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Thought for the Week: Education is when you read the fine print. Experience is what you get if you don't. Pete Seeger

BOWS

Don't forget to stop in or call Town Hall to get your memorial bows on the Town's Christmas Tree. All proceeds from Bow sales go towards the Christmas lights downtown.

CONCERT AT TAYLOR

The Taylor University Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance in Upland, Indiana, is pleased to announce the following performance:

Taylor University Chorale and Sounds

In Concert: Sunday, December 10, 2023 @ 7:30 pm

Upland Community Church
439 W Berry Ave
Upland, IN 46989

The Taylor University Chorale and Sounds will offer a Christmas Concert of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 10 at 7:30 PM at Upland Community Church. The concert will feature music from Handel's Messiah, as well as choral Christmas carols, both familiar and new. Members of our community will share scriptures and stories of the Advent season. Come join us in song as we welcome Christmas this year! The concert is free and open to the public.

Nearly every academic major is represented in the Chorale, and the 52-member choral ensemble is open to all Taylor University students on an audition basis. The Chorale performs on campus, tours regularly throughout the United States, and appears in concerts with Orchestra Indiana. International tours have included Bahamas, Ecuador, Great Britain, Austria, Italy,

Germany, Scandinavia, Russia, Greece, and South Korea.

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Governor Eric J. Holcomb announced today that applications will be accepted through January 31, 2024, for the 2024-2025 Governor's Fellowship. The Governor's Fellowship is highly selective and provides a unique experience in Indiana state government by placing fellows in various state agencies on a rotating basis throughout the year.

"Our Governor's Fellows are such a valuable piece to our team," Gov. Holcomb said. "The wide range of assistance they provide over the course of their fellowship is key to serving Hoosiers. The experience is mutually beneficial as the fellows gain immeasurable professional skills that will serve them well into their professional careers."

The program is open to college graduates who receive their bachelor's degrees beginning in either summer or fall of 2023 or spring of 2024. Fellows are paid, full-time employees who participate in the day-to-day activities of state government.

Many Governor's Fellow participants have gone on to successful careers in both the public and private sectors—with some serving at the highest levels of local, state and federal government.

The application and submission guidelines can be found online at www.in.gov/gov/fellowship.htm. To be eligible for consideration, the application and all supporting materials must be

postmarked or submitted via email by January 31, 2024.

Applicants should know if they have been selected for an interview no later than February 14, 2024. Recipients of the Fellowship will begin July 1, 2024.

If you have questions about the fellowship, contact Emily Clancy at the Governor's Office at eclancy@gov.in.gov.

T-SHIRT SALES

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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

by Russell Gloor, National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens

Ask Rusty – We're Planning to Claim at 62; What Do We Need to Know?

Dear Rusty: My wife (born May 1962) and I (born April 1963) are retired and will soon be looking to start collecting our Social Security as we each hit 62. As this is new to us, I'm wondering what things we may need to be aware of or consider as we get closer to her 62 birthday in May. Any advice or information will be appreciated! Signed: Planning Ahead

Dear Planning: If you and your wife are both retired from working and have decided to start your (reduced) Social Security as soon as you are eligible at age 62, then there is nothing you need to do in advance of applying. The Social Security retirement benefit amount for each of you will be determined by your individual lifetime earnings record and your age when you claim. If either of you will be eligible for a spousal boost from the other, that will be automatically applied when both of you are collecting.

If your wife plans to claim her Social Security as soon as she is eligible, she should apply for her benefits about 3 months in advance and

choose the option on the application which states "I want benefits beginning with the earliest possible month and will accept an age-related reduction." For information, an applicant must be 62 for an entire month to get benefits, so your wife's first month of eligibility will be June 2024. Social Security deals only in whole months and pays benefits in the month following the month earned; so if your wife's birthday is between the 11th and 20th of the month her first Social Security payment will be received in her bank account on the third Wednesday of July. All subsequent payments will be on that same schedule. Then, when it's time for you to claim, you should follow the same process as your wife and, if either of you is entitled to a higher amount as a spouse, it will be automatically applied when your benefits later start.

Applying for benefits is a relatively simple process if done online at www.ssa.gov/apply. Note that to apply online your wife will need to first create her personal "my Social Security" account, which is easy to do at www.ssa.gov/myaccount. To prepare for applying later, you can also create your personal online account now (it's required to apply online), at which you will see what your estimated benefit will be at different ages. Of course, your wife first (and later you) can also call Social Security at 1.800.772.1213 to request an appointment to apply for SS retirement

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Well in the next few weeks I'll be hitting the ole double nickel. I have had many birthdays in my time, 55 to be exact, and each one is one step closer to retirement.

I try not to make it look as if I'm getting closer to old age, heck I'm already there. But you know there are milestones in a lifetime you want to achieve and retirement is next on the list.

Back in the day as a child, you couldn't wait to be school age, then teenage, sweet 16 and driving, 18 and graduation, 21 and legal age, then 26 and cheaper insurance rates, then 30 hits then you start watching your kids go through the same thing with age as you did then 40 hits and suddenly your grandparents and age 50 you start seeing the grandkids go through the same thing as your kids and you did.

Life is short and you just need to stop and slow down, like my momma has told me for the last 20 years, and enjoy life.

So I've tried to slow down, but if I do I'm afraid I'll get old or should I say older. I've enjoyed life and wouldn't change a thing, yes I wished for some things to be different but I have lived through it and will continue to do so.

So next time your birthday comes around, think back on what you have accomplished in life. You will be amazed at yourself and it might just put a smile on your face, and enjoy the day, you deserve it.

Editor's Note: Happy Birthday Treva! And here's to many more!

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benefits in person. Applications which are not done online are usually taken over the phone vs. requiring a visit to your local Social Security office, but applying online is, by far, the most efficient method (you can link to the application process from your online account).

One important thing to be aware of: By claiming at age 62, the monthly payment for each of you will be 70% of what it would be at your full retirement age (FRA) and that is a permanent reduction. If you expect at least average longevity - about 84 for you and 87 for your wife - and if it is financially feasible, then waiting longer to claim would yield a higher monthly amount as well as the most in cumulative lifetime benefits. For those with an FRA of 67, SS retirement benefits claimed at FRA are 30% higher than at 62 and, if claimed at 70 are 75% more than at 62. And, although the decision on when to claim is always personal, a married couple should also evaluate their joint needs when deciding.

One final word of caution: although you and your wife are now retired from working, be aware that if you claim SS benefits before your FRA and return to work, Social Security has an earnings test which limits how much you can earn before some benefits are taken away. The earnings test lasts until you reach your full retirement age.

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OVERCOMING FEAR

by Daris Howard
I was asked to be the singing leader for the children in our small country congregation. It was an assignment that scared me to death. I hadn't had great experiences with public music performances, so I avoided it at all costs. But believing God would help me, I accepted.

It didn't start out well. After my first attempt, one little girl asked if I was going to be the music leader, and I said yes. "Well, that really stinks," she said. "You mess us up so bad."

But then the lady who oversaw the children's teaching at church and had requested that the congregation leaders ask me to take the music assignment told me that really my only job was to love the children. I thought, "I can do that," and it changed everything.

I thought a lot about the children. They were country kids through and through. The boys often wore cowboy boots and western-wear shirts to church. The girls often had calico dresses with their cowgirl boots.

So, the next week, when I started the music instruction, I said, "This week we are going to have some fun." I then told them we were going to sing one of their favorite children's songs in goat.

They looked surprised. "How do you sing in goat?" one little boy asked.

I then sang the first few lines, vibrating my voice like a bleating goat. The children laughed. Then we started over, and they joined me in a goat herd rendition like no one had ever heard before.

One little boy's hand shot up, and before I could call on him, he said, "Can we try it in cow?"

We did, and it went well. One girl asked for a chicken rendition. That one took us twice to make it sound reasonable. We attempted horse, but it sounded like a bunch of people all trying to clear their throats simultaneously, so we gave up on that one. But we had so much fun, and the children who had never heard the song before learned it in record time.

I realized that a lot about learning anything for children is fun. And we did have fun. When we sang songs that had the same word many times, every time we said that word we did something. Sometimes we would stand if we were sitting and sit if we were standing. Sometimes we all shifted a seat to the right or left, and the person on the end had to run to the other end of the row.

We sang sacred songs much quieter and with more reverence, and I tried to

teach the children that there are times for fun and times for respect. Using music that way was more effective in helping them understand than all the lectures I could give.

One week, as I thought about how I used the differences in the music to teach an understanding of sacred versus flamboyant songs, I realized that my little country children mostly only knew country music. With my wife having a master's degree in music, my listening library has increased dramatically since we were married. With that in mind, I decided to share different styles with the children.

I filled a paper with many different music styles like jazz, blues, rock, and, of course, country. I told the children that they got to

choose the style, then I would choose the song.

One little boy raised his hand. "What does color have to do with music?"

"What do you mean?" I asked.

"You have blues on the list," he replied.

I laughed. "Yes. It goes like this."

I then did my best Louis Armstrong impression. The children laughed and joined me on the song. They soon understood many of the styles and would choose their favorites. Then, one day, a little girl chose opera. I sang the opening of a song, and then, as I started over, none of the children joined in. The older ones sat wide-eyed while the little ones fell on the floor laughing.

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Dec 6	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Dec 6	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Dec 11	6:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
Dec 12	6:30p	W - SSF Meeting @ KBC
Dec 18	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Dec 20	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Dec 21		FIRST DAY OF WINTER
Dec 24		CHRISTMAS EVE
Dec 25		CHRISTMAS

Bread of Life Food Pantry - Wednesdays - 2 - 4:00pm at KBC;

Bargain Basement - Friday & Saturday - 9 - 4 at KBC

These Events Can Also Be Found at www.warrenweeklyindiana.com

GENEALOGY REPORT

POULSON

Jerry Lee Poulson of Sebring, FL, 78, passed away on Thursday, October 24, 2023 at Lake Wales hospice hospital in Florida.

He graduated from Warren High School in 1963. Married Marjorie Blair Hunnicutt November 5, 1988 in Sebring, FL.

Jerry was an avid sports player and fan. He and Marjorie went to all Nascar races in the 80s and 90s.

They had a mowing service and mowed 90 to 100 yards a week.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Georgia Poulson.

Loving survivors, wife Marjorie, daughter Lynn Huffman and sons Jacey Cory Poulson, and stepsons Heath and Nick Hunnicutt, brother Larry Poulson of Warren, sisters, Conchita Wesco of Warren and Sherri Decker of Grandbury, Texas.

Friends and family may gather to share and remember at the First Christian Church 202 E 2nd St, Saturday, December 16 at 2:00 p.m. with pastor Troy Drayer conducting the memorial service.

Burial at Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren, IN.

WHYBREW

Claribel "Clair" (Hart) Whybrew was born in Warren to Guy and Lena (Crum) Hart on July 17, 1924.

A long-time former Marion resident, she passed away on Monday, Oct. 30, 2023, in California, where she had resided with her daughter since 2014.

Clair will always be lovingly remembered as one who served quietly behind the scenes with a wonderful and sweet smile.

After graduation from Warren High School, she received her Registered Nursing degree from Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing, Fort Wayne.

Clair began her nursing career in the OB/GYN department at Marion General Hospital and retired as an Industrial nurse from

Owens-Illinois Glass Company, Gas City.

A long-time active member of Temple Congregational Church, Marion, she once took part on a mission work team that traveled to a Virginia town that had been ravaged by two seasons of flooding.

Clair loved to travel and she and her sister, Hazel, did so throughout the United States and all over the world, including Africa, India and Australia.

In the 1970's, she joined the Wandering Wheels bicycling group, Upland, and had many wonderful adventures riding on crosscountry bicycle trips up through 2006. Her most extensive ride was a three-week trip from Arizona to Montana.

Clair is survived by her daughter, Janet Crago; grandchildren, Amy (Martin) Combs and Lee (Collyn) Crago, great-grandsons, Thomas Crago and Jack Crago, all of California; nephews, Ron (Fumiko) Goss, of California, Robert (Deena) Finney, of Marion, and John (Pam) Finney, of La Fontaine.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sisters, Helen Finney and Hazel Wilson.

RICHARDS

Jane Anne Richards, 80, a retired Wichita (Kan.) Public Schools teacher and administrator, died on Friday, Nov. 3, 2023.

Memorial service was on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023, at West Heights United Methodist Church, Wichita, Kan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elbridge and Matilda Worster, and sister, Mary Sigler.

Jane is survived by her husband, Bob Richards; daughter, Lisa (David) Neuway; son, Kirk (Kimi) Richards; grandchildren, Chloe, Kati (Brycen), Ethan, Haylee, Emma (Broc) and CJ; great-granddaughters, Blayke and Ella.

She was a lifelong learner.

Jane received her bachelor's degree in Secondary

Education at Marian University, Indianapolis, and her master's degree from Valparaiso University.

Later, she completed a specialist's degree in counseling from Wichita (Kan.) State University.

Throughout her life, Jane was an engaged member and advocate of multiple non-profit organizations.

Most notably, she led a support group for the Alzheimer's Association in the greater Wichita, Kan., area, helping family members and friends of those with Alzheimer's.

During her time working with Wichita (Kan.) Public Schools Jane served as Director of Project Freedom.

Her time as an educator and a counselor prepared her to lead this organization that brought together multiple groups to provide resources to those who struggled with drug and alcohol abuse.

Jane was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend and active community member.

She touched the hearts of everyone who entered her life with her genuine spirit, compassion and interest in them.

Jane would listen, help process and, most importantly, she loved.

Memorials have been established with Alzheimer's Association, 535 W. Douglas Ave., Suite 150, Wichita, KS 67213 and West Heights United Methodist Church, 745 N. Westlink Ave., Wichita, KS 67212.

CONN

Nancy Louanne Conn, 91, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023.

She was born on July 27, 1932, to the late Harold Carpenter and Iloe Swift.

Nancy graduated from Muncie Burriss High School in 1951. She then went on to work at Ball State University, Muncie, until she retired and moved onto her son's property in 1999. Nancy loved the property and enjoyed walking her dog along the trails through the woods.

She is survived by her children, John (Marsha) Conn, of Rushville, Carla (Mike) Crull, of Muncie, and Mike (Andrea) Conn, of Van Buren; grandchildren, David Conn, Gideon (Karmen) Crull, Joshua (Chelsea) Conn, Emilee (Josh) Stotts and Gabe (Kayla) Conn; eight great-grandchildren.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Iloe, brother, William Carpenter, sister, Jennifer Williams, grandson, Steven Crull, and great-grandsons, Jacob Stotts and Jerrick Stotts.

Arrangements for Nancy have been entrusted to Jones-Smith Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral and Cremation Services, 259 N. Main St., Upland, where private services will be conducted.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to PAWS of Adams County, pawsofadamscounty.com

RAMP

Janice "Jan" S. Ramp, age 80, of Warren, IN, passed away on Monday, November 27, 2023, at Heritage Pointe of Warren.



Jan was born on July 28, 1943, to the late Chester Earl and Margaret Lucille (Clark) O'Banion.

Jan is survived by her children, Shelly (Doug) Melchi, Markle, IN, Cindy (Dave) Fleeger, Bluffton, IN, and Greg (Julie) Ramp, Andrews, IN; brother, Pat (Judy) O'Banion, Huntington, IN; 7 grandsons, two great-granddaughters.

She is preceded in death by four brothers, Ed O'Banion, Tom O'Banion, Bill O'Banion, Jim O'Banion; and two sisters, Mary Ann Zoda and Janet Kay Daugherty.

Jan was a retired dietary aide from the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren now Heritage Pointe of Warren. Jan was a devoted Mom, Grandma, and friend. She was a wonderful cook and loved to feed people. She was a 52-year member of Sigma Phi Gamma International Sorority. She loved participating in activities at Heritage Pointe, including Bingo and ceramics.

Jan had decided to donate her body to science to possibly prevent others from going through health issues that she did.

There will be a gathering of family and friends on Saturday, December 2, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., with a Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m., at McElhaney Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson Street, Huntington, IN, 46750.

A private burial will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to Beta Delta Chapter of Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority or to Stillwater Hospice in care of McElhaney Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson Street, Huntington, IN 46750.

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WOLF



Rick R. Wolf, 74, of Jonesboro, passed away at home on Monday, Nov. 27, 2023, at 9:57 am.

He was born in Muncie on Monday, May 23, 1949, to James and Dorothy (Eymer) Wolf.

Rick married the love of his life, Karen Ferguson Wolf, on September 17, 1988. He graduated from Marion High School. Rick was a proud veteran of the United States Air Force.

Following his military service, he dedicated his life as a police officer to Marion Police Department, where he retired as assistant chief of police.

While working for Marion Police Department, Rick was the first liaison officer in Marion Community Schools and a leading force in starting the "Mike the Bike" bicycle safety program.

In addition to his numerous awards, he also was recognized by American Legion Post #10 as Policeman of the Year.

Following retirement from the Marion Police Department, Rick became Chief of Police for IU Kokomo, where he developed campus security protocol.

While working at the IU Kokomo campus, he was honored to welcome and provide security for Jesse Jackson and Coretta Scott King. Rick retired from IU Kokomo in 2006.

In his younger years, he played in Marion softball leagues for Folkies and Star Shoe Shop.

Rich was a member of Van Buren American Legion Post #368 and Fraternal Order of Police as well as one of the founders of Marion PAL Club, where he coached tee ball and little league.

He did security and escorted the Playboy bunnies for the Spanky McFarland Celebrity Golf Tournament in the '70s and '80s. Twice, Rick was included in Strathmore's Who's Who book.

He was an amazing storyteller and a wonderfully

loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle and friend.

Rick had a strong relationship with the Lord.

In addition to his wife, survivors include his son, Brett (Magen) Wolf; daughter, Gretchen (Steven) Dungey; grandchildren, Meredith Millspaugh, Darrian Dungey and Caleb Wolf; great-grandchildren, Leland, Makenly, Kassidy, Keaton, Kailey, Micah and Elias; nephew, Todd (DeeDee) Revord; his best friend of 61 years, Frank Ireland.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Judy Ann Revord, and brother-in-law, Frank Revord.

Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m. with a memorial service beginning at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion. Pastor Mick Simpkins will be officiating.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Jonesboro Fire Department, 215 W. Sixth St., Jonesboro, IN 46938, Marion PAL Club, 555 E. Morton St., Marion, IN 46952, Marion Animal Care and Control, 1021 E. State Road 18, Marion, IN 46952 or Underdog Salvation, 5659 S. 150 E., Jonesboro, IN 46938.

STEVENS

Kim P. Stevens, 76, of Marion, passed away at 7:11 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023, at Colonial Oaks Health & Rehabilitation Center, Marion.

She was born in Sadec, Vietnam, on Friday, Sept. 12, 1947.

Kim came to the United States at the age of 19 after

meeting the love of her life, who happened to be a United States Army Sgt., and was serving in Vietnam. She and Hank married on August 22, 1966, and they shared 35 years of marriage.

Kim enjoyed playing Bingo, crocheting and traveling, especially to wineries.

She is survived by her daughters, Donna L. (Doug) Holt, of Marion, and Diane E. (James) Battcher, of Marion; granddaughters, Krista (Nick) Chapel, of Marion, and Kari Roush, of Van Buren; great-granddaughters, Maeson Chapel, Mari Chapel and Mckensie Chapel; sister, Jennifer "Doan" (Mike) Welch, of South Carolina; brother, Duyen Tran, of Vietnam; sister-in-law, Martha Stevens, of Indianapolis; brother-in-law, Roger (Kathy) Stevens, of Marion; several nieces, nephews and friends; special niece, Teresa Genevie; special great-niece, Alexis Genevie.

Kim was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Harold "Hank" Stevens Jr., four sisters and three brothers.

At Kim's request, there will be no public visitation or funeral service.

Arrangements are entrusted to Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Cancer Services of Grant County, Tower Suites, 305 S. Norton Ave., Marion, IN 46952.

WALLACE

Mary E. Wallace, 83, of Marion, passed away at 2:35 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023, in her home.

She was born in Geneva on Monday, Nov. 25, 1940, to Lester and Mary (Miller) Lloyd. On October 15, 1956, Mary married William E. Wallace Sr., and he preceded her in death.

She attended Van Buren High School. Mary worked in quality control at Pierce Governor, Upland, for 28 years. She was a member of American Legion. Mary loved fishing, hunting, Bingo and slot machines.

Survivors include her daughters, Cynthia (Brian) Clark, of Marion, and Laura Campbell; sons, William (Brigitte) Wallace Jr., of Marion, and Ralph Wallace, of Upland; 10 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Fern Burton, of North Carolina, Alta Desthimer, of Florida, Helen "Laine" (Jim) Milmine, of Angola, and Lorretta (Rohn) Eilsworth, of Tennessee; brother, Charles (Carolyn) Lloyd, of Jalapa.

Mary also was preceded in death by her parents, daughters, Joann Wallace and Kathy Bruner, sisters, Alberta Johnson, Betty Croford, Susan Eib and Phyllis "Jeannie" Baker, and brother, Lester E. Lloyd.

The family will receive visitors from 3 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4, 2023, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion.

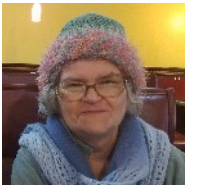
On Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023, a funeral service to celebrate Mary's life will be at North Chapel at 11 a.m. with Pastor David Morris officiating.

Burial will follow at Jefferson Cemetery, Upland.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Cancer Treatment Centers of America, 2520 Elisha Ave., Zion, IL 60099.

WEAVER

Dianna Jean Weaver, 78 of Van Buren, Indiana, passed away on Thursday, November 30, 2023, at her home in Van Buren.



Dianna was born on October 20, 1945, in Anderson, IN, to Rex Edward and Berna "Bunny" Lou (Davis) Bennett.

She graduated from Anderson High School in 1963 and attended Anderson Business College where she studied business machines. Dianna married Paul Weaver on February 19, 1967. Dianna loved making jewelry, she owned and designed custom jewelry for many years. She was proud of her business, which was called, "Bagsnstuff". She sold her special pieces at the Open Air Market, off the bypass in Marion and had her own Etsy shop. Paul would help her on any custom engraved pieces. Her love for one of a kind jewelry pieces was a special talent and she enjoyed getting to know her customers over the years. Dianna was a talented cake baker and decorator, making many cakes for birthdays, weddings, graduations, and other events. She enjoyed crocheting, knitting, and sewing and was an avid bowler along with her husband Paul. Together, Paul and Dianna would participate

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in many bowling tournaments and enjoyed traveling with one another. Dianna and Paul loved getting to sit at the Popcorn Festival and visit and watch the day's events and also dressing up for Halloween together. Dianna loved going to the beach and putting her toes in the sand.

Dianna was preceded in death by her parents, and husband, Paul Weaver.

Loving survivors include her son, Todd A. (Vicky) Weaver of Hartford City, IN, daughter, Chanda (Terry) Nial of Springhill, LA, 8 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, and siblings, John (Rebecca Oleysyck) Bennett, Barbie (Emma) Bennett Prospero, and Angie (Steve) Wells.

Friends and family may gather to share and remember at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home located at 201 W. Main St. Van Buren, IN 46991 on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, from 11am to 1pm. A funeral service will begin at 1pm with Jim Lee officiating. Burial will follow at Grant Memorial Park in Marion, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: Dementia Society of America, PO Box 600, Doylestown, PA 18901.

SMITH

David J. Smith, 89, of Warren, previously from Marion, passed away at 5:24 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023, at Heritage Pointe, Warren.

He was born in Hornell, N. Y., on Friday, Feb. 2, 1934, to Kenneth and Madge (May) Smith. On June 17, 1955, David married Evalena R. Poffenberger, and she survives.

He graduated from North Vernon High School in southern Indiana and went on to receive his bachelor's degree from Purdue University, West Lafayette.

David was a Senior Engineer for 35 years with RCA/Thomson Consumer Electronics, Marion. He was very active in his churches,

especially his time with First Baptist Church, Marion. David was proud of his education and was senior class president of his high school and had been in the fraternity at Purdue. He enjoyed golfing, fishing and gardening, especially flowers.

David also was an avid Purdue Boilermaker fan. He will be remembered as a gentle, kind, patient and humble man of faith who will be missed dearly.

In addition to his wife of 68 years, survivors include his children, Laura (Joe) Beck, of Sweetser, Greg (Jerri) Smith, of Noblesville, Kathy (late Mike) McCarter, of Kokomo, and Mark Smith, of Marion; grandchildren, Lindsay (Cory) Harkins, Bethany (Adam) Welch, Jordan Smith, Brianna Davis, Jennifer Pemberton and Brittany (Joe) Rector; step-granddaughter, Kristine; step-grandson, Chad McCarter; 11 great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and friends.

David was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Phyllis Hale and Mary Alice Yates, and brother, Richard Smith.


The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8, 2023, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate David's life will begin at 1 p.m. with his son, Greg Smith, officiating.

Burial will take place at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Riley Children's Foundation, 30 S. Meridian St., Ste. 200, Indianapolis, IN 46204-3509 and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Pl., Memphis, TN 38105.

GROVER

 Dennis L. Grover, 73 of Jackson Township, Wells County, passed away on Friday evening, December 1, 2023, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Dennis was born on January 2, 1950, in Bluffton, Indiana to Cloyd & Marjorie (Dennis) Grover. He graduated from Southern Wells High School in 1968, and continued his education, earning a degree in Architectural Technology from Purdue University – Fort Wayne. Dennis honorably served in the United States Air National Guard, serving in the 163rd Weather Flight Division, at the Fort Wayne Indiana Air National Guard base, from 1971 to 1978, and was discharged with the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was the owner & operator of Grover Construction for 25 years and retired as a licensed plumber with the Fort Wayne Local #166 Plumber and Steamfitters Union, where he worked for over 10 years. Dennis enjoyed spending time in his woodworking shop or being outside in nature. Dennis was also an avid reader.

Dennis and Rebecca J. (Woodward) were married on April 28, 1973, at the Markle Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Rebecca J. Grover of Jackson Township, Wells County, his daughter, Lora (Jacob) Warner of Markle and his mother, Marjorie Grover of Liberty Center. Dennis was affectionately known as Nanu by his 3 grandchildren: Jase, Landen and Karlee Warner, all of rural Markle.

He is also survived by his sister; Cathy (Phillip) Best of Dayton, OH., and brothers; Darrel (Kathy) Grover of Liberty Center and Douglas (Lona) Grover of Hometown, In. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Dennis is preceded in death by his father, Cloyd Grover.

Visitation will be held from 3 P.M. to 7 P.M. on Thursday, (Dec. 7, 2023) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, and for one hour prior to the service.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 on Friday, (Dec. 8, 2023) at the funeral home with Pastor Brandon Kelley and Pastor Gerald Moreland officiating. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren.

Memorials may be made in Dennis's memory to the American Cancer Association and should be directed to the funeral home.



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"Hey," I said. "You're supposed to join in and sing with me."

An eleven-year-old girl said, "If you sing like that, you sing alone."

So, we sang a song in country western. New is good, but so is the old, tried, and true.

AMPLIFYING THE VOICES OF CAREGIVERS AND FAMILIES

(StatePoint) Advocates say it's important to not only honor caregivers' dedication, compassion, and resilience, but to also acknowledge their challenges and aspirations. Doing so can help families thrive. Here are three ways that can happen:

1. Put families at the center of efforts to help families.

Ascend at the Aspen Institute uses the two generation (2Gen) approach long used by Indigenous communities in the United States and around the world. This approach recognizes that the goal of supporting families' well-being and helping children thrive is most attainable when advancing the interests of children and the adults in their lives together. As one example, Ascend worked with a father who grew up in poverty, but now serves on his local school board and informs state efforts to help others experiencing homelessness or poverty.

2. Lift voices, build power, expand equity.

That's the refrain of the Raising Child Care Fund, which advises and supports local efforts around the country to expand access to child care. These efforts work best when they are informed and led by parents and caregivers themselves. As a case in point, a network of advocates and parents in

New Mexico worked for 12 years to codify a right to child care and early education within the state constitution.

3. Through commitment you can see impact.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has committed itself to some of these principles in its own work, establishing the Family Advisory Committee—a collective of 12 parents and caregiver leaders from across the country with unique and diverse backgrounds, races and ethnicities, and family dynamics. The group has informed funding and grantmaking decisions by the Foundation, and contributed to efforts to align its own family supportive policies with these principles. To learn more about the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's programs aiming to create a brighter, more supportive future for families and caregivers, visit <https://www.rwjf.org/>.

Initiatives and programs across the country are committed to emphasizing a collective approach that places families at the center of developing effective caregiving solutions. Collaboration is key to engaging families in decision-making processes and internal procedures, and the creation of initiatives that address the diverse needs and aspirations of communities is vital to improve the health and well-being of families today and in the future.

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