olive Branch Church of God. He was chosen to be Democratic Party

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Precinct Committeeman, served on the Miami County Planning Commission and was voted as the hardest worker for the Miami County Democratic Party four consecutive years from 2011-14. He was an avid fisherman, devoted father, an awesome grandpa and great grandpa and good friend to many. Donald is survived by a son Christopher Hagenbush and daughter-in-law Deborah of Atlanta, Georgia; a son-in-law David Appleton and his wife Sandra of Macy; a sister Evelyn Tracy of Argos; grandchildren Sarah Jones and her husband Dr. Andrew David Jones, Andrew Lee Hagenbush and Brandon Appleton and his wife Sarah; great grandchildren Andrew Noah Jones, Elize J. Jones, Anna I. Jones, Lillian C. Jones, Cain P. Appleton and Bryce M. Appleton. Donald was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Jacquelyne, a daughter Elizabeth Ann Appleton, a grandson Christopher Michael Appleton, three brothers Robert Hagenbush, Ivo Israel Hagenbush, Jr., and Charles Richard Hagenbush. A service celebrating the life of Donald L. Hagenbush will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, with Pastor Jeff Sumner officiating. Burial will be at Plainview Cemetery, Macy, Indiana. Family and friends will gather from 4 - 8 p.m. on Monday Nov. 7, 2016 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home 84 W. Main Street, Peru, Indiana. In lieu of flowers, we ask that contributions be made to Villa International, a non-profit in Atlanta, Georgia. To donate please visit the Villa International web site at villainternational.org. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, November 3, 2016

Conner Elton Gray, 19, of Peru passed away at 2:12 a.m. on Nov. 5, 2016 at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, after a long fight with two cancers. He was born at Dukes Hospital in Peru on Oct. 21, 1997 to R. Scott and Sheila R. (Johnson) Gray, of Peru. They survive. Conner was a June, 2016 graduate of North Miami High School. He also received a certificate of completion for two years of electronics and computer technology education through Heartland Career Center. He was a 10 year member of 4-H, and was a life scout in Boy Scouts. He played soccer through all of his high school years, and also ran track one year. Conner's love was soccer, and he enjoyed making people smile and laugh. In addition to his parents, Conner is also survived by a sister Megan (Josh) Blackburn of Peru, and a brother Kory (Aime) Black, also of Peru. Also, several nephews and nieces: Brian LeDonne, Amelia Black, Edward Blackburn, and Alessa Blackburn survive. Also surviving are maternal grandfather Myron Johnson, Peru, and paternal grandmother Ceolia Gray, Wabash and several aunts and uncles. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016 from 12 - 8 p.m. at the Miami County Fairground. Funeral service will also be held at the Miami County Fairground at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016, with Pastor Kenneth Greenwald officiating. Burial will follow at the Lutheran Cemetery. Memorials may be made as love offerings to the family through Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, November 7, 2016

Barbara J. Reed, 82, of Wabash, passed away at 10:37 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016 at Miller's Merry Manor East in Wabash. She was born in Peru on March 15, 1934 the daughter of William and Edna Draving Brown. Barbara was married to Bill Reed and he preceded her in death in 2008. Barbara was a 1958 graduate of Peru High School and a member of the First Christian Church in Peru. She was an avid quilter and sewer and a member of the Wabash Quilt Guild. An accomplished artist, Barbara's forte was oil paintings. She is survived by a son Doug Caley and his wife Lisa of Wabash, step children Ginger Hughes, Jeff Reed, David Reed, Tammi Emerick, and Sherry Doty. Several grandchildren and great-grandchildren also survive. Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Bill, two sisters and one brother. A service celebrating the life of Barbara J. Reed will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main Street, Peru, with Pastor John Cook officiating. Family and friends will gather from 5 - 7 p.m., Thursday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, November 7, 2016

Charlene Duncan Hisey, 77, of Macy, passed away at 9:31 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016 at Citrus Memorial Hospital of Inverness, Florida. Born in Tipton on Dec. 25, 1938, Charlene was the cherished daughter of Marshall and Pearl Spaulding Duncan. Growing up she shared her childhood with her three sisters including her twin Marlene, Sherry and Jacqueline four brothers Gary, Marshall, Kenny and William. It was almost love at first sight, Charlene and Charles W. "Chuck" Hisey were married on Sept. 21, 1957, following a brief courtship. Together they enjoyed more than 59 years of life's adventures. From their union came four wonderful children. The family tree continued to grow with the added blessings twelve grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. Masterfully talented as a seamstress, Charlene was a dedicated employee of Hart-Shaffner-Marx Corporation. After 29 years of reliable service she retired from HSM as a presser in 1996. An accomplished equestrian, Charlene was a member of the Denver and Rochester Saddle Clubs in her earlier years. She and Chuck enjoyed riding their quarter horses and teaching their family techniques of horsemanship. The enjoyed camping under the star lit skies at the Diamond-X Campground, of course accompanied by their horses. Singing karaoke was a favorite Florida activity. Chuck was an audience favorite, but Charlene preferred to sing more discreetly from her seat at the table. They were out with Sandy and Barry enjoying the music at least three nights each week. The Florida scene also offered vast flea markets, plentiful garage sales and some amazing thrift stores where the best deals could be found during shopping adventures. Charlene was proficient with technology and enjoyed staying in touch via email. She relaxed and kept sharp by playing puzzles on the laptop. Left to cherish Charlene's memory are: her husband, Charles; two daughters - Sandra Weaver and husband Barry of Inverness, Florida, Cindy Hisey of Rochester; two sons - Rick Hisey and wife Penny of Macy, Daniel "Duncan" Hisey and husband David Green of Indianapolis; a sister: Sherry Larke of Floral City, Florida; two brothers: Gary Duncan of Greentown and Marshall Duncan.

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Preceding Charlene in death are: her mother Pearl Spaulding Booth; her father Marshall Duncan; two sisters - twin Marlene Fortune and Jacqueline Barnett; her brother: Kenny Duncan; a step brother William Duncan and special friends Betty Tolley, Kathryn Wilson and Charlie Yates. A celebration of the life of Charlene Hisey will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016 in the Good family Funeral Home, 1200 West 18th St., Rochester. Pastor Wayne Balmer will officiate. Friends may visit with the family from 4 - 7 p.m. on Tuesday and one hour prior to the service in the funeral home. Interment will be in the Five Corners Cemetery. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to Kindred Hospice 1476 West 18th Street, Rochester, IN 46975 or St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or www.stjude.org. Electronic expressions of sympathy may be made to her family at www.goodfamilyfh.com - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, November 7, 2016

Carolyn Joan Einselen, 85, Peru, passed away Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016, at Blair Ridge Health Center, Peru. She was born Dec. 11, 1930, in Miami County, the ninth child of Earl and Hazel (Pence) Agness. Carolyn married John Harold Einselen on Feb. 20, 1949, and he preceded her in death on May 12, 2011. Carolyn was a 1948 graduate of Clay Township School and a retired Waltz Township homemaker. She was a member and active in the McGrawsville UMC, where she had served in WISH. Carolyn was active with the Indiana Extension Homemaker's Association in Wabash County for many years. She also was an active supporter of the Southwood National Forensic League, serving as a judge on early Saturday morning speech meets. With her husband John she was involved in the Roving Sam's Chapter 5 Camping Club, and was active in the Indiana-Oklahoma Indian Mission Project for over 19 years. The couple also traveled to Liberia in 1990 with Operation Classroom through the United Methodist Church. Carolyn was a devoted wife, a wonderful mother and a loving grandmother. She enjoyed her grandchildren, reading, crocheting and embroidery. She followed politics intently and stayed up all night for the 2000 presidential race; she enjoyed being a Purdue Mom and all things Purdue sports. Surviving are sons Steven (Kathy) Einselen, Ontario, Ohio; and Kenneth (Cindy) Einselen, Amboy; and a daughter, Karen (John) Troutman, Galveston, Indiana. Grandchildren include Sarah Einselen, Abby Einselen and Jonathan Einselen; John M. Einselen, Mark Einselen, Lisa (Paul) Rummel, Lydia Einselen, Matthew (Bekah) Einselen, Ryan Troutman, Andrew Troutman and Nathan Troutman. Also surviving is a sister, Geneva Willson, Kokomo; and a brother, Gene (Fern) Agness, Bradenton, Florida. Preceding her in death were brothers Mark, Herman, Thurman, and Richard Agness and sisters Beulah Harts and Ruthanna Borden. A service celebrating the life of Carolyn Einselen will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016, at the McGrawsville United Methodist Church, 9377 S. 300 East, Amboy, IN, 46911, with Pastor Kenny Cole officiating. Burial will be in Park Lawn I.O.O.F. Cemetery Amboy. Visitation will be from 4 - 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main St., Peru, IN 46970. Memorial donations may be made to the McGrawsville United Methodist Church through the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com
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Randy K. Hyde, 67, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016 at his home. Randy was born in Newport, Rhode Island on July 16, 1949 to Floyd C. and Mary G. (Gerard) Hyde. He graduated from Peru High School and married Sandra J. (Rock) Hyde on April 21, 1967. A proud member of the United States Marine Corp, Randy served two tours of duty in the Vietnam War. He was employed with Delco Electronics, retiring after more than 30 years of service. Randy was a loving father and grandfather who found his greatest joy in the company of his family. He is survived by his four children: Todd Hyde and his wife Katrina (Woodhouse) of Peru, Jason Hyde of Chicago, Illinois, Trevor Hyde and his wife Tabitha (Hansford) of Peru, and Amanda (Hyde) Ray and her husband Dereck Ray of Peru; seven grandchildren: Braxton Hyde, Summer Hyde, Trey Hyde, Presley Hyde, Ethan Hyde, Mackey Hyde, and Jackson Ray; and two brothers: Jeff and Mark Hyde. He was preceded in death by his mother and father; his brother, David Hyde; and his sister, Pat Velez. Friends may call from 9 - 11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru. Funeral services will immediately follow the visitation at 11 a.m., with Pastor Guy Woodhouse officiating. Burial will be held in the Marion National Cemetery and military rites provided by the Miami County Military Rites Team. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, November 8, 2016

W. George White, 95, of Peru, passed away at 1 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016 at St. Mary Healthcare of Lafayette. He was born Nov. 2, 1921 in Tallassee, Alabama to Mr. White and Sarah (Coleman) White. George owned and operated White's Trucking and Janitorial Service and was a very successful business man. His marriage was to Sellie Johnson in Tallassee, Alabama and she preceded him in death in 1994. Surviving are three sons, George (Pam) White, Wesley (Jackie) White and Samuel White. Also surviving are several grandchildren, two of which (Abie and Adrian Perkins) lived with him in Peru, and several great and great great-grandchildren as well. Mr. White is preceded in death by his wife and a son, John; two daughters, Patty Williamson and Nellie Andino and two brothers, Brady and Jimmy Lee White. Private family services are planned at Ever Rest Memorial Park Cemetery, Peru. Share memories and online condolences at www.clapperfuneralservices.com
The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Roy Wesley McCarty, 65, of Peru, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in his residence. He was born in Higginsport, Ohio to the late Roy Chester and Freida Delores (Coleman) McCarty. On Dec. 22, 1980 in Waco, Texas he married Kristina Marie Link who survives. Roy was a maintenance manager for Trelleborg Inc. He loved spending time his family, going fishing and spending time with his dogs. Surviving along with his wife are two daughters, Heather Dawn (Scott) Walker, Labanon, Ohio;

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Cassandra Marie (Dustin) Marks, Peru; two sons, James McCarty, Chicago, Illinois; Roy Wayne McCarty, Peru; two sisters, Jean Davis, Waco, Texas; Delynn Finley, Batavia, Ohio; six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. A gathering to celebrate the life of Roy will be held at a later date with friends and family. Services have been entrusted to Gundrum Funeral Home and Crematory. Memorials may be made to the Miami County Animal Shelter in Peru. You may sign the guestbook and send online condolences at www.gundrumcares.com - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Cathy A. Wells, 59, of Burr Oak, Michigan passed away late Wednesday evening, Nov. 2, 2016 at her home. She was born June 29, 1957 in Mexico, Indiana daughter of Elbert Earl "Bud" and Mary Gervase (Anderson) Mygrant. Cathy resided in Burr Oak since 1978 coming from Peru. On April 8, 1978 she married Daniel Wells in Mexico, Indiana. Cathy was a licensed hairdresser and had worked at Fiesta Hair Salon in Sturgis. She also had been employed at the Essex Corp. in Coldwater, Burr Oak Community Schools as the cafeteria supervisor and the Sturgis Hospital housekeeping and cafeteria departments. She enjoyed cooking and crocheting and truly loved time spent with her family especially each one of her eight grandchildren. Cathy is survived by her loving and dedicated husband of 38 years, Daniel; one daughter: Deonna (Steve) Riccius of Hudson, Indiana; three sons: Joseph (Tonya) Wells of Howe, Indiana, Shawn (his fiancée Patty Kool) Wells of Burr Oak and Justin (Jenny) Wells of Bronson; eight grandchildren: Ashton, Lydia, Mark, Taylor, Jasim, Liam, Mason and Jaxson; her mother, Mary Gervase Mygrant of Peru; three brothers: Dennis (Becky) Mygrant of Monticello, Rodney (Pam) Mygrant and Ted (Lori) Mygrant both of Peru, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father. In accordance with her wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service celebrating and honoring the life of Cathy Wells will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 12 at the Firm Foundation Church, 651 E. Main St. in Centreville. Pastors Don Smith and Rod Detweiler of Firm Foundation and Pastor Jackie Snyder of the Community Christ Church in Coldwater will officiate. The Hackman Chapel of Hackman Family Funeral Homes, 114 S. Nottawa St., Sturgis, MI 49091, 296-651-2331 is entrusted with the arrangements. The family suggests those wishing to make a memorial donation in Cathy's memory consider Firm Foundation, 651 E. Main St., Centreville, MI 49091 or the ALS Association, Gift Processing Center, PO Box 6051, Albert Lea, MN 56007. The obituary is also at www.hackmanfamilyfuneralhomes.com where personal messages of support may be left for the family.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, November 9, 2016

Betty Marie (Arbuckle) Keyser Vrooman, 87, passed into her eternal resting place with our Heavenly Father on Nov. 9, 2016 at her home in Peru surrounded by family. She was born in Peru, Indiana on April 5, 1929 to Clifford and Georgia Ruth Arbuckle. Betty was a 1947 graduate of Peru High School and was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church. She worked as a telephone operator for Indiana Bell, spent nearly 30 years volunteering with The Salvation Army, and volunteered as a pink lady at Dukes Memorial Hospital. She had a caring, loving heart, quick wit, great sense of humor, and was always willing to help others. She was preceded in death by her husbands Homer Keyser and William Vrooman and two sisters - Naomi Brewer, and Martha White. She is survived by daughters Nancy Jo (Keyser) Wagner and her husband George of Baltimore, Maryland, Amy Jo (Keyser) Voirol of Peru, and Louis Voirol of Akron, son Michael Vrooman and his wife Cindy of The Villages, Florida and daughter Jane Messmer and her husband Michael of Toledo, Ohio. She is also survived by many loving grandchildren; Emma Wagner and husband John, Annamarie Wagner, Luke Voirol, Kimberly Pitts and husband Aaron, Krista Sarver and husband Mark, and Chad Vrooman, Andrea Messmer, and Brody Messmer and wife Valerie, great grandchildren Delaney (Hannah), Garrett, Chandler, and Ava and her loving cat, Abby. Friends may call from 2 - 5 p.m. Sunday at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Funeral will be Monday at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church (53 East Main Peru), with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating and assisted by Vicar John Nelson, Betty's son-in-law. Donations may be sent in Betty's honor to The Salvation Army. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.Flowersleedyallen.com - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, November 10, 2016

Lawrence E. (Jack) Gothard of Rantoul, Illinois formerly of Peru passed away at 3:12 p.m. on Nov. 9, 2016 in Savoy, Illinois. He was born to O. Lawrence Gothard and Pauline Sivits Gothard on Nov. 21, 1928 in Peru. He married Marjorie Vinson on April 26 1952 in Denver, Indiana. He is survived by his wife of 64 years and six children: Carol (Karl) Olson Mahomet, Illinois; Jack (Doris) Gothard, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Leanna Gothard, Mahomet, Illinois; Loren (Janet) Gothard Kegley, West Virginia; Mark (Janice) Gothard, Nappanee; and Joseph Gothard, Peru. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three sisters and his parents. He graduated from Washington Center High School in Columbia City in 1947. He was a US Army Retiree having served from 1947-1969 and was a Veteran of the Korean War. He retired from Square D in January 1994 after 23 years. He loved fast pitch softball and coached and umpired for many years. Viewing will be at Flowers Leedy Funeral Home on Friday, Nov. 11 from 4 - 7. Funeral at Flowers Leedy Funeral Home at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12 with burial to follow at Everrest Cemetery on US 24 Logansport. Family requests donations to American Heart Association or Diabetes Foundation in lieu of flowers. Arrangements Have Been Entrusted To Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, November 10, 2016

Maxfield M. "Max" Metzger, 82, of Royal Center peacefully passed away surrounded by his family at 12:04 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2016 at Logansport Memorial Hospital. Born on Feb. 23, 1934 in Pipe Creek Township in Miami County, Max was the son of the late Alvin H. and Mary Margaret (Fisher) Metzger. On Nov. 26, 1954, he married JoAnn Montgomery at Sampson A.F.B. in Geneva, New York. She survives. Max was Valedictorian of his graduating high school, class of 1952, Bunker Hill High School. He also graduated Magna Cum Laude from International Business College in 1954 and Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science in 1960. Max

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served in the U.S. Air Force from 1954 to 1958 where he was a graduate of Air Force General Instructor School and served as Basic Trainee Instructor. He was later stationed at Lowry A.F.B. in Colorado where he was in charge of military housing. In 1967, Max, who had been a licensed funeral director with the Harrison Funeral Homes in Kewanna and Royal Center since 1960, purchased the two locations and the business was later named: Harrison-Metzger Funeral Homes. He also owned and operated Metzger & Hinshaw Monument Company for over 40 years. He was a member of the Indiana Funeral Directors Association and received his 50 year Funeral Directors Pin in 2009. Max formerly served as Indiana State Disaster training coordinator and was the 4th District Director. In addition, Max formerly served as Cass County Coroner and Deputy Coroner for 20 years. Max was an active member of the Royal Center United Methodist Church, was on many committees and taught Sunday school. He was also a President and member of Royal Center Lions Club, past President and member of Logansport Exchange Club and past Master, Secretary and member of Royal Center Lodge #585, F. & A.M. He was a member of Gideon's International. He was president of the Logansport Senior Center Board of Directors. He was an active participant of and enjoyed walking, riding on and maintaining the Panhandle Pathway. He also was past chairman of the Royal Center/Boone Township Public Library Board. Max was a former Chairman and Trustee of Logansport Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, former member of Cass/Pulaski County Corrections Advisory Board and former member of Cass County Council on Aging. He also was President and member of the Royal Center Cline-Kistler Cemetery Association Advisory Board and served as sexton for many years. Max was a former Pioneer Youth League baseball coach and enjoyed taking his team to Cubs game each year at Wrigley Field. He was an avid fan and enthusiast of Indiana University Basketball, Cubs Baseball and Pioneer Jr./Sr High School Basketball and Football. Max served as judge for Pioneer High School Senior Projects and read to students at Pioneer Elementary reading program. Max was an avid reader, enjoyed playing golf, working in his yard and listening to country music, especially Willie Nelson. He and JoAnn enjoyed square dancing for several years with the Bridge City Squares. He was a history buff and Corvette enthusiast. Max loved showing his 1996, Collector's Edition Corvette and won the Bloomington Gold award for the car in 2001. He also enjoyed driving it, along with his 2003, 50th Anniversary Edition Corvette and his 1938 Ford pick-up truck in parades with his wife and sons. Everything Max did he did with perfection. After selling the funeral homes in 2007, Max took care of scheduling local military rites and performed honor duties for Cass County Honor Guard. For the past several years, Max and JoAnn enjoyed wintering in Mesa, Arizona and traveled to many places throughout the United States. Survivors include: his wife, JoAnn Metzger of Royal Center, sons, Michael M. Metzger (Dawn) of Logansport and Kyle B. Metzger of Royal Center, 6 grandchildren, 2 step grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, 5 step great grandchildren, 2 step great great grandchildren, brother Dalhart (Judy) Metzger, several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by sister, Inalee (Metzger) Brown and granddaughter, Heather M. Metzger. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, Nov. 14, 2016 at the Royal Center United Methodist Church with Pastor Adriane Curtis officiating. Visitation will be from 2 - 7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016 at Harrison-Metzger-Rans Funeral Home, Royal Center Chapel where there will also be a Masonic Service at 7 p.m. Burial with Full Military Rites will be conducted at the Royal Center Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be given to the Royal Center United Methodist Church, Gideon's International, Cass County Honor Guard or one's favorite charity. You may sign the online guest register or leave condolence for the Metzger family at: www.ransfuneralhomes.com - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, November 10, 2016

Mary Lee (Headley) Rickey of Kokomo, passed away at 4:28 p.m. on Nov. 10, 2016 in Tipton. She was born to Maurice and Lela Headley on Nov. 4, 1943 in Pleasant Plains, Arkansas. Mary married John Rickey Sr. and has a daughter, Kimberly Dawn Headley Rickey and a son John Edward Rickey Jr. Other family includes a brother, deceased, Gerald Wayne Headley; a sister Sharon and (Roger) Kring, with children Tommy and Tracy Eikenberry; a brother, Michael and (Laura) Headley, children Jason Jacobs and Jamie Dowden; her sister Christina and (Roger) Steele, and children Robert and Danny Campbell. She has two grandchildren Ashley and (William) Arias, and Joshua and (Cassie) Evans; six great-grandchildren - Tyler Archer, Micheal Archer, Erick Arias, Katlyn Evans, Nolen Evans and Hunter Evans. She graduated from Peru High School in Peru Indiana in 1962. She retired from Delphi after 30 years of employment. She loved sewing and working in her flower beds and enjoyed spending time with family and her grandkids and her great-grandbabies. Viewing will be at Flowers Leedy Funeral Home from 4 - 7 p.m. on Monday Nov. 14. The funeral will be at Flowers Leedy Funeral Home at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 15, with pastor Kevin Carr officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Arrangement have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, November 12, 2016

Patricia A. Studebaker, 81, formerly of Akron, Indiana passed away at 6:55 a.m., Friday, Nov. 11, 2016 at Peabody Retirement Community of North Manchester, Indiana. Born Feb. 27, 1935 in Peru, she was the daughter of Lawrence and Eva (Kasey) Miller. She was a meat cutter at several area grocery locations. She was a Peru High School graduate. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for many years. She enjoyed playing cards and loved to spend time with her family. Survivors include: her sons - Paul and wife Linda Studebaker, Akron, Indiana, Don and wife Lori Studebaker, Warsaw, and Ron and wife Cyndi Studebaker, Peru; her grandchildren - Jennifer, Tara, Julie, Preston, Leslie, Jason, Jordan, and Zane; 10 great grandchildren; her brother - Slana and wife Mary Miller, Peru, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by: a son - Phillip Steven Studebaker (2006); a great granddaughter - Adele J. Phillips (2011); her brothers - Lawrence and Glen Miller; and her sister - Maxine Ziner. Services will be at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016 at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. Internment at Mount Hope will follow. Visitation is 4 - 8 p.m., Monday, Nov. 14, 2016 at Hartzler Funeral Home 305 West Rochester Street Akron. Memorial contributions may be made to: Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home 5910 Homestead Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46814. Share a Memory or send an Online Condolence at: www.hartzlerfuneralservices.com - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, November 12, 2016

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Pat Arrick, 71, of Peru, passed away at 1:50 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 13, 2016 at St. Vincent Hospital, Kokomo. He was born in Peru, on Jan. 20, 1945, the son of Marvin and Teresa Comerford Arrick. Pat married Bonnie Day on Oct. 23, 1965 and she survives. Pat was a 1963 graduate of Peru High School and was employed as an Electrical Engineer at Square D until his retirement in 2007. Upon retirement from Square D, Pat went to work for the US Department of Agriculture conducting agricultural surveys. He was a true American Patriot serving God, Country and his family whom he loved dearly. A US Air Force Veteran, his military decorations include the National Defense Medal, the Air Force Good Conduct Medal and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. Pat was a member of the St. Charles Catholic Church, a member of the Miami County Military Rites Unit and an active member of the Miami County Democratic Party. Surviving in addition to his wife, Bonnie, is a daughter Alicia Arrick of Chicago, Illinois, a son, Christopher Arrick of Peru, and a sister Rita Neibert and her husband Joseph of Lamar, Colorado, nephews - Mark Neibert, Lakewood, Colorado, Jeff Neibert, Cheyenne Wells, Colorado and Michael Neibert, Suffolk, Virginia. A Mass of Christian Burial, celebrating the life of Patrick Arrick, will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016 at the St. Charles Catholic Church, 58 West 5th Street, Peru with Rev Adam Mauman officiating. Military Honors will be provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends will gather from 5 - 8 p.m., Friday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral, 84 West Main Street, Peru. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the St. Charles Catholic Church Building Fund or the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, November 15, 2016

Florence Evelyn Murphy Greer, 94, Denver, passed away peacefully at Hickory Creek of Peru on Tuesday morning, Nov. 15, 2016. Florence was born on Nov. 28, 1921, the only child of Clarence and Bertha (Gottschalk) Murphy. Florence graduated from Jefferson Township High School in 1939 and married Vaughn Greer on Nov. 27, 1941 at the home of the late Rev. C.F. Golden. They were married for 54 years before he preceded her in death in 1995. Together Vaughn and Florence had five children - Steve (Lorene) Greer, Denver; Larry (Susan) Greer, Lafayette; Rita (Russell) Seela, Springfield, Missouri; Dennis Greer, Kokomo; and David (Dolores) Greer, Denver. Florence was blessed with 15 grandchildren - the children of Steve and Lorene, Jewel VanDalsen, Jr (Tracy) VanDalsen, Jill (Mike) Young, Jane (Jeff) Mullikin, and Bob (Melody) Greer; Larry and Susan's son, Andrew (Laura) Greer; Rita and Russell's children, Craig (Amanda) Baird, Charlee (Andrew) Duff, and Alisha (Quincy) Narron, children of Dennis and Pat Greer, Jeff Hoover, Heather (Andy) Rentschler, Chelsea (Shad) Harth, and Britney (Joe) Grant; and the children of David and Dee Greer include Leslie (Chris) Hendrix, Lisa (Matt) Turnpaugh. Also surviving are 21 great-grandchildren - Jordan Young, Maegan Young, Blake VanDalsen, Chassidy Hamilton, Mallory, Cameron, and Parker Mullikin, R.J. and Dugan Greer, Jack and Lila Rose Greer, Caleb and Alexa Baird, Kira and Kori Duff, Brenlyn Hoover, Baleigh Hendrix, Allie Dickerhoff, Savannah and Blake Rentschler, and Evelyn Hendrix, and four great great-grandchildren, Bentley and Dexter Hamilton, Kenzleigh Young, and Veyron VanDalsen. She was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Laura Greer. Florence was a life long member of the Denver Baptist Church, where she served many years on the deacon board and as a member of the Homemakers Sunday school class. She was also an avid baker and gardener. The family would like to give a special thanks to Hickory Creek and Guardian Angel hospice for taking such good care of her in her final days, and to Pam Cover for her love and care over the last several years. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 18, 2016, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Dr. Mark Spencer officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery, Mexico. Visitation will be from 4 - 7 p.m. on Thursday, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Hickory Creek, Guardian Angels, or Denver Baptist Church. The online guestbook can be signed at www.mcclainfh.com - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Thomas J Pulley, 74, Converse, passed away 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016 at St. Vincent's Hospital, Kokomo, with his beloved wife Carolann by his side. The only child of Ernest and Betty Pulley, he was born in Grant County on Oct. 16, 1942. Tom spent a few years living in Brown County which he loved before marrying Carolann and moving to Miami County. He provided for his family from a young age as a farmer, mechanic and truck driver. After working many years as an International Harvester mechanic, He retired from Jet Express in Marion after 25 years. He and Carolann also ran Pulley Produce of Converse. Tom's greatest love after his family was garden tractor pulling. He spent several years as the president of the Indiana Garden Tractor Pulling Association, and won numerous state championships in the early 70s. He's survived by his loving wife Carolann, son Ernest (Kristi) Pulley, son Patrick (Jackie) Pulley, step daughters Janis Cornett, Julia (Scott) Rogers, Emilie (Amanda) Trent, and Lori Davis. A loving and doting grandfather to 17 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren, he will be dearly missed. A service celebrating the life of Thomas J. Pulley will be held at 10a.m., Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016 at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, 201 North Main Street, Amboy, IN with Pastor Dwight Elliott and Pastor David Miller officiating. Family and friends will gather from 2 - 5 p.m. and 6 - 8 p.m., Friday at the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Cheyenne N. Patrick, 20, Bunker Hill, passed away at 2 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2016, at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne. Born on Sept. 4, 1996, in Peru, she was the daughter of Mike and Shelly Warner and Beau Patrick. She graduated from Christian Academy Home Schooling, enjoyed taking selfies, and spending time with her dog, Oden. She is survived by her parents, Mike and Shelly Warner, Bunker Hill; father, Beau Patrick, Smithville, Tennessee; one brother Brandon Day and husband Josh Day, Kokomo; two

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step-sisters, Kelli White, San Antonio, Texas and Brooke House, Smithville, Tennessee; two step-brothers, Austin Warner, Wabash, and Austin Hosse, Smithville, Tennessee; nephew, Cayden and niece, Alaina, both of Kokomo. She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Kimberly Selleck; grandfather, Odell Patrick; and uncle, Roger Selleck. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2016, in Mt. Hope Cemetery Chapel, Peru. Visitation will be from 5 - 7 p.m. on Monday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Family and friends are invited to leave messages of condolence at www.mcclainfh.com.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, November 19, 2016

John E. Dempsey (SGT, USAF, Ret) 84, of Peru, passed away at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2016 at his daughters residence. He was born in Lawton, Oklahoma, on Aug. 10, 1932, the son of Herman and Lovie Irene Randall Dempsey. John married Martha Pinkerton on Dec. 14, 1957 and she survives. John served more than 20 years as a Non Commissioned Officer in the United States Air Force, and was a Viet Nam War Veteran. His military decorations included the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Viet Nam Service Medal, the Republic of Viet Nam Campaign Medal and the Air Force Good Conduct Medal. Surviving in addition to his wife, Martha, is a daughter, Brenda K. Dempsey of Peru, a son, David Dempsey and his wife Kim of Marion, and daughter Cherie M. Vigar of Peru; grandchildren Jorden Prater and his girlfriend Cassi Rhoads and their daughter Kiaree Manor, Kayla Dempsey, Doyal (Leslie) Hofmann and their daughter Ava and Ronald Hofmann and a sister Helen Rodriquez and her husband Anthony of Lawton, Oklahoma. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and two sisters. Graveside services for John E. Dempsey will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 22, 2016 at Ever Rest Memorial Park, Logansport, with Pastor Brent Wedding officiating. Military Honors will be provided by members of the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, Peru. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com - The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, November 19, 2016

Ardella Ruth Witmeyer-Berryman, 96, Denver, Indiana, passed away at 7:05 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016, at Hickory Creek of Peru. Born March 4, 1920, in Delphi, she was the daughter of Henry and Sophia Weisenburger Hoover. She was married to Ovid John Witmeyer, June 28, 1940, in Delphi, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 4, 1979. She was then married to Glen Berryman on Jan. 10, 1998, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 11, 2011. Ardella was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Peru. She worked at the Ordinance Plant during WWII and farmed for many years with her husband. She enjoyed working outside, fishing, and traveling, especially to Europe. Ardella is survived by one son, Alfred J. Witmeyer and wife Sandy, Denver; seven grandchildren, Gerald Radel, Angie (George) Walker, Natalie (Jeff) Rager, Ryan (Becky) Radel, Shannon (Rose) Witmeyer, Mendy (Brad) Rodeffer, and Fleet (Dusti) Witmeyer; twenty-one great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandsons. She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands; and four brothers, Cletus, Art, Frank, and Donald Hoover; and four sisters, Mildred McGreevy, Dorothy Forrest, Adeline Rider, and Lucille Sharp. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2016, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Fr. Adam Mauman officiating. Burial will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the funeral home. The online guestbook can be signed at www.mcclainfh.com.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, November 21, 2016

Paul E. Smiley, 97, of Westfield, passed away on Nov. 20, 2016. Paul was born on Aug. 19, 1919 in Indianapolis, to Lloyd and Hazel (Fazenbaker) Smiley. Paul was an agricultural supervisor in Southern Indiana from 1930 to 1941. Paul was drafted into the United States Army and served from 1941 to 1947. He earned the rank of Major, Armored Cavalry and was a veteran of World War II. He served in the 106th Calvary in Normandy, France, Rhineland, and Central Europe. He earned the Bronze Star, Four Battle Stars, Presidential Unit Badge, and French and Belgian Fourragere. He served in the U.S. Forces Austria as Chief Agriculture and Forestry Branch Economics Division from 1945 to 1947. Paul owned and operated Smiley Sawmill and Smiley Buildings from 1949 to 1973. He also owned and operated R & R Smith Co. in Indianapolis from 1976 to 1991. Paul was active in the American Legion and VFW, as well as Cornerstone Baptist Church. He is survived by his children, David E. (Donna) Smiley of Lafayette, and Lloyd D. (Earlene) Smiley of Westfield; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 74 years, Mary A. Smiley; and a grandson, Matthew David Smiley. Memorial contributions may be made to Cornerstone Baptist Church. Arrangements handled by Flanner and Buchanan-Hamilton Memorial Park. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, November 22, 2016

Ardella Ruth Witmeyer-Berryman, 96, Denver, Indiana, passed away at 7:05 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016, at Hickory Creek of Peru. Born March 4, 1920, in Delphi, she was the daughter of Henry and Sophia Weisenburger Hoover. She was married to Ovid John Witmeyer, June 28, 1940, in Delphi, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 4, 1979. She was then married to Glen Berryman on Jan. 10, 1998, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 11, 2011. Ardella was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Peru. She worked at the Ordinance Plant during WWII and farmed for many years with her husband. She enjoyed working outside, fishing, and traveling, especially to Europe. Ardella is survived by one son, Alfred J. Witmeyer and wife Sandy, Denver; seven grandchildren, Gerald Radel, Angie (George) Walker, Natalie (Jeff) Rager, Ryan (Becky) Radel, Shannon (Rose) Witmeyer, Mendy (Brad) Rodeffer, and Fleet (Dusti) Witmeyer; twenty-one great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandsons. She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands; two daughters, Linda Witmeyer and Myra Radel and her husband Gerald; four brothers, Cletus, Art, Frank, and Donald Hoover; and four sisters, Mildred McGreevy, Dorothy Forrest, Adeline Rider, and Lucille Sharp. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov 23, 2016, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, with Fr. Adam Mauman officiating. Burial will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Logansport. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the funeral home. The online guestbook can be signed at www.mcclainfh.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, November 22, 2016

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Rita Jo Zerbe, 64 of Schoolcraft, Michigan began her heavenly walk peacefully after a "beautiful fight" with ALS on Nov. 23, 2016. Although the fight was difficult, her last breath was pain-free surrounded by her immediate family; her greatest joy. She was born to her earthly journey on March 13, 1952 in Muncie, daughter of the late Herbert Lowell and Ellen (Bidgood) Shroyer. Rita resided in Schoolcraft, Michigan since 2005. Prior to moving to Schoolcraft she lived in Warsaw, for three years, Sturgis, Michigan from 1996-2002 and her early life was spent in Dunkirk, where she was a graduate of Dunkirk High School with the class of 1970. She furthered her education at Taylor University in Upland, where she received a Bachelor Degree in Art. On Aug. 19, 1972 she married Steven Zerbe at the Bethel Methodist Church in Dunkirk, Indiana. Rita was very artistically creative in nearly anything she did. She owned and operated from her home a full scale wedding planning business. She could personally take care of every detail of a wedding from making the dress to baking and decorating the cake. She was also an art teacher. Rita enjoyed teaching and wedding planning but her true passion was being the loving and dedicated wife, mother and grandmother she was. She and Steve were not just a happily married couple but a true team together serving nine churches in California, Michigan and Indiana. She was a member of the Journey Church in Caledonia, Michigan and she enjoyed gardening, flowers, her art work and loved sharing her talents with her grandchildren that she so dearly cherished. She is survived by her loving and dedicated husband of 44 years: Steve; two daughters: Allison (Ben) Davis of Battle Creek, Michigan and Erica (Jon) Allen of Caledonia, Michigan; five grandchildren: Brennan Davis, twins Sydney and Makenzie Allen, Micah and Emma Davis; step-mother: Carolyn Shroyer of Dunkirk; five sisters: Resa Robertson of Greencastle; Leslie (Tom) Forrest of Muncie; Joy (Bruce) Gregg of Ossian; Mary Kay (Mike) Sterret of Ossian and Julie (George) Paulk of Arlington, Texas; four brothers: Lowell "Butch" (Pam) Shroyer of Indianapolis; Paul Huffman of Muncie; Chuck (Susan) Huffman of Dunkirk, and Stephen (Beth) Shroyer of Brownsburg, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and special aunt: Carroll Shroyer. The family will receive friends from 2 - 4 p.m. Sunday at the Radiant Life Church, 907 N. Nottawa St. in Sturgis, Michigan. Funeral services celebrating and honoring the life of Rita Jo Zerbe will begin at 4 p.m. Sunday at the church followed by the serving of a meal and continued time of fellowship in the church's fellowship hall. Pastor Archie Nevins will officiate. A graveside service and burial will take place Monday at the Rankin Cemetery in Bunker Hill, Indiana. A luncheon will follow the graveside service at the Loree Brethren Church on Strawtown Pike. The Hackman Chapel of Hackman Family Funeral Homes, 114 S. Nottawa St., Sturgis, MI 49091, 269-651-2331 is honored to be entrusted with the arrangements. The family suggests those wishing to make a memorial donation in Rita's memory consider the ALS Association, Gift Processing Center, PO Box 6051 Albert Lea, MI 56007 or the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22311 or the Kalamazoo Gospel Mission, 448 N. Burdick St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007. The obituary is also at www.hackmanfamilyfuneralhomes.com where personal messages of support may be left for the family. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, November 24, 2016

Bruce E. Rose 48, Peru, passed away suddenly on Nov. 17, 2016 at his home. He was born in Peru, In. on July 31, 1968 to Martin and Fluffy Rose. Bruce grew up in Bunker Hill and was a 1986 Graduate of Maconaquah High school. After graduation he joined the U.S. Marines reserves, where he spent four years before joining the Indiana National Guards, where he served his country for two more years before receiving an honorable discharge. Bruce was a self employed floor covering installer for 29 years. He is survived by: his mother; sons, Tyler R. Rose, Georgetown, Illinois and Joshua T. Rose, Peru; a grandson, Tanner Rose, Peru; a brother, Brian and Michelle Rose, Bunker Hill and their five kids and eight grandkids; his sister Gina Troyer, Bunker Hill, her four kids and seven grandkids; his sister Tonya Allen and three kids and five grandkids; and his four legged friend "Scrappy." He is also survived by an uncle, Eddie and Jan Rose, Peru; an aunt, Janie Clark, Peru; and also a few special children that has blessed his life, several cousins and a very long list of nationwide friends. Bruce is preceded in death by his father, and several aunts and uncles. Visitation will be Monday, Nov. 28, from 4 - 7 p.m. and the funeral services are Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016 at 10 a.m. at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill. Burial will be at Marion National Cemetery in Marion with full Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, we ask that donations be made through the Funeral Home to ease the financial burden on the family. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, November 24, 2016

Richard C. Gebhart, 89, of Peru passed away at 7:25 p.m., Friday, Nov. 25, 2016 at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. He was born in Rochester on April 20, 1927 the son Elgin and Bernice Chamberlain Gebhart. Dick married Margaret A. Sutton on Jan. 23, 1965 and she preceded him in death on March 31, 2015. Dick was a 1945 graduate of Peru High School and a U.S. Army Veteran. His military declarations include the WWII Victory Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal. Dick was an ISHAA official for over 20 years and an avid sports fan who loved IU Basketball. He coached the first game in the Peru Little League and was a former member of the Peru Circus Board of Directors. He is survived by sons Bill (Margaret) Gebhart of Peru and Steve (Sherry) Malon of Noblesville; daughters Anne (Jim) Brown of Peru, Linda (Scott) Jackson, Ft. Wayne and Kristi (Tom Jr.) Eddy Peru; grandchildren Angie Gebhart, Jenny Gebhart, Heather (Robert) Gebhart-Leavitt, Tony (Brittany) Malon, Andrea (Nick) Dunham, Jared (Adi) Brown, Justin Brown, Brandon (Sarah) Brown, Blake Jackson, Maddy Eddy, Zoe Eddy, T. Fred Eddy and Christopher Gebhart; and 15 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. Dick was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Margaret, a brother Edward Gebhart and sons Mike Gebhart and Lynn Gebhart. A service celebrating the life of Richard C. Gebhart will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street, Peru, with Chaplin Virgil Barker officiating. Burial will be in the Mount Hope Cemetery with graveside services provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends will gather from 4 - 8 p.m., Monday, at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home to the Circus City Festival, Inc. or Peru High School Athletics. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com
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Donna Jean Spurgeon-Hendrich was born Sept. 1, 1959 in Peru to Donald Spurgeon and Ruth Gridley. She lived in Peru most of her life. She passed away unexpectedly on Nov. 23, 2016. Donna was a 1977 graduate of Peru High School. She dated Tim Craig for many years. Later she met and married Charles "Charlie" Hendrich on July 4, 2000. He preceded her in death on Aug. 2, 2004. On June 1, 1996 she was blessed with a beautiful baby girl, Brianna Celene Craig. Donna was a very devoted and loving mother to Bri. Bri was Donna's world. Donna worked at numerous places during her life including Marsh Supermarkets, Woodcrest, First Farmer's Bank & Trust, Salvation Army, and Dollar General. She enjoyed gardening, reading, listening to music, and spending time with her family and friends. She was also an animal lover. Donna is survived by her mother, Ruth Gridley; her daughter, Brianna Craig (Austin Molder); her beautiful granddaughter, Arianna Merylyn Molder; five half-siblings (Larry Gridley, Gene Gridley, Linda Spurgeon-Craft, Phyllis Meredith, Becky Spurgeon-Mongosa); several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews; her best friend, Teresa Cagle; and many other kids that she "played" mom to. She was preceded in death by her husband, father, great grandparents, grandparents, aunt, and uncle. We will be celebrating Donna's life at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home on Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016. The viewing is at 9 a.m. The service is at 11 a.m. She will be laid to rest at Ever Rest Memorial Park, Logansport Road. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the family. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, November 28, 2016](#)

Hubert "Hoot" Price Gibson, 80, of Peru, passed away at 11:10 p.m. Monday, Nov. 28, 2016 in Kokomo. He was born March 23, 1936 to Virginia and Carl Gibson. He was married to his sweetheart Judy Hamby who preceded him in death in 1991. Hubert, best known to everyone as Hoot, was raised with his siblings, Mary Louise, Ruby, Monk, and Carl Jr. After graduating high school in Tennessee he joined the Air Force. During his 23 years in the Air Force he served in the Vietnam War and worked in the veterinary office for the military animals. He later retired from Dukes Memorial Hospital as a custodian. Hoot had an infectious personality and a wonderful smile and hug to go with it. No one was ever a stranger, especially his bowling family. Bowling and his family were two of his greatest loves. Surviving family include Taffy Starnes and children, Adam and Roman, Russell Gibson and children, John, Judy, Hoot, Paul, and Zack, grandchildren Stephanie, Joey, and Jasper Dale, Mary (Mike) Gibson and children, Matthew and Robert, and Candy and Rick Hayes and children, Chantel and Dirk. Also surviving are 22 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sons Joseph and Mike. Friends may call from 3 - 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, 2016 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Military Service will be at 5 p.m. by the Miami County Military Rites Team. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.
[The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, November 30, 2016](#)

David M. Whybrew, 69, of Miami County, passed away at 7:20 a.m., Monday, Nov. 28 at Kokomo Place. Whybrew was a native of Miami County. He was born on Aug. 4, 1947 to Omar Whybrew and Louise (Lees) Whybrew. He worked at for Chrysler Corp. He is survived by his son, David A. Whybrew, of Peru. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Springdale Cemetery, in Bunker Hill, with Pastor Evan Strong presiding. Friends may call between 1 - 2 p.m. Arrangements entrusted to Allen Funeral Home.
[The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, November 30, 2016](#)

Brigitte H. Malott, 77, Peru, passed away at 7:05 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016, at her son's residence in Peru. She was born on May 4, 1939, in Germany. She was married Jan. 24, 1963, in Berlin, Germany, to Dickie J. Malott, and he preceded her in death on Sept. 12, 2000. Survivors include six children, Martina Lange Malott, Sacramento, California; Randy R. Malott, Fulton; Rickie J. Malott and wife Julie, Marana, Arizona; Rodney L. Malott and wife Deborah, Peru; Misty M. Cline, Indianapolis; and Melissa D. Knisely and husband Jonathan, Warsaw; seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one sister, one brother, and one great-granddaughter. Graveside services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, 2016, at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver, with Chaplain Jason See officiating. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, has been entrusted with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to St. Jude Children's Hospital. The online guestbook can be signed at www.mcclainfh.com. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, November 30, 2016](#)

Joyce Ann Menser passed away at 11:55 p.m. on Nov. 14, 2016 at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. Joyce was the wife of retired United Methodist minister, Rev. Hal Menser. He survives. She is also survived by children David Barron, Tammy Gochenour, Bill Barron, and John Amelio, as well as 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, who all live in the Peru/Logansport area. Joyce was known among family as "Nana." She enjoyed being a lifelong mother, cook, homemaker and Christian lady. She and Hal were married on Dec. 17, 2005 and lived in the Grissom AFB community. Joyce loved serving God, sharing her faith about Jesus Christ, and witnessing amongst family and friends. She read her Bible daily, and she and Hal spent much time praying together. Joyce was a wonderful cook - and was especially artful with a cast iron skillet. She made the best fried chicken! She was a Kokomo Wildcat alumni, and loved to tell of Kokomo state basketball champs in 1962. However, her big love was Kentucky basketball, and she was quite vocal about it, as she began her life in Vanceburgh, Kentucky. She was preceded in death by her mother, Opal Sprinkle, and a son, Christopher Barron. Joyce had a simple faith walking with Jesus Christ. She was faithful, sincere, gentle, and always had a loving smile. Those who knew her are losing a friend, as she now smiles down from God's heavenly throne, cheering them to one day join her for a reunion that God has prepared for His loved ones. Friends may call from 4 - 6 p.m., Dec. 5, 2016 at the Loree Brethren Church. Arrangements entrusted to the Allen Funeral Home. [The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, December 1, 2016](#)

On Dec. 5, 2016, **David Alan Morecraft** passed away at his home at the age of 57. He is survived by his son Zachary Morecraft, his daughter Danielle Runda, and his sister Kathy Piper. He was preceded in death by his father B.D. Morecraft, his mother Marabell

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Morecraft, his brother Timothy J. Morecraft and his wife Linda Fay Morecraft. David will always be remembered for his steam calliopes that he built and for his performance in playing them in many parades. Friends may call Tuesday from 4 -7 p.m. at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Funeral Service will be held Wednesday Dec. 7, 2016 at 1 p.m. with Travis Vasconcelos officiating. Burial will be held at the Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru, Indiana. Love offerings may be made to the Family through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Monday, December 5, 2016

William (Bill) F. Baker, 93, Bunker Hill, passed away on Nov. 29, 2016 at his home. He was born in Kokomo on March 29, 1923 to Seth and Mabel Baker. William's wife Betty of 59 years, preceded him in death in 2006. William served in the Military Army Air Corps. from 1943 to 1946. He also worked at the Continental Steel Corp. in Kokomo for 38 years. He is survived by his son, David Baker and wife Nancy, Miami Indiana; his granddaughters Jill Karnes, Miami, Indiana and Kelly Buckley and husband Jack, Peru. His areat-grandchildren are Emily and Mallorie Karnes. and Rosalie Claire and Jack Buckley. Along with his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his brothers: Elmer Baker and Charles Baker and sisters: Jane Etchison and Dorothy Bowen, as well as great erandson Colton Karnes. A memorial service will be held in his honor on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016 at Miami United Methodist Church. Visitation will be from 9 - 11 am with a memorial service llowing starting at 11 a.m. at the church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Allen's Funeral Home in Bunker Hill, IN. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Tuesday, December 6, 2016

Karen Kaye (Draving) Stroud peacefully met her Lord with her family by her side Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016 at 2:59 a.m. at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. She was born on July 25, 1940 to Everett and Norene (Snyder) Draving, Peru. She married James Stroud on June 3, 1967 and he survives. Karen was the proud mother of three children, Michele Flemming (Barry) of Lafayette, Kami Stroud and Brea Stroud, both of Peru. She was fiercely proud of her four grandchildren, Calip, Riley, Benjamin and Kaylee. Survivors include her husband of 49 years, James, her sister Charlotte Sanders of Minnesota, a brother, Gary Draving of Kokomo, and a sister, Evrille (Lynn) Draving of Peru. Karen was retired from Civil Service and lived in Peru all of her life. She loved life and especially loved to laugh. Kidding around and teasing brought her great pleasure and she always had an ornery twinkle in her blue eyes. She lived and loved fiercely and her fighting, "never give up" spirit will always be cherished. She is preceded in death by her parents Everett and Norene, and a sister, Janice Gay. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W 3rd Street, Peru. Services will be on Saturday, Dec. 10. Visitation is from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. with the funeral immediately after. Burial will follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Peru. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Mexico Church of the Brethren Women's Fellowship. Friends and family may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.

The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, December 7, 2016

Rev. Donald E. Ritchey, 86, North Manchester, formerly of Mexico, Indiana, passed away peacefully at 7:25 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016, at Timbercrest Healthcare, North Manchester, where he had lived since 2007. Born on June 14, 1930, in Palestine, Illinois, he was the son of Dolar C. and Lois Mary Teegarden Ritchey. Don grew up in Crawford County, Illinois, before his family moved to Darke County, Ohio, where he attended high school. Don had plans of becoming a dairy farmer and had started a herd of Guernsey cows; however, God had different plans for Don. At the insistence of his father, Don left the farm and headed to Manchester College. It became clear to Don that God had called him to become a pastor. The cows were sold, and Don completed his education at Manchester College. After graduating from Manchester College in 1952, Don went on to Bethany Seminary in Chicago. It was there where he met Mary Lenker, and on Aug. 30, 1953, the couple were married at Don's home church in Ohio. They completed their education at Bethany Seminary, and as an ordained minister in the Church of the Brethren, they moved in 1955 to Hartford City, where Don served as pastor of the Bethel Center Church of the Brethren for four years before being called to the Mexico Church of the Brethren in Mexico, Indiana. The Ritchey's served the congregation at Mexico from 1959 until retirement in June 1993. During his retirement years, Don served as interim pastor for five different congregations while filling the pulpit for other congregations on many occasion. Together, Don and Mary also volunteered many months of service to Bethany Seminary, both in Oak Brook, Illinois, and in Richmond, Indiana, helping maintain the campuses with their maintenance and landscaping skills. Over the years, Don and Mary oversaw the relocation of the Old Folks Home from Mexico to North Manchester, the building of the new church building at Mexico, and designed and built their own beloved home in the woods outside of Mexico. Don was an avid reader, gardener, photographer, and wood worker, building his own home and many cabinets and furniture. Together, Don and Mary traveled to several different countries and visited all forty-eight contiguous states with their traveling camper, which took them to Annual Conference each year for over forty years. Don spent countless hours working in his woods surrounding his home, and he continued his love of being outdoors by mowing the grass and mulching fallen leaves at Timbercrest each Summer and Fall. In addition to his outdoor volunteering, Don ministered to the residents and staff at Timbercrest and preached on many occasions for Sunday Morning Chapel. Don is survived by three daughters, Donna Ritchey Martin and husband Tim, Myersville, Maryland; Deborah Ritchey Okeson and husband Edwin, Rockford, Illinois; and Dorothy Ritchey Moore and husband Ronald, Bryan, Ohio; and six grandchildren, Ben Martin, Jon Martin, Jacob Okeson, Robert Okeson, Ruth Ritchey Moore, and Anna Ritchey Moore. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Bill and Art Ritchey. A Celebration of Life will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, 2016, at Timbercrest Chapel, North Manchester. A time of visitation will be from 2 - 4 p.m. before the service in the Timbercrest Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Timbercrest Resident Assistance, 2201 East Street, North Manchester, Indiana, 46962. Condolences may be sent online at www.mcclainfh.com. McClain Funeral Home, Denver, Indiana, has been entrusted with arrangements. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, December 7, 2016

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Linda Lou (Pope) Garber, age 73, Peru, passed away peacefully with her husband, Connie Wayne Garber by her side Tuesday afternoon due to heart complications, Dec. 6, 2016 at Lutheran Hospital Fort Wayne. She was born Sept. 6, 1943 to Cecil and Mary (Spurgeon) Pope, Peru. She married Connie Wayne Garber June 7, 1961. He was by her side when she passed on Tuesday afternoon. She was the proud mother to three children - Traci Hammer, Denise Garber and Brian Garber (wife Kelli). Linda Was a dear grandmother to Courtney Mckillip, Elizabeth Garber, Donovan Lamb, Kristina Garber, Zachary Tyra and Matthew Tyra. She was also blessed with great grandchildren, Jazlyn, Mya, Hailey Mckillip and Joshua Lamb. Survivors include her sisters Norma Fliers, of Macy, Dorothy "Dottie" Greer, of Peru and Alex Shigemura of Hawaii. Linda was also survived by several nieces and nephews of her siblings living throughout Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Florida and Hawaii. Linda was a homemaker, business woman, entrepreneur as well as a retiree from American Stationary, the building commissioner from Bunker Hill, and Band Secretary for Maconaquah Marching Band Boosters, Bunker Hill. Linda was a very family oriented person and helped care for several family members over the years and was always on the run helping those in need with one thing or another. Linda enjoyed filling her time with family, sewing, embroidery, gardening, bible study with her sister, Baking and cake decorating and so much more. Linda was preceded in death by her mother and father, brothers Robert and George Pope and Cecil Pope Jr., sisters Janet Bailey, Marilyn Merrick and Patricia Sims. Funeral services will be held at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, 105 W. Third St Peru. A private family viewing will be followed by visitation Sunday Dec. 11 from 2 - 5 p.m. and her service will be Monday Dec. 12, 2016 at 10 a.m. with Pastor Bill Sheets officiating. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Wednesday, December 7, 2016

Mildred Joan (Glassburn) Johnson, 82, of Peru departed to go be with the Lord on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2016 at her residence. She was born on Aug. 18, 1934 to Elvin E. Glassburn and Velva E. (Brock) McKinley. She married Harold L. Johnson on Aug. 3, 1956. Mildred retired from Delco in 1999 after 34 years of services. She was also a 35-plus-year member of the Church of God in Peru. She is survived by: a son Rick Alan Johnson (wife Stephanie); her step-mother Edna (Broughton) Glassburn; grandchildren - Rich Sayer, Steve Sayer, Sean Johnson and Samantha (Sam), T.J. Newton, Justin Newton, Lydia Johnson, Nichole Johnson and Luis Gonzalez, Amanda Newton, Anthony Miller and Kenzie, Christopher Miller, Colby Henke; step-daughter Sandy (husband Larry) Delmasto and sons; step-son Steve (Wife Bev) Johnson; brothers - Jim (wife Phyllis) Glassburn, Harry (wife Luann) McKinley, David Glassburn (wife Amy), and Robert McKinley Jr. (Bobby); sisters - Pat (Glassburn) Altherr, Nadine (husband Phil) (McKinley) Dunham, Sandy (Glassburn) McKenzie (husband Allen), Terri (husband Tom) (Glassburn) Hall, and June (McKinley) Teusch; daughter-in-laws Tammy Anderson and Becky Schmidt; and great-grandkids Taylor, Christian, Makayla, Bella, and Kayliana. She was preceded in death by her husband Harold; her parents and step-father Robert W. McKinley Sr.; daughter Debra Lynn Johnson Sayer; her step-sons Rick Jay Johnson and Greg Johnson; her brother Ray Glassburn; her sister, Margie (McKinley) Baker; her sister Lucille (Glassburn) Floyd; and her brother Charlie McKinley. Friends may call from 9 - 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016 until time of service at Family Fellowship Church Of God, 360 Harrison Ave. Peru, with Pastor Randy Shinolt officiating. Burial will follow at the Albright Cemetery in Kokomo. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's and of the Family Fellowship Church of God. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guest book at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Thursday, December 8, 2016

Donald W. McNabney, 80, of North Manchester, Indiana and formerly of Urbana, passed away at 5:51 a.m. Friday, Dec. 9, 2016 at Peabody Healthcare Center in North Manchester. Donald was born on Oct. 26, 1936 in Hammond, the son of Otto and Grace (Frantz) McNabney, both deceased. He married Patricia Ann Keaffaber on Aug. 2, 1964. She survives. Donald was a US Air Force Veteran. He was a foreman at General Tire in Wabash and Peru. He was previously employed at Cyclone Seeder, Urbana and CFS, in Wabash and Urbana. Donald graduated Chili High School 1954. He was a member of Circle G Saddle Club, Marion, IN and North West Buggy & Sleigh Association and the Indiana Landrace Association. He was a hobby farmer and enjoyed bowling and fishing. He was a member of American Legion Post #14, Peru. He had helped with the Laketon Festival for many years and coached Urbana Little League for many years. He was a member of Urbana Yoke Parish, Urbana. In addition to his wife, Patricia Ann, he is survived by: his son Brian R. (Mary) McNabney, Laketon; his daughters Donna (Gary) Koerner, Wabash, and Sylvia (Ronald) McConnell, Roann; his brother Daniel (Betty) McNabney, Peru; his sisters Ellen Hisey, New Smyrna Beach, Florida, and Rebecca (Mike) Kock, North Manchester, his grandchildren Leah McNabney, Drew McNabney, Spencer Berry, Sara Fisher, Megan Koerner, Johnathon McConnell, Jacquelynn McConnell; and four great grandchildren. Preceding him in death are his parents; three brothers, John, Kenneth and Theodore McNabney; and a sister, Sarah McNabney. Services are 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016 at McKee Mortuary, 1401 State Road 114 West, North Manchester, with Pastor Randy Myers officiating. Friends and family may call at the funeral home from 4 - 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016 and one hour prior to service on Wednesday. Burial will follow at St. Peter's Cemetery, in Urbana. Memorials may be made to: Honeywell Foundation, 275 W. Market Street, Wabash, IN 46992. Condolences may be sent to mckeemortuary.com. The Peru Tribune, Peru, IN - Saturday, December 10, 2016

Vernon D. Branam, 85 passed away with family by his side on Monday, Dec. 5, 2016 at Dukes Memorial Hospital in Peru. He was born on April 7, 1931 to Roy and Bessie Branam in Marshall, North Carolina. He was married to Elsie H. Branam in 1963, and she preceded him in death on Oct. 21, 2011. He is survived by: his two step daughters, Carolyn Shaffer and Margaret Taylor and husband Richard; four grandsons - Marty Murphy, Tommy Murphy and wife Rebecca, Wes Shaffer and wife Tammy and Steve Shaffer; 12 great grandchildren - Brooke, Cody, Madison, Mary, Moriah, Mackenzie, Kelsie, Taylor, Stephen, Josh, Ryker, and Finn; and many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his brothers Don Branam and wife Essie, Doug Branam and Bill Branam and wife Louise. Vernon was retired and loved working in his garden. He had many careers from truck driving to car salesman, but his passion was

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farming. He served in the U.S Army and was a Korean War veteran. A memorial service will be held at Zion Chapel in Peru, on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016 at 11 a.m., with Pastor Rod Correll officiating. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.
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Larry Ray Hall, 74, Kokomo, passed away at 11:11 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016, at St. Vincent Hospital in Kokomo. He was born Sept. 9, 1942, in Evansville, the son of Clyde W. & Gertrude D. (Clark) Hall. On April 13, 1963, in Shawnee Town, Illinois, he married Anna Katherine Sanders and she survives. Larry was a 1960 graduate of Reitz High School in Evansville and received his masters from Indiana State University. He retired from the United States Air Force as a Master Sergeant after 21 years of service. Larry was an automotive professor at Ivy Tech Community College where he served as head of the Technology Center and the program chair for 22 years. He had a passion for bowling, enjoyed fishing and hunting and was an avid football fan of the Indianapolis Colts and Peyton Manning. Larry is survived by his loving wife, Anna Hall, Kokomo; mother, Gertrude Hall, Kokomo; children, Theresa (Jim) Harding, Peru, Lawrence (Stacy) Hall, Mexico, Chensue Reed, Kokomo, and Christopher Hall (Heather Boyer), Kokomo; grandchildren, Amber Harrison, William Redilla, Bryce Hall, Erik Hall, Audrie Hall, Emma Reed, Tyler Reed, Delaynee Hall, Isabella Head, Ricky Cuevas and Jared Mongosa; eight great-grandchildren; and nephew, Kim Hall. Larry was preceded in death by his father, Clyde W. Hall, his brother, Ronald Hall, and his nephew, Kevin Hall. Funeral services for Larry will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016, at Shirley & Stout Funeral Home & Crematory, 1315 West Lincoln Road, Kokomo with Pastor Bill Sheets officiating. Burial will be held at 1 p.m. at Marion National Cemetery with military honors provided by the United States Air Force and the Kokomo VFW Military Rites Team. Friends are invited to visit with the family from 4 - 8 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made in Larry's memory to the Heritage Lanes Youth Program. Messages of condolence may be left online at www.shirleyandstout.com.
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Additions from the Peru Miami News

Barbara J. Payne

Written by Eddy Funeral Homes, published: 04 December 2016

Wife, mother, grandmother, friend, and 4-H lover, Barbara J. Payne (63) passed away on Thursday, December 1st, 2016 at 4:45pm in the comfort of her own home. She was born in Peru on July 25th, 1953 to her parents Harold and Betty (Mishler) Moseley. Barbara married her best friend, David Payne on August 31st, 1974. Since then they have enjoyed 42 years of marriage and building their family together. Barbara is survived by her husband, her son, Nick who is married to Melissa and they have two beautiful girls, Alexis and Aubrey (Plymouth), as well as her 2 daughters, Sarah Payne who is in a relationship with Bryan Siblisk (Galveston), and Mandy who married Eric Miller and has 4 great kids, Carter, Ellie, Vincent, and Laura Jo (Peru). Barbara's sisters Patricia Hardwick and Shirley Kerns reside in Peru. Barbara adored her family, especially her 6 grandchildren. You would often find her on the floor playing, or doing some sort of craft with them. Barbara was one of the most caring and giving people you would have ever met. She was so active in her community and in her home. Barbara's passion was 4-H. She poured her heart into the program serving for 28 years as a 4-H leader to the Erie Eagles, and was superintendent of the project building for 18 years. She also served on the 4-H council and one of her biggest joys throughout her year was Pancake Day and fair week. She was loved and cared for deeply by the people at her church, Walk By Faith (Roann), and her Country Friends Home Ec Club. She also worked at the Department of Fish and Wildlife for 29 years. But above all, Barbara was a follower of Christ and trusted Him with her life all the way to the end.

A graveside service for close friends and family will be held on Monday, December 5, 2016 at the Salem Cemetery at 10:30am with Pastor Brad Eckerley officiating. A Celebration of Life gathering for Barbara will be held at the Miami County 4-H building on Sunday, December 11, 2016 from 2:00-7:00pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made through the Eikenberry-Funeral Home to Miami County 4-H. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 W. Main Street, Peru, IN. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com

Martha Ann Hill

Written by Grandstaff Hentgen Funeral Service, Inc., published: 16 December 2016

Martha Ann Hill, 87, of rural Peru, Indiana, died at 1:05 pm, Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at Miller's Merry Manor in Peru. She was born October 29, 1929 in Ohio to John Walter and Florence (Slane) Lines. Martha married Glenn M. Hill in Amanda, Ohio on October 4, 1947. She worked 13 years as an X-Ray technician at Dukes Hospital in Peru. She was a member of the Main Street United Methodist Church in Peru. She is survived by her husband, Glenn M. Hill of Peru; two daughters, Carolyn (John) Gerhart of Amboy, Indiana, and Kathy (Rodney) Brubaker of Wabash, Indiana; five grandchildren, Byron (Shelley) Brubaker of Wabash, Michael (Tina) Gerhart and Michelle (Robbie) Harrison, both of Kokomo, Indiana, Brandi (Justin) Brown and Benjamin (Brittany) Brubaker, both of Wabash, 12 great grandchildren, three great great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers, eight sisters, one great granddaughter, and one great great grandson. Funeral services will be 11:00 am Saturday, December 17, 2016 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with David Phillips officiating. Friends may call 9-11 am Saturday at the funeral home. Preferred memorial is American Diabetes Association.

Donald Max Montgomery

Written by McClain Funeral Home, published: 16 December 2016

Donald Max Montgomery, 91, Peru, passed away at 7:59 a.m. Saturday, December 10, 2016, at Dukes Memorial Hospital, Peru. Born August 9, 1925, in Grass Creek, Indiana, he was the son of Everett Henry and Lena Pearl Kimbell Montgomery. On March 21, 1944, in Grass Creek, Indiana, he was married to Betty Marie Montgomery, and she preceded him in death on August 29, 2016. Don graduated from Grass Creek High School in 1944, and was an active member of the New Waverly United Methodist Church. He served the United States Army as a member of the mounted cavalry unit. He was retired from AT&T and held memberships with the V.F.W., Moose Lodge, and AT&T Pioneers. Don had a lifelong passion for horses. He was Past-President of the Indiana Quarter Horse Association, the Hoosier Palomino Association, the Kokomo Saddle Club, the Kokomo and Indiana Horse and Pony Clubs (Both of which he helped found,) and for many years worked as a show judge for the Palomino, Buckskin, and Pinto Associations. He was active with the horse programs with different 4-H organizations and was co-owner/operator of No-Rancho-Yet-O, along with his wife, Betty. Don is survived by two daughters, Sheri Lynn Montgomery, Peru; and Pamela Sue Montgomery Shively and husband Steven, Peru; seven grandchildren, Megan L. Lippincott, Peru; twins, Andrew L. Lippincott, Hayfield, MN; and Brianne L. (Roy) Timmons, Peru; Virginia Marie (Ronnie) Miller, Ft. Myers, FL; Dustin Adam Shively, Peru; Sarah Beth (Adam) Lawson, Noblesville; and Jacob Miguel Montgomery Shively, Peru; and eighteen great-grandchildren, with one more on the way. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Darrell Everett Montgomery, Forest Harvey "Frosty" Montgomery, and Junior Harold Montgomery. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 20, 2016, at New Waverly United Methodist Church with Pastor Mandie Gould and Pastor Chris Rife officiating. Burial will follow in Ever-Rest Memorial Park, Cass County, Indiana. Visitation will be from 4-7:00 p.m. Monday, December 19, 2016, at McClain Funeral Home, Denver, and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association or New Waverly United Methodist Church.

Lyman L. Benner Sr.

written by Flowers Leedy and Allen Funeral Homes, published: 16 December 2016

Lyman L. Benner Sr., age 88, passed away on Sunday (December 11, 2016) with family by his side. He was born on May 24, 1928 to Boyd and Edna Benner of Miami County Indiana. Lyman was preceded in death by his parents, brother Richard and his 2 sisters Lois See and Pauline Benner. Survivors include 2 sisters Mildred Catey and Shirley Benner. He is survived by 2 children, son Lyman L. Benner Jr. (Suzy) of Franklin Indiana and daughter, Pamela Selleck of Peru Indiana. Lyman is also survived by 5 grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild. He served in the United States Air Force as an Air Traffic Controller. Shortly after leaving the service he worked at General Tire and Rubber Company in Wabash. He then joined and retired from the United States Postal Service as a letter carrier. His hobbies were farming, building homes, rebuilding tractors and aviation. He was an extremely intelligent man. He had great vision and an even greater work ethic. His life was devoted to his farm and hobbies. Visitation and funeral service will be at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home on Friday, December 16th. Visitation will be from 11:00 am-1:00 pm. The funeral service will be at 1:00 pm At Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Ever Rest Memorial Park (Cass County, Indiana.) Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home.

Harold R. Higgenbotham

Written by Flowers Leedy and Allen Funeral Homes, published: 16 December 2016

Harold R. Higgenbotham, 80, of Peru, Indiana, died at 3:00 p.m. Thursday, December 15, 2016 at his home. Harold was born in 1936 in Peru, the son of Hubert and Carrie Higgenbotham, both deceased. He married Mary E. Unger in 1960. She survives. Harold graduated from Peru High School in 1956 and began serving in the United States Army in 1959. Harold retired from General Motors in Marion, Indiana in 2006 after 48 years of employment. He also served on the Board of Directors for Afena Credit Union for approximately 12 years. He was an active member of Parkview United Methodist Church for over 50 years and enjoyed traveling abroad, working outside, and spending time with his family. In addition to his wife, Mary, he is survived by: his son Tom (Tonya) Higgenbotham, Peru; his daughters Elizabeth (Bruce) Cox, Wabash; and Diane Wecht (Ross Stoppel), Peru, his six grandchildren Joshua Cox, Chantel (Shaun) VanDriessche, Toma (Nick) Wooley, Matthew (Megan) Cox, Kyle Wecht, Sidney Wecht, and two great grandchildren. Preceding him in death are his parents, Brother Carl Johnson, and Sisters Irene Worley and Katie Yentes. Viewing will be held at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 from 2:00-7:00pm. Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, December 22, 2016 at 11:00am at Parkview United Methodist Church, 1785 St. Rd. 19, Peru. Burial will follow at Crider Chapel Cemetery, C.R. 250 E. and C.R. 500 S. in Miami County. Memorials may be made to Wabash-Miami Hospice or Parkview United Methodist Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.

Jerry Lynn Tigler

Written by McClain Funeral Home, published: 18 December 2016

Jerry Lynn Tigler, 70, Denver, passed away at 1:00 a.m. Friday, December 16, 2016, at his residence. Born on February 15, 1946, in Fulton County, Indiana, he was the son of George W. and Alma M. Winegardner Tigler. On August 16, 1968, in Roann, Indiana, he was married to Cindy Kay Judy, and she survives. Jerry worked for over twenty-five years for United Technologies. He had worked as Miami County Animal Control Officer, and he was most recently employed by Vohne Liche Kennels. He was a veteran on the United States Army and had served in Viet Nam. For several years, he was the owner/operator of Tigler Nursery. Along with his wife Cindy Judy, Denver, he is survived by two children, Fred Tigler and wife Kelly, Junction City, Illinois; and daughter, Dawn Hawks and husband Todd, Mishawaka, Indiana; five grandchildren, Presley Boyer, Caleb Hawks, Dathan Berndt, Justin Arbaugh, and Kaelyn Tigler. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Billy Dean Tigler. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the Miami County Military Rites Team at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 21, 2016, at Westlawn Cemetery, Denver, Indiana. Visitation will be from 3-7:00 p.m. Tuesday at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Memorial contributions may be made to Westlawn Cemetery Association.

Iva M. (Ahnert) Herrell

Written by Flowers Leedy and Allen Funeral Homes, published: 22 December 2016

Iva M. Herrell, 89, of Peru, Indiana went home peacefully to be with the Lord on Monday, December 18, 2016. She was born May 7, 1927 in Peru to Susie F. and Max E. Ahnert. She married Cecil E Herrell on November 16, 1946. He preceded her in death. Iva was a homemaker and babysitter most of her life. She also worked at AGP. She loved to read, cook, sew, and do jigsaw puzzles. She especially loved to be surrounded by family, friends, and the neighborhood kids. Iva is survived by her daughters V. Sue Chase, Peru, Deanna L. Wiese (Gary), Kokomo, and son Richard A. Herrell (Kathy), Peru. Also surviving are 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, 5 great-great-grandchildren, and another on the way. Also, brother Leonard Ahnert, Peru, as well as multiple nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her son Max E. Herrell, brothers Lawrence, Ray, Lewis (Bud), George Ahnert, and sister Harriet Guss. Also, grandsons John and James Wiese, and great-granddaughter Izabella Johnson. Visitation will be Thursday, December 22, 2016 from 4:00-6:00 pm with funeral following at Allen Funeral Home, Bunker Hill, Indiana, with Pastor Mike Stow officiating. She will be buried at Ever-Rest Memorial Park (no graveside services). Loving donations may be made thru Flowers-Leedy / Allen Funeral Homes to help family with funeral costs. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Allen Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.

Mary Louise (Hahn) Cavins

Written by Flowers Leedy and Allen Funeral Homes, published: 22 December 2016

Mary Louise Cavins, 72, of Peru passed away on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at her home. She was born on August 22, 1944 in Rochester, Indiana to Dale and Lucille (Gilbert) Hahn. She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Clifford Cavins Sr. Also, two sons, Roger (Linda) Spillman and Dale (Jennifer) Spillman. Also, one granddaughter Alexandria Louise Spillman. Also, a step-brother Jeffrey Hahn. Mary was preceded in death by her parents, a brother Harold (Jake) Hahn, and a sister Rowena Hahn. Visitation will be held at the Mount Hope Cemetery Chapel on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 from 10am – 11am, with a memorial service following at 11am. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com

Nancy L. Graham

Written by Eddy Funeral Homes, published: 22 December 2016

Nancy L. Graham, 82, formerly of Peru, passed away at 8:55 P.M., Saturday, December 17, 2016 at her residence in Ft. Wayne. She was born in Muncie, IN on April 7, 1934, the daughter of Arthur K. and Lillian Marie Scott Ruddick. Nancy married Harry L. Graham, Jr. in Muncie on June 7, 1952 and he preceded her in death on November 11, 2013. Nancy was a 1952 graduate of Muncie Central High School and a retired JC Penny employee. She and her husband, Harry, enjoyed riding bicycles with their children and grandchildren. Nancy was well known in Peru Athletics and Circus in supporting her grandchildren, and Nancy was known as “Grandma” by many of the kids in these activities. She is survived by sons, David Graham of Cape Coral, FL, and Dennis Graham and his wife Debbie of Ft. Wayne, a daughter Dianna Sharp of Mooresville, IN; grandchildren Donny Graham, Christy Andersen, Lindsey Kocher, Pete Graham and Rachael Graham; great-grandchildren Avery Kocher, Kelsey Kocher, Paxton Andersen, Krysta Graham, Kameron Graham and Lillian Kocher; brothers Thomas Ruddick and his wife Jonelle of Muncie and Larry Ruddick of Muncie and sisters Becky Koger and her Kenneth of Muncie and Judy Bellomy of Muncie. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Harry; a grandson Justin Sharp; brothers William, Jim, Jack and David Ruddick and a sister Patsy Irwin. A service celebrating the life of Nancy L. Graham will be held at 1:00 P.M., Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main St., Peru, with Pastor Robert Adelsperger officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Family and friends will gather after 11:00 A.M., Wednesday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the American Cancer Society.

Donald C. Murphy

Written by Eddy Funeral Homes, published: 22 December 2016

Donald Carl Murphy, 102, best known to three generations of Peruvians as the genial owner of Murphy’s Photo Supplies on West Third Street, died Sunday, December 18 at 3:24 AM at home. He was born in Peru on September 14, 1914, just as World War I was getting started in Europe, to Sylvester ‘Pat’ Murphy and Golden Calloway Murphy. He was a life-long Peru resident except for his civilian service in World War II training soldiers in electronics at a base in Utah, then helping develop radar at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston. He graduated from Peru High School in 1932 and not long after was hired by the Peru Police Department to build and install the department’s first two-way radios. He later served as a sworn police officer until his WW II service. In 1939 he married his first wife, Patricia Imogene Brown of Pawnee City, Nebraska, who bore him sons Michael, who died in 2012, Kevin and Colin. She died in August, 1979. On February 14, 1980, he married Mary Jo Sidwell. She died in 2009 of heart failure. After World War II, Murphy opened an appliance store at 19 West Third Street, but soon transformed it into Murphy’s Photo Supplies to parallel his long interest in photography. In later years, many Peruvians told him how they fondly remembered buying their first camera from him and appreciated his seemingly endless patience in providing help and instruction in photography. He sponsored the Miami Lens Club until the late 1980s, when he sold Murphy’s Photo Supplies to his long-time employee, Tom Hodgini, who renamed it Circus City Photo. In his retirement, Murphy continued to provide individual photo services, offering free pickup and delivery until age-related macular degeneration made it impossible for him to drive. He remained in the home he had built in 1960 on Victory School Road until his death. Murphy was a lay leader for many years in the First Presbyterian Church in Peru, but changed to the St. Charles Catholic Church after his second marriage, and remained an active Catholic until his death. A ‘Celebration of Life’ service will be held in the Spring. Memorial donations may be made through the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main St., Peru, IN to the Miami County Community Foundation. Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Linda Sheree (Anderson) Bell

Written by Flowers Leedy and Allen Funeral Homes, published: 22 December 2016

Linda Sheree Bell (Anderson), 55, gained her wings and joined the Lord on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at 10:45 pm. She was born February 12, 1961 in Peru, Indiana to Irvin Anderson and Roberta Bailey, they preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her son, Dustin Michael Bell and a grandson, Landen Lee Rairigh. Linda was a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She was kind-hearted and had a beautiful smile that would light up any room. She found great joy in spending time with her children and grandchildren, whom she talked very fondly of. She made sure to tell everyone how proud she was of them. They were her world. She was a huge fan of country music, lifetime movies and she loved the color purple. She is known for making the best sweet tea around and giving everyone she met a kiss on the cheek. Linda is survived by her three children, Dustin Bell and wife

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Briana, Candace Bell and Fiance Gerald Guyer III, Kyla Rairigh and husband Cory, 1 grandson, Braden Barker, and 7 granddaughters, Sophie, Mia and Lainey Bell, Gracie Krieg, Kelsey Guyer, Chloe Barker and Madison Rairigh. She is also survived by her only sister, Kerry Mock and husband Robert; 5 brothers, Irvin Anderson, Jason Bailey, Daniel Anderson, David Anderson and wife Barb and Ariz Andros. A celebration of life will be held in her honor on Friday, December 23, 2016 at Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home in Peru, Indiana. Visitation will be from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Funeral service will follow starting at 1:00 PM with Pastor Kenny Cole officiating. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Peru. Love offering may be made to Linda Bell Grandchildren Fund through the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.flowersleedyallen.com

Carol "Anita" Kemble

Written by Flowers Leedy and Allen Funeral Homes, published: 22 December 2016

"Anita" of Rex, Georgia was a loving mother, grandmother, wife and a friend to many. She had a heart of gold and free spirit. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy, along with her own children. She was the one to speak her mind and tell you how it was. She loved music of all different genres. Music is how she expressed what and how she was thinking and feeling. She is survived by her sisters Ardith Coursey, Angel Pitts, Lisa Shawver, and Leigh Buck of Georgia, husband Donald Kemble of New Jersey, children Kristie Kemble, Nicholas Kemble (Ashley Baker), and Hannah Kemble (Zack Likens), Grandchildren Jayden Likens, Jordan Likens, and Nicholas Kemble all of Indiana. She is preceded in death by her parents Harley and Carol Carroll of Georgia. Services will be held at the United Methodist Church of Bunker Hill (100 North Broadway, Bunker Hill, Indiana) on December 23, 2016 at 7pm. The family asks that you start arriving at 6pm. Contributions may be made at the service or sent to the family or the church to help the family or the pastor. United Methodist Church, 100 North Broadway, Bunker Hill, IN 46914 or Hannah Kemble, 151 W 3rd St. Apt #4, Bunker Hill, IN 46914, or Nicholas Kemble, 1003 North Lincoln St., Peru, IN 46970. Any donation to Kristie can be made to one of the siblings and they will get it to her. Arrangements have been entrusted to The Allen Funeral Home, with help from the United Methodist Church of Bunker Hill (Pastor Evan) and privately by family. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com.

Vicky Tarrant-Pierce

Written by Eddy Funeral Homes, published: 22 December 2016

Vicky Tarrant-Pierce, 64, of Bunker Hill, passed away at 4:30 A.M., Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at her home. She was born in Travis AFB, CA on July 2, 1952 the daughter of Clyde "Terry" and Shirley Andersen Tarrant. Vicky married Michael Pierce and he preceded her in death. Vicky then married Michael Featherstone on October 31, 2000 and he survives. Vicky was a 1970 graduate of Maconaquah High School and a 2012 graduate of Ivy Tech. She was employed by Delphi for more than 30 years, and retired in 2004. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa Sorority, UAW #292, and Miami County VFW Post #2067 Auxiliary. Vicky was a devoted grandmother and loved her grandchildren unconditionally. She enjoyed being outside by her pool and caring for the flowers around her home. Surviving in addition to her husband, Mike, are daughters Jennifer Vigar and her husband Jamie of Peru, Heather Harris and her fiancé Jason Oliver of West Lafayette, stepson Stephen Featherstone and his wife Kayla of Greentown, and stepdaughter Brittney Williams of Ft Wayne; grandchildren Jylian Vigar, Jameson Vigar, Jeramie Vigar, Kayden Kirby, Lillian Oliver and Eian Featherstone and sisters Sandra Polk of Chicago and Yvette Vandalsen of Kokomo. She was preceded in death by her parents, her grandson Blaine Harris, her husband Michael Pierce, and her brother Gary Tarrant. A service celebrating the life of Vicky Sue Pierce will be held at 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main St., Peru with Pastor Keith Allen officiating. Burial will be in Springdale Cemetery, Bunker Hill, IN. Family and friends will gather from 2:00 to 6:00 P.M., Monday, December 26 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the I U Medical Center Liver Transplant. Family and friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at www.eddyfuneralhomes.com

Paul Edward Sons

Written by McClain Funeral Home, published: 26 December 2016

Paul Edward "Turtle" Sons, 48, passed away at 8:08 p.m. on Thursday, December 22, 2016, at his residence. Born February 13, 1968, in Peru, Indiana, he was the son of the late Rita K. Green. He was married to Stephanie Jean Sons, who preceded in death on January 19, 2007. He was then married to Crystal Lee Roberts on February 13, 2016, and she survives. Paul worked for over twenty-eight years for Rochester Metals, and retired in October 2016. He is survived by his wife Crystal Sons, Peru; two aunts, Mary Crabtree, Kentucky; and Rosie Southerland and husband Tom, Peru; two step-children, Amber Faulkerson and Amanda Heider, both of Michigan City, Indiana; and six step-grandchildren. A time of visitation will be held from 4-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 28, 2016. at McClain Funeral Home, Denver. Private burial will take place at Mt. Zion Cemetery, Denver, at a later date. The online guestbook can be signed at www.mcclainfh.com.

Anthony V. "Tony" Nero, Sr.

Written by Eddy Funeral Homes, published: 27 December 2016

Anthony "Tony" Vincent Nero, Sr., passed away at 1:55 P.M., Saturday, December 24, 2016 at Miller's Merry Manor, Peru, IN. He was born in Buffalo, NY on June 20, 1932 the son of Frank D. and Angeline M Abati Nero. Tony married June E. Cotner on May 11,

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1961 and she preceded him in death on April 17, 2001. Tony graduated from Buffalo Tech High School in Buffalo, NY. He was retired from the US Air Force and the US Post Office where he worked for 23 years. Surviving are his daughters Leesa Wright and her husband Steven of Florida, Jeannie Runge and her husband Richard of Florida and Jane Ansari of Peru, sons Michael Nero of Bunker Hill and Anthony Nero Jr. and his wife Dawn of Warsaw and a sister Barbara Nero of Buffalo, NY; grandchildren Brandi Mathis, Tonia Byrd, Robert Ansari, Jason Nero, Shine Hall, Amanda Gee, Angie Holt, Acacia Nero, Jessica O'Conner, Lindsay Wright, Clint Runge and Collin Runge, 19 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Tony was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, June, a son, John, a daughter Laura, a son-in-law HR Ansari, 3 grandchildren and a sister, Frances Ortolano. A Memorial Service celebrating the life of Anthony Vincent Nero, Sr. will be held at 1:00 P.M., Thursday, December 29, 2016 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main St., Peru, IN. Burial will follow at Mt Hope Cemetery with Military Rites provided by the Miami County Military Rites Unit. Family and friends will gather from 11:00 A.M., to 1:00 P.M., Thursday at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home.

Sherry Ann Saylor

written by Riverview Funeral Home, published: 27 December 2016

Sherry Ann Saylor, 74, Peru, passed away Sunday the 25th of December 2016 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Sherry was born in Peru on November 21, 1942 to the late Norman E. and Luella M. Saylor (Richardson). She was a very hard working person, retiring from Chrysler Corporation after many years of dedicated service in the Tool and Die Department. She loved spending time with family and riding her Harley Davidson motorcycles. Surviving Sherry are her brothers; Terry L. Saylor (Cindy) Denver, IN; Ronald E. Saylor (Denise) California; Robert J. Saylor (Michele) Peru; one sister Jane E. Wolf (Bob) Peru; Brother In-Law Ben Pogue, Florida, along with 22 Nieces and Nephews; 51 Great Nieces and Nephews and 11 Great-Great Nieces and Nephews. Sherry was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Judy Pogue. A private graveside memorial service will be planned at a later date. Family and friends may go online and leave your heartfelt condolences at riverviewfhperu.com

Timothy J Livings

Written by Riverview Funeral Home, published: 27 December 2016

Timothy J. Livings, 30, Peru, passed away on December 23, 2016 at Dukes Memorial Hospital. Timothy was born on October 2, 1986, he is the son of Susan Livings and the late Michial Livings. Timothy and his family are originally from Middlebury, IN. He got his Certificate of Completion from Dugger Union Jr/Sr High School. Timothy loved to watch movies and wrestling, play with his ninja turtles and his Wii. He also especially loved his Nieces and Nephews. Timothy is survived by his brother Michial (Becky) Livings – Danville, IN; sisters; Susan (Aaron Logsdon) Livings – Peru and Jennifer (Jon) Damrow – Terre Haute; Nieces and Nephews; Mikey and Zach Logsdon; Zeke, Bennett, Oliver and Bella Livings; Xander, Marissa, AJ, Ethan and Will Damrow. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Riverview Funeral Home.

Catherine E. Ash

Written by Eddy Funeral Homes, published: 28 December 2016

Catherine E. (Smith) Ash, 96, passed away at 3:05 P.M., Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at Blair Ridge Health Campus, Peru, IN. She was born in Converse, IN, on March 16, 1920 the daughter of George W. and Paulina Christina Smith, the last of nine children born to the couple. Her mother died when she was six weeks old and Catherine was raised by her Aunt and Uncle Caroline Catherine and Omer James Smith in Poneto, IN. Catherine married Allie Wilson Ash in 1946 and he preceded her in death on October 14, 2010. Catherine graduated from Manchester College with a license in Elementary Education. She taught students from 1943 in four schools, Chester Center, Victory School, Ridgeview and Lincoln. Catherine was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, the Miami County Retired Teachers and Parkview United Methodist Church. She also volunteered at Dukes Memorial Hospital, enjoyed oil painting, reading and singing. Catherine and Allie settled on the family farm in Erie Township after he was discharged from the US Coast Guard and raised four children. Catherine and Allie spent their retirement years doing mission work with Operation Classroom, Nomads and the Oklahoma Group. Their missions took them around the world. They volunteered in Brazil, Africa, Alaska, Kentucky, New Mexico and Oklahoma. Surviving are her children, Alan Wilson and his wife Marsha of Peru, Galen L. Ash and his wife Vickie of Raymond, OH, Marlin L. Ash and his wife Jill of Peru and Christina Arwood of Peru; grandchildren Bradley (Amy) Ash, Scott (Jennifer) Ash, Phillip (Rebekah) Ash, Gayle (Matt) Fulkerson, Kevin (Whitney) Arwood, Brian (Meredith) Arwood, Abbey Arwood, Beth (Jeff) Johnson, Amber Ash, Lucas Ash, Daley Wilhelm and Riley Wilhelm. 17 great-grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Wilson, eight brothers and sisters, Melvin, Roy, Ruth, Frank, Ralph, Esther, Velma and Ellen Jane. A service celebrating the life of Catherine Eileen Ash will be held at 10:30 A.M., Tuesday, January 3, 2017, at Parkview United Methodist Church, 1785 S. SR 19, Peru with Alan Ash, Rev. J. Robert Clark and Rev. Catherine Koziatek officiating. Burial will follow at Ever Rest Memorial Park, Logansport, IN. Family and friends will gather from 2:00 to 6:00 P.M., Monday, January 2, 2017 at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home, 84 West Main St., Peru. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to the Parkview Church Memorial Fund.

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Harriett Cooper, 75, Peru, passed away Tuesday, February 2, 2016. She was born April 7, 1940 to Clifford and Mary Bakehorn. She married Gerald Cooper in 1959. Harriett retired from American Stationery. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. Harriett is survived by her children, Jim (Kim) Cooper, Kaleen Cooper, and Gary Cooper all of Peru. Four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Sisters, Cheryl Whittenberger (Gene), Vicki Gilsinger (Dana). Brothers, Basil Bakehorn, Mike Bakehorn (Patty), Dennis Conklin (Alicia), and Greg Conklin (Dixie) and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, stepmother, Dorothy Bakehorn, sister, Nancy Bell, brothers, Don Bakehorn, Dale Bakehorn, Ray Bakehorn and Ronald Conklin. Memorial services will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church on Saturday, February 13th at 11:00 am with Rev. Kenneth Greenwald officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, 181 W. Main St., Peru, IN 46970. - Written by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home, published: 10 February 2016

Meredith Roller, 87, passed away on Sunday, February 7, 2016 at Dukes Hospital. He was born on December 28, 1928 near Idaville, Indiana. He was the youngest of seven children born to Millard C. and Martha B. (Ireland) Roller. He graduated from Jefferson Township High School in 1946. He farmed with his parents until he was drafted to serve in the Korean war in the 1950's. After he was discharged, he managed the General Finance loan company in Kokomo until his retirement in 1980. He was active for many years in both the Masonic Lodge and the Shriners. He enjoyed golfing and eating out in his retirement. He never married, so after his mother passed away, he and a very special friend got to know about many different restaurants in Miami and surrounding counties and beyond. He moved into assisted living at Blair Ridge in April, 2010. He remained there until his health deteriorated to the point that it was necessary to move to the nursing center on January 23, 2016. He is survived by one brother, Marlin Roller and his wife, Rosalyn, plus several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and five siblings: Norman Roller, Louise Bushman, Eugene Roller, Evan Grostefon, and Eleanor Irwin. Family and friends may call at the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home on Saturday, February 13, 2016 from 9:00am to 11:00am. Funeral service will follow at 11:00am, with Pastor Phil Cruea officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Mexico, Indiana. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign the online guestbook at www.FlowersLeedyAllen.com. Written by Flowers-Leedy Funeral Home - Published: 10 February 2016

Gwen E Jackson, 62, Westfield, went home to be with her Lord on Feb. 4, 2016. She was born on July 2, 1953, in Peru to Howard N Jackson and Frances E (Cogan) Jackson. She is survived by her son Nathan Sanchez, Westfield, whom she loved dearly; sisters Deborah (Craig) Stapleton and Ann (Richard Tornes) Jackson; brothers Leonard (Dianne) Jackson and Larry (Melissa) Jackson; nieces and nephews Aaron Gilsinger, Kevin Jackson, Christina (Tony) Marshall, Clay, Rachael, Haylie, and Luke Jackson, Jeremy (Jessica) Sawyer, Chelsi and Ali Hiers, Todd and Marie Tornes, Lindsay Pratt, and Megan Chmielewsky; and several great nieces and nephews. Gwen gave a home to many beloved dogs during her life. She was preceded in death by her parents. Tuesday, February 9, 2016 3:14 pm

Paul S. Tolbert, 80, passed away peacefully February 10, 2016 at the Good Shepherd Hospice in Auburndale Florida. He was unable to recover from a stroke that resulted from open heart surgery a few weeks prior to his death. A native Hoosier, Paul was born to Gwin and Mary Tolbert on February 22, 1935 and grew up in rural Indiana near the town of Fairmount. He graduated from Fairmount High School a few years behind the celebrated James Dean. As a youth, Paul loved hunting, fishing and tinkering with cars. Paul served in the United States Navy aboard multiple ships and enjoyed visiting ports around the world. After completing his military service, Paul returned to Indiana where he raised his family with his wife Patty (Steppler), who survives. They were married in 1955 and enjoyed a long and happy marriage of 60 years. They had four children, all of whom survive. Paul was a good provider, and retired from the same wire and cable factory at which he worked for 42 years. During retirement, he and Patty traveled the country and watched their family grow with nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Paul and Patty spent nearly 20 years as snow birds, whiling away the winter days on a lake near Haines City Florida. When not fishing, Paul could be found playing pool, cards or watching his beloved westerns on his extensive VHS collection. Survivors include wife Patty; four children; Joe and his wife Paula; Steve and his wife Kathy; Linda and her husband Randy; and Donna and her husband Kevin; a sister, Alberta; and a brother Bobby. Paul was preceded in death by his sisters Mary Lou and Betty and by his brother John. Paul also leaves behind nine grandchildren; Jozanna, Rachel, Melissa, Jeremy, Brandon, Sylvia, Maria, Kelsey, and Eric; and six great grandchildren; Truett, Henry, Morris, Clara, Jaiya, and Jericho. Paul will be cremated in Florida and the family will hold a small memorial later in the year in Amboy Indiana. Paul's memory will be cherished by all who knew and loved him.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Laird-Eddy Funeral Home, Amboy, IN

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