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Thought for the Week: *We must use time as a tool, not as a crutch. John F. Kennedy*

10 DOCTOR-RECOMMENDED HEALTH RESOLUTIONS FOR 2026

(StatePoint) With a new year ahead, the American Medical Association (AMA) is offering Americans 10 evidence-based tips for staying healthy in 2026 and beyond:

- Get health screenings: Schedule preventive visits, tests and screenings so your physician can catch conditions before they become more serious.
- Manage stress: Mental health is part of overall health. Techniques such as meditation, deep breathing and yoga can help reduce stress. Ask for help from a mental health professional when you need it.
- Be physically active: Start the year off by prioritizing physical activity. Strive for at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity activity or 75 minutes of vigorous intensity activity each week. If you have a sedentary lifestyle or primarily sit for long stretches at work, build in frequent breaks to stretch and move throughout your day.
- Follow a healthy diet: Drink water instead of sugar-sweetened beverages and eat nutritious, whole foods, including fruits, vegetables, whole grains, nuts and seeds, low-fat dairy products and lean proteins. Avoid unhealthy ultra-processed foods, especially those with high levels of added sodium, saturated fats and sugar. Drinking sugary beverages, even 100% fruit juice, is associated with a higher mortality risk, according to a study published in JAMA Network Open.
- Stay hydrated: Drink plenty of water or other beverages composed mostly of water, such as milk or herbal tea, to avoid dehydration and to keep your body functioning properly. Even mild dehydration can

drain your energy and make you tired. Adult men should get about 15.5 cups of fluids a day and women should get 11.5 cups, according to the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.

- Get plenty of good sleep: To maintain your health and emotional well-being, most adults need 7 to 9 hours of quality sleep. Rest helps boost immunity and improve mental clarity.

- Update vaccinations: Vaccinations remain the best defense against flu and other serious respiratory viruses. Since significant flu activity can stretch into May, it's not too late to get a flu shot. The AMA recommends vaccination as long as the threat of flu remains. Talk with your physician or other health care professional to determine which vaccines are right for you. To cut through vaccine confusion and have open, honest conversations with your physician, first go to the AMA website for evidence-based information. For help finding a flu vaccine in your area, visit GetMyFluShot.org.

- Drink in moderation: If consuming alcohol, do so in moderation as defined by the U.S. Dietary Guidelines: up to one drink per day for women and two drinks for men, and only for adults of legal drinking age.

- Quit tobacco, nicotine and e-cigarettes: Ask your doctor or health care professional for resources and guidance to help quit smoking, vaping or using other nicotine products. Make your home and car smoke-free to eliminate secondhand smoke exposure.

- Follow medication directions: When taking prescriptions, store them safely to prevent diversion or misuse, and properly dispose of any leftover medication. If you're prescribed antibiotics,

complete the full course to prevent antibiotic resistance.

For more health tips and resources visit ama-assn.org.

"With the holiday cookies eaten and those missed workouts officially last year's worry, the new year is a great chance to refocus on the healthy choices you want to make in 2026," said AMA president Dr. Bobby Mukkamala. "Even tiny changes now can snowball into major gains for your long-term health."

OUTWIT SCAMMERS WITH THESE SMART TIPS

(StatePoint) Scammers don't take days off. From phishing emails to package theft, fraudsters and scammers can cost you money. Fortunately, you can stay one step ahead of them with these simple tips to help protect yourself.

1. Strengthen your online security: Safeguard your accounts by using unique, 12-character passwords and enabling multi-factor authentication whenever possible. Avoid using public Wi-Fi, such as free internet connectivity in coffee shops or libraries, where cyber criminals might be lurking to access your information. Instead, it's safer to use your phone's mobile hotspot. Be cautious of unsolicited emails or messages promising prizes or freebies — if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Block and report anything suspicious before deleting it. And ask your provider what services they offer for safe browsing, such as Safe Browsing from T-Mobile 5G Home Internet to block malicious links.

2. Donate only to trusted charities: Before making charitable donations, check

online reviews by looking up the organization and "complaint" or "scam," or use trusted resources like Charity Navigator. Be cautious with AI-generated content where fraudsters may use AI tools to create convincing emails, websites and fundraising messages. Use a credit card instead of a debit card as they offer stronger fraud protections and don't give scammers direct access to your bank account.

3. Use your wireless provider's scam protection: Scammers often rely on robocalls and spoofed numbers to make calls look inviting to answer. Most providers have protection from robocalling and spoofing, including T-Mobile and Metro by T-Mobile, which give customers Scam Shield, a free feature that labels scam calls as "Scam Likely." These calls can be blocked by dialing #662# or turning on Scam Block in the T-Life app, giving users peace of mind. Lastly, forward suspicious texts to 7726.

4. Monitor deliveries and protect packages: Mail and package theft happen all year round, especially as online shopping continues to grow. Track your shipments in real-time using delivery notifications and apps. Consider installing a smart door camera to monitor activity on your front porch. Many models offer live video feeds and motion detection, sending real-time alerts so you can quickly contact authorities if needed.

5. Stay informed and report suspicious activity: Stay updated on more tips and protections you can take with resources like T-Mobile's Privacy Center and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). If you encounter suspicious or fraudulent activity, report it to the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint and the National Center for Disaster Fraud. By reporting

scams, you can help protect others and reduce the spread of fraudulent schemes.

5 ADVANCES IN ALZHEIMER'S CARE AND TREATMENT IN 2025

(StatePoint) For the millions of Americans touched by Alzheimer's disease, 2025 brought major advances in understanding of brain health and progress in diagnosis and treatment. Here are the year's biggest advances, along with how you can take action with this knowledge in 2026:

- 1) A structured plan can sharpen brain health.

In a major U.S. clinical trial of older adults at risk for cognitive decline, two healthy lifestyle plans in the Alzheimer's Association's U.S. POINTER study improved memory and thinking skills over two years. Both interventions included exercise, brain-healthy nutrition, cognitive training and heart health monitoring. However, participants in a highly structured program that also included regular coaching and peer support showed significantly greater brain health gains, demonstrating that when brain-healthy habits are organized and supported, people stick with them and thinking skills benefit.

Next steps for families: Start small but structured: aim for 150 minutes of weekly exercise of at least moderate intensity, Mediterranean-style meals, 7–8 hours of sleep per night, and 2–3 short brain-training sessions each week. Put goals on a shared calendar, find an exercise or brain-health buddy, and schedule regular check-ins with your clinician or healthcare professional.

- 2) Simple blood tests can help spot changes earlier.

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Treva's
Recipe Box
by Treva Hemming

I love stuffed bell peppers so when I seen this recipe for stuffed pepper soup I knew I had to try it.
So, for Saturday supper, I tried it and it was very good. You might want to add some fresh bread or rolls with it for a little something extra to have with it but it is filling. So I'll share with you the recipe. Note: I have added salt pepper and farm dust to season it up a little.

Stuffed Pepper Soup


- 1 c. prepared instant white rice
- 1 pound of ground beef
- 2 cups of chopped green peppers
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 jar -26 oz. chunky tomato pasta sauce
- 1 can-14 oz Italian diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 can 14 oz beef broth
- salt and pepper to taste
- Farm dust seasoning or Italian seasoning to taste

Prepare rice according to package direction. Meanwhile in a large pan, cook the ground beef, green peppers and onion until meat is no longer pink, drain well. Stir in the pasta sauce, tomatoes, broth and prepared rice, heat thoroughly, add seasonings to your liking.




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In 2025, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) cleared two blood tests that detect Alzheimer's-related brain changes, offering a less invasive, less expensive option for those experiencing memory changes to support diagnosis and potentially reduce the need for PET scans or spinal taps. Blood tests are not stand-alone diagnostic tools, but their use can help guide next steps for testing, treatment and planning. The Alzheimer's Association has developed clinical guidelines to help specialists determine when to use blood tests alongside established "gold standard" tests and clinical judgment.

Next step for families: Ask your health care team whether an Alzheimer's blood test makes sense for you or a loved one, and how your results would affect lifestyle and health care plans. If they recommend testing, ask them to refer you to a specialist who can explain the results and next steps.

3) Americans want to know and act sooner.

A recent Alzheimer's Association national survey of adults 45 and older found most want to learn early if they have Alzheimer's before symptoms impact their lives, and 9 out of 10 would take a simple test, if available, to clarify next steps. Nearly 3 in 5 respondents said they would accept a moderate or high level of risk to take medication that could slow the disease's progression.

Early awareness unlocks time to live healthfully, organize support, consider treatment options, and plan finances and care preferences.

Next step for families: Bring your top concerns, what's changed (memory, mood, function), and goals for the next three months to your next appointment.

4) Treatment can be easier to take.

The August 2025 FDA approval of Leqembi for delivery via weekly subcutaneous injections may ease treatment for some patients. Those who complete initial infusion treatments as directed for 18 months can now receive their subsequent weekly treatment using at-home autoinjectors.

Fewer infusion clinic visits can mean less travel and lower

caregiver burden, making it easier to stick to treatments for eligible patients. Decisions depend on eligibility, monitoring requirements, side-effect profile, and your clinician's judgment.

The Alzheimer's Association encourages clinician participation in ALZ-NET, a nationwide program collecting real-world data on Alzheimer's treatments.

Next step for families: If treatment is on the table, ask whether at-home injections might be an option after the initial phase, and what monitoring you'd still need.

5) A new clinician hub helps care teams stay current.

When clinicians have fast access to evidence-based resources, patients get clearer answers and more consistent care. The new centralized professional portal, ALZPro, launched by the Alzheimer's Association, now curates practice guidelines, professional training, and point-of-care tools for earlier detection, appropriate test use, treatment eligibility and safety monitoring.

Next step for families: Let your health care professional know that the Alzheimer's Association has new research, training and support materials for professionals.

For information, support, research and public policy, visit The Alzheimer's Association at alz.org or call 800.272.3900.

From new diagnostic tools and treatments to proven lifestyle plans, major advances in Alzheimer's in 2025 can change how you manage the disease in 2026.

ZAHM

Christine Diane (née Michael) Zahm, 67, entered eternity peacefully in her Huntington home on Saturday, Dec. 20, 2025.

She was born on September 16, 1958, in Kenton, Ohio, to James Richard Michael (Captain) who preceded her in death and Mona Gail (Dutton) Fletcher, who lives in Warren.

Christine married Richard "Dick" Zahm on February 7, 1997. He survives in Huntington.

She was a 1976 graduate of Elida (Ohio) High School.

Christine was co-owner of Northside Cleaners and Parkmoor Car Wash for many years.

Her life was a quiet light that touched everyone who crossed her path.

From childhood, when she first placed her trust in Jesus, Christine sought to love others the way He loved her.

Joy was her constant companion - present in her words, her service and the countless ways she placed others before herself.

Christine cared deeply and gave freely, pouring strength and compassion into those around her.

Her generosity reached far beyond her home, extending to missions and to her faithful work at Covered with Love.

Even in her final days, when her earthly journey grew short, Christine's spirit never dimmed.

Gratitude flowed from her - to every nurse, technician and doctor who watched over her.

Christine's kindness remained unwavering, a reflection of the One she followed.

To know her was to witness a life anchored in Jesus.

And our invitation to you is the same invitation she lived by; say "yes" to Him. In Him, there is peace that outlasts hardship, and a joy that outlives us.

Like Christine, you can be a child of the Living God, knowing that your last breath here leads to your first breath in His presence.

When you remember her, may you remember the love of Jesus she so beautifully carried.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

Along with her loving husband, Richard "Dick," of 28 years, Christine is survived by her daughter, Brianna Spurgeon; her mother, Mona Fletcher; her

stepchildren, Connie Smith, of Huntington, Cindy (Mike) Cook, of Huntington, and Rick (Laura) Zahm, of Huntington; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

Along with her father she was preceded in death by her sister, Lisa Rymarquis, and stepfather, Jerry Fletcher.

A Celebration of Life honoring Christine will be on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at 1 p.m. at Life Church, 900 E. State St., Huntington.

The family is asking for no flowers or gifts, but to consider donating to a ministry that was very special to Christine. Please, send your donations directly to the ministry or you can drop off at the funeral home. Make checks payable to Peregrine Ministries, Intl., (with a notation to Hughes 48002), 15728 Paiute Circle, Monument, CO 80132.

If you prefer to make a local donation, please consider donating to Life Church in care of McElhaney Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, IN 46750.

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Community Calendar

Items listed here are open to the public. If there is an admission charge or items are for sale or a donation is necessary, there is a one-time \$5 fee to be listed. Events can be listed for as long as 6 months. (If an event is canceled, please notify WW.) Only event, place, time, and sponsor, for events in Warren, and the surrounding area will be listed.

Jan 7	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Jan 7	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Jan 12	5:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
Jan 13	6:30p	W - Salamonie Summer Festival Meeting @ KBC
Jan 19	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Jan 21	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Feb 4	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Feb 9	5:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
Feb 10	6:30p	W - Salamonie Summer Festival Meeting @ KBC

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

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

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RODENBERGER

Kathy A. (Rader) Rodenberger, 73, of Huntington, passed away at 11:25 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2025, at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne.

She was born on December 22, 1952, in Webb City, Mo., the daughter of Donald Trosper and Ruth (Assel) Trosper.

Kathy graduated from William Christman High School, Independence, Mo.

She married Steve E. Rodenberger on September 25, 2004, in Warren.

Kathy had a doctorate degree in Life Skills from the University of HK.

She was the owner of KAR Insurance, where she was a full line insurance agent, retiring after 23 years of employment.

Kathy enjoyed crafts and spending time with her grandchildren.

She loved her "dirt therapy" time tending to her flower beds and preparing baked goods, candies and cookies to give to those she loved.

Kathy previously attended Warren United Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Steve E. Rodenberger, of Huntington; four children, Clayton Wesley (Rebecca) Rader, of Fort Wayne, Stacia (Rocky) Rader Murray, of Huntington, Katelyn (Ryan) Shuttlesworth, of Banquo, and Alexander Rader, of Palm Springs, Calif.; sister, Susie (Kevin) Dieckman, of Wellington, Mo.; brother,

Larry (Diane) Trosper, of Kearney, Mo.; sister-in-law, Connie Trosper, of Huntington; nine grandchildren.

Kathy is preceded in death by her father, Donald Trosper, mother, Ruth Trosper, and brother, Robert Trosper.

A Memorial Service celebrating the life of Kathy will be at a later date.

Preferred memorials may be made in memory of Kathy to Right to Life of Northeast Indiana in care of Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Dr., Huntington, IN 46750.

GOODRICH

Nicholas W. "Nick" Goodrich, 55, of Huntington, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2025, at his residence in Huntington.

He was born on June 10, 1970, in Huntington to Sharon and Richard W. Goodrich. His father preceded him in death in July 2025, and his mother survives and resides in Huntington.

Nick was a 1988 graduate of Huntington North High School.

He had worked most recently at Hy-Line North America, Warren. Other jobs throughout his life included groundskeeper for Clayton Wesley (Rebecca) Rader, of Fort Wayne, Stacia (Rocky) Rader Murray, of Huntington, Katelyn (Ryan) Shuttlesworth, of Banquo, and Alexander Rader, of Palm Springs, Calif.; sister, Nick enjoyed hanging out with friends, golfing and playing cards.

He was a 10-year member of 4-H.

Nick was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary #2689, Huntington, and American Legion Post #85 Auxiliary, Huntington.

Along with his mother, Sharon, he is survived by two brothers, Rick Goodrich, of McCordsville, and Mike Goodrich, of Huntington; one nephew, Kory (Caitlin) Goodrich; one niece, Brooklyn (Dawson) Butcher; one great-niece, Emerson.

A Celebration of Life to honor Nick will be on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026, from 3 to 5 p.m. at American Legion Post #85, 1410 S. Jefferson St., Huntington.

A private burial will be at a later date.

Memorials can be made to donor's choice in care of McElhaney Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, IN 46750.

SELLS

Bradley J. "Brad" Sells, 64, of Lapel, passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2025, at his home following a brief illness.

He was born on December 4, 1961, in Marion to James and Patricia (Hanley) Sells.

Brad was a 1980 graduate of Eastbrook High School.

He was a carpenter for MDC Cabinets, Noblesville, for many years.

Brad was an outdoorsman. He was an Eagle Scout.

Brad enjoyed kayaking, hiking and traveling.

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He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them, especially his grandchildren.

Brad is survived by three children, Kristin (husband, Greg) Highley, Cassandra (husband, Bryan) Hutchison and Corey Sells; eight grandchildren, Kiley, Kaleb, Braysen, Jayden, Hanley, Kooper, Layla and Sophia; his parents, James and Patricia Sells; a sister, Kathy (husband, Terry) Fisher, of Van Buren; a brother, Greg Sells, of Hartford City; several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 2, 2026, at Bozell Funeral Homes and Crematory, Lapel Chapel, 1010 N. Main St., Lapel.

Cremation will take place.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family in care of Bozell Funeral Home, P.O. Box 427, Lapel, IN 46051.

OSWALT

Laura "Marie" Oswalt, of Warren, Indiana, passed away on Wednesday, December 24, 2025 at Lutheran



Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Marie was born on June 19, 1937 in Scottsboro, Alabama, the daughter of Jess McCarver and Rhoda "Bass" McCarver. On April 17, 1973, she married Bill Oswalt in Huntington, Indiana, and together they made their home in Warren.

Marie worked for several factories in Huntington throughout the years. She also worked at the Wagon Wheel Café in Warren for 27 years, where she enjoyed visiting with friends and customers. She was a member of Healing Waters Ministry in Mt. Etna, Indiana.

Marie was the proud mother of five children and a devoted Mamaw to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all of whom were the light of her life. She had a quick wit, a tender heart, and a humor that could brighten any room. Her big smile and love for storytelling made everyone around her feel welcome and at ease.

Strong in her faith, Marie lived with love, kindness, and grace, always putting others before herself. She cherished relationships and treasured the laughter and friendships she found at

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The Wheel in Warren, a place that brought her great joy and connection.

She is survived by her children: Sharon (Bruce) Warner, Bluffton, IN; Larry (Leah) Smith, Shelbyville, TN; and daughter-in-law, Karen Smith, Manchester, TN. She is also survived by her brother, Londa McCarver of Huntsville, AL; 16 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bill; daughters, Carolyn Murphy and Darlene Antrim; son, John Smith; grandson, Ryan Walls; and 3 brothers and 2 sisters.

Viewing will be held from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, December 26, 2025 at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren. Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 27, 2025, with viewing one hour prior to the service. Pastor Steve Rogers will officiate. Burial will follow at Masonic Cemetery in Warren, Indiana.

Marie will be remembered for her loving spirit, her unwavering devotion to family, and the way she lit up every room she entered. Her legacy of faith, laughter, and love will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

CLIFTON

Robert L. "Bob" Clifton, 80, of Bluffton, passed away on Thursday evening, Dec. 25, 2025, at his residence.

He was born on April 2, 1945, in Muncie to Hershel and Elsie (Wright) Clifton.

Bob graduated from Gray High School, Portland, - Class of 1963.

He was a lifelong farmer in Jay and Wells counties for 61 years, retiring in 2023.

Bob also worked at Morgan Packing for two

seasons, Sheller's Globe for two years, Westinghouse, Drop Forge, Steffen John Deere and Smith's Garage & Trucking.

He was known for telling jokes, gambling for fun and playing cards in his barn with neighbors, friends and his son, Mike.

Bob was creative and always rigging together anything and everything to create something new.

On December 10, 1965, he and Carolyn "Sue" (Cowan) Clifton were married in Portland. They just celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 10 of this year.

Survivors include Bob's wife, Sue Clifton; their three children, Mike (Ella) Clifton, of Warren, Valerie (Shane) Harnish, of Bluffton, and Amy (Deon) Steffen, of Bluffton.

He also is survived by with ten grandchildren, Brandon Clifton, Dacia Irelan, Chelsea (Jay) Buchan, Cody Smith, Chantel Smith, Devin Clifton, Landon Clifton, Olivia Pula, Morgan (Dillon) Myers and Levi Steffen; 11 great-grandchildren, Calvin Buchan, Bailey Buchan, Brinnley Myers, Adrian Buchan, Leah Myers, Melanie Barr, Bradley Barr, Matthew Smith, Chloe Smith, Jaxson Smith and Alejandro Hernandez.

Bob also is survived by his sister, Carol (Don) McQueary, of Bluffton.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Hersel and Elsie Clifton, and his siblings, Richard "Dick" Clifton, Arita Jeannine Coats, Dorothy Marlene Schell and Patricia Clifton (stillborn).

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2025, at Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home, 308 W. Washington St., Bluffton, with Jeff Lemler officiating.

Burial will follow at Stahl Cemetery, south of Bluffton.

Visitation will take place from 3 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2025, at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service.

The family request in lieu of flowers and gifts, memorials be made in Bob's memory to Grace & Mercy Transitional Housing and can be directed to the funeral home.

BRICKLEY

Leonard M. Brickley, age 92, of Warren, IN, passed away on Saturday, December 27, 2025, at Heritage Pointe of Warren.

Leonard was born on November 2, 1933, in Union Township, Huntington, IN, to Ralph H. and Mary Angela (Freel) Brickley. His parents preceded him in death.

Leonard was a 1951 graduate of Huntington High School. He had worked as a fuel truck driver and retired from Hunckler Products (Pic-a-nut). He enjoyed spending time with his nieces and nephews.

Leonard is survived by two sisters, Dorothy M. Landrum, Warren, IN and Deloris M. Hammond, North Manchester, IN; nieces and nephews, Rick (Becky) Landrum, Ann (Gary) Beck, Beth (Bill) DeWeese, Cathy (Scott) Kovner, Rhonda (Mark) Overholser, Joe (Jane) Landrum, Carrie Hammond, Teresa (Mel) Fruit, Carla (Jody) Selvage, and Barb (Rod) Osborne ; one nephew-in-law, David Souers; several great-nieces and nephews and several great-great nieces and nephews.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by two nieces, Jane Souers, and Paula Dillon.

Burial will be held at Star of Hope Cemetery.

SZELIS

Rose M. Szelis, 81, of Zanesville, passed at 8:25 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 28, 2025, at Parkview Regional Medical Center, Fort Wayne. She was born on January 26, 1944, in Huntington the daughter of Firmer Shaffer and Edith (Ludwig) Shaffer.

Rose graduated from Huntington Catholic High School - Class of 1963.

She married the love of her life, Rex Eugene Szelis, on August 31, 1963, in Huntington.

Rose and Rex shared 42 wonderful years of marriage before his passing on September 24, 2005.

Together, they were blessed with three sons, and she treasured the years she spent at home, pouring her heart into raising them.

Rose had a deep love for nature. She found peace and happiness in planting trees, growing flowers and traveling to national parks.

She especially loved taking her family on picnics to nearby parks, where the simple joy of being together made the days unforgettable.

Rose was famous for her potato salad, widely known as the world's best and she always made it in large batches, making sure there was plenty for everyone. She was an incredible cook and a gifted baker. Her pies and chocolate chip cookies were always a favorite at gatherings.

When she wasn't in the kitchen, Rose enjoyed going out to eat with her family, simply savoring the time spent together.

Her greatest joy was caring for the people she called family, and she showed her love not through grand gestures, but through the everyday kindness that defined her.

Survivors include Rose's two loving sons, Tim

(Denise) Szelis, of Huntington, and Tony Szelis, of Zanesville; five grandchildren, Preston, Stephen, Jessica, Braylon and Avery; nine great-grandchildren; her sister, Mary Ann Szelis, of Warren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Firmer and Edith Shaffer, husband, Rex Eugene Szelis, and son, Edward Szelis.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2026, at Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Dr., Huntington.

Funeral services will be at noon on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2026, at Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary, Huntington, with Pastor Mike Tarr officiating. Burial will be in Gardens of Memory.

Preferred memorials may be made to Roanoke Baptist Church in care of Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Dr., Huntington, IN 46750.

LICHTENBERGER

Martha Wilma (Overholser) Lichtenberger, 94, of Wren, Ohio passed peacefully into heaven Monday morning, December 29, 2025, at VanCrest of Van Wert.

Martha "Wilma" was born on May 30, 1931 in Huntington, Indiana. She married John S. Lichtenberger on September 10, 1950. Last September they celebrated 75 years of marriage. What a great honor of love and devotion.

Martha had worked many jobs throughout her life. Mom & Dad enjoyed camping, traveling and enjoyed the great outdoors.

She was an avid read and she loved to read all kinds of books and all the daily newspapers.

Martha is survived by her loving husband, John

Lichtenberger and her

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children, Sherman (Virginia) Lichtenberger of Berne, Indiana, Beverly (Alan) Lichtensteiger of Ohio City, Joyce (Jim) Grafmiller of Ossian, Indiana and Stanley (Jenny) Lichtenberger of Van Wert; she is also survived by ten grandchildren, twenty-six great grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren.

Martha was preceded in death by one daughter, Deloris Lichtenberger who passed away in October of 2013. A grandson Jon Lichtenberger and two great grandsons, Nicholas & William Lichtenberger.

Services will be held at Noon on Monday, January 5, 2026, at Cowan & Son Funeral Home of Van Wert with Pastor Dan York officiating. Interment will take place at Fletcher Cemetery, near Wren, Ohio. Calling hours are 10:00 a.m. until time of service on Monday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions in memory of Martha can be made to the Wren Fire & EMS Department.

OWENS

David Phillip Owens, 72, left his earthly family to be with his heavenly family on Monday, Dec. 29, 2025.

He was born on June 20, 1953.

David was a 1971 graduate of Delta High School, Muncie, and a 1995 graduate of Ball State University, Muncie.

He enjoyed hiking, going to the beach, metal detecting and taking his children and grandchildren fishing.

David retired as an educational assistant from Eastbrook Middle School in 2014.

He also served on the board of directors at Country Lake Estates.

Additionally, David was a volunteer in New York after the attack on the Twin Towers.

He was a Master Mason.

David was a fan of motor racing, the Notre Dame Fighting Irish and the Chicago Cubs.

He attended Eastview Church.

Survivors include his wife, Teresa Y. Owens, of Marion; sons, John David Owens, of Mebane, N.C., and Christopher Ross, of Marion; daughter, Natachia (Jon) Souders, of Cleveland, Tenn.; grandson, Trey (Addy) Newton-Gossett; granddaughters, Charisma (Nathan) Winters, Braylee Souders and Brynnlee Souders; great-granddaughters, Olivianah Newton-Gossett and Isla Mae Newton-Gossett; brother, the Rev. Clifford R. (Ruth) Owens, of Michigan; sister, Sharron D. (Ron) VanNatter, of Muncie; sister-in-law, Sheryl Landis, of Marion; mother-in-law, Ruth Landis; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by father, Joseph "Wayne" Owens, mother, Evelyn "Maxine" Owens, brother, Larry (Judy) Owens, brother-in-law, Tim Landis, and father-in-law, the Rev. E.D. Landis.

The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2026, 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 Pastor Mark Atkinson officiating.

STAFFORD

Terry Lynn Stafford, 75, of Warren, Indiana, was reunited with the love of his life, his wife Shelly, on

Tuesday, December 30, 2025 when he passed away at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne.

He was born on November 27, 1950 in Wabash, Indiana.

Terry was a devoted truck driver for B&B Trucking for over 20 years and found great fulfillment behind the wheel of his "big truck." He enjoyed tinkering in the garage, working on cars, and watching westerns and NASCAR. But more than anything, Terry loved being home with the people he loved. A simple night gathered around the table with good food and laughter meant more to him than anything in the world.

His greatest joy in life was his wife, Michele "Shelly" (Maddock) Stafford. Terry adored her deeply, she was his partner, his comfort, and his very best friend. The two were married on May 19, 1989 in Warren, a day Terry always said was the greatest day of his life. Together, they built a beautiful, loving home and raised their children with patience, humor, and unconditional love. Terry was happiest when Shelly was nearby and his family was close.

Loving survivors include son Nathaniel Stafford (Heather), Auburn, IN and their children Kayla, Vince, Carissa, Bryanna, Dempsey, and Skylar; daughter Christie Stemen (Josh), Columbia City, IN and their children Erik, Kyle, and Trey; son Damien Stafford (Tracy), Columbia City, IN and their children Cole and Andrew; daughter Jennifer Judy (Brad), Greenwood, IN and their children Tye, Caleigh, and Dominic; daughter Mandy Bitzer, Warren, IN; daughter JayKay Stafford (Richard), Warren, IN and their children Elijaa, Cyson, and Decklynn; daughter Laura Stafford (Jeremy),

Warren, IN and their children Kaiden and Gabriel; several great-grandchildren; and sister Jamie Poor of North Manchester, IN.

Terry was especially proud of his children and grandchildren. He loved watching them grow, supporting their dreams, and reminding them how much they meant to him. His quiet strength, hugs, and soft, reassuring words will forever be remembered.

He was preceded in death by his mother Imogene (Stafford) Kerr; his beloved wife Shelly, who passed away on December 12, 2021; and son-in-law Jimmy Eichhorn on July 27, 2025.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren, on Sunday, January 4, 2026 from 2-5 p.m. A service to celebrate Terry's life will be held at the funeral home on Monday, January 5, 2026 at 11 a.m. with Pastor Troy Drayer officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Burial will take place beside his wife following services in Woodlawn Cemetery, Warren, Indiana.

Memorial donations may be made to the family to help with funeral expenses; checks may be made payable to Glancy Funeral Homes.

HARTMAN

Larry Gene Hartman, 71, of Poneto, passed away at 9:22 p.m. on

Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2025, at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne.

He was born on Thursday, Sept. 9, 1954, in Hartford City.

Larry married Sheryl L. (Wafford) Hartman on Saturday, Nov. 14, 1981, in Bluffton. She preceded him in death on April 4, 2023.

He was a 1972 graduate of Southern Wells High School, Poneto.

Larry worked for the Wastewater Department in Bluffton for 37 years.

He was a member of the Wells County Coon Hunters.

Larry enjoyed fishing, coon hunting, spending time with his granddaughter, Kinsey, and watching the Miami Dolphins football and Purdue.

He will be forever missed by his son, Jeremiah G. Hartman, of Poneto; former daughter-in-law, Amber Hartman, of Bluffton; granddaughter, Kinsey Hartman, of Bluffton; brothers, David D. (Kathy) Hartman, of Camby, and Aaron Hartman, of Warren; sister, Debra Bowen, of Van Buren.

Larry was preceded in death by his wife, Sheryl L. (Wafford) Hartman, father, Marvin E. Hartman, and mother, Nina Marie (Coleman) Hartman.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier, on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026, from 4 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to service on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2026.

A service to celebrate Larry's life will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, Montpelier, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2026, with Barry Crosby officiating.

Interment will follow in Stahl Cemetery, Bluffton.



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WEHRLE

Lois Wehrle, 101, of Warren, passed away peacefully on Friday, Jan. 2, 2026, at Heritage Pointe of Warren.

She was born in Achille, Okla., on June 25, 1924, to George McCorkel and Zelma (Parker) McCorkel.

Lois married Joseph L. Wehrle. He preceded her in passing on March 17, 2000.

She was a gentle soul whose kindness and love touched all who knew her.

Lois had a special place in her heart for animals, especially dogs and cats, and it was not uncommon

to find her caring for and feeding stray cats, ensuring they were never forgotten.

Her compassion extended beyond her home, as she generously volunteered her time at local animal shelters, always advocating for those without a voice.

Known for her constant smile, Lois was friendly, outgoing and loved to talk.

She had a natural warmth that drew people in, and conversations with her were often filled with laughter, stories and genuine interest in others.

Lois always carried herself with grace, dainty in nature and truly a lady in every sense of the word.

She also was a talented artist with a deep love for painting, especially oil painting.

Lois' creativity and eye for beauty live on through her artwork.

She also delighted in antiquing, finding beauty and history in treasured pieces from the past.

Lois is survived by her daughter, Joyce Coffman; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three nieces; special friend, Karen Gerbers.

She was preceded in passing by her parents, husband, Joseph, son, Jim Wehrle, son-in-law, Rodney

Coffman, one grandson, sister, Opal, and brothers, George and James.

Lois appreciated the caregivers of Heritage Pointe of Warren and her care team from Stillwater Hospice for making her final years comfortable and enjoyable.

A private entombment will be at Elm Ridge Memorial Park Mausoleum, Muncie.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lennox Legacy Rescue Inc., 4777 N. 375 E., Decatur, IN 46733.

DELPH

Loretta Delph, 79, passed away peacefully at 7:01 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 2, 2026, in her Marion home.

She was born in Harlan, Ky., on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 1946, to John and Margaret (Orick) Stepp.

On October 3, 1996, Loretta married James R. Delph, the love of her life, who preceded her in death on April 10, 2023.

A devoted homemaker, she dedicated her life to caring for her family.

Loretta was a loving wife, steadfast mother and exceptional grandmother who took pride in caring for her family.

She enjoyed cooking and flowers, as well as playing Bingo, but her love for her family was unwavering.

Loretta is survived by her daughters, Tammy (Jimmy) Jones, of Van Buren, Pamela Clem, of Marion, and Angela Simpson, of Marion; grandsons, R.J. (Lori) Sumner, Curtis Clem, Cordel (Monica) Simpson, Brandon (Stephanie) Cloud and James Cloud; granddaughter, Ashley Loehr; as well as 15 great-grandchildren; one great-grandchild; siblings, Charlotte (Buddy) Delph, Truman (Linda) Stepp, Clara (Mike) Blevins and John L. (Betty) Stepp; along with

many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Margaret Stepp, her husband, James R. Delph, her daughter, Kimberly White, brothers, Francis Stepp, Pearl Stepp and Charles Stepp, and sisters, Lillie Shelley and Mary Stepp.

The family will receive visitors from noon to 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 9, 2026, at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion.

Immediately following the time of visitation, a service to celebrate Loretta's life will begin at 2 p.m. with Pastor Les Turner officiating.

She will be interred with her loving husband at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, Marion, at a later date.

Our mother always said she wanted her flowers while she was living so that she could enjoy them and we certainly tried to honor that request. In this spirit, in lieu of flowers, surprise the flower lover in your life with a flower bouquet.

BURLESON

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Richard Dean Burleson, who left us peacefully on January 5, 2026, at the age of 62. He was born on December 3, 1963, in Phoenix, AZ, to Charles & Alice (Pritt) Burleson.

Rich was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend who touched the lives of many.

Rich spent his career as an Indiana State Trooper and later as an Operations Specialist in the transportation industry, where his dedicated work ethic earned him the respect and admiration of colleagues. He was known

for his quick smile, generous spirit, and a passion for the things he loved. His interests included traveling, football, refereeing basketball, fishing, skydiving and poker.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Heather (Hunnicut) Burleson, his step-daughter, Jorden Bennett, grandchildren, Kennedy & Reagan Bennett, siblings, Patricia (Richard) Hardiek, David (Cathy) Burleson, and Charlene (Greg) Mason. One nephew and 3 nieces, who will carry his memory in their hearts.

A memorial service will take place at 4:00 PM on Sunday, January 11, 2026, at Divine Mercy Funeral Home-Cedar Canyons, 1986 W. Cedar Canyons Rd., Huntertown, IN 46748. The public is invited to pay their respects during a visitation from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Allen County.

Rich will be missed dearly by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him. In lieu of flowers, we encourage those who knew him to share their favorite memories and stories, celebrating the joy he brought to our lives.

Rich was preceded in death by: Carol Elkins, Charles Burleson, Alice Burleson

MONAHAN

Dawn Da-Ree (Gibson)

Monahan, 53, passed away at her home in Montpelier, Indiana on January 1st 2026 after a hard fought battle with Pancreatic Cancer.

She was born and raised in Grant County to the late Robert (Bob) and Betty May (Buteau) Gibson on December 19th 1972.

Dawn graduated from Eastbrook High School in 1991 and went on to complete her education at Wrights Beauty School in 1993. As a beautician Dawn loved cutting and styling hair at salons including JCPenney and also became the go-to hairdresser for everyone in the family.

Her strong work ethic and dedication to provide took her in many directions in the workforce throughout her life. Aside from cutting hair, some of her most enjoyed jobs were QVC, Peyton's Northern, and most recently Red Gold where she acquired some very valuable friendships.

Dawn was self-taught, DIY, "let me YouTube that" smart. Very little could hinder her ability and determination to figure out how to fix, improve, create and do things herself; even without experience or prior knowledge.

A lover of adventure, taking chances and flying by the seat of her pants- Dawn was capable of navigating and leading with minimal fear. She enjoyed traveling and taking road trips, mowing her yard, thrifting, her pets, and grabbing a diet Pepsi and her lottery scratch offs at the convenience store.

Dawn was preceded in death by her parents Bob, Betty, her mothers long time partner Dick Elliott, and her Brothers David Gibson and Doug Gibson.

Dawn is survived by her 3 children, Kyra Oliver of Matthews, Brittany (Conner) Crouch-Monahan of Muncie, Alexander Monahan of Montpelier, Grandsons, Price Oliver and Slade Oliver of Matthews, One Brother, several nieces and nephews along with numerous friends.

She will be deeply missed by those who knew her.

With Consideration of Dawns wishes she will be cremated with no services.

