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Thought for the Week: Realize deeply that the present moment is all you ever have. Eckhart Tolle

5TH ANNUAL HISTORIC WARREN MAIN STREET CAR SHOW

Raffle at the Car Show! You don't want miss the Raffle! You do not need to be present to win! Lots of great prizes! (photo-Eagle donated by RB Custom Carvings) Purchase your tickets 11 am-4 pm. Can't stay, no problem, if we draw your ticket, we will contact you.

Join Historic Warren Main Street for a day full of fun! Cars, Music, Food, Tours, Raffles, Shopping & Giveaways! Mark your calendars and join us at Heritage Pointe of Warren on their beautiful front lawn Saturday, May 17th from 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Car registration will be from 11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Enjoy food from JB's "Cuisine Machine" as they will be providing food at the event and will be set up in the front parking lot. Also set up in the front area will be Vendor Booths that will provide a shopping experience. Enjoy live music from Karen Wehr & Friends Band from 1:00 - 4:00! Bring your chairs and enjoy the day while viewing beautiful cars & trucks!

Also available will be tours of Heritage Pointe of Warren Villas, Town Houses, Apartments & Assisted Living Apartments. Golf Carts will provide transportation for the tour locations. Historic Warren Main Street will have raffles and drawings through-out the day.

We want to thank our Gold Level Event Sponsors, Crain Ford, Hy-Line North America, Glancy Funeral Homes, Mandy Surfus Realtor, Citizens Telephone, Ever Fresh Fruit Co., Heritage Pointe of Warren, and Bippus State Bank.

If you are interested in a Vendor Booth, contact Courtney at (740) 398-2543. For information and questions about the car show contact Jeff at (260) 375-6199. All proceeds stay in the Warren Community to continue projects through economic growth & preservation along with community events to enhance the quality of life in the Warren Community. Historic Warren Main Street is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization and a member of Indiana Main Street.

Update: The Hickory Huskers Bus will not be at the car show due to unforeseen circumstances.



MASTER GARDENER PLANT SALE – SATURDAY MAY 10

The Huntington Co. Master Gardeners are preparing for their annual Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. The location will be the 1st Federal Savings Bank Community Building at the Huntington Co. Fairgrounds.

The volunteers also want to thank all of the past plant sale customers. It has been a successful community fundraiser for more than 20 years. Proceeds from the sale are used for youth 4-H scholarships and local educational projects.

TENDERLOIN SUPPER

The McMens of the Church of McNatt will hold a tenderloin supper Saturday, May 17, 2025 from 4:30 - 7pm.

The menu includes tenderloin sandwiches, green beans, applesauce, a variety of desserts and a drink.

A free will offering will be taken with proceeds used for Community needs.

The church is located one mile West of S.R. 3 on 800 S in Wells County.

SENIOR EXPO

The 2025 Senior Expo will be held May 22 from 8am - 1:30pm at Huntington University Field House. Volunteers are needed. If interested in Volunteering contact the Huntington County Council on Aging/Senior Center.

Come and visit all the exhibitors. Get your passport marked at each one you visit for a chance to win one of 12 \$50 gift cards.

Free Breakfast for the first 400 provided by American Senior Communities.

Lunch provided the The Waters of Huntington.

Entertainment all day long: Frank Sinatra Tribute Artist (Russ Weed), Ally Kats, Roy Carter. Master Ceremonies: Gordy Clements.

WAMA VBS

Warren Area Ministerial Association Vacation Bible School will be held at the Warren Church of Christ (302 N. Wayne St.) June 2-6, 6:00-8:00 pm for kids aged 5-11 years old. There is a registration fair at WCC on Sunday, June 1 with free food, games, and a bounce house. Families can come and enjoy the event while they register their kids for VBS.

NEW KBC PROJECT

The members of the USS Salamonie museum wanted to do a special project for KBC other than regular upkeep. They suggested a new LED outdoor sign on the front lawn and the board approved the project.

A fund has been started and the USS Salamonie members started the project off with a donation. We would like to thank them for their donation and the support they have given the KBC over the years.

The cost of the project will be approximately \$23,500.00.

You may make a donation and send it to: Knight Bergman Center, P.O. 574, Warren IN, 46792.

ALTERNATING LANE CLOSURES ON I-69 IN HUNTINGTON COUNTY

HUNTINGTON COUNTY, Ind. – INDOT announces alternating lane closures on northbound I-69 for bridge construction.

Starting on or after May 5, crews will be working in the northbound lanes of I-69 over State Road 5/State Road 218 at Exit 273. Work on the bridge construction is expected to be complete by the end of May. All work is weather-dependent and schedules are subject to change.

During construction, crews will be working in one lane of the interstate at a time. The on and off ramps in this location will remain open.

INDOT encourages drivers to consider safety for all by slowing down, using extra caution and driving distraction-free when travelling in and around all work zones.

NEW LEADERSHIP

Heritage Pointe Communities in Indiana is continuing to grow—and so are its leaders. Terrence Jent and Kayla Malott are stepping into new roles as part of the organization's expansion and ongoing commitment to providing exceptional senior care.

The senior living portfolio of Heritage Pointe Communities includes Heritage Pointe of Warren, Heritage Pointe of Fort Wayne, Heritage Pointe of Huntington, and its newest acquisition, Elizabeth Scott Community in Maumee, Ohio.

Terrence Jent, formerly the Executive Director of Heritage

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Treva's
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by Treva Flemming

EASY SHEET PAN NACHOS

Oven-baked sheet pan nachos have layers of tortilla chips, cheese and ground beef and are loaded with your favorite nacho toppings!

1 lb ground beef
1 pkg Taco Seasoning
1 13-ounce bag tortilla chips
½ cup water
Fresh Tomatoes
½ cup Red Onion
Fresh Cilantro
2 cups Shredded Cheese
Jalapenos
Black Olives
Sour Cream

Cook ground beef on medium heat until browned. Drain if needed. Return pan to heat and add the taco seasoning and water. Bring to a simmer.

In a sheet pan with sides, layer chips, beef mixture, and cheese. Broil on High for a minute or until cheese is melty.

Top with the tomatoes, onion, and cilantro, jalapeno, black olives, and sour cream before serving.

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.

May 7	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
May 7	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
May 12	6:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
May 13	6:30p	W - SSF Meeting @ KBC
May 19	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
May 21	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
May 26	6:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
Jun 4	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Jun 4	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall

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

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

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Nick Miller, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

BANQUO CHRISTIAN CHURCH

8924S 900W 35
Harold Smith, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

BOEHMER UNITED METHODIST

Steve Nevius, 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 GLOBAL METHODIST
CHURCH

101 N 400 E - Marion 765/664-8726
Curtis Banker, Senior Pastor
Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 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 Ginny Soultz, John Moyer &
Cindy Osgood
Sunday Morning Worship 9:30 a.m.
Mon-Fri Chapel Services 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Catholic Mass 1:00p.m.
Thurs. Catholic Mass 10:30a.m.

WARREN 1st BAPTIST CHURCH

727 N Wayne St, Warren
260-375-2811
office@warrenfirsbaptist.net
Pastor Mark Joynerr
Youth Dir: Peter & Mindy Fairchild
Sunday School9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship10:00 a.m.
Youth Group: Grades 5-12 ...Sun 11:30
Ekklesia Sun 6:30pm

HILLCREST
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375-2510
Pastor Gale Sonny Bloom, Jr.
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF WARREN

485 Bennett Dr, Warren, IN
375-3873
John Boyanowski, Pastor
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.

LANCASTER WESLEYAN

3147 W 543 S, Huntington
765.251.2322
Ron Forsythe, 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
1st Mon Ministry Team 7:00 p.m.
3rd Sat Mens Prayer Breakfast 8:00 am
4th Mon ABW 1:30 pm

LIBERTY CENTER

COMMUNITY CHURCH
Pastor Diane Samuels
Fellowship Time9:00a.m.
Morning Worship9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

THE CHURCH AT MCNATT

375-4359
Daniel Tucker, 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. 6:30 p.m.
MT. ETNA COMMUNITY LIFE CHURCH
260/468-2148 Sr 9 & 124

Rev. Michael Gallant - "Pastor Mike"
Good Morning Church (Sunday School
for all ages9:00 - 9:45
Worship Service10:00 - 11:00
Everyone is Welcome

SALAMONIE

CHURCH OF BRETHREN
468-2412
Mel Zumbrun, Pastor
Worship9:30 a.m.
Church School 10:45a.m.

1st CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF WARREN
375-2102
www.firstccw.net

Troy Drayer, Senior Pastor
Takarra Myers, Youth Director
office@firstccw.net

Sunday Worship..... 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Youth Sunday School during
Worship Service

Youth Group-Wed 6:00 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 CHURCH OF THE VINE

765-934-1431
Pastor Brad Hensley
vanburenychurchofthevine@gmail.com
Worship Service 9:30 am
Sunday School 10:45am

Not Home Alone - Wed 3:00 pm
Prayer Group (Thur)..... 6:30pm
Men Serving God Group ... 4th Sat. 9am
Little Ones Book Club 1st Tue 10:00 am
Just Older Youth 3rd Tue 12:00 pm

WARREN CHURCH OF CHRIST

375-3022
Mickey Strong, Senior Minister
Andrew Fisher, Youth Minister
Liz Richardson, Childrens MinistryAsst.

Tara Bower - Secretary
www.warrenchurchofchrist.org
Fellowship9:15 a.m.
Worship & Communion9:30 a.m.
Sunday School11 to 11:50 a.m.

Youth:
K-6th grade, Mon 6:15-7pm
Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-8pm

FARRVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

11044 E 200 N, Marion, IN
765-618-0027
Pastor Al Soultz
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 am
Sunday School Classes9:30 am
Wed. Bible Study7:00 pm



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AREA NEWS

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Pointe of Warren, has been promoted to Vice President of Operations for Heritage Pointe Communities. In this role, Jent will oversee operations across multiple campuses, helping shape how they run and cultivating a consistent culture across all locations.

“My goal is to ensure every community has the systems and staff in place to provide the best possible care to our residents,” he says.

Jent will be a familiar face at each Heritage Pointe campus, making regular visits to build relationships with staff, residents, and families. “It’s great to work closely with the other managers and to be present in all of our communities,” he adds.

Alongside Jent, Kayla Malott is preparing to step into the role of Executive Director for the Warren community this summer. Malott, currently serving as the Residential Living Director for Assisted Living in Warren, has been training side-by-side with Jent in preparation.

“It’s a great experience to learn from Terrence,” she says. “I’m learning the many responsibilities of the role and what it means to be an Executive Director.”

Malott brings years of experience in senior care, having served as Director of Nursing and as an Administrator. She is a Licensed Residential Care Administrator and is currently studying to become a Licensed Health Facility Administrator.

“There are so many important regulations and responsibilities to learn—ranging from life and safety to building maintenance and nursing,” she explains.

As she looks ahead to her new leadership role, Malott says her focus will remain on maintaining the high level of care and service residents have come to expect. “The big thing is continuing the excellent quality of care and customer service that defines our community.”

Jent’s expanded role also includes helping guide the

integration of the Elizabeth Scott Community into the Heritage Pointe family. “It’s exciting to bring new teams of people together,” he says of the acquisition. “Elizabeth Scott had been family-owned for years and was looking for the right owners. We were in a growth mode, and it was a perfect fit.”

Both Heritage Pointe and Elizabeth Scott offer a full continuum of care—including independent living, assisted living, rehabilitation, memory care, and skilled nursing—supporting residents through every stage of aging.

“Elizabeth Scott Community fits naturally with our culture—providing a relaxed, close-knit atmosphere, excellent personalized care, and a vibrant schedule of activities that support mental and physical well-being,” he says.

With these leadership changes and a clear focus on compassionate care, Heritage Pointe Communities continues to honor its mission: helping every resident live life to the fullest.

Like Jent, Malott finds deep meaning in working with older adults. “I love hearing their stories—about their journeys, their experiences,” she says.

“There’s so much wisdom there, and it’s incredibly rewarding to be part of their lives.”

MAY IS MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS MONTH IN INDIANA

Governor Mike Braun has proclaimed May as Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month in Indiana. This is in conjunction with a national campaign promoted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). As warmer weather arrives, more riders are taking to the streets after what is usually a several-month sabbatical during the winter. May presents the ideal time to remind motorists to look for motorcyclists, as well as offer tips for riders who have been inactive since last fall and could be a bit rusty.

Generally, Indiana records very few, if any, motorcyclist fatalities from November through April. With a mild winter and early spring, motorcyclists were out more than usual during those months over the last two years. Regrettably, we are again off to a tragic start with more than half a dozen fatalities prior to May. One of these was a right-of-way crash that claimed the life of the rider and his passenger.

These are not merely numbers, they are human lives. These losses have tremendous ripple effects throughout their communities. We are talking about fathers, sons, mothers, daughters, friends, relatives, and co-workers. Crashes know no barriers and cross all gender, religious, race, and socioeconomic categories.

This is a “problem”, and one that we must all address collectively.

We all understand that sometimes things just happen. However, most motorcycle crashes are avoidable. Multiple-vehicle crashes where a motorist violates the rider’s right-of-way would not occur if drivers took the time to not only look but truly see motorcyclists. Single-vehicle crashes where the rider loses control are usually the result of the operator exceeding their limits. Knowing and riding within your limits is the responsibility of each motorcyclist.

Riders, especially new riders, who have not had the benefit of formal rider education, as well as those who are unlicensed or improperly licensed, continue to be over-represented in crashes.

Enrolling in recognized rider training and being properly licensed and endorsed are steps that reduce the likelihood of being involved in a crash.

ABATE of Indiana urges riders to be properly licensed and trained, continually develop and practice their skills, and be prepared to react to motorists who fail to see them. ABATE also asks drivers to be conscious of motorcyclists in traffic, allow riders ample space, and share the road courteously with all road users.

Just like the bumper sticker says, “Save a life, be aware, motorcycles are everywhere”.

Save A Life – Be Aware – Motorcycles Are Everywhere



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PUBLIC FORUM ON CONTAINER GARDENING – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

The Huntington County Master Gardeners will hold a public forum on Wednesday June 4 at 6:30 p.m. in Beacon Credit Union Heritage Hall at the Huntington County Fairgrounds located at 631 E. Taylor Street. Master Gardener volunteers will be presenting on container gardening. The presenters will share information on selecting plants, choosing containers, and caring for plants for the four seasons. Many types of plants may be raised in containers to create lasting enjoyment for home gardeners.

Please RSVP by calling the Purdue Extension – Huntington County Office – 1340 South Jefferson St. at 260-358-4826. Volunteers would like to have sufficient supplies available for participants to take home plants.

KNOW THE STROKE SIGNS AND SAVE LIVES THIS AMERICAN STROKE MONTH

The American Stroke Association urges everyone to know warning signs F.A.S.T. and take steps to prevent stroke

Every year, approximately 800,000 people in the U.S. have a stroke[1], however, as many as 80% may be preventable with healthy lifestyle changes and screening for risk factors[2]. During May, American Stroke Month, the American Stroke

Association, a division of the American Heart Association, is raising awareness nationwide that stroke is largely preventable, treatable and beatable.

A stroke can happen to anyone, even young people. Know the stroke signs, risk factors and how to protect yourself:

Spot a stroke F.A.S.T. If you see Face drooping, Arm weakness or Speech difficulty, it's Time to call 911. Explore what the warning signs may look, feel or sound like in the interactive F.A.S.T. Experience.

Understand your risk factors and ask a doctor how you can prevent a stroke. High blood pressure is a leading cause and controllable risk factor for stroke.

Stroke recovery is within reach. Track your health, medication and more with the Heart & Stroke Helper™ app for stroke survivors and caregivers.

A stroke happens when normal blood flow in the brain is interrupted. When parts of the brain don't get the oxygen-rich blood they need, those cells die. Quick identification and treatment of stroke improves the chances of survival and recovery.

Learn the warning signs

Stroke is an emergency. If someone is having a stroke, they must get medical attention right away.

Use the acronym F.A.S.T. to identify the most common signs of stroke:

Face Drooping - Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven?

Arm Weakness - Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

Speech Difficulty - Is speech slurred or hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, like "The sky is blue." Time to Call 911 - If you notice any of these symptoms, even if they go away, call 911 and get to a hospital immediately. Quick action can save a life.

Take steps to prevent stroke
Black and Hispanic adults in the U.S. face disproportionately higher stroke risk, driven in part by higher rates of high blood pressure, obesity and diabetes[3], as well as socioeconomic factors that impact access to care and prevention[4].

A large majority of strokes can be prevented:

Manage your blood pressure – Lowering your blood pressure reduces your risk of stroke. According to the 2025 American Heart Association Statistical Update, nearly half of adults in the U.S. have high blood pressure, and many don't even know it.

Live a healthy lifestyle – Eating well, staying active, quitting smoking and managing stress can all help lower your stroke risk[5]. The Association's Life's Essential 8 provides key steps for improving and maintaining cardiovascular and brain health.

Monitor health conditions – Conditions like atrial fibrillation (AFib), diabetes and high cholesterol increase stroke risk. Work with your health care provider to manage them.

Reduce risk for a second stroke - Nearly 1 in 4 survivors will have another stroke[6], in some instances because they don't know what caused the first stroke. Testing to identify cause and additional risk factors can help you and your health care team develop a plan to prevent another one.

Stroke recovery

Those who have had a stroke often must work against physical, emotional and cognitive changes to move forward. Stroke survivors and caregivers can track their health journey, medications and receive trusted information about stroke with the Heart & Stroke Helper app.

This American Stroke Month, take action and inspire change by learning the signs of a stroke and talking to your health care team to manage your risk factors.

Together, we can change the future of health and transform lives. Learn more at Stroke.org/StrokeMonth.

The HCA Healthcare Foundation is a national sponsor of the American Stroke Association's Together to End Stroke® initiative and American Stroke Month.

A TRIP TO ORLANDO AREA DAY 9

by Larry Ryan

The 6:20 am alarm clock signaled the last bit of shuteye for the night. However, we had been dozing for the previous 30 minutes. Our minds and bodies were excited to be heading home? Suitcases were placed outside the room door prior to joining the breakfast group. It was an overcast 59 degree morning. I avoided the tasteless pancakes and went straight to the eggs and sausage station.

The bus left the Drury Inn in Lake Buena Vista ten minutes earlier than scheduled. Apparently, everyone else was anxious to see their own residences again. I was confused initially when the driver merged onto I-4 East. But after traveling a few miles, he located the northbound, Florida Turnpike. As soon as our vehicle entered Lake County, a large lake appeared on my right side. Road construction did not hinder our progress.

By 9:20, I-75 North was accessed. It was slightly foggy as the driver sped by the Zip Line Adventure Park. Within ten minutes, the Ocala City Limits sign was behind us as was Grandma Jones' Candy Shop. After a rest stop, a small field of meticulously aligned, starter trees with their short trunks wrapped in vivid, white paper appeared. They looked like young, short ROTC recruits at attention!

A mist kept the highway damp. The driver passed a Pepsi Cola truck which reminded me that this drink was formulated in New Bern, North Carolina. I learned that fact from reading one of Nicolas Sparks' novels. The mist turned into a light rain as I spotted a billboard advertising Steve Spurrier's restaurant. He was the football coach at the University of Florida in the 1990's.

At 10:40 the Florida sun joined a blue sky but the air temperature was only 59 degrees. However, golfers were excited to be playing

near Lake City and the exits to Jacksonville and Tallahassee. Several FedEx trucks were hogging the interstate highway. After crossing the Suwannee River, the bus wheels were in Georgia at 11:40. A few Florida palm trees still followed us for another half mile. Ten minutes later, Valdosta was history and a field of very red plants or weeds was spotted that looked like a cranberry bog. A billboard invited us to stop at the Magnolia Plantation for peach preserves and Georgia peanuts.

At Tifton, GA, lunch was initiated at Panera Bread. I went wild and ordered raspberry tea. After leaving at 1:45, the bus drove by the Georgia Peanut Commissioner's building while the passengers played a matching word game. It was 73 degrees at 3:05 when the driver merged onto the I-475 bypass around Macon, GA. He had no trouble staying above the 40 mph minimum speed limit.

After a 3:45 rest stop, my eyes focused on a Big M Transport semi-trailer with the words, "Run With The Dogs" printed on its side panel. Our driver kept his distance. Nearing Atlanta, during the five o'clock 'rush hour,' traffic slowed automatically. However, this gave me time to gaze at the Mercedes Benz and Georgia State University Football Stadiums. While creeping along, our bus made friends with a Fuzion 5th Wheel and traveled together for several miles until we passed under I-20. The RV must have taken an exit to Peach Tree Street, Emory, or Georgia Tech Universities.

By 5:30 traffic started to flow faster and I noticed a road sign for US Highway # 41. This 2,000 mile, north-south route covers ten states and passes from Florida through Indiana cities of Evansville and Terra Haute before terminating at Whiting.

Just prior to reaching our overnight destination in Chattanooga, TN, we started to watch the Huntington University Men's basketball tournament game via the cell phone. The traffic around Atlanta caused the bus to arrive 30 minutes late, but fortunately our rooms were still available at the Fairfield Inn. By having picked up a ham & cheese sandwich and fruit at the last rest stop, we did not need to visit the adjacent Cracker Barrel that night. This selection and leftovers from Panera Bread was just enough to satisfy our stomach's expectation.

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GENEALOGY REPORT

WENTZ

Levon "Whitey" Wentz, 87, passed away in the early morning hours of Thursday, April 17, 2025, in Tampa, FL. He was born in Pennville, IN, to Robert & Levada (Whitacre) Wentz on August 12, 1937. Levon proudly served in the Indiana National Guard and the US Army, stationed in Germany. After returning home in 1959, he married Marian Evelyn Brown and started their family. They moved to Grant County, then to Van Buren, IN, in 1970. Whitey was active in the Black Creek Conservation Club, served as a committee member for the Van Buren Popcorn Festival, and belonged to the Van Buren American Legion. He volunteered as an EMT, in the Van Buren fire department, and as a deputy marshal. Later in life, he became a member of the Hopewell Church of Portland and the Memorial Drive Wesleyan Church in Muncie. Whitey worked at the Marion Fisher Body General Motors plant. He served his fellow UAW 977 members as a committee member and national delegate until his retirement in 1987. He spent the remainder of his retirement in Tampa, where he enjoyed spending time with five generations of family members. Preceding him in death were his parents, wife, son Charlie, brothers Don (surviving wife Margaret), and Jim & his wife, Mildred. Levon is survived by brothers Alvin (Shirley) and Sam (Sandy) Wentz; children Beckie Wright, Suzie (Jerry) Nay, Shari (Randy) Dale, Dee Dee Baker, Bill (Lori) Wentz, and Charlie's wife, Kathy; as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces, and nephews, all of whom will miss him tremendously. In lieu of cards or flowers, the family requests that you all get together for ice cream, as this was one of Whitey's favorite pastimes.

ANSON

Mark I. Anson, 95, of Warren, entered his eternal rest on Friday, April 25, 2025, at 8 a.m. surrounded by his loved ones. He passed away at Heritage Point of Warren. Mark was born in his childhood home in Andrews to Thomas H. and Georgia (Noble) Anson, March 12, 1930. He graduated from Dallas Township High School in 1948. Mark married the love of his life, Juanita (Wesco), on December 31, 1950, and enjoyed 74 years together, before she preceded him in death on March 27, 2024. He was predeceased by a brother, Philip Dean, at infancy, daughter, Debra Gardner, son-in-law, Dave Gardner, and daughter-in-law, Karen Anson. Mark was a master farmer of corn, dairy and community services for over 49 years. His memberships, both civic and private, were numerous, including Master Farmer Award of the Prairie Farmers Association, past secretary of Huntington County Agricultural Stability Committee, Board of Trustees for Andrews United Methodist Church, past president of the Andrews Lions Club, Huntington Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, "Distinguished Purdue Agricultural Award" and agricultural alumni, National Holstein Association and "40-Year Award Member," Board of Directors for Indiana State Holstein Association, Life Member of the National Dairy Shrine Club, Dairy Herd Improvement Association, president and secretary, Huntington County Youth 4-H Leader for ten years, Polk Township 4-H Leader for 25 years, Huntington County/Polk Township Trustee, State Trustee's Association Member, Melvin Jones Award winner via Lion's Club International, president of the Huntington County Historical Society, Crime Stopper Board Member and Volunteer at Forks of the Wabash. Mark was a true 'people person' who enjoyed life to the fullest.

He enjoyed playing the trumpet for the residents of the Heritage Home from his balcony. Mark is survived by two sons, Arden Anson, of Roanoke, and Aaron (Joleen) Anson, of Andrews; 18 grandchildren, Jason (Michelle) Gardner, Amber (Mike) Lecher, Andrea (Jeff) White, Angie (Scott) Ulrich, Apryl (Darren) Goeglein, Autumn (Sam) Scher, John (Jodi) Anson, Molly Follis, Dolly (Derek) Blair and Evan Anson; 21 great-grandchildren. Calling hours will be on Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Applegate Chapel, Heritage Point, 801 N. Huntington Ave., Warren, with funeral services to follow at 1 p.m. The Reverend Gerald Moreland will preside. The burial will then take place at Union Cemetery, 3688 E. 400 N., Huntington, immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to Andrews Lions Club, Heartland Hospice or Huntington County Historical Society, all in care of McElhaney Funeral Home, 715 N. Jefferson St., Huntington, IN 46750. **BRAGG** Tony DeVon Bragg, age 74, of Marion, IN, passed away on April 28th, 2025. Tony was born on March 23, 1951, to Clifford D. and Maxine W. (Pattison) Bragg. Tony was a 1969 graduate of Eastbrook High School and on October 18, 1970, he married his wife, Linda Embry. Tony spent his life farming, only recently "retiring" last year. Tony worked for Anaconda Wire and Cable Company, Delco Electronics and retired from General Motors as a millwright of 30 years. He spent 48 years on the Van Buren volunteer fire department and enjoyed fishing in Canada. Tony is survived by his spouse Linda S. (Embry) of almost 55 years, Daughter

DeVonda (Dede) Flaherty, spouse Sean, Son Todd, (significant other Holly Eldredge), Grandchildren Logan Taylor Bragg, Brinley Shea Flaherty, and Braeden Sean Flaherty, Sister Lana S. Shafer (Kent), Mother-in-law, Margaret Ellen Embry, Brothers in law Mike (Patty) Embry, Ed (Linda) Embry, and sister-in-law Betty Ann Jones. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Rex D. Bragg, and father-in-law George C. Embry. Visitation will be Friday, May 2, 2025, from 2-8pm and Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 11am-2pm, all held at Grace Community Church, 1810 Bradford Pike, Marion, IN. Funeral services will begin at 2pm on Saturday with Chaplain Ginny Soultz and Pastor Tom Mansbarger officiating. Graveside services and burial to follow in the Landess Cemetery in rural Grant County. Memorial contributions can be made to the Van Buren Twp. Fire and Rescue, PO Box 366, Van Buren, IN 46991 or the Eastbrook High School FFA, Attn. Kevin Pluimer, 560 South 900 East, Marion, Indiana 46953. **REHM** David Scott Rehm, 60, of Warren, passed away at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, on Monday, April 28, 2025. He was born on May 2, 1964, in Winamac to Dale and Shirley (Young) Rehm. David lived in several places over the years, enjoying life to the fullest no matter where he went. He worked as a metal sign fabricator in California. David always enjoyed fishing and cooking. His family will miss his skills in the kitchen, especially his special burgers that would rival even the best burger joints. David was preceded in death by his parents, and will be deeply missed by his siblings, Douglas (Mary Jean) Rehm, of

Warren, Duane (Laura) Rehm, of Tennessee, and Dean Rehm, of Missouri; as well as his amazing nieces and nephews, whom he loved dearly. In honor of his wishes, a private celebration will be in the future. **KING** David "Dave" N. King, 69, of Wolcottville, formerly a lifetime resident of Wells County, passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 6 a.m. Born on November 29, 1955, in Bluffton, he was the son of Harold and Norma Jean (Norton) King. A graduate of Southern Wells High School, Poneto, Dave went on to dedicate 43 years of employment to Franklin Electric, Bluffton, before retiring. He and his wife, Celinda, moved to their lake home to enjoy their retirement years together. Dave was an avid deer hunter and loved spending time fishing on the lake. He especially treasured time with his grandchildren and created countless cherished memories with his family. On July 17, 1976, Dave married Celinda Gilbert, in Warren. Together they raised two daughters, Erin Hartman, of Bluffton, and Tara Faust, of Wabash. He also is survived by five grandchildren; three brothers, Richard King, of Morristown, Tenn., Galen King, of Bluffton, and Sid King, of Bluffton; one sister, Sarah Jewell, of Bluffton; beloved dog, Rudy. Dave was preceded in death by his parents. A time for family and friends to gather and honor Dave's life will be on Friday, May 9, 2025, at Glancy Funeral Home, 203 N. Matilda St., Warren. Visiting hours will be from 5 to 7 p.m., followed by a celebration of life service beginning at 7 p.m. **OBITUARIES CONTINUED NEXT PAGE**



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POULSON

Roselyn Kay Poulson, 85, of Warren, Indiana, passed away on April 30, 2025, at her home.



She was born on March 13, 1940, in Huntington County, Indiana, to Dale Emmett Bonewitz and Zada Fondell Fiock Bonewitz. Roselyn graduated in 1958 from West Rock Creek High School and attended Warner Beauty College.

She married Larry Dee Poulson on October 19, 1958, at the Congregational Christian Church in Warren (now First Christian Church of Warren). Together they shared 66 years of marriage. They were blessed with three sons: Lee (wife Becky), Joe, and Ron (wife Rhonda). All three sons reside in the Warren area. She is also survived by 6 grandchildren, Jared Poulson, Amanda Seibold, Mick Leas, Angie Oswalt, Heather Kinsey, and Luke Leas, along with 19 great grandchildren, 8 great great grandchildren with 2 more on the way, and brother Richard (Lorraine) Bonewitz of Carmel, Indiana.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dale and Zada Bonewitz, and other special friends.

Roselyn was a devoted homemaker, caring for her family with unwavering love and dedication. She was an active member of the United Church of Christ in Warren and a faithful member of the Gingham Gals Friendship Club since 1964. She enjoyed crafting and crocheting and was known for her creativity, warm heart, and giving spirit.

For 20 years, Roselyn and her husband, Larry, wintered in Sebring, Florida, from November through April. Due to health concerns, they had recently discontinued those seasonal trips. Her life was marked by her love for family, commitment to her community, and quiet strength.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, May 4, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM at First Christian Church of Warren,

located at 202 N Wayne St, Warren, IN 46792.

Funeral services will take place on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 11:00 AM at the First Christian Church of Warren, officiated by Pastor Troy Drayer. A one-hour visitation will begin at 10:00 AM prior to the service. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery in Warren, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the First Christian Church of Warren, PO Box 344, Warren, IN 46792 and/or the Warren Vol. Fire Dept., PO Box 373, Warren, IN 46792 in Roselyn's memory.

TEAGLE

Dorothea E. Teagle, age 92, of Hartford City, a resident of Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN passed away at 1:55 AM on Thursday, May 1, 2025 at Parkview Huntington Hospital in Huntington, IN.



She was born on Sunday, January 15, 1933, in Wells County, IN to Bert and Mary (Plummer) Crockett. Dorothea was a 1951 graduate of Pennville High School. She married Joy G. Teagle on Sunday, August 28, 1955 at the Pennville Methodist Church; he preceded her in death on May 12, 2017.

After 4 years of marriage Dorothea and Joy welcomed a son, Chris Michael Teagle. They had their second son, Craig Douglas Teagle in 1963.

In 1983, Dorothea and Joy's son Chris married Lisa Hummer of Hartford City. They have two beautiful daughters, Emily Teagle Urlage and Brittany Teagle Ramirez. Emily and her husband, Brian, live in Latonia, Kentucky and have 3 children, Rachel Joy, Nathan, and Isaac. Brittany and her husband, Andrew, live in Muncie, Indiana and have 1 child, Alyse.

In 1989, their son Craig married Shelley Gothrup from Hartford City. They have 3 children, Alexa and her husband, Alex, live in Michigan and have 2 children, Margot and Mila. Trey and

Lauren both live in Indianapolis. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Dorothea worked at Citizens State Bank in Hartford City for 17 years and later retired from Bonham Ins. Agency in 1998. Dorothea was a former member of the Indiana Square Dance Callers Association, and American Legion Aux. Dorothea and Joy traveled through the states of Indiana, Michigan, Florida, and Ohio. She and Joy established many friendships over the years. Dorothea enjoyed watching her grandchildren participate in sports and spending time with her family. She was a devoted wife, a wonderful mother, and a very caring grandma.

Dorothea was preceded in death by her husband - Joy G. Teagle, father - Bert Crockett, mother - Mary A. (Plummer) Crockett, brother - Charles Crockett, sisters - Rachel Pfeifer, Ruby Johnson, Ruth Schneider, Roberta Coffield and niece- Pam Pfeifer.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, located at 109 W. Windsor St. Montpelier, IN on Thursday, May 8, 2025 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. A service to celebrate Dorothea's life will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home at 11:00 AM on Friday, May 9, 2025 with Pastor Jeanne Winter officiating. Interment will follow in Brookside Memorial Park in Montpelier.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Grace United Methodist Church, 312 W. Washington St., Hartford City, IN 47348

WALKER

Janice Erlene Walker, age 97 of Warren, IN, passed away at 5:10am on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at Heritage Pointe in Warren, IN.



Janice was born on Thursday, January 26, 1928, in Wells county Indiana and lived in Chester Township, Wells county for most of her life. She married Claire Walker on Tuesday, June 9, 1962 in

Montpelier, IN. He preceded her in death on December 14, 1980. Janice was a 1946 graduate of Montpelier High School. She retired in 1992 from the Wells County ASCS office. Janice was involved in the Women's Life Insurance Society, the Honor Society, Chester Nightclubbers Homemakers and Wells County Extension Homemakers. She received the 2005 Homemaker of the Year Award by Wells County Homemakers. She was a member of Liberty Center United Methodist Church. Janice entered Heritage Pointe on February 16, 2024 and felt right at home. She loved to play dominoes and bingo with her new friends. She was always very well cared for and especially enjoyed being wheeled around and teased by Robert.

Janice is survived by her nieces, Judy Walker (Bob) Winningham of Texas, Joyce Walker Burke of Tennessee, and Janet Walker Frauhiger of Florida, and friends/caregivers Phil and Debby Leas and families.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas Andrew and Lula Geraldine Keagle, husband, Claire Alvin Walker, brothers, Harvey Higgins, Leondus Keagle, and Thomas Keagle Jr., sisters, Margaret Phelps, Mary Elizabeth Simpson, Agatha Keagle, Catherine Keagle, Esther Stroud, Wilma Billie Durr, Matha Lindsay, and

Patricia "Jean" Lindensmith, and nieces, Jean Walker and Jill Walker Schmoyer.

Family and friends may gather for a graveside service on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 1pm with Rev. Steven Bard officiating, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Montpelier, Indiana.

MILLER

Joyce C. Miller, 78, of Huntington, passed away at 4:19 pm Friday, May 2, 2025, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN.

Joyce was born on April 2, 1947, in Marion, IN, the daughter of David Watts and Mary (Eib) Watts. She graduated from Lancaster High School with the class of 1965. On July 4, 1964, Joyce married the love of her life, David M. Miller, in Huntington, IN, marking the beginning of a lifelong journey together. Joyce's retirement from J.C. Penny of Huntington marked the culmination of several years of dedicated service.

Joyce's heart and soul were deeply rooted in her faith. She was a devoted and faithful member of the Gethsemane Ministries Church, where she found solace and community. Her commitment to her church was unwavering, and she took part in various church activities, always eager to share her love and support with others.

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Joyce's love for the world around her was evident in the way she appreciated all of God's creations. Her heart warmed to the sight of dogs, the gentle sway of trees, the melodious songs of birds, and the busy hum of bees. Camping in her motorhome was one of her favorite activities, where she could immerse herself in the beauty of nature. Family was the cornerstone of Joyce's life, and she found immense joy in hosting holiday gatherings. These occasions were filled with laughter, love, and the aroma of delicious home-cooked meals. Her home became a haven for family members, a place where bonds were strengthened, and memories were made. She was an avid Indiana basketball fan, Joyce's passion for the sport was infectious. Anyone that knew Joyce understood her sense of humor was legendary. She possessed a unique ability to lighten any mood and bring smiles to those around her. Pranks were her specialty, and she reveled in the joy of surprising friends and family with playful tricks.

Throughout her life, Joyce exemplified the virtues of love, dedication, and faith. Her story is a testament to the power of love and the strength of faith, leaving a legacy that will be cherished by those whose lives she touched.

Survivors include her loving Husband of sixty years, David M Miller of Huntington, IN; Five Sons, Mark (Leslie) Miller of Dayton, OH, Wayne (Chelsi) Huff of Huntington, IN, Keith (Dianna) Huff of Warren, IN, Tanner (Britney) Warner of Huntington, IN, Matthew Warner of Huntington, IN; Daughter, Debby Miller of Huntington, IN; Sister, Judy Rydell of Huntington, IN; Brother, Ronald Reeder of CA; Sister In-Law, Starr Watts of Warren, IN; In-Laws, Dennis (Linda) Brumbaugh of Huntington, IN, Rick (Lois) Yarger of Huntington, IN, Charles (Sharon) Abrell of Greensburg, IN; Eleven Grandchildren, Paige Stewart,

Delaney Jo Huff, Pierce Huff, Addison Huff, Christopher Miller, Ryan Miller, Derek Miller, Wesley Huff, Peyton Huff, Kimberly Elkins, Brooke Plfrey; Twenty-Three Great-Grandchildren, Abigail, Daphne, Alexander, Adalyn, Colton, Avery, Amelia, Parker, Jace, Nolan, Calan, Brayan, Alleigh, Remington, Lena, Ardyn, Keaton, Quentin, Kenzie, Emaira, Delsi, Elodee, Daria; several nieces & nephews; and her four legged companion Mick. She is preceded in death by her Father, David S. Watts, Sr., Mother, Mary Louise Watts, and Brothers, David Watts, Jr., & Gene Reeder.

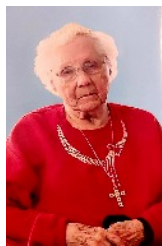
Visitation will be from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Thursday, May 8, 2025, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Friday, May 9, 2025, at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Worlie Newsome Jr. officiating. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service. Final resting place will be in Gardens of Memory in Marion.

Preferred memorials to the Huntington County Humane Society or Gethsemane Ministries Church in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

ROGERS

Mildred P. Rogers, age 98, of Hartford City, IN, formerly of Montpelier passed away at 9:48 AM on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at Enville Healthcare in Hartford City, IN.

She was born on Wednesday, August 4, 1926, in Marion, IN. Mildred married Donald E. Rogers on Friday, December 31, 1943 in Marion, IN; he preceded her in death. Mildred attended Upland High School. She worked for the Montpelier Glove factory for 36 years. Mildred enjoyed cooking, playing cards, bingo, and gardening. She loved taking care of her



grandchildren and enjoyed her friends at Enville.

She will be forever missed by her daughters - Rita (Bob) Wagoner, Montpelier, IN, Donna Sutton, Hartford City, IN, son - Don (Debby) Rogers, Jr., Liberty Center, IN, grandchildren - Brenda Bonewit, Montpelier, IN, Steve Wagoner, Montpelier, IN, Geoff Sutton, Avon, IN, Tara Rice, Hartford City, IN, Ryan Rogers, Union City, IN, 12 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband - Donald E. Rogers, father - Carson Elmer Smith, mother - Esther Florence (Lucas) Gordon, and grandson - Danny Wagoner.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home located at 109 W. Windsor St Montpelier on Monday, May 12, 2025 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM and one hour prior to service on Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

A service to celebrate her life will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 with Jim Lee officiating. Interment will follow in the Pennville I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Pennville.

BERGMAN

Mike Bergman, age 72, of Montpelier, IN, passed away at 10:05 AM on Monday, May 5, 2025 at his home.



He was born on Saturday, May 24, 1952, in Ventura, CA. He married Martha "Elaine" (Whitesell) Bergman on Friday, April 30, 1982 in Hartford City, IN. Mike was a 1970 graduate of Blackford High School. He formerly attended the First Baptist Church, Montpelier, IN. Mike worked at Corning Glass, Bluffton, IN, Indiana Michigan Electric Co., and worked in maintenance for Dollar General, Marion, IN. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and above all spending time with his family.

Mike will be sadly missed by his children, Joey (Lisa) Bergman, Anderson, IN, Jason

(Brandi) Bergman, Alexandria, IN, Michael Bergman, Elwood, IN, Jennifer Bergman, Hartford City, IN, and Kristie Stump, Point Isabel, IN, sister - Judy Quick, Van Buren, IN, 8 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren.

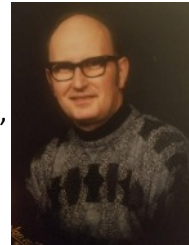
He was preceded in death by his wife - Martha "Elaine" (Whitesell) Bergman, father - Robert Lee Bergman, mother - Ruth W. (Hobbs) Bergman, and brother-in-law - Monty Quick.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home located 109 W Windsor St Montpelier on Saturday, May 10, 2025 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM.

A service to celebrate Mike's life will follow at 1:00 PM on Saturday, May 10, 2025 with Pastor Steve Rogers officiating. Mike will be laid to rest by his wife in the Brookside Memorial Park in Montpelier following services.

BAYMAN

John Karl Bayman, 83 of Van Buren, Indiana, passed away at his home on Monday, May 5, 2025.



John was born on November 2, 1941, in Muncie, Indiana, to Frank Edwin and Jean F. (Dyke) Bayman. He graduated from Muncie Central High School in 1959 and continued his education at Ball State University. John served his country in the United States Army, where he served from 1966 to 1968. John married Beverly (Kessinger) Bayman on September 6, 1969 in Van Buren.

He worked at A&P in Marion as a certified meat cutter, Weaver Popcorn for 32 years and as a radio operator for the Van Buren Volunteer Fire Department for over 50 years. John was very involved in his community, helping set up for the popcorn festival, coaching the girls summer softball team, and even being awarded citizen of the year. He was athletic and strong, playing in

the summer league for the Celtics, a champion runner making the first 4 minute mile, and a golden glove boxer. He was a lifeguard at the Waterbowl in Muncie and also a Red Cross instructor.

John was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Steven Bayman Sr., Jerry E. Bayman, and Thomas Bayman, and sisters, Angie Krull and Sue Bayman.

Loving survivors include his wife of 55 years, Beverly Bayman of Van Buren, IN, children, Ann (Robert) Loftis of Van Buren, IN, Julie Johnson of Woodburn, IN, and Kristy Bayman of rural Grant county, grandchildren, Karlee (Brandon) Adams, Britton Laypoole, Kohl Loftis, Shane Hobbs, Johnny Crandall, Cody Stinson, Jacqueline and Kirstin, and great grandchildren, Mason, Braylee, Kameryon and Brooklyn.

Friends and family may gather to share and remember at Van Buren Volunteer Fire Department 222 N 1st St. Van Buren, IN 46991, on Sunday, May 11, 2025, from 3pm to 7pm. A funeral service will be held on Monday, May 12, 2025, at 2pm with visitation one hour prior. Military honors will be performed by the Van Buren American Legion Post #368. John will be laid to rest at Marion National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: the Van Buren Volunteer Fire Department or the Van Buren American Legion Post #368.

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