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Thought for the Week: Happiness often sneaks in through a door you didn't know you left open. John Barrymore

GENEALOGY MEETING

On Wednesday, February 4th, the Huntington County Genealogical Society will have a combined live and virtual meeting. The topic will be Masons and Other Fraternal Organizations of Huntington County presented by Chuck Clampitt. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Keefer Center of the Huntington City-Township Public Library. Online access will be through Zoom. Call or email the Keefer Center for virtual meeting access (260-356-0824, genealogy@hctpl.info). (Closed captioning is available.)

Fraternal organizations have had a huge influence on American culture and history. Many of these are greatly misunderstood because of their general practice of closed meetings (you have to be a member to attend). Come learn about the Masons, Odd Fellows, and some of the other groups that have had groups in Huntington County.

Chuck Clampitt is a lifelong resident of Huntington County and graduated with a Bachelor Degree from Huntington College and Master Degree from Ball State University in History

and Business Education. He is veteran of the U.S. Navy and retired from a Defense Contractor in Fort Wayne, IN. He is a Freemason and member of the Scottish Rite, York Rite, and Indiana Grand Lodge of Research. He has authored numerous articles in various Masonic publications and made many presentations in five states. He is currently a Lodge Liaison for the Indiana Grand Lodge of Freemasons, was coroneted a 33 Degree Scottish Rite in 2021, and will be serving as the Grand Orator for the Indiana Grand Chapter of York Rite in 2026.

NAVIGATING YOUR OPTIONS AFTER A NATURAL DISASTER

(StatePoint) After a disaster strikes, following these essential steps can help you protect your home, stabilize your finances and begin the process of rebuilding:

Contact Your Insurer Immediately. Your insurer will assess the condition of your property and reimburse the costs to repair or replace any damages subject to your policy's coverage. The insurance company may send an adjuster to investigate your claim and

determine how much they will pay. You may consider having a contractor assess the damage and develop a repair plan, but avoid making costly repairs until the adjuster confirms what will be reimbursed.

Many policies also cover the cost of temporary housing, food, pet boarding and other household expenses if you are displaced. When you speak with your insurer, gather as much information as possible about your coverage. For additional assistance with temporary living expenses, contact organizations such as the Homeowner's HOPE hotline at (888) 995-HOPE.

Contact Your Mortgage Servicer. Let your mortgage servicer know about your circumstances as soon as possible. They can help you understand the mortgage relief options available to you. Forbearance is a common option, allowing you to make reduced payments or pause your mortgage payments for a specified period of time. If your loan is owned by Freddie Mac, you may be eligible for enhanced mortgage relief options.

Know Your Repayment Options. When your disaster forbearance period ends, your options vary depending on your circumstances. Regardless, it's important to prepare for when your normal mortgage payments resume. Your mortgage servicer will be in touch within 30 days of the end of your mortgage

servicer, insurer or HUD-certified housing counselors, and be aware of some of the most common post-disaster scams. These include high-interest loans and repairs, contractors asking for payments in advance of work and entities claiming to be disaster relief professionals requesting your sensitive information.

For disaster relief and mortgage assistance resources, which can help you recover after a disaster, check out My Home by Freddie Mac at myhome.freddiemac.com.

In the wake of a natural disaster, you don't have to face recovery alone. Being proactive can get you on the road to recovery.

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

by Russell Gloor, National Social Security Advisor at the AMAC Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens
Ask Rusty – I'm Divorced; Can I Get Benefits from my Ex-husband?

Dear Rusty: After 16 years of marriage, we were divorced. I have never remarried, but he has. When he starts collecting Social Security (he is 64 now and still working), is it true that I can claim ex-spousal benefits or does that go to the current wife? How would I find this info? Signed: A Divorced Spouse

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What a week this has been and it's really just starting. We had lots of snow and as I am setting here writing this on Monday night, I wonder if I'll even make it to Huntington in the morning. The wind has picked up so I can just imagine what the roads are like.

Tara's nephew and my new neighbor is a plow driver for the state and he takes care of this area on the all nighter. He does a fantastic job considering what he has to go through. I have been very grateful for him making state road 5 as clean as possible, but once I hit 124, I can tell it's a different plow driver. Lol

I have had many family members that worked for the state and the county and in the winter it was their job to keep those roads open. My brother in law Richard plowed many years with the state and eventually retired from there along with my other brother in law Jim. The stories they would tell about their time behind the wheel of the plow truck was amazing, it just proved that there are idiots out there on the road with them.

My sister always said when I started driving to school that if you get behind a plow truck, you're gonna make it to where you're going, just relax and stay behind them for as far as you can.

So hopefully tomorrow morning if I decide to venture to work, hopefully that plow driver will be heading north, and can plow open the drifted roads for me. That wind has picked up and it sounds like it's gonna be a real doozie.

I'm experienced in driving in snow and can handle it well, I just wish I had my glo worm with me. That Jeep went through everything and I never been anywhere, that I couldn't get out. This is the first winter that I have had with this new Jeep and so far it is doing well.

So if you're out and about, remember to go slow and stay safe and if you see a plow driver give them a friendly wave and let them know you appreciate all they do. Have a great week, I know I will, Miss Ky is having her sweet 16 birthday party this weekend so if you see a bunch of gangsters it's just us, she is having a roaring 20's party and papaw John will be going as a young John Dillenger, Tara and I will be manning the "bar" and will be armed with "tommy guns" for crowd control. Lol have a great weekend.

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Worship..... 10:30 a.m.
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Sunday Worship..... 10:30a.m.
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Wednesdays:
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Aaron Westfall, Pastor
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Fellowship 10:00a.m.
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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

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Fellowship Time9:00a.m.
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Takarra Myers, Youth Director
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Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Youth Sunday School during
Worship Service
Youth Group-Wed 6:00 p.m.
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Jim Knight, Superintendent
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Adult Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Evening Praise Hour 6:00p.m.
Hour of Power (Wed) 7:00p.m.

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Sunday School 10:45am
Not Home Alone - Wed 3:00 pm
Prayer Group (Thur)..... 6:30pm
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Worship & Communion9:30 a.m.
Sunday School11 to 11:50 a.m.
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Jr/Sr Hi, Sunday 6-8pm

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Sunday School Classes9:30 am
Wed. Bible Study7:00 pm



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AREA NEWS

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Dear Divorced Spouse: The fact that your ex-husband has remarried has no influence on your ability to collect benefits based on his record. If you are eligible for ex-spouse benefits (because you did not remarry), you can get those benefits regardless of whether his current wife collects benefits on his record. In other words, both you and his current wife can both collect spousal benefits from your ex-husband's earnings record.

Your eligibility for an ex-spouse benefit is determined by comparing your own SS retirement benefit amount at full retirement age (FRA) to his – if your own SS benefit at your FRA is less than 50% of your ex's FRA benefit entitlement, and you were married to your ex for more than 10 years, are not currently married and are at least 62 years old, then you can get a "spousal boost" (an amount added to your own Social Security retirement amount). In fact, if you have been divorced for over two years, you can get an ex-spouse benefit even though he is not yet receiving his own SS retirement benefit.

Be aware, however, if you claim any Social Security benefit (both your own SS retirement amount and your ex-spouse "spousal boost") before you reach your full retirement age, the monthly amount you get will be reduced according to how much before your full retirement age you claim. Spouse and ex-spouse benefits reach

maximum at your full retirement age but are reduced if claimed earlier than your full retirement age. Claiming your benefits as an ex-spouse will also result in you receiving your own SS retirement benefit (reduced if you haven't yet reached FRA).

I suggest you contact Social Security at 1.800.772.1213 to make a telephone appointment to evaluate whether you are entitled benefits as an ex-spouse. If your own SS retirement benefit at your FRA is less than half of your ex's FRA entitlement, you will be. To apply for those benefits you will need a copy of your divorce decree (and perhaps your marriage certificate), and your ex-husband's Social Security number (if you do not have his SSN, you can provide his date and place of birth and his parents' names, and SSA will likely be able to locate your ex's SS record).

SSA will be able to tell you what your total monthly benefit as an ex-spouse will be when you meet with them, at which point you can decide whether to claim your benefits early or wait until your FRA to achieve your maximum amount as an ex-spouse.

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SAT PREP TIPS FOR COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS

(StatePoint) While every college admissions department evaluates applicants a bit differently, standardized test scores are a big piece of the equation at most schools. This means you'll want to be as prepared as possible for your upcoming SAT. Here's how to get ready for this crucial exam:

Get equipped: A user-friendly calculator can save you precious time when every second counts, so gear up with a calculator like the fx-9750GIII from Casio. Its Natural Textbook Display and intuitive icon menu make it easy to use. The perfect companion for

both the classroom and test day, it features graph plotting, probability distribution, vector arithmetic and spreadsheets, and has programming capabilities. It is also approved for the SAT, PSAT, ACT and AP tests, and includes an exam mode setting to lock specific functionality for testing purposes.

Practice: Familiarizing yourself with the types of test questions you'll encounter on the SAT is essential. When it comes to the Math section of the exam, you can lean on free online resources, like the sample exams found on casioeducation.com, to get prepared. The added bonus is that working through these sample questions will help you get comfortable with the calculator you'll be using on test day. SAT prep courses are also a great option. Once out of reach for many families, today, a number of educational organizations offer them for free, leveling the playing field for all students. Be sure to leverage this resource to maximize your test readiness.

Read, a lot: From novels to biographies to the newspaper, read everything you can get your hands on. It's one of the best ways to build your vocabulary and hone your reading comprehension. Building these skills can improve your chances of acing the Reading and Writing section of the SAT. Though there are many SAT vocabulary word lists out there, encountering these words in real contexts can be

a more effective way to absorb definitions and usages than trying to memorize them.

The SAT can cause a lot of stress and anxiety, but it doesn't have to. With the right tools and preparation strategies, you can walk into the SAT with confidence and achieve your best score possible.

THE GREAT TIMING DEBATE: SHOULD I CLAIM SOCIAL SECURITY EARLY OR LATE?

(StatePoint) Retirees become eligible to claim Social Security benefits at age 62, but the timing of when you claim can drastically impact your benefit amount. Still, when to claim will be entirely dependent on your unique situation. As you approach retirement, it's important to understand the impact that timing has on your benefits.

"The timing of when you elect to receive your Social Security benefits warrants thoughtful consideration," said Rich Guerrini, head of PNC Wealth Management. "This decision can significantly influence not only the total benefits you receive, but also the trajectory of your investment income, your tax obligations, and even your healthcare premiums."

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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.

Feb 2		GROUNDHOG DAY
Feb 4	Noon	W - Chamber of Commerce Luncheon @ KBC
Feb 4	7:00p	V - Town Council Meeting @ Town Hall
Feb 9	5:00p	W - Town Council Meeting @ Assembly Hall
Feb 10	6:30p	W - SSF Meeting @ KBC
Feb 14		VALENTINE'S DAY
Feb 16		PRESIDENT'S DAY
Feb 16	6:30p	W - KBC Board Meeting @ KBC
Feb 18	7:0p	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

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

GENEALOGY REPORT

BRYAN

Linda Kay Bryan, 75, of Van Buren, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026, at her home in Van Buren.

She was born on August 8, 1950, in Muskogee, Okla., the daughter of Robert Davis and Doris (Mannery) Davis, both of whom preceded her in death.

On February 24, 1968, 58 years ago, Linda married the love of her life, Forrest "Eric" Bryan, lovingly known as "Bubbies," in Los Angeles, Calif. Together they built a life centered on fun times, family and helping others.

She was a devoted wife and mother.

Linda is survived by her husband, Forrest "Eric" Bryan; three sons, Jason E. Bryan, of Van Buren, Jeremy S. (Renee) Bryan, of Van Buren, and Jeffrey C. (Jodi) Bryan, of Rindge, N. H.

She also is survived by her grandchildren, Jaycob, Josh, Chris, Tony (Aria), Sean, Alex and Jaedin; her great-grandchild, Oliver.

Linda also is survived by her siblings, Robert Davis, of Laguna Niguel, Calif., and Deborah Timmons, of Santa Maria, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Steven Davis, and her sister, Tina Davis.

Linda attended Calvary Chapel and found great comfort and strength in her faith.

She enjoyed reading her Bible, singing in the choir and spending time with her family.

Linda especially loved family karaoke nights and

the joy and laughter they brought.

She will be remembered for her kind heart, her willingness to help those in need and the love she poured into her family.

At this time, there will be no services.

If friends or family want to help honor Linda's life, you may consider donating for her expenses.

Donations may be made to Glancy Funeral Homes, P.O. Box 376, Van Buren, IN 46991.

THURMAN*

Minevia Rose

Thurman, 104, of Van Buren, Indiana, passed away peacefully at

3:38 p.m. on Sunday, January 18, 2026, at Heritage Pointe of Huntington in Huntington, Indiana.

Minevia was born on Tuesday, October 18, 1921, in Barnardsville, North Carolina, to Council and Lula Dillingham. She graduated from Barnardsville High School

and later built a life centered on faith, family, and hard work. On Monday, August 16, 1943, she married the love of her life, Charles Kenneth Thurman, in South Carolina. Together, they shared many years of devotion and cherished memories.

A woman of deep faith, Minevia was a longtime member of Center Chapel

United Methodist Church. She was also proud of her many years of employment at RCA in Marion, where she faithfully worked until her retirement in 1981.

Minevia will be lovingly remembered by her son, Charles M. Thurman of Seffner, Florida; her brother, Boyce (Cindy) Dillingham of Pendleton, Indiana; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Council and Lula Dillingham; her husband, Charles Kenneth Thurman; her brother William Dillingham; and her sister Margie Morris.

A Memorial Service to celebrate Minevia's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 31, 2026, at Center Chapel Church in rural Upland, located at 8733 E. 200 S. Marion, IN 46953.

HERRING

Juanita Mae Herring, 90, passed away at home on Monday, Jan. 19, 2026.

She was born on September 19, 1935, to Walter and Bernice (Hiatt) Phillips just outside of Upland.

Juanita graduated from Jefferson Township High School, Upland - Class of 1952.

She worked at the local phone company as a switchboard operator before and during the time it became Indiana Bell.

Juanita was a dedicated cook, spending 27 years at Eastbrook schools, where she not only fed students but also nurtured their spirits.

She married the love of her life, Donald "Don" Herring, on October 16, 1955, spending 70 wonderful years together. A beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, Juanita lived a life filled with love, laughter and a deep appreciation for the beauty of the world around her.

She was a proud resident of Upland, where she was known for her warm spirit and infectious smile.

Juanita dedicated her career as a cook in the education system at Eastbrook schools, where she nourished not only the bodies but also the hearts of countless students and was always ready to assist a student who had no lunch money.

Her culinary talents were not limited to her professional life.

Juanita also was an accomplished cake decorator who delighted family and friends with her delectable creations.

A lover of the outdoors, she spent many joyful hours taking golf cart rides, tending to her vibrant flowers and watching the varied wildlife that graced her backyard.

Juanita's appreciation for nature extended to a passion for bird watching, where she found solace and peace.

She found joy in simple pleasures, whether it was scratching lottery tickets or engaging in her favorite pastime of people watching with a spark of wit.

Juanita's home was a sanctuary of love and hospitality, always welcoming family and friends with open arms and plenty of home-baked cookies.

Her grandchildren were the apples of her eye, and she would often send them home with a bag full of cookies, filling their hearts with warmth and sweetness.

Juanita is survived by her loving husband, Donald "Don" Herring; her devoted children, Renda (Craig) Plummer, Mark (Lori) Herring and Sherri Hughes; her cherished uncle, Rex Hiatt; her grandkids, Angie (John) Irwin, Jennifer (Paul) Ellison, Megan (Garrett) Dill,

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Derek Herring, Nathan Hughes, Lauren (Kyler) Mills and Landen (Kate Fisher) Hughes; her great-grandchildren, Johnathan Irwin, Emilee Irwin, Makaelyn Ellison, Lily Ellison, Ameila Herring, Forest Herring and Lucy Mills; sisters-in-law, Evelyn Herring, Bonnie Burton and Carolyn Ketrang; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Bernice Phillips, sisters, Evelyn Wilson, Ruth Lee Puckett and Barbara Phillips, and son-in-law, Tim Hughes.

Juanita's legacy will live on through the countless lives she touched with her kindness, generosity and unwavering love.

Arrangements for Juanita were entrusted to Jones-Smith Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 259 N. Main St., Upland, where on Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2026, there will be a visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the funeral beginning at 1 p.m. with nephew, Pastor Darrel Herring, officiating.

Burial will immediately follow at Jefferson Cemetery, Upland.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Oak Chapel Church, 1335 Jadden Rd., Marion, IN 46953.

Juanita Mae Herring will be profoundly missed, but her love will forever inspire those fortunate enough to have known her. She was, and always will be, pure love.

HAYNES

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Richard A. "Rick" Haynes, 57, who left us unexpectedly on Monday, Jan. 19, 2026.

Born on August 30, 1968, to the late Carol Music in Dallas, Texas, his journey through life was marked by love, laughter and a passion for the simple joys.

Rick was a graduate of Eastbrook High School - Class of 1986.

He dedicated over a decade of his life to Dollar General Distribution Center, Marion, as an inventory specialist.

Rick's commitment to service also led him to join the United States Army at the age of 21, where he proudly served for four years.

In a twist of fate, his love story began on a blind date with Lisa Bailey in Flint, Mich. Their instant connection blossomed into a beautiful partnership, as they became engaged just six months later and celebrated their wedding on October 26, 1996.

Together, they built a life over 30 joyous years, rich with shared experiences and cherished memories.

Rick was a man who thrived in the great outdoors. He found happiness in fishing, mushroom hunting and capturing the beauty of nature through photography, particularly of deer, eagles and breathtaking sunsets.

He loved exploring the countryside on long drives and recently took up gardening, discovering the joy of nurturing life.

Rick's creativity also blossomed in his new interest in making natural remedies and holistic medications.

A regular at Goodwill, his boundless curiosity and knack for finding treasures made it his favorite spot.

Rick wore his heart on his sleeve as an avid fan of Notre Dame football and IU basketball, celebrating each victory, and he would have

especially relished in IU's recent National Championship win.

Above all, he cherished his role as "Papa," taking his grandkids on delightful rides through town on his mower, ensuring laughter and love followed in their wake.

Known for his straightforward approach and infectious sense of humor, Rick had a remarkable gift for making people laugh and lifting their spirits.

He is survived by his wife, Lisa, of Matthews; son, Jeremy Bailey, of Fort Walton, Fla.; daughters, Halie (Grant Brown) Haynes, of Matthews, and Hanna Haynes, of Muncie; grandchildren, Damien Bailey, Paisley Bailey, Finn Brown, Ivey Brown and Juniper Brown; brothers, Carl "Coob" (Linda) Haynes, of Fairmount, and Ronald (Valorie) Haynes, of Stow, Ohio; dog, Harper; many friends, including his 7th Infantry Division Army buddies, the Wolfhounds.

Rick was preceded in death by his mother, Carol, brother, David Haynes, two infant twin sisters and dog, Henri.

The family has asked that if you have stories to share, please come and share at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 24, 2026, at Jones-Smith Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 259 N. Main St., Upland.

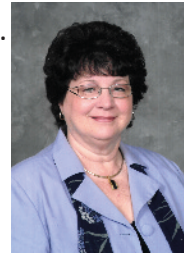
A time of visitation will be before the service from 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Military honors will take place at 12:45 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Tunnel to Towers Foundation at t2t.org

THINNES

Merlie A. Thinnes, age 79, of Huntington, IN, passed away at 9:51 AM



surrounded by her family on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at Stillwater Hospice in Fort Wayne, IN.

She was born on Friday, September 6, 1946, in Blackford County, IN. She married Thomas W. Thinnes on Friday, January 15, 1971 in Bluffton, IN; he preceded her in death on December 22, 2017. Merlie was a 1964 graduate of Pennville High School. She furthered her education at Indiana Wesleyan University where she received her associate's degree in accounting.

Merlie was born and raised in the Pleasantdale Church in Blackford County and later attended The Church at McNatt. She formerly worked at the Bluffton Clinic, Bank of Montpelier, Town Finance in Hartford City, Cutting in Hartford City, Arnold Lumber in Decatur, and Markle Bank (IAB).

Merlie enjoyed knitting, crocheting, quilting, and especially spending time with her family. She also enjoyed making quilts and to go bags for children at the Lighthouse church.

She will be forever missed by her son, Nicholas John (Jessica) Thinnes,

Huntington, IN, daughter, Samantha Jane (James) Heflin, Hartford City, IN, step-daughter, Elizabeth Ann Miller, Coldwater, MI, and step-son, Timothy Wayne Thinnes, Houston, TX, 10 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, Larry G. Welch, Hardinsburg, KY, Wesley O. (Kathy) Welch, Van Buren, IN, John S. Welch, Greenville, OH, Priscilla J. (Michael) McFarland,

Portland, IN, Vicki M. (Dave) Johnson, Dunkirk, IN, and Jerry L. (Pam) Welch, Pennville, IN, and several nieces & nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas W. Thinnes, father, John Wesley Welch, mother, Alice May (Rogers) Welch, daughter, Abigail Renee Thinnes, stepson, Joey Lee Thinnes, and sister-in-law, Betty Welch.

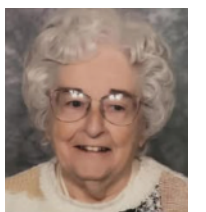
Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home located at 109 Windsor St. Montpelier, IN. on Saturday, January 24, 2026 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and also one hour prior to service on Sunday, January 25, 2026.

A service to celebrate her life will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home at 2:00 PM on Sunday, January 25, 2026 with Pastor Steve Loft officiating. Interment will take place in the Asbury Cemetery.

Preferred memorials can be made to Stillwater Hospice at 5910 Homestead Rd. Fort Wayne, IN. 46814

GRILE

Ilah F. Ogan Grile, age 110, of Pennville, IN, passed away at 10:40 AM



on Friday, January 23, 2026 at her home with her family by her side.

Ilah was confirmed the oldest living person in the state of Indiana. She was born on Saturday, February 27, 1915, in Pennville, IN. She married Willard Herbert Grile on Sunday, April 6, 1941 in Jay County, IN. Ilah graduated from Pennville High School, class of 1933. She was a lifetime resident of Jay Co. She sold candy door to door as a child, growing up on her

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parents' 40-acre farm just outside of Pennville. In her early years she discovered her love of baking. In 1933 she attended the World's Fair in Chicago by hitching a ride on a flatbed truck of a friend of a friend's father. Ilah and her husband, Willard, loved to travel, often camping across the United States. They had been to the Badlands National Park, Yellowstone National Park, and Branson, Missouri. Beginning in 1969 she co-owned the I&M Foodliner grocery store in Pennville with her son, Mike, for just around 18 years. Ilah was a member of the Sugar Grove Church of the Nazarene, where she taught Sunday School for over 50 years.

Ilah will be forever missed by her son, Michael (Gilda) Grile, Pennville, IN, grandchildren. Ryan M. (Cindy) Grile, Ossian, IN, Jeff D. Grile, Pennville, IN, great grandchildren, Michael, Cathryn, & Allison, all of Ossian, IN, and several nieces & nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willard Herbert Grile, father, William Albert Ogan, Mother, Alice Arvilla (Stewart) Ogan, siblings, Raymond Ogan, George Ogan, Keith Ogan, Edna Trythall, Mable Austin, Eva Ogan, Atha Ogan, and Ruby Shoemaker.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home located at 109 W. Windsor St. Montpelier, IN. on Sunday, February 1, 2026 from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM and one hour prior to services on Monday, February 2, 2026.

A service to celebrate Ilah's life will be at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home at 11:00 AM on Monday, February 2, 2026 with

Pastors Dan Sickles and Mike Heckman officiating.

Interment will follow in the Pennville I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Pennville.

Preferred memorials: Sugar Grove Church

TROUT

William Darrell Trout, 92, a beloved husband, dedicated father and cherished member of the community, passed away peacefully on Friday, Jan. 23, 2026, at Wesleyan Health Care Center, Marion.

Born on May 1, 1933, to the late C. Everett and Mildred Trout, Darrell lived a life marked by devotion to his family, service to his country, and a deep love for community and the sports he adored.

He was born on May 1, 1933.

A proud graduate of Van Buren High School - Class of 1951, Darrell went on to attend Taylor University, Upland, where he began laying the groundwork for a life filled with hard work and commitment.

He served in the United States Army from 1953 to 1955, embodying the spirit of duty and honor that shaped so much of his life.

After his military service, Darrell found his calling as a truck driver, dedicating many years to the industry and retiring from Central Transport in 1995.

His true passion extended beyond his work.

Darrell was an active member of Center Chapel Church, Marion, for 39 years, where he fostered friendships and shared his faith.

Throughout his life, he was involved with Masonic Lodge and Van Buren American Legion Post #368.

Darrell was a former member of the Lions Club, all while encouraging the spirit of service and

camaraderie among his peers.

On July 12, 1986, he married the love of his life, Beulah Trout, who survives him. Their partnership was a testament to love and support that resonated through the years.

Darrell's love for sports was infectious. He passionately cheered for Indiana University, the Pacers, the Colts, the Cincinnati Reds and Eastbrook High School - his spirit of enthusiasm inspiring all who knew him.

He even made history as Indiana's first State Fair champion in the Tractor Pull, having spent the morning farming before claiming his title.

Darrell is survived by his wife, Beulah; children, Jim (Jodie) Trout, of Marion, Terri Trout-Rogers, of Upland, Jon (Carla) Trout, of Marion, Peggy Trout-King, of Littleton, Colo., and Danny Trout, of Matthews; step-son, Ron (Kathy) Adams, of Upland; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild on the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Everett and Mildred, daughter, SuAnn Tarlton, son, Dean Trout, daughter-in-law, Judy Trout, and sisters, Audra Black and Janet Rumble.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Jones-Smith Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 259 N. Main St., Upland.

Services will be at Center Chapel Church, 8733 E. 200 S., Marion, on Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2026, starting with a Masonic Service at 1:40 p.m. followed by military honors and then a funeral service with Pastor Mark Sanders officiating.

A visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the Masonic service.

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Following the services, Darrell will be laid to rest at Van Buren Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Center Chapel Church in memory of Darrell, 8733 E. 200 S., Marion, IN 46953.



year they were earned. The Social Security Administration then applies a formula to those figures to arrive at your specific benefit amount at full retirement age (FRA), also referred to as your primary insurance amount (PIA).

There are three options for when to claim your benefits: claim early, claim at your FRA, or claim at age 70. Each comes with its own benefits and risks.

Claim at age 62

You can begin claiming your benefits as early as age 62, but your benefits will be permanently reduced. Still, there are instances when claiming early makes sense:

- You're in poor health – The benefit of receiving Social Security early may be worth it, particularly if you're unsure if you'll live beyond your break-even point;

- You're maximizing benefits with a spouse – Timing your claim to Social Security with your spouse can help you maximize a long-term benefit, while fulfilling cash flow needs in the present;

- You no longer want to work – The lifestyle benefits of not working may outweigh a larger future financial benefit from Social Security; or

- You want to preserve assets with growth potential – Claiming Social Security early may preserve investment or savings accounts.

Claim at your full retirement age

The primary benefit of waiting until your FRA is that you are then entitled to 100% of your benefits, without possibility of reductions over time. Your FRA for purposes of Social Security is based on the

year you were born. For those born between 1943-1954, their FRA is 66. For those born between 1955-1959, their FRA is 66 + 2 months for every year after 1954 until 1960. For those born 1960 and later, their FRA is 67.

Delay your claim to age 70

You can delay claiming your benefits until the maximum age 70, with the primary advantage of increasing your benefits for the remainder of your life. Delaying a Social Security claim may make sense if:

- You have other forms of income – You may realize tax benefits from pulling from sources such as retirement accounts or savings;

- You're still working – Working beyond your FRA may allow you to meet lifestyle expenses while increasing your future benefit; or

- You're concerned about spousal or survivor benefits – When you delay claiming your Social Security, your spouse may be entitled to a larger spousal benefit and/or survivor's benefit as well.

Further, cost-of-living-adjustments (COLA) begin giving your potential benefit a boost at age 62 – and that boost will continue to compound every year you delay making your claim.

Tax and Other Impacts

Generally, your Social Security income will be tax dependent on your "combined income," which factors in gross income, nontaxable interest earned, and half of your Social Security income. Potential effects on healthcare premiums should also be factored in.

Additional insights can be found by visiting www.pnc.com.

While the question of when to claim Social Security benefits will be unique to your individual financial situation, it's a decision that warrants careful consideration – and potentially even a professional opinion.

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