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Thought for the Week: To play it safe is not to play. Robert Altman



### SPELLING BEE WINNERS

Salamonie 5th graders participated in the spelling bee on Thursday, December 17, 2020. It was a great competition! After seven rounds, Carter Landrum (left) was declared the champion. He correctly spelled the word "hooey." Kipton Newman (right) was the runner up! Carter will represent Salamonie in our county spelling bee in February!! Congratulations, Carter!

### CARD SHOWER

The family of Carolyn Sparks would like to give Carolyn a card shower for her 90th Birthday coming up on January 13. Her address : Carolyn Sparks 801 Huntington Ave ,TH42 Warren, In 46792.

### GRANT RECEIVED

The Bread of Life food Pantry received a grant of \$1,922.55 from Huntington County Community Foundation. 2020 Cycle II Grant Program.

The grant was for a cement pad located at the Knight Bergman Center 132 Nancy Street Warren Indiana. Construction of the pad was completed by a Warren

community business. Leas Concrete Construction. A 8' x 10' Polar King walk in cooler was installed on the cement pad.

The walk in cooler has been a great asset to the pantry. And a bonus for pantry patrons to receive fresh quality produce to help prepare meals for their families. And quality snacks for children.

The walk in cooler gives the pantry opportunities to accept large donations of local fresh vegetables and fruit from area farmers. Able to purchase from Community Harvest Food Bank large amounts of eggs, dairy and fresh produce.

Having a large refrigeration storage area has changed part of the menu the pantry can offer to the Warren area clients.

Pantry now able to offer consistently five fresh vegetables and at least one fresh fruit weekly to patrons coming to the weekly drive thru pantry.

Thank you Huntington County Community Foundation for helping Bread of Life Food Pantry full fill the pantry mission "Neighbors Helping Neighbors".

### ANNUAL FISH FRY

The Annual Warren Fish Fry is on Friday, February 5, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. It will be held at the Knight-Bergman Center in Warren. IT WILL BE A DRIVE-THRU ONLY EVENT. The following volunteer opportunities are available: Fish Breders at 1:00 pm need 6 people. Time slots are from 4 to 5 pm, 5 to 6 pm and 6 to 7 pm for the following positions: Serving line -6 people, Fish Carriers to servers - 6 people, prepare carry outs - 6 people, and set up serving lines - 6 people. Clean up begins at 7 pm until finished at approximately 8 pm. Call Dick Murray, 260-359-4410 to reserve your time slot.

Dan's Fish Fry Service will be cooking. Dinner is \$10.00 per dinner. Dinner will include Fish and/or Chicken, Tartar Sauce, Apple Sauce,

Chips and Cookies. Reserve your volunteer time NOW!!

### 2021 CONCERT SERIES AT RIVERSIDE PARK

The Warren Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the 2021 Final Friday's Concert Series!

Mark your calendars so you won't miss these great events coming to downtown Warren in 2021! Make sure to thank all the sponsors for helping to bring these events to our community. The concerts are held the last Friday in each month starting in April and our last concert will be in September. We have added an additional Saturday concert in September also. All concerts will be held 7 pm- 9pm at Riverside Park located at 126 E 1st Street in Warren, IN. The rain venue for all concerts will be the Knight Bergman Center Gym located at 132 N Nancy Street, Warren, IN.

### FINAL FRIDAY'S 2021

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(Rain venue - Knight Bergman Center Gym)

### SIMPLE & HEALTHY

Purdue Extension Huntington County will offer Simple & Healthy Cooking classes beginning January 20th at 5:30pm. The series will be held for 3 consecutive weeks on January 20, 27, & February 3. Attend all 3 classes for only \$5!

This program is for everyone, even kids! We'll be learning how to make simple and healthy meals that even the picky eaters will enjoy! Participants will be served a light meal with new recipes to try and take home. Space is limited - register today!

Please reserve a seat by January 15, 2021 by calling the Extension Office at (260) 358-4826 or emailing cneverid@purdue.edu.



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**ABOVE & BEYOND**

The employees of the Warren Heritage Pointe go above their "Job Description"  
 Thank you for having a "food drive" for the Bread of Life Food Pantry this past month.  
 Your donation of one hundred and ninety one non perishable items plus the monetary donation was appreciated by many families in our community this past month.  
 Thank you for caring and sharing. Thank you Heritage Pointe employees for helping the Bread of Life Food Pantry volunteers help our friends and neighbors.  
 The pantry is located at the Knight Bergman Center 132 Nancy Street Warren. Open every Wednesday 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. for "drive thru" pantry for anyone needing food.

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT CRITICAL TO NURSES, HOSPITAL SUPPORT TEAMS**

*By Judy Boerger, RN, MSN, FAAN, chief nursing executive, Parkview Health*  
 When the World Health Organization declared 2020 the Year of the Nurse, no one could have imagined just how fitting that title would be. I have always believed nursing is a noble vocation. However, as I reach the culmination of 50 years as a nurse, at the height of a pandemic, I couldn't be prouder to be among some of the most incredible healthcare professionals in the world.  
 At Parkview Health, our nurses' careers and lives were forever changed on March 8, when we had our first confirmed case of COVID-19 in one of our hospitals. Teams in every facility quickly learned to adapt to changing protocols, new information, new treatments and the responsibility of caring for some of the sickest patients they'd ever seen.  
 Through it all, they've displayed incredible bravery and relentless determination. Whether they work at the bedside in a hospital, in a Parkview Physicians Group office, or in the Parkview Access Center answering calls from patients around the clock, our nurses have been an integral part of our response to the pandemic.  
 However, we don't do it alone. Alongside nurses on the "front lines" are physicians, advanced practice providers, respiratory therapists, patient care techs, environmental services techs, and co-workers from lab, nutrition services, facilities and other key support areas.  
 As a Parkview family, we've felt and appreciated the community's support. The public displays of gratitude in the spring were uplifting and empowering. Though many of us have a hard time being called "heroes," it was humbling to understand how important we were in the fight against COVID-19.  
 Now, we're calling on the community to support us in new ways. This is an incredibly challenging time for all our co-workers, as they care for more COVID-19 patients than ever before. It's no secret they are exhausted, physically and emotionally, and the pandemic is taking a toll. While Parkview is providing our team with resources for support, what would really help is to see a decline in new cases and hospitalizations.  
 Please, if you care about our healthcare workers everywhere, do your part to limit the spread of COVID-19. Wear a mask when you're in public, wash your hands regularly and limit your contact with others.

**ASBURY CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST**  
 8013W 1100S -90, Montpelier  
 Phillip Freely Jr, Pastor  
 Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wed Carry-in & Fellowship .. 6:30 p.m.

**BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 8294S 900W 35  
 Harold Smith, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Bible Study ..... 6:00p.m.

**BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST**  
 Chad Yoder, Pastor  
 Denise Heiniger, S.S. Supt.  
 Sunday Worship ..... 9:30a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45a.m.

**CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
 Van Buren, Indiana 765-934-2199  
 Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Youth Group 4:30-7:30pm at SwitchUp  
 Handicap Accessible  
 Little Panther Preschool 765.934.2099

**HEALING WATERS MINISTRY — 5811 W 600 S, MT ETNA**  
 Pastor Wayne Couch  
 260/515-2517  
 Sunday Prayer ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Sunday Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Daycare provided during Worship

**DILLMAN UNITED BRETHREN**  
 8888S 1100W-90, Warren 375-2779  
 Matt Kennedy, Pastor  
 Worship Service ..... 9:00a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00a.m.

**HANFIELD UNITED METHODIST**  
 101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726  
 Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor  
 1st Worship..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 2nd Worship..... 11:00 a.m.

**THE NEW BEGINNING**  
 SR 218, 2 1/8 mile west of Poneto  
 Steve Sutton, Pastor  
 765/728-2065 for more info  
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m.  
 Thursday Prayer Meeting .... 7:00 p.m.

**HERITAGE POINTE**  
 Chaplains Gerald Moreland, Ginny Soultz & Dick Case  
 Sunday Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.

**OTHER SERVICES BY ANNOUNCEMENT**  
 Monday thru Friday  
 Chapel Services ..... 9:00 a.m.

**WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 727 N Wayne St, Warren  
 260-375-2811  
 office@warrenfirsbaptist.net  
 Pator Rusty Strickler  
 Youth Dir: Peter & Mindy Fairchild  
 Sunday School .....9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship .....10:00 a.m.  
 Youth Group: Grades 5-12 ...Sun 11:30  
 Ekklesia ..... Sun 6:30pm

**HILLCREST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
 375-2510  
 Pastor Steven Spencer  
 Bus Service 375-2510  
[www.warrennaz.org](http://www.warrennaz.org)  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wed. Midweek Service..... 6:30 p.m.

**SOLID ROCK UNITED METHODIST**  
 485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN  
 375-3873  
 Paul Burris, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.

**LANCASTER WESLEYAN**  
 3147 W 543 S, Huntington  
 765.524.3390  
 Rev. Robert S Hallett, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesdays:  
 Bible Study & Prayer ..... 7:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 694-6622  
 Aaron Westfall, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Fellowship ..... 10:00a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:15a.m.  
 Tues. Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Wed. Choir ..... 6:30p.m.  
 Monthly Meetings  
 1<sup>st</sup> Mon Ministry Team ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am  
 4<sup>th</sup> Mon ABW ..... 1:30 pm

**LIBERTY CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Pastor Diane Samuels  
 Morning Worship .....9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:45 a.m.

**THE CHURCH AT MCNATT**  
 375-4359  
 Bill VanHaften, Pastor  
 Lois Slusher, Supt.  
 Brittney Miller, Youth & Family Dir.  
 Coffee Fellowship..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 9:15 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Bible Study - Wed. .... 7:00 p.m.

**MT. ETNA UNITED METHODIST**  
 260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124  
 Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"  
 Multi-Generational Worship 9:30 a.m.  
 Fellowship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Sunday Youth ..... 4-6 p.m.  
 Everyone is Welcome

**SALAMONIE CHURCH OF BRETHREN**  
 468-2412  
 Mel Zumbrun, Pastor  
 Worship .....9:30 a.m.  
 Church School ..... 10:45a.m.

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 375-2102  
 Interim Pastor Troy Drayer  
 Youth Pastor Troy & Mindy Drayer  
 Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Contemporary Service - Wed 6:30 p.m.  
 Youth Sunday School during Worship Service  
 Youth Group-Wed ..... 6:30 p.m.  
 Communion 1st Sunday of the Month

**VB CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
 765/934-3321 Parsonage  
 Jeff Slater, Pastor  
 Jim Knight, Superintendent  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Adult Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Children's Church ..... 10:30a.m.  
 Evening Praise Hour..... 6:00p.m.  
 Hour of Power (Wed) ..... 7:00p.m.

**VB UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
 765-934-1431  
 Pastor Brad Hensley  
 Worship Service ..... 9:30 am  
 Sunday School ..... 10:30am  
 Not Home Alone - Wed ..... 3:00 pm  
 Prayer-Bible Study (Thur) ..... 7:00 pm  
 UMW 2nd Wed ..... 7:00 pm  
 Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am  
 Just Older Youth 3rd Tue ..... 12:00 pm  
[www.vanburenumc.org](http://www.vanburenumc.org)

**WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 375-3022  
 Ethan T Stivers, Senior Minister  
 Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister  
 Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.  
 Tara Bower - Secretary  
[www.warrenchurchofchrist.org](http://www.warrenchurchofchrist.org)  
 Fellowship .....9:15 a.m.  
 Worship & Communion .....9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School .....11 to 11:50 a.m.  
 Youth:  
 K-6th grade, Mon ..... 6:15-7pm  
 Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday ..... 6-8pm

**WARREN WESLEYAN CHURCH**  
 6th & Nancy Sts. Warren  
 260-228-9084  
 Rev. Allen Laws, Pastor  
 Wesley Welch, Supt.  
 Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 10:15 a.m.  
 Wed Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.

**FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN  
 765-934-3609  
 Pastor Al Soultz  
 Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am  
 Sunday School Classes .....9:30 am  
 Sunday Adult Bible Study..... 6:00 pm  
 Thurs. Bible Study .....7:00 pm



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## AREA NEWS

### HEART HEALTH 101

Is it time for a new you this new year? Did you know that the leading cause of death for ALL Americans is heart disease? The Purdue Extension Heart Health 101 program can help you fight this disease by better understanding it and gaining the necessary knowledge to make heart-smart choices.

Join us for this 2-hour introduction to heart health class that complements healthcare providers' recommendations and helps you, or your loved one, prevent or manage heart disease. This class will be held at the Purdue Extension Office, 1340 S Jefferson St, Huntington, IN on January 21st from 6:00-8:00pm.

Please reserve a seat by January 15, 2021 by calling the Extension Office at (260) 358-4826 or emailing [cneverid@purdue.edu](mailto:cneverid@purdue.edu).

### ANNIE'S PROJECT

Farm women are generating a cultural tide in American agriculture that is moving management, assets, and opportunities to a new wave of farmers across the country. During Annie's Project courses, farm women become empowered to be better business partners or sole operators through networks and by managing and organizing critical information.

Annie's Project, a six-week course, is a discussion-based workshop bringing women together to learn from experts in production, financial management, human resources, marketing, and the legal field. There's plenty of time for questions, sharing, reacting, and connecting with presenters and fellow participants. It's a relaxed, fun, and dynamic way to learn, grow, and meet other farm women.

Whether new or experienced, understanding the five areas of agricultural risk, knowing how to analyze agricultural spreadsheets, and other necessary skills are vital. Learning them in a friendly environment where

questions and discussion are welcomed, allow the learning process to flourish.

Annie's Project courses have successfully reached more than 9,000 farm and ranch women in 33 states. Purdue Extension is pleased to be offering classes beginning February 23, 2021 and ending March 30, 2021. Choose from two virtual offerings: Tuesday mornings from 9:00am – 12:00pm EST or Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 – 4:00pm EST.

The cost for the course is \$65 per person, which includes a workbook and support materials for all sessions. Course size is limited, so please register soon. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/PUA P21>.

Linda, an Annie's Project alumna says, "I took the class to gain a better understanding about agribusiness and how financial decisions impact our farm operation. I have a better understanding of balance sheets and the futures market...this class has improved communication with my spouse on concerns he works with on a daily basis."

For more information contact Jenna Nees at 765-653-8411 or email at [smith535@purdue.edu](mailto:smith535@purdue.edu) or Bryan Overstreet at 219-866-5741 or email at [boverstr@purdue.edu](mailto:boverstr@purdue.edu). Online registration is available at <https://tinyurl.com/PUA P21>. More information can be found on the Annie's Project website at <https://www.AnniesProject.org>. Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution.

### CRISIS HELPLINE

The Be Well Crisis Helpline recently passed an important milestone as it enters its sixth month of operation. The free service was launched in July to support the mental health needs of Hoosiers during the COVID-19 pandemic. The service has answered more

than 6,000 calls for help as it continues to provide 24/7 access to experienced and compassionate counselors, specially trained to help with the personal challenges that have come along with this pandemic.

"While we recognize that each of these calls is a cry for help from a Hoosier experiencing feelings of distress and anxiety, likely aggravated by the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are also comforted to know that, through the Be Well Crisis Helpline, they are connecting with someone who can listen, assess their needs, and help," said Jennifer Sullivan, M.D., M.P.H., secretary of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration.

To date the Be Well Crisis Helpline has answered 6,049 calls, with an average talk time of 18 minutes and 10 seconds, but with an average wait time of only 16 seconds. To reach a counselor, anyone in Indiana can simply call 2-1-1, enter their ZIP code, and follow the prompts to reach the Be Well Crisis Helpline.

According to data collected by the counselors, 46% of the callers have a pre-existing trauma or substance use or mental health problem. Following their conversations, the counselors referred 29% percent of the callers to mental health treatment, 24% for additional community-based resources such as food, clothing, housing or utility assistance, and another 16% for additional crisis counseling. In just over 1% of the cases, following telephone counseling, Be Well Crisis Helpline counselors have determined the situation is critical and have called 9-1-1 to get the callers the immediate help they need.

"This data tells us that the Be Well Crisis Helpline is playing a critical role in the health care continuum for Hoosiers who feel like they are in distress as a result of this pandemic," said Jay Chaudhary, director of FSSA's

Division of Mental Health and Addiction. "Hundreds of our fellow Hoosiers have begun to receive treatment for the mental health issues they face, and likely faced prior to COVID-19. We strongly encourage anyone who feels like they could use the help to call us at 2-1-1."

The top distress reactions on the calls include isolation or withdrawal (34%), issues with sleep (34%), anxiety or fearfulness (32%), and difficulty concentrating (27%).

"We are also getting referrals from first responders who know they can rely on the Be Well Crisis Helpline as a new resource in their toolkit to deal with persons under mental stress," added Chaudhary. "This helpline has come at the right time for Hoosiers who are under real mental distress and need someplace to turn for help."

The Be Well Crisis Helpline is funded by a Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. More information on the Be Well Crisis Helpline can be found at [www.BeWellIndiana.org](http://www.BeWellIndiana.org). Indiana 211 is a free service that connects Hoosiers with assistance and answers from thousands of statewide health and human service resources — quickly, easily and confidentially. Indiana

211 became part of FSSA earlier this year.

### ALMANACS & PLANNERS

The Warren Pharmacy has the 2021 Norman Rockwell 12-Month Pocket Planner. They are available as a FREE GIFT at the Warren Pharmacy. Small enough to fit in a purse or pocket, each Calendar starts with January 2021, with room on each day to write the important events that affect you and your family.

We also have the 2021 Farmers Almanac available. The Almanac contains tips for gardening, farming, cooking and recipes, along with weather predictions and many helpful insights. Best of all, it is FREE when you fill a prescription at the Warren Pharmacy. Extra copies can be purchased for only \$1.00.

### PHONE BOOKS

Copies of your local 2020-2021 AdamsWells Phone Book are available at the Warren Pharmacy. This Adams & Wells Counties Telephone directory covers Berne, Bluffton, Craigville, Decatur, Geneva, Keystone, Liberty Center, Linn Grove, Markle, Monroe, Monroeville, Montpelier, Ossian, Petroleum, Pleasant Mills, Poe-Hoagland, Preble, Tocsin, Uniondale, Warren & Zanesville. What a great resource of Business and

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**NEW YEAR, NEW OFFICERS**

With the start of the new year, that means new officers for the Southern Wells FFA Chapter. The candidates running for an officer position started through the interview process in late November of 2020 and will be slated into their designated office on January 13, at the chapter's monthly meeting.

Serving on the 2021 Chapter Team is President Grace Micheal, Vice President Brooklyn Moore, Secretary Olivia Durham, Treasurer Zoe Needler, Reporter Katelyn McMillan, Sentinel Jesston Heath, and Advisor Alexis Howell.

Serving on the 2021 Greenhand Team is President Gabriel McElhaney, Vice President Keith Pluimer, Secretary Kammy Miller, Treasurer Seth Alstoft, Reporter Malaina Culbertson, Sentinel Alaina Nusbaumer, and Student Advisor Caroline Ripperger.

The 2021 FFA Officers have selected their theme for the new year. The chapter will be "On a Mission, To Grow the Tradition". The members are looking forward to another successful year.

**WALL ELECTED**

Huntington County Commissioner Tom Wall was elected to serve as 2021 President of the Indiana Association of County Commissioners (IACC) by county commissioners across the state. Jasper County Commissioner Kendell Culp stated that "Wall will be a great spokesperson for their association and is very dedicated to improving local government."

As President, Wall will represent the elected county commissioners in the 92 counties of Indiana. Wall will

be President of the IACC's Board of Directors, which determines policies and legislative goals for the Association.

Diana Biddle, Brown County Commissioner was elected Vice President; Mark Heirbrandt, Hamilton County Commissioner was elected Treasurer; and Elmer Brames, Dubois County Commissioner was elected Secretary as well.

The elections were held during the IACC's 2020 Annual District Meetings. Due to the COVID 19 meeting restrictions put into place and the surge in COVID 19 positivity rates the IACC Board of Directors postponed the in person annual conference annually scheduled for early December to ensure the safety of their attendees.

Each of the six IACC districts held virtual meetings to discuss issues important to them and to conduct IACC Executive Board and District Officer elections. Commissioners across the state discussed the COVID 19 Public Health Emergency, CARES act funding, and 2021 legislative initiatives.

**WATERFOWL CONTROL**

Individuals or businesses interested in becoming qualified as waterfowl control operators (WCOs) and/or conducting trapping, relocation, and/or euthanasia services for hire can attend the 2021 Waterfowl Workshop on Jan. 28.

The virtual workshop will run from noon to 3:30 p.m. ET. All contractors who want to conduct waterfowl trapping, transporting, relocation and/or euthanasia for hire in Indiana during 2021 will need to attend this workshop or

complete the 2021 exam. All first-time WCOs must attend the virtual workshop.

Attendance is encouraged for all WCOs, but those who have attended the DNR Waterfowl Workshop in previous years may opt to test out. Individuals interested in taking the test should contact Debbie Walter at [dwalter@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:dwalter@dnr.IN.gov) or 812-789-2724. The 2021 exam will be available Feb. 1, 2021.

Employees of WCO contractors are welcome to attend the training, but only those individuals physically conducting waterfowl trapping, transporting, relocating, and/or euthanizing for hire are required to attend.

Individuals pursuing qualifying status for goose euthanasia for the first time will also need to provide a certificate of attendance for the Nuisance Wildlife Operators Association (NWCOA) goose management course or a DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife approved eight-hour equivalent goose course. WCOs are not qualified to conduct waterfowl management activities until all necessary paperwork has been received.

All participants must register for the virtual workshop by Jan. 22, 2021 to receive the webinar link and training materials.

For more information on becoming a WCO and to register for the workshop, contact Jessica Merklings, urban wildlife biologist, at [jmerklings@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:jmerklings@dnr.IN.gov) or 260-224-9284.

**FREE LEGAL HELP**

Hoosiers needing answers to legal questions are invited to a free legal consultation during the Indiana State Bar Association's annual "Talk to a Lawyer Today" on Jan. 18, 2021. Consultations are provided in-person at numerous statewide locations or via the statewide hotline from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST at 1.800.266.2581.

Individuals will speak with one of the more than 200 attorneys volunteering their time and experience during 10- to 15-minute consultations to answer general questions and offer legal information. In light of the pandemic, attorneys are especially prepared to speak with you about landlord-tenant issues as well as bankruptcy issues. Additional frequently discussed topics

include child support, complaints against a city, contract disputes, divorce, employment issues, immigration, and wills and estates.

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# GENEALOGY REPORT

## SHAFFER

Lou Ann Shafer, 88, of Warren, IN passed away on December 22, 2020 at Heritage Pointe of Warren.



She was born to Elvin and Nellie Mae (Kohr) Parker on May 25, 1932. She was a graduate of Huntington High School and Ball State University and Huntington University before continuing on to IPFW to complete her master's degree in Elementary Education. She married Hugh Allen Shafer on May 29, 1955, he preceded her in death on January 26, 2015. Lou Ann was a former teacher at Salamonie School in Warren for 30 years where she taught 4th grade and taught 2nd grade for one year. Lou Ann served on the Woodlawn Cemetery board for many years. She also was a member of the Warren United Church of Christ, she was very active in Sigma Phi Gamma and the Kiwanis Club. She loved her grandchildren and taking care of Hugh, enjoyed cooking, reading and living life on the farm.

Loving survivors include two daughters, Kandace Ann Villanueva of Warren and Heidi Ann (Wade) Vandersloot of Midland, TX. Son, David Allen (Dawn) Shafer of Midland, TX. Sister-in-law, Mary Martha Good Shafer of Huntington, 11 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Lou Ann was preceded in death by her parents, Elvin and Nellie Parker, husband, Hugh Shafer, daughter, Kimberly Anne Shafer, siblings, Russell Thomas Parker, Lucille Mae Todd, Earl Ephraim Parker, and James Richard Parker, and great grandson Ty Allen Green.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to Pathfinder Services or donor's choice.

A private service will be held at the Warren United Church of Christ. A celebration of life service will be held at a future date. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren.

Arrangements are being handled by Glancy H. Brown and Son Funeral Home in Warren, IN.

## SMELSER

Jerry Lee Smelser of rural La Fontaine passed away on December 21, 2020 at Parkview



Randallia Hospice in Fort Wayne.

He was born February 25, 1939 to Mildred (Watson) and John Wesley Smelser. He married Melody Music Glassburn on November 22, 1967. In 1970 they bought the family farm near Banquo, where he was raised.

His grandson, John, is the eighth generation on the farm.

Jerry was a 1957 graduate of Jefferson Twp. High School. He attended Purdue University for a degree in aircraft maintenance and then he worked for American Airlines at Ohara airport in Chicago. After a few years he returned to Purdue and got a degree in Industrial Arts then got a master's degree from Ball State.

He taught at Carthage and Northfield before he started a long career at Huntington North High School. Jerry taught auto mechanics, aviation, welding as well as other classes in the department, retiring in 1997.

After retirement he sold insurance, remodeled houses, drove delivery for Koenig equipment throughout Northern Indiana, worked sales at Lowes, as well as helping his son, Andy, farm. He always kept busy.

Jerry was raised in the Banquo Christian Church, where he was a deacon. Later he and Melody became members of Lakeview Wesleyan Church which they attended for over 40 years. Jerry was an usher there. He was also a member of the Gideons, enjoying handing out New Testaments at 1812.

He is survived by his wife, Melody, sons, Andy (Amy) Smelser of La Fontaine and Jeff Glassburn of Jonesboro, daughter, Beth (Terry) Buhler of Georgetown, KY, grandchildren, John Wesley Smelser II, Zach (Bailey) Buhler, Allie, Kameron and Kendall Buhler, Marvin Glassburn, Sydney (James) Pinkerton, Bryce, Bryan and Brady Crossman, great granddaughter, Raelynn Pinkerton, brother, Bruce (Doug Strahm) Smelser, sisters in law, Joyce (Jerry Sills) Smelser-Sills, Ruth Ann Moorman, and Sue (Alain) Lessard, and brother in law, George (Amy) Moorman.

Preceding him in death were his parents and stepmother, Ruth Smelser, brothers, James Smelser and infants Michael and David Smelser, brothers in law, Mark Moorman, Billy and Michael Costello, and sister in law, Kathy Donaldson.

There will be private family viewing followed by a grave site service on Saturday, January 2, 2021 at 2:30 PM with Rev. George Cecil officiating at the Mt. Etna Cemetery in Mt. Etna, Indiana. Glancy Funeral Home in Warren, Indiana is entrusted with the services.

## JOSEPH

William D. Joseph III, 69, of Marion, IN, passed away at 9:43 AM on Monday, December 21, 2020 at IU Health-Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, IN.

He was born on Friday, August 10, 1951, in Marion, IN. Bill had been struggling with difficulties

due to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and was not able to get around like he was used to. He was a hardworking man who loved to race cars and totally restore older vehicles. If Bill was not in the garage working on cars, he loved working on the house. He was a painter for many years. Bill loved his family, he enjoyed taking them mushroom hunting and going home to fry them. He loved making breakfast and gardening in the flower garden with his grandchildren in which all had helped paint. He loved them all so much. He enjoyed family cookouts, having company, and his dog Ramey. Bill had found the Lord Jesus Christ many years ago and he has called upon him every day. He is finally resting in heaven with his family. The family would like to say a special thank you to his neighbors who came to visit when he was unable to get out, Bill very much appreciated it. There are many that he loved, and he will be missed by many.

He will be sadly missed by his Son - William B. Joseph, Daughter - Michelle Carson, Son - Jeremiah Joseph, High School Sweetheart- Mariann Fortner, Grandchildren - Austin Talbott, TN, Mariah Dilts, IN, Shantel Carson, FL, Willie Carson, III, OH, Marianda Ellis, IN, Laney Joseph, IN, Emma Joseph, IN, Journee Burkhardt, IN, and 4 Great Grandchildren.

He is now with his Parents- William D. Joseph, Jr., and Doris Joseph, and Brothers - David & Gary Joseph who all preceded him in death.

A memorial service to celebrate Bill's life will be at a later date.

Arrangements are being handled by Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home in Van Buren.

## BENSON

Mary Elizabeth "Liz" Benson, 83, of Warren, IN, passed away at 4:10 AM on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne, IN.

She was born on Saturday, February 20, 1937, in Eaton, IN. Mary retired from Square D in Huntington after 21 years. She also worked at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren in housekeeping for 6 years. She was a member of the Moose Lodge Chapter 255 and the Eagles Auxiliary #823 both in Huntington.

Loving survivors include her Son - Mark (Wife, Becky) Campbell, Warren, IN., Daughter - Marlene (Husband, Bob) Bartrom, Huntington, IN., Sisters - Shirley (Husband, Bill McKeever) Schlotter, Montpelier, IN., Judy (Husband, Larry) Freeman, Warren, IN., Della Brown, Warren, IN., Georganna (Husband, Kenny) Barton, Huntington, IN., Dora

Brown, Huntington, IN., Julie Bowman, Warren, IN., 4 Grandchildren, 10 Great Grandchildren and 6 Great Great Grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her Father - Harold Oswald, Mother - Dorothea (Allen) Brown, Daughter - Marsha Campbell, brother, Bill Oswald, and sister, Martha Oswald.

A service to celebrate her life will be held at Berea Bible Church, located at 1208 S Briant St. Huntington, IN 46750 on Saturday January 2, 2021 at 2:00pm. Inurnment will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren, Indiana.

Arrangements are being handled by Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren.

## LAYMON

David Bruce Laymon, 70, of Bloomington, died Wednesday, December 23, 2020.



He was born Wednesday, March 15, 1950, in Huntington, IN, to Bruce E. Laymon and Georgina G. Hemmick Laymon.

He grew up in Warren, IN, and he was baptized on August 28, 1960 at the Warren Church of Christ, Warren, IN. He graduated from Huntington County Community High School in 1968 and from Indiana University with a B.A. in Zoology in 1972. He was on the Dean's List, 1969-1970 for Academic Achievement.

On May 6, 1970 he was presented with a certificate in recognition of high scholastic achievement at IU during the year preceding (Founders Day).

In 1979 he earned an associate degree in nuclear medicine from Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, IN. He also earned a master's degree in computer science at IU in 1983. He was a member of the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

He married Carolyn M. Boyd, Warren, IN, in June 1969 (currently resides in Austin, TX).

He married Gretchen W. Hall, Nashville, IN, on July 1, 1978.

David raised a family in Bloomington, IN while attending school and working for IU. He also worked at the Bedford Medical Center, Bedford, IN, and Soleil, Bloomington, IN, and trained at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, IN. He lived in Franklinton, NC for many years while working for International Business Machines (IBM) in Raleigh, NC.

He was a member of the Coffee House Band, Raleigh, NC, and enjoyed electronics, folk music and dance, gardening, hiking, camping, golfing & woodworking. He cheered repeatedly for his IU Hoosiers basketball and football teams, and he also followed the

Chicago White Sox. He was a skilled harmonica player and also played the banjo.

Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Gretchen Laymon, Nashville, IN; a son, Phillip Y. Laymon, N. Hollywood, CA (Carolyn's son); a stepdaughter, Marta Ann Hall, Bloomington; a step granddaughter, Opal Hall, Bloomington, IN; brother, Terrance E. Laymon (Cynthia), Chandler, AZ; sister, Susan A. Vance, North Manchester, IN; brother, Mark E. Laymon, Warren, IN.

Additional survivors include: aunt, Helen Hemmick; uncle, Thomas L. Laymon and uncle, Stephen G. Laymon, all of Warren, IN; nephew, Justin B. Laymon, Chandler, AZ.

Arrangements were handled by the Indiana Green Burial, Bloomington, IN. In lieu of flowers, donations in the name of David B. Laymon may be made to the Church of Christ, Warren, IN.

A memorial service to celebrate David's life will be scheduled later.

## STEPHENSON

Terry L. Stephenson, 75, of Van Buren, IN passed away at 4:00AM Thursday, December 24, 2020 at University Nursing Center in Upland, IN.



She was born on Tuesday, December 4, 1945 in Grant County to Paul and Betty (Clark) Kramer. Terry married Thomas Edward Stephenson on Saturday, June 29, 1963 in Grant County. She was a graduate of Van Buren High School in 1963.

Terry had worked for the grocery store in Van Buren, the hardware store also in Van Buren, and CASA of Grant County. She was a member of the Home Economics Club and loved antiquing.

Terry will be sadly missed by her children, Lisa (Marvin) Corey, III of Marion and Thomas (Karen) Stephenson Jr. of Marion, brother, Rick (Donna) Kramer of Marion, grandchildren Alexander Stephenson, Wyatt Stephenson, Cody Smith and Dalton Smith all of Marion, 2 great grandchildren and her fiancée, Mark Reece of Marion.

Terry was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Stephenson Sr., parents, Paul and Betty Kramer, son, Troy Stephenson, and brother, Paul Kramer Jr.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home at 201 West Main Street, Van Buren, IN on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 from 10:00am to 1:00pm. A service will follow at

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1pm with Pastor Gerald Moreland officiating. Burial will follow at Van Buren Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made out to the CASA of Grant County 303 S Norton Avenue Marion, IN 46952.

Arrangements are being handled by Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home in Van Buren.

**SMITH**

Byrdie May (Grile) Smith, 94, of Warren, IN, formerly of Orlando, FL passed away on Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN.



She was born to Rev. Noah Edward Grile and Edith Catherine (Byrd) Grile on Wednesday, May 26, 1926. She married her High School sweetheart Dale Eugene Smith in 1945.

While her husband was serving on the front lines during World War II, Byrdie served her country proudly as a 'Rosie the Riveter'—helping construct B-29 bomber airplanes. She and her husband later owned Smith's Furniture store for over 20 years in Akron, IN. She also owned her own cleaning service in Deltona, FL and worked in retail sales at Beall's department store in Deland, FL at the end of her career. She was a long-time member of Peace United Methodist Church in Orlando, FL.

After retirement, Byrdie volunteered extensively with her church's financial services ministry and children's ministry. She also volunteered with 'Make a Wish' children at Give Kids the World in Kissimmee, FL.

Byrdie was a much beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She grew up as a PK (Preacher's Kid) and maintained a firm belief in God her entire life. Her faith brought her great peace and joy throughout life's ups and downs. She was known for her quick wit, infectious smile, sense of humor, compassion, love of classic movies and legendary baking skills. Cooking and caring for her family were always the priorities in her life. She served where she was needed and loved to love people.

Loving survivors include: one son, Ronald Dean Smith (Marcia) of Wabash, IN and two daughters, Marlyn Kay (Smith) French (Dave) of Fort Wayne, IN and Jana Sue (Smith) Hart (Kevin) of Orlando, FL, sister-in-law Phyllis Sue (Broome) Grile, grandchildren Ronald Dale Smith (Charisse), Amanda Gale (French) Manley, Derek Michael French (Monica) and Keenan

Edward Hart and great grandchildren Reyn Dallin Smith, Keona May Smith, Sydney Katherine Manley, Tyler Parker French and Merin Ilene French.

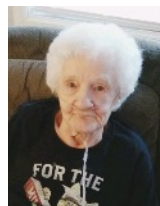
She was preceded in death by her father Rev. Noah Edward Grile, mother Edith Catherine (Byrd) Grile, husband of 37 years Dale Eugene Smith, sisters Marcella Rose (Grile) Moorman, Virgie Marie (Grile) Kinney, Earnestine Catherine (Grile) St. John, Wynona Ruth Grile, Anna Frances (Grile) Toler, Glendora (Grile) Berger, Jean Ann (Grile) Zeigler and brothers Paul Edward Grile, James Albert Grile, Gerald Wayne Grile, Merrill Lane Grile, Carroll Blane Grile, and Richard Wilmot Grile.

An interment service will follow in 2021 at Deltona Memorial Gardens in Deltona FL, when travel and group gatherings are once again deemed safe. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (for a beloved family member). The family extends its deepest gratitude to the Heritage Pointe Nurses and Caregivers who took wonderful care of our mother.

Arrangements are being handled by Glancy H. Brown and Son Funeral Home in Warren, IN.

**DAVIS**

Betty Davis, 84, passed away on Sunday, December 27, 2020 at her home.



She was born January 2, 1936 to George and Alice (Poole) Miller in Wells county Indiana. Betty attended Jefferson Township High School in Upland, IN where she graduated. She married Dick Nelson.

Betty worked very hard in her life in many different areas, including as a factory worker, convenience store clerk, truck driver and as a waitress in Michigan, Florida and Indiana. Betty loved crafting and was a skilled seamstress. She was a devoted mother to her children and was a good soul. Betty will be terribly missed by everyone, but we know she is happy to be with the loved ones who passed before her.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, George and Alice Miller, husband, Dick Nelson, son, Terry Nelson, daughters, Cheryl and Teresa Nelson, brothers, Donald "Peewee" Miller, Ronald Miller, Johnny Miller, and Bud Miller and sisters, Linda Ervin, and Carolyn Scheidt.

Loving survivors include her son Perry Nelson of Warren, IN, brother Perry (Dixie) Miller of Hartford City, IN, sister Barbara (Gene) Miller-Holm of Marion, IN,

and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Memorial contributions can be made to Warren Church of Christ 302 N Wayne St. Warren, IN 46792.

Arrangements are being handled by Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren, IN.

**BECHTOLD**

Helen Bechtold, 94, of Warren, IN, passed away on Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana in Fort Wayne, IN.



She was born on March 26, 1926, in Wabash County, IN to Henry "Jim" & Ruth (Anthony) Stensel. She married Worden Bechtold on April 22, 1948 in Huntington, IN.

Helen and Worden were long-time residents of Covington, Indiana and members of the United Methodist Church.

Helen graduated from Andrews High School in 1944 and attended Elkhart Business School. Helen worked at Montgomery Ward as a Credit Manager in Huntington, Columbia City and Danville, IL. She also worked for Windbreaker in the accounting department and for Koerner Electric Motors as an Account Manager both in Danville, IL. In 1994 she moved to Heritage Point in Warren and made a lot of friends and meaningful relationships over the years.

Helen was strong and positive, a woman who loved life and everyone in it. She was a Mom to many and adored by all. Helen enjoyed doing crossword puzzles in her free time. She will always be remembered as the "Crossword Puzzle Queen." Her famous quote on life was, "You take it like it comes," which is how she led hers. She has now found comfort with her husband, Worden, and her friends who have passed before her. Her family will miss her tremendously and love her always. She was an angel on earth and now an angel in heaven.

Loving survivors include son, Chris Bechtold, Greensburg, IN, daughter, Connie (Michael) Hutchison and granddaughter Natalie, Alvin, TX.

She was preceded in death by her parents Henry and Ruth Stensel, husband Worden Bechtold, brothers Harold Stensel, Edwin Stensel, and sister Henrietta Stensel.

Services for Helen will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are being handled by Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren, Indiana.

**ZIMMERMAN**

Robert E. Zimmerman, 94, of Warren Indiana, passed away on Monday, December 28, 2020 at Heritage Pointe in Warren.



He was born March 12, 1926 to Fred and Lela (Brown) Zimmerman in Adams county. He married Betty Bentley on June 26, 1954.

Robert attended Lancaster School in Wells county and graduated in 1945. He then served in the Army for 2 years before being honorably discharged in December of 1956. Robert then worked in construction for many years in Fort Wayne and as a custodian at Salamonie School in Warren. He was a member of the Warren Church of Christ where he served as a Deacon and trustee. Robert enjoyed hunting, trapping, cutting wood and riding his motorcycle.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Lela Zimmerman, brothers, Howard and Wayne Zimmerman, and sister, Lucille Reynolds.

Loving survivors include his wife, Betty Zimmerman of Warren, daughters, Vicki (Jim) Sparks of Huntington and Lori (Darrell) Blair of Uniondale, grandchildren, Adam Sparks, Kari (Sparks) Dietrich, Derek Blair, Andrew Blair and Brad Blair, great grandchildren, Emma, Kaitlyn, Brant, Jackson, Morgan, Wyatt, Preston, Nicholas, and Cora.

Friends and family may gather to visit on Friday, January 1, 2021 from 1pm to 4pm at the Warren Church of Christ and 9am to 10am on Saturday, January 2, 2021. A funeral service will be held at 10am January 2, 2021 at the Warren Church of Christ. Burial will follow the service at Lancaster Cemetery in Huntington county.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial contributions to the Warren Church of Christ 302 N Wayne St. Warren, IN 46792.

Arrangements are being handled by Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren.

**HUBER**

Joseph C. Huber, 95, died November 26, 2020 at Heritage Pointe in Warren, Indiana.



Joseph was born on the family farm outside of Warren on September 12, 1925 to Guy and Lillian Huber.

After graduating from Jefferson Twp. High School in 1943, he was drafted and served 29 months in the US Navy. As a flight engineer

on Navy seaplanes, he served in the Philippines, China, Korea and Japan. He was recalled during the Korean War and was stationed in Washington, D.C. as a Communications Technician.

Upon graduating from Purdue University in 1950 and marrying Willene Alexander, his interests took him to a variety of jobs and travels. He taught Vocational Agriculture, Chemistry, Biology and a few more subjects at Jackson Twp. High School.

Joseph managed the family dairy farm for a few years, he sold livestock feed and was an Assistant County Agent in Clinton County. From 1958 until 1976 he worked for the US Agency for International Development with assignments in Colombia, Bolivia, Brazil, Nicaragua, Honduras, Tanzania and Haiti. Lastly he was a Pesticide Field Investigator for the Indiana State Chemist and Seed Commissioner's Office.

He was an adventurous person, a humanitarian, a jokester and loved to tell his life experiences to people and see their reactions.

With his smile and the sparkle in his eyes, he will be missed by his family and friends.

Joseph is survived by daughters Mary and Jane, his brother David and step-sister JoAnn, seven grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Willene, sons Tom and Bill and step brothers Jack, George and Perry.

Graveside services and burial with military honors will take place Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 10:00AM at Forest Hill Cemetery, Greencastle, Indiana.

**FLORA**

Leona E. Flora, age 107, of Warren and formerly of Roanoke, passed away Saturday, January 2, 2021 at 6:00 pm at Heritage Pointe, Warren.

She and her husband previously owned Village Inn and she worked at Be In Boutique both in Roanoke. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Roanoke where she was a member of the Rosary Society.

Leona was born October 28, 1913, in Randolph County, Indiana, a daughter of Glenn and Bessie (Brown) Brown. On June 3, 1933 she married her beloved husband of 66 years Edward Flora in Muncie. He preceded her in death February 6, 2000.

Surviving are a son Danny Flora of Roanoke, a grandson Don Flora of Fort Wayne, 4 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by daughter & son-in-law Marjorie and Arthur Sweatland, daughter-in-law Donna Flora, grandsons Douglas Flora & David Flora,

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great-great-granddaughter Lilliana Shull and sister Helen Reeves.

Visitation will be held Thursday, January 7 from 9-10 am at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Roanoke, preceding the 10:00 am Mass of Christian Burial. Father Dale Bauman will officiate. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church c/o Roanoke Memorial Chapel of Deal-Rice Funeral Homes, 240 Crestwood Drive, Roanoke, IN 46783.

**BAILEY**

Evelyn Burdette Bailey, 92, of Warren, IN, passed away at 8:05 PM on Saturday, January 2, 2021 at Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN.

She was born on Friday, September 28, 1928, in Owensboro, KY to Robert & Golda (Hoheimer) Burdette.

Evelyn was a hard worker who farmed and raised dairy cows for most of her life. Her favorite job was at Heritage Pointe, where she worked in the Dietary Department. She loved the staff and residents during her time at Heritage Pointe and worked there until the age of 82. Evelyn was an avid bowler and a member of the Hillcrest Nazarene Church in Warren.

Loving survivors include her daughter - Marylee Volland, Warren, IN, sons - Alan (Laura) Bailey, Marantha Way, WA, Richard Bailey, Warren, IN, and Robert Bailey, Warren, IN, 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren, siblings-Marion (Mary Alice) Burdette, Texarkana, AR, Martin (Janet) Burdette, Plant City, FL, Earlene Lester, Gas City, IN, Mervyl (Donna) Burdette, Gas City, IN, Jr. (Mary Jane) Moore, Marion, IN, and Carol (Bob) Lennons, Fairmount, IN.

She was preceded in death by her parents, young brother-Bubby Burdette, son-in-law - Jim Volland and grandson - Jamie T. Volland.

In honoring Evelyn's wishes there will be no services held at this time. Preferred memorials: Heritage Pointe-Rock Steady Boxing, 801 N. Huntington Ave., Warren, IN 46792. Rock Steady Boxing offers hope to those with Parkinson's Disease to build strength, flexibility, and speed. Arrangements are being handled by Glancy - H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren.

**ROUGH**

Rev. Dr. Thomas C. Rough, 83 of Warren Indiana, passed away on Wednesday, December 30, 2020



at 12:40PM at Heritage Pointe in Warren.

Thomas was born July 25, 1937 to Paul and Florence (Gonser) Rough in Niles, MI. He married Janet K. Whitesell on October 7, 1962. Together, they had two wonderful children, Thomas and Elizabeth, and enjoyed 58 years of marriage together.

Thomas received his B.A. from Indiana Wesleyan University, his M.Div. from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, and his D.D. from the University of Indianapolis, where he would later be named as Distinguished Trustee for the university in 2002. His pastoral work took the family to many cities. He was Pastor at Plymouth Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church from 1958-1966, Senior Pastor at South Bend Central United Methodist Church from 1966-1973, Fort Wayne Faith United Methodist Church from 1973-1979, and Michigan City First United Methodist Church from 1979-1985, Superintendent at Huntington District United Methodist Church from 1985-1988, Senior Pastor at High Street United Methodist Church in Muncie, IN from 1988-1995, Superintendent at Calumet District United Methodist Church from 1995-2002, before finally retiring in 2002. Upon his retirement, he worked as a Development Associate for Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary from 2002-2005 and then as Executive Pastor and also Interim Pastor at Paradise Valley United Methodist Church in Arizona from 2005-2013.

In addition to Thomas' roles as pastor, he was also President of the school board in Plymouth, Director of the Methodist Hospitals in Gary and Merrillville and a member of the Board of Ordained Ministry for the United Methodist Church Chair of the Cabinet in 1998. He was named Outstanding Alumni in Religion/Philosophy from Indiana Wesleyan University in 1992 and Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Robert Orr in 1985.

Other notable positions Thomas held were as Chairman of the Police Merit Commission and Chairman of the Salvation Army Advisory Board in Michigan City, Instructor for the Academy for Community Leadership and guest lecturer on the PBS Christianity Series in Muncie, Board member for the Indiana United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren, United Way Board of Directors in South Bend, a member of the Board of Global Ministries in Fort Wayne, and a member of the Marshall county Tax Adjustment Board in Plymouth.

Thomas and Janet created many memories over the years

including marching in the Civil Rights movement with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1965. Pastor Tom was an artist with words. He painted pictures with sermons. His life was rich, and so very special. As a pastor, he wanted the congregation to leave the church with a song in their heart and feeling better about themselves. He was always there for his family and left them this message "I love you, in all you do, as long as you live a life in service of others, you will be fulfilled."

Thomas will be deeply missed by his wife, Janet Rough of Warren, son, Thomas (Lisa) Rough of Cape Creek, AZ, daughter, Elizabeth (Rodney) Crispen of Yorktown, VA, grandchildren, Nicola (Markus) Minton, Livia Crispen and Ian Crispen, brother, Harry (Dee) Rough of Niles, MI, and sisters, Ilah (Sam) Hebner of Plymouth, IN and Lois (Mark) Hendricks of Denton, TX.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Florence Rough and a brother, John William Rough, who died in infancy.

Due to Covid-19, a private family service will be held. Inurnment will be at Oak Hill Cemetery in Plymouth, Indiana. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: High Street United Methodist Church, 219 South High St. Muncie, IN 47305; First Wayne Street United Methodist Church, 300 East Wayne St. Fort Wayne, IN 46802 Or Paradise Valley United Methodist Church, 4455 East Lincoln Dr. Paradise Valley, AZ 85253.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Glancy-H. Brown & Son Funeral Home in Warren, Indiana.

**WATSON**

Paul N. Watson, 41, of Gas City, IN, passed away unexpectedly at 5:35 PM on Sunday, January 3, 2021 at his home in Gas City, IN. He was born on Wednesday, October 3, 1979, in Medina, OH. Paul was a 1999 graduate of Eastbrook High School and was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Gas City. He was owner/operator at Card Shack 95 in Gas City and he also worked for UPS where he served in Grant County for 23 years. He was an avid golfer where he enjoyed golfing at Arbor Trace Golf Club in Marion and was a member of the Aero Club in Marion. Paul was a family man. He enjoyed spending his time with his family, friends, and nieces & nephews.



He will be sadly missed by his Father - William J. Watson, Sr., Marion, IN., Sister - Sandra Christine (Cheyenne J.) Shipley, Upland, IN., Sister - Susanne "Susie" Elizabeth (Shawn) Strange, Fishers, IN., Brother - William Joe (Amanda) Watson, Jr., New Whiteland, IN., Sister - Linda Lavon Watson, Ocean Side, CA., Brother - Daniel Albert (Zena) Watson, Marion, IN., and 12 Nieces & Nephews - Dominique (Matt) Stover, Santana Shipley, Savannah Strange, Sydney Strange, Alexis "Allie" Watson, Tara Watson, Will Watson, Colton Watson, Cassandra "Cassie" Watson, Carter Watson, Bennett Watson, and Cora Watson.

He was preceded in death by his Mother - Sandra Lee (Oriold) Watson.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home 201 N Main Street Van Buren on Friday, January 8, 2021 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

A Christian Mass will be held at the Holy Family Catholic Church 325 E. North A. St. Gas City at 2:00 PM on Thursday, January 7, 2021 with Father Kevin Hurley officiating.

Arrangements are being handled by Ferguson & Glancy Funeral Home in Van Buren.

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We've been asked how community members can show their appreciation for our co-workers as we approach the holidays. The most important thing you can do to provide support is to follow the guidelines to prevent spread of COVID-19. If you are inclined to do more, visit [www.parkview.com/waystohelp](http://www.parkview.com/waystohelp) or email [fooddonations@parkview.com](mailto:fooddonations@parkview.com) and our team can assist in distributing donations to caregivers across our health system.

The Year of the Nurse was supposed to be a time for us to celebrate and reflect. There hasn't been nearly enough time to pause and do either of those things in 2020. However, this will certainly be the year that defines nurses - and all frontline caregivers - for generations to come.

Judy Boerger, RN, MSN, FAAN, is chief nursing executive at Parkview Health. After a 50-year career in nursing, she will be retiring at the end of 2020.



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