Lucille E. Altman, 75, of 905 Berkley St., a resident of Plymouth for the past 45 years, coming from Ohio, died in Miller’s Merry Manor, Culver, at 5:08 a.m. on Friday, September 5, 2003.

Born on June 3, 1928, in Oakhill, Ohio, Lucille was the daughter of Frank C. and Ethel Miller Woods. She attended school in Blackfork, Ohio.

On her birthday, June 3, 1955, in Richmond, Ind., Lucille and Harvey E. Altman were married.

Lucille retired from the Holiday Inn in Plymouth where she had worked for years in the housekeeping and laundry departments.

She was an avid Bingo player and enjoyed going to the River Boat casinos. A wonderful cook, she loved preparing meals for her family.

Lucille is survived by two sons and two daughters. They are: James and Elaine Lewis, Sr., Lake City, Fla.; Harvey Altman, Jr., Bourbon, Ind.; Tammy and John Conley, Mishawaka, Ind., and Tina Dewey, Unadilla, N.Y.

Other survivors are: grandsons, Tony Anderson and Jeff Hall, living in Winona, Minn.; James H. Lewis, Jr, Kissimmee, Fla.; Drew Felgenhauer, Bremen, Ind.; Mark and Ashley Conley, South Bend, Ind. A foster grandson, Mark Felgenhauer, Bremen, Ind., survives as well.

Two granddaughters, Crystal Lewis, Valparaiso, Ind., and Jennifer Conley, Mishawaka, also survive, together with two great-granddaughters, Danielle Waugh, Valparaiso and Hayley Conley, South Bend, Ind.

Five great-grandsons are also survivors. They are: Jeremiah Hall, Winona, Minn.; Devin Lewis, Valparaiso, Ind.; James H. Lewis, Ill, Kissimmee, Fla.; Austin Conley, Mishawaka, Ind., and Jonathon Conley, South Bend, Ind.

Lucille is also survived by three brothers: Billy Lee and Pat Woods, Saverna Park, Md.; David Leroy and Jean Woods, Patriot, Ohio, and Donnie Dee and Debbie Woods, Abingdon, Va.

Two sisters survive as well. They are Maggie Belle and Les Bloomfield, Lake City, Fla.; and Ruby Mae and Ronnie Miller, Circleville, Ohio.

Lucille was preceded in death by her parents a son, Allen Lane Lewis, four brothers; Pleasant Samuel Woods, Matthew Edwin Woods, Moses Woods and Ray Wendell Woods, and three sisters; Julie Ann Skagg, Marcella Woods and Betty Irene Leonard.

Family services will be held at a later date.

The Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, is in charge of arrangements.

Harvey E., Sr. Altman

Harvey E. Altman, Sr., 75, died of natural causes at his residence in Garden Courts West at 10.39 p.m. on Saturday, November 8, 2003.

Born in Sciotaoville, Ohio, on July 6, 1928, Harvey was the son of Henry and Viola Moore Altman. He attended schools in Pike County, Ohio.

He served in the United States Army in the Korean War.
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Harvey and his wife, the late Lucille Woods Altman, were married on June 3, 1955, in Richmond, Ind. Lucille died two months ago, on September 5, 2003, in Plymouth.

A retired laborer for the Indiana Tool & Die Company. He had worked in the business for over 17 years.

Harvey enjoyed walking, reading and sporting events of all kinds.

He is survived by two daughters, two sons and their families.

They are: Tammy and John Conley, Mishawaka, Ind.; Tina Dewey, Unadilla, N.Y.; Harvey Altman, Jr., Bourbon, and James Sr. and Elaine Lewis, Lake City, Fla.

Several grandchildren survive. They are: Tony Anderson and Jeff Hall, Winona, Minn.; James H. Lewis, Jr., Kissimmee, Fla.; Drew Felgenhauer, Bremen, Ind.; and Mark and Ashley Conley, South Bend. A foster grandson, Mark Felgenhauer, Bremen, survives as well.

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Harvey is also survived by two sister: Margaret Massey and Ida Horr, both of Richmond, Indiana.

Harvey was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and a son, Allen Lane Lewis.

There will be no visitation.

Family funeral services will be at 1 p.m., Saturday, November 15, 2003, in a family home, 1423 E. 12 B Road, Bourbon, Indiana.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, is in charge of arrangements.

Leo E. “Rodney” Ambler

Leo E. “Rodney” Ambler, 83, of 2256 Fairfield Blvd., Plymouth, died at 7:45 p.m., Tuesday, August 5, 2003. Rodney, a Plymouth resident for most of his life, died, following a brief illness, in Pilgrim Manor, 222 Parkview St., Plymouth.

Born in Macy, Ind., on November 25, 1919, Rodney was the son of Leo F. and Leona M. DuBois Ambler. The class treasurer, he graduated from Plymouth’s Lincoln High School in 1938. He then went to Manchester College and studied business.

On February 14, 1940, Rodney was one of the first five young men in Marshall County to be drafted into the U.S. Army for service during World War II. He served in active duty until December of 1945.

On November 21, 1942, at Ft. McClellan, Ala., Rodney and Wilma M. Read were married.

Rodney pursued a military career, serving in the Army Reserve and Civil Service for 33 years, retiring in 1980.
A member of the Plymouth Church of the Brethren since 1963, Rodney's focus in life, was service to his church. He served on many boards, was a Deacon, and taught Sunday School.

He loved to read and did so at every chance. A patron of the Plymouth Public Library, he also volunteered at the St. Joseph Health Center.

He was a longtime member of the Plymouth Kiwanis Club and a 50 year-plus member of the Macy, Ind., Masonic Lodge.

Rodney is survived by Wilma, his wife of nearly 61 years, and by their four children, a son and three daughters.

They are: Arol E. and Marcia Ambler, Worcester, Mass.; Kathleen A. and Ward Horn, Indianapolis, Ind.; Janet S. and Warren Vannest, Loganville, Ga.; and Gwen E. and Thomas Taylor, Plymouth, Ind. Family life was of the utmost importance to Rodney, his twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren were all the more reason to arrange travel plans around family visits.

Several brothers and sister’s-in-law and numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Rodney was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters: Veva Donaldson and JoAnn Shoemaker.

Friends may come to celebrate Rodney’s life from 3 to 8 p.m. on Friday, August 8, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth and one hour prior to services in the church.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 9, 2003, in the Plymouth Church of the Brethren, 1130 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. The Rev. Dave Kerkove, pastor of the church and the Rev. Joseph Horn, a grandson of Rodney and Wilma, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Plymouth Church of the Brethren or to the St. Joseph Health Center, 116 E. Washington St., Plymouth.

Cecil D. Andrews, 74, died of natural causes at 6:44 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2003, in Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth.

He will be best remembered for his deep love for his family, particularly his twelve grandchildren.

Cecil was born on August 5, 1928, in Hibbard, Ind. He was the son of Everett D. and Genevive Ringle Andrews. He attended Culver Community Schools.

A veteran, Cecil served his country in the United States Navy during World War II.


Cecil worked as a maintenance mechanic at RACO in South Bend for over 31 years. He retired in 1983.
He enjoyed working on and restoring old cars.


Twelve grandchildren also survive. They are: Melanie (Nick) Jeanfils, Atlanta, Ga.; Tom (Cindy) Andrews, Plymouth, IN, Joe (Stacie) Andrews, South Bend, IN, Jonathon Andrews and Crystal Andrews, both of North Liberty, Ind.; Lyndzee Stickles, Plymouth, Ind.; Jordyn Byers, Mallory Byers, Ryan Milkey, Max Milkey, Mackenzy Milkey and Madisyn Milkey all of Noblesville, Ind.

Cecil’s first great-grandchild will be born in August.

A sister, Mona Sue Hensley, of Monticello, Ind., also survives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his spouse and by a sister, Carole Jean Andrews.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Monday, March 3, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. in the funeral home on Tuesday, March 4, 2003. The Rev. Andy Kaser pastor of the North Liberty Church of Christ will officiate.

Interment will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Marshall County Hospice.

Lifelong area resident, Howard C. Arnold died, following an illness at his residence, 700 Berkley St., Plymouth at 7:55 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 2003 He was six days shy of his 94th birthday.

Born in North Liberty, Ind., on August 12, 1909, Howard was the son of John and Pricilla Culp Arnold. He attended schools in North Liberty.

On April 9, 1939, in North Liberty, Howard took Faye A. Fisher to be his bride. They were married for 62 years before her death in October, 2001.

Howard, a farmer, also did part time security work until 1972.

He was very family orientated and was close to his children and grandchildren. An avid walker, he loved to visit people and enjoyed watching baseball.

Howard is survived by four children: two sons and two daughters. They are: David and Peggy Arnold, Warsaw, Ind.; Dan and Beth Arnold and Rebecca Arnold, all of Plymouth, and by Mary and William Seifert, Oceanside, Cal.

A niece, Alice Gongwer, Walkerton, Craig Fisher, a nephew of Clinton, Ark., and nine grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren, survive as well.

Howard was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Faye, a brother Roscoe Arnold and two half-sisters.

Visitation will be on Sunday, August 10, 2003, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.
Funeral services will be held for Howard at 2 p.m., following visitation in the funeral home. The Rev. James and Treasure Gilmer, pastors of the Shalom Fellowship will officiate.

Burial will be in the Polk Township Cemetery, LaPaz, Indiana.

Memorial gifts in Howard’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Hospice.

Helen A. Barkmeier, 89, died of a stroke following complications from surgery this past Monday. Her death occurred at 9:20 a.m. Friday, July 25, 2003 in the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

A lifetime resident of Marshall County, Helen resided at 219 Lewis St. Plymouth. She was born at home on July 17, 1914 to parents Orval W. and Della S. Rush Harris. Helen attended Inwood and Linkville schools and then Plymouth High School.

Through the years Helen had worked at such locations as Meck Industries, Parkview Hospital, Waranna Motel and retired from Plymouth High School after 10 years of service.


She was a faithful member of the Plymouth Grace Baptist Church over the past 10 years where she was active in the Adult Sunday School class. Helen enjoyed reading and studying the Bible, baking, flower and vegetable gardening from which she canned for family meals. She treasured family heirlooms, shopping and knitting.

Helen was a proud mother of one son, David R. Barkmeier a professor at Northeastern University, Boston, Mass., now residing in Somerville, Mass. Also surviving are two sisters-in-law; Deloris Harris of Delphi, Ind. and Violet Barkmeier of South Bend, Ind. along with several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews including Betty Jane Shoemaker and Bill Harris.

Many cousins survive, including Marge DeMein and Mary Lou and Walter DeMein, all of Plymouth with whom she grew very close. Not to be forgotten are special friends, Pastor Jim and Sue Rhodes and son Jonathon, Pastor Leonard and Leona Jackson, Dorothy Heuer and Louise Breeden.

Preceding Helen in death were her parents, spouse, infant brother, Victor Harris, brother Harvey Harris and niece Carol Sue Britt.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate Helen’s Christian reward on Sunday, July 27th from 2 – 5 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth. Visitation will continue from 10 – 11 a.m. Monday in the Grace Baptist Church, 1830 N. Michigan St. Plymouth, where services will be held at 11 a.m. Rev. Pete Wardlow, Pastor and Rev. Jim Rhodes will officiate.

Burial will follow in the Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Helen’s memory may be made to the Grace Baptist Church or National Stroke Association, 9707 E. Easter Lane, Englewood, CO 80112.
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Helen Loretta Bartlett, 87, living at Pretty Lake prior to moving to Miller’s Merry Manor’s Assisted Living facility, died in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, at 8 a.m. on Thursday, October 30, 2003.

Helen, born on July 5, 1916, in Milwaukee, Wis., was the daughter of Leroy S. and Helen Weber Bartlett. At the time of their daughter’s birth, LeRoy and Helen already had two sons: LeRoy (Roy) born in 1908, and Albert (Al) born in 1910.

The Bartlett family grew tired of living in the city and moved to Downer’s Grove, a suburb of Chicago, where Helen’s younger brother Robert (Bob) was born in 1925.

Helen attended Lincoln Elementary School and graduated from Downer’s Grove High School in 1933.

She had exceptional business skills and quickly landed a job with an insurance company in Chicago. After working there for five years, she was hired by the Pepsodent Company to open and answer Bob Hope’s fan mail. Pepsodent recognized her efficiency and ability and promoted her to work as the executive assistant to their advertising manager.

In 1945, Pepsodent decided to move their offices to New York. Helen did not want to leave Chicago. She was fortunate however, because Fairfax Cone, the head of the Foote, Cone & Belding advertising agency, had gotten to know her through his visits to Pepsodent and asked her to come to work as his assistant. She worked for Mr. Cone until his retirement in 1970 and then for his successor, Arthur Schultz.

Foote, Cone & Belding was a large company and Fairfax Cone dealt with many important people. Through her work at FCB, Helen was able to work for, and with, Albert Lasker, Katherine Graham and Helen Gurley Brown. When FCB traveled to Monaco for a conference, she met Princess Grace.

Helen’s brother Bob and his family decided to move to California in 1975 and Helen moved with them. She was able to transfer to the FCB/San Francisco office and worked for the managers of that office until her retirement in 1986.

In 1990 when Bob and his wife Joan retired, they and Helen moved to Plymouth, Indiana, where they had jointly bought a home on Pretty Lake. Helen had always been an avid golfer and she joined the Plymouth Country Club.

In addition to playing golf, Helen enjoyed playing cards, listening to music and watching sports. She loved watching the Chicago Cubs and professional golf matches and was a huge fan of Arnold Palmer. Throughout her life, she was able to indulge her love of travel by visiting places around the world, including Italy, France, Monaco, England, Belgium, Venezuela, Guatemala, Mexico and Hawaii.

She is survived by her sisters-in-law, Joan Bartlett and Ella Bartlett; four nieces: Shirley Tibbitts, Diane Commes, Patricia Emslie and Judy Bartlett. Two nephews, Robert and Scott Bartlett and 14 great-nieces and nephews also survive.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, LeRoy, Robert and Albert.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 15, 2003, at the First United Methodist Church. The Rev. Dr. Dean Fager will officiate.

Memorials may be made in Helen’s memory to the Marshall County Humane Society.
Robert Bartlett, 77, 16492 Pretty View Drive, a Plymouth resident since 1990, died in the Ironwood Health and Rehabilitation Center, South Bend, following an illness, at 5:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2003.

A respected and beloved person with a wonderful sense of humor, his loss to the community and to his friends and family will be a big one.

Bob had lived in Downers Grove, Ill., for 50 years where he was born the son of Leroy S. and Helen M. Weber Bartlett, on October 20, 1925.

A 1943 graduate of Downers Grove High School, he enlisted in the United States Army in January, 1944. He was 17 years old. “My friends were already in the service,” he said, “and I wanted to serve my country too.” He was a member of the 1269th Combat Engineers of the 3rd Army.

“W.W. II.” he said, “was a life-altering experience. I was proud to serve. I grew up in a hurry. We all did. American answered the call then...and she will again whenever it is necessary.”

Honorably discharged as a sergeant on April 2, 1946, he entered North Central Illinois College the following fall. The 6-foot-7 20-year- old played forward for the varsity basketball team, graduating in 1950.

With his degree in business administration, he had always been in the newspaper business in advertising and sales. He first worked at The Reporter in Downers Grove, Ill.

On March 13, 1954, in Downers Grove, Bob and Joan Schroeder were married and in 1975, the young couple moved to San Francisco, where he was the advertising and sales manager for 15 years for Lesher Publications, retiring in 1989.

Bob was a member of the Plymouth High School Athletic Boosters Club and a substitute driver for Meals on Wheels in Plymouth. He enjoyed golf, basketball and traveling. A golfer, gin and domino player, he was a great part of the fun of the games at the Plymouth Country Club where he had been a member for the past 13 years.

He was a past president and member of the Downers Grove Lions Club and had been a member of the Presbyterian Church in both Downers Grove, Ill. and Lafayette, Calif.

Bob is survived by Joan, his wife of 49 years, and their two daughters; Patricia and her husband, Stephen Emslie, Palo Alto, Calif., and Judy Bartlett, South Bend, Ind.

A sister, Helen Bartlett, Plymouth; a grandson, Alex Emslie, Palo Alto, Calif., a granddaughter, Caitlin Bartlett, South Bend, and several nieces and nephews, survive as well.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers: Leroy and Albert.

Memorial services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, 2003, in Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Indiana.

Memorial gifts in Bob’s memory may be made to Habitat for Humanity.

Lloyd H. "Bud" Belt, 79, an area resident most of his life, died at his home, 11990 1st Road, Plymouth, at 10:50 a.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2003.
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Bud was born in Rocklake, N.D., on March 7, 1924, the son of Esau and Bessie E. Fleming Belt. He attended school in Devil’s Lake, N.D. and served in the United States Navy during World War II. He was a member of the 40 & 8, the V.F.W. and the American Legion.

On March 2, 1946, in the Union Church in LaPaz, Ind., Bud and Ethel M. Tarant were married.

He was a carpenter and was retired from the H.G. Christman Construction Company in South Bend.

He loved his work and enjoyed building cabinets in his spare time. He liked to garden and appreciated harvesting vegetables that he grew in his garden.

Bud is survived by Ethel, his wife of 57 years and their children: three daughters and a son.

His daughters are Karen Azzaro and son-in-law G. Gregg Pennington, Martinez, Ga.; Sheryl Thayer, Carmel, Ind.; and Nancy and son-in-law Randy Whaley, Powder Springs, Ga. His son, Ronald L. and daughter-in-law, Anita Belt, live in Plymouth.

Bud is also survived by seven grandchildren, and three sisters. The sisters are: Leah Tofsrud, Lees, N.D.; Jean Tofsrud, Minnewaukan, N.D., and Faye Waldorf, Lakeville, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers: Russell and Kenneth Belt. An infant sister, Alvina Belt, also has died.

Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, July 11, 2003 at Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, Ind.

Gifts in Bud’s memory may be made to the American Cancer Association.

Rosemary Bergman, 501 Pennsylvania Ave., Plymouth, died, following a stroke, at 12:55 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2003, in Plymouth. She was 82 years-old.

Born the daughter of Ray Oscar Scott and Nada E. Livinghouse Scott in Kokomo, Ind., on November 25, 1920, Rosemary lived in Plymouth almost all of her life.

She graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1938 and attended St. Mary’s College work study program. She also attended the National Trust School at Northwestern University and took various courses at the American Institute of Banking and Indiana University South Bend. Continuing education seminars were taken by Rosemary in financial planning, finances, taxes, law and business throughout the years.

She and James B. Bergman, Sr. were married in the rectory of St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, Plymouth, on April 17, 1942. Jim Bergman died on November 20, 1991.

In 1942, Jim in the United States Army, was stationed at Merced Air Force Base in Merced, Calif. While there, Rosemary worked in the Army’s commissary office.

In addition to raising her large family, she worked for 15 years as the Trust Officer for the Marshall County Bank and Trust (now 1st Source Bank). For eight years she was the branch manager of the Plymouth Auto License Branch and for five years, the office manager of Gordon Metal Products.

She was a volunteer at the Marshall County Historical Museum and was the past president of Delta Theta Tau sorority, Zeta Zeta chapter and the past president of the Plymouth Business
Rosemary was also the first chairman of the National Association of Banking Women, Northern Indiana group.

She was an elected Councilwoman for the City of Plymouth from 1984-1988 and was a past member of the Board of Directors of the Marshall Starke Development Center.

For over 25 years, Rosemary served on the Smelser and Stanley Scholarship Committee for Plymouth High School, resigning in 1998.

She loved her sons and they adored her. For years, she never missed a Plymouth High School football or basketball game. She enjoyed watching TV football games, was a staunch Notre Dame fan and played a good game of golf and bridge. She liked to play Monopoly, travel and be with her family and friends.

Rosemary and Harriet Scheetz formed the first PTA at St. Michael’s Catholic School and were responsible for providing hot lunches in the 1950’s.

A faithful member of St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church for over 60 years, she was a former member of the Altar and Rosary Society.

Rosemary is survived by five sons and their families. They are: Earl (Pam) Smith, South Pasadena, Fla.; James B. (Laura) Bergman Jr., West Palm Beach, Fla.; Michael L. (Shirley) Bergman, Alexandria, Va.; John S. (Janet) Bergman, Fishers, Ind., and Richard “Dick” Bergman, Playa Del Rey, Calif.

Thirteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren also survive, together with several nieces and nephews.

Rosemary was preceded in death by her parents; Jim, her beloved husband of 39 years and by their infant daughter, Frances Elizabeth Bergman. Two brothers, Howard and Edwin Scott have also died.

Friends may gather to celebrate her life from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2003, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Rosemary will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday, February 15, 2003, in St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, 625 N. Center St., Plymouth.

Interment will be in St. Michael’s Cemetery, Plymouth.

Gifts in Rosemary’s memory may be made to St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church.

Carl E. “Chuck” Beutel
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Lifetime Bremen resident and former owner of the Wooden Peel Restaurant, Carl E. “Chuck” Beutel, 71, died of natural causes at his residence on Sunday at 11 a.m. in the company of his daughter and caregiver.

Born in Bremen, Ind., on May 4, 1932, he was the son of German immigrants, Ernest and Marie Beutel and graduated from Madison Township High School in 1950.

He enlisted in the United States Navy on October 19, 1950 and served during the Korean Conflict, he was discharged on August 12, 1954.
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On September 21, 1957, in Woodland, Ind., Chuck and Carol L. Klinedinst were married. Carol preceded in death on December 3, 2000.

From 1964 to 1982 Chuck worked for ARMCO Steel of South Bend. In 1982 Chuck and Carol became owner/operators of the Wooden Peel in downtown Bremen and retired in 1998.

Chuck loved animals, tinkering on the family farmstead and was easily pleased with a German Fest of good food and beer.

He was a member of the Bremen Lions Club, American Legion Post 191 and Quail Unlimited of Northern Indiana.

Survivors include his daughter; Kathy Beutel-Galloway and husband Jake, a son Todd E. Beutel and wife Robin all of Bremen. Shannon Bailey, a step granddaughter of Florida and granddaughter, Ashley Beutel of Nappanee and grandson, Joshua Beutel of Bremen survive.

Two sisters; Lydia (Leet) Heise of New Carlisle and Mary Guill of Arlington, Texas along with one brother Herman E. Beutel of South Bend. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive along with Jenny Andrews a special caregiver and longtime family friend Billy Whitehead both of Bremen.

Preceding in death were his parents, wife Carol, a twin brother Fritz Beutel and a sister Martha Harrison.

Family and friends are invited to a Service of Remembrance to celebrate Chuck’s life on Thursday, October 2, 2003 at 1:30 p.m. in the Salem United Methodist Church, 302 W. Plymouth St. Bremen, the Rev. Charles Krieg will officiate. A gathering will follow services and a wake will be announced at a later date.

Chocolates are the family's preferred expression of sympathy or memorial gifts may be made to Northern Indiana Quail Unlimited, P.O.Box 465, Bremen, IN 46506 or Marshall County Humane Society, P.O. Box 22, Plymouth, IN 46563.

Dollie Marie Biggs

Dollie Marie Biggs, 88, the “doll lady,” loved for her skills in refurbishing dolls for Christmas for little girls all over Marshall County, died of natural causes at 3:10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 25, 2003. A lifetime area resident, Dollie died in the Pilgrim Manor Nursing Center, 222 Parkview St., Plymouth.

Born in Bremen on February 24, 1915, she was the daughter of Bert Alexander and Dora Estella Church Smith. She attended Sunnyside School in Bremen.


Dollie was an avid Euchre player, and a former bowler. A vivacious, attractive woman, she enjoyed dancing. She was a good friend to her neighbors in Garden Courts East, her home for many years. As long as she could, she would drive many of them to their appointments and shopping trips, often with her favorite doll, Johnny, in his car seat, at her side.

She volunteered at the Marshall County Neighborhood Center two days a week for years. After a knee injury, she asked if she could take the scruffy dolls home and fix them up for Christmas.

She and her daughter, Pat, gathered up the used and abused dolls and stuffed animals donated to the Center. They would take them--over 100 a year--to Dolly’s apartment.
The dolls would be given a “make-over.” Everything from a bath to medical attention for missing arms, eyes or “maybe just a scratch.” Mother and daughter would make clothes for the dolls and shoes for their feet.

“You couldn’t tell them from new--right out of Santa’s bag--after Dollie got through with them,” Diane Smith said. “Dollie made Christmas happy for many, many underprivileged children.”

She was a member of the ladies Auxiliary of the Plymouth V.F.W. Post 1162.

She was baptized in the First Lutheran Church.

Surviving her death is her daughter and son-in-law, Patricia M. and Glenn Penrod, Plymouth, and a daughter in-law, Marie Matz, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.

Eight grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 20 great-great-grandchildren also survive with several nieces and nephews.

Dollie was preceded in death by her parents, her spouses, a son, James L. Matz, a sister, Virginia Stills and a brother, Harvey Smith.

Friends may come to celebrate her life at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Thursday, March 27, 2003, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Memorial Services for Dollie will be held in the funeral home on Thursday, following visitation at 7:00 p.m.

Burial will be in the Bremen Cemetery, Bremen, Ind.

Memorial gifts may be made in Dollie’s memory to her favorite cause, the Marshall County Neighborhood Center.

Mary ‘Jane’ Bishop, 79, of 5490 Michigan Rd., died, following an illness, in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, at 2:50 a.m. on Sunday, January 26, 2003. She was a lifetime Plymouth resident.

Jane was born January 17, 1924 in Plymouth, the daughter of Wilber Cresswell Cochran and Amanda Alanna Craig Cochran. She attended Plymouth schools.

On September 20, 1941 she and Charles L. Bishop were married. Charles died on April 2, 1981.

A homemaker, Jane also had worked at New World Products, Plymouth and was a former manager of Pizza King and Old Dutch dairy store.

With great interest she had completed the documenting of her family’s genealogy. She enjoyed writing poetry, working jigsaw puzzles and was a faithful listener to Bill and Kathy’s WTCA “What’s Your Opinion” morning show.

She crocheted, was an accomplished letter writer to friends and enjoyed her grandchildren’s many activities.

A former Campfire and Bluebird leader, she was a member of the V.F.W. and American Legion Auxiliary. She was also a member of the Plymouth Garden Club and the 1st Christian Church of Plymouth.
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Jane is survived by three sons and a daughter: Wayne (Pam) Bishop, Argos; Stephen L. Bishop; Mark D. (Gail) Bishop; and Alanna L. (Larry) Heet, all of Plymouth.

Fourteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren survive as well.

A sister, Joan Ellinger, Plymouth, and Sue Hawley, a sister-in-law of Monticello, Ind., survives together with numerous nieces and nephews.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents and by three brothers and two sisters. The brothers were: Bert, Leotis and Donovan Cochran. Her sisters were: Zenobie Scott and Julia Cochran.

Family services were held on Tuesday, January 28, 2003, in the New Oakhill Chapel. The Rev. Tony Schneiders of the Walnut Church of the Brethren, Argos, officiated.

Interment was in New Oakhill Cemetery.

Gifts in Jane’s memory may be made to the American Heart Association.

Sister Eligia Blaes

Sister Eligia Blaes, died at 3:15 a.m. on Friday, February 14, 2003, in the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson, Ind., where she had been a resident since 1992. Sister Eligia was 100 years old on September 22, 2002.

Sister Eligia was born in Mascoutah, IL., the daughter of Nicholas and Anatasia Doll Blaes.

Sister Eligia served as a laundress at Catholic Central High School in Hammond, Ind. In 1925, she then became a homemaker for six years serving at St. Mary Convent in Carlyle, IL. And St. Mary Convent in Trenton, IL.

From 1935 to 1951, Sister Eligia was a laundress at St. Mary Hospital in East St. Louis, IL. The next five years, she was a homemaker at St. Agnes Convent in Mishawaka, Ind. From 1956 to 1968, Sister was a laundry manager at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Chicago, IL.

She then went to Fort Wayne and was a laundry manager at St. Joseph Hospital for twelve years. The next twelve years she was a Patient Visitor and volunteer at St. Joseph Hospital. She left Fort Wayne in 1992 to retire at the Catherine Kasper Home.

Sister Eligia earned a Podiatry Technician Certificate and she relieved many people of their aching feet.

Sister Eligia’s joy was “snow-white linens” and her faithful employees.

Sister Eligia is survived by many nieces and nephews. She was the last of her family of 6 brothers and 2 sisters.

Visitation will be from 4:30 to 9 p.m. on Monday, February 17, 2003 in the Catherine Kasper Home.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2003 in the Catherine Kasper Home. Father Donald Blaes, Sister Eligia’s nephew, and Father Ed Konerman will officiate.

Clara Biehl Bonander

Clara Biehl Bonander, 91, died at 10:30 p.m. at her residence, 4837 West Shore Drive, Lake of the Woods, Bremen, Ind., on Saturday, December 6, 2003. She had moved to Marshall County
in 1999, from Chicago, where she had lived for the previous 78 years. Prior to living in Chicago, Clara had lived in Georgetown, Ill., for five years.

Born on March 27, 1912, in Indiana Harbor, Ind., Clara was the daughter of Herman and Josephine Rickman Biehl.

After her high school graduation, Clara finished two years at Crane College in Chicago, Ill.

On April 7, 1940, at Saint Martini’s Lutheran Church in Chicago --the same church where her parents were married-- Clara and Erik Bonander became husband and wife. Erik died on June 1, 1983.

In 1976, after ten years of dedicated service, Clara retired from Time-Warner in Chicago.

Clara was co-founder and twice President of the Chicago All Hobbies Club during those years. She was also Chairwoman of the Annual Chicago All Hobbies Club Show from 1952 to 1966. The club had over 110 members from the Chicagoland area and Indiana. She had one of the largest collections of cat related items in the world. She was also the editor of the Chicago All Hobbies Club newsletter from 1952 to 1966.

As assistant editor of the “Friendship Traveleer Club Magazine,” which had an international readership, she served ten years, until 1962.

Clara was an avid pen pal with many people. Until her death, she remained a dear pen pal friend with Muryle Shurley of Texas. Clara and Muryle began writing to each other in 1942. She was only able to meet her pen pal in person once, in 1998, when she went to visit Muryle in Texas.

She loved all animals and had a special love for cats. For many, many years in Chicago, she was known to take in stray cats and was a dedicated caregiver to neglected animals.

Clara maintained memberships in various kinds of animal welfare groups, most of which were lifetime associations from many years ago.

Clara is survived by her “immediate” family: Freckles and Waddles, her pet dogs; Bernie, her pet cat and Joseph Fawcett, a dear friend.

She was preceded in death by her devoted and much loved husband; her beloved father and mother and two loving sisters, Emma LaVelle and Elsie Berry. Two pet dogs, Lucky and Tasha, also preceded her in death.

Family and friends are invited to a celebration of Clara’s life in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, December 11, 2003.

Funeral services will follow visitation Thursday evening at 8 p.m. The Rev. Norman Reimer, pastor of the Nappanee Missionary Church, will officiate.

Graveside rites will be held at 1 p.m., EST., or 12 noon, CST., Friday at Concordia Cemetery, Hammond, Ind.

Clara has asked that if anyone cares to donate to her memory, to please give to an animal welfare group of their choice. She said, “the animals will love you for it.”

Sumiko Born

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Sumiko Born, 70, 609 Lake Ave., an area resident for most of her life, died as a result of an
unexpected illness, at 1:04 p.m. on Friday, September 19, 2003, in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Sumiko was born on January 11, 1933, in Osaka, Japan. She attended Japanese schools.

On July 18, 1957, in Naha, Okinawa, Sumiko and George A. Born were married. A housewife and mother, she was an avid seamstress and enjoyed making things for her family.

Sumiko is survived by her husband and their two children, their son Kenji Born of Chicago, Ill., and their daughter, Emily Schilling, of Indianapolis, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Family services will be held.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Sumiko’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Hospice.

Mable R. Bosworth

Mable R. Bosworth, 95, a resident of the Bremen for the past three years, formerly living in Battle Creek, Mich., for 22 years and Clearwater, Fla., for 30 years, died at 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22, 2003, in the Bremen Health Care Center.

She was born in LaPaz, Ind., on October 25, 1907, the daughter of Walter C. and Eva V. Kaiser Albert. She attended LaPaz High School.

On May 5, 1928, in Mishawaka, Ind., Mable and Hugh G. Bosworth were married. Hugh died on February 5, 1981.

Mable had worked at Ball Band in Mishawaka for 17 years. She and her husband moved to Battle Creek, Mich., where they owned and operated the Battle Creek Distributing Co. from 1948 until 1968.

African violets were her passion; she enjoyed growing and caring for the delicate blossoms. She also had a collection of cats.

Mable was a member of the Union Street United Methodist Church in Clearwater, Fla.

She is survived by a sister and brother-in-law: Nina and Howard Schafer, Bremen, and by two nieces and their families, Connie Ullery, Lake of the Woods, Bremen, and Janet Gottlieb, Hobart, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, an infant sister and an infant brother.

Visitation and a celebration of her life will be on Friday, July 25, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind.

Funeral services for Mable, officiated by the Rev. Robert Beyler, will follow visitation at 12:00 p.m. Friday, in the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Bremen Cemetery, Bremen, Ind.

Memorial gifts in Mable’s memory may be made to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.
Donald A. Bottorff, 71, a Marshall County resident most of his life, living at 20509 W. 7th Rd., Plymouth, for over 40 years, died at 7:55 a.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2003, in the Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis, Ind. Don had been in declining health over the past year and was recently diagnosed with acute leukemia.

Born on July 1, 1932, in Plymouth, he was the son of James A. and Doris A. Brosius Bottorff. He attended school in West Township for ten years and spent his junior and senior years at Grovertown High School, graduating in 1950.

An active duty Army veteran in the Korean Conflict, from 1951 to 1953, he was honorably discharged as a sergeant.

On July 5, 1958, Don and Evelyn D. Trease were married in Donaldson, Ind.

Don first worked as manager for various grocery stores. He then managed two shoe stores and for 22 years, worked at the Bonnie Baking Company in LaPorte, Ind. He later was the motel manager of the L&K and was the opening manager of the new Super 8 Motel. He retired and soon returned to the bread business, working part-time with Lewis Bakery, LaPorte.

A real people person, he valued his own self worth by his ability to simply work and contribute in various ways.

Don’s hobby was raising chickens and birds of all kinds. He enjoyed gardening and outdoor work.

He had a great personal Christian faith and was devoted to First Baptist Church, his spiritual home, for nearly 40 years, where he served as a Deacon and was a member of Gideon International.

Don is survived by Evelyn, his wife of 45 years, and by their daughter, Connie R. and Lonnie Nicholl, Plymouth, a foster son, Joe and Debbie Horon of Charlevoix, Mich., and by four other foster children.

Four grandchildren also survive: Jeremiah, Joshua, Rachel and Ruth Nicholl, all of Plymouth, together with a brother, Wilmer and Edna Bottorff, Plymouth, and two sisters; Mary Ellen Hines, Plymouth, and Margaret Moon, Roanoke, Ind.

Numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Don was preceded in death by his parents and by four sisters and four brothers. They are: Helen, Sarah and Mildred Bottorff and Ruth Napierkowski and Harold, Arthur “Bud,” James Jr., and Richard Mullen.

Visitation with the family and a celebration of Don’s life will be held on Friday, August 22, 2003, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 23, 2003, at the First Baptist Church, State Road 17, Plymouth. Don’s son-in-law the Rev. Lonnie Nicholl, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Union Cemetery, West Township, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Don’s name may be made to the church or to the Gideon Bible Program.
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Kenneth Bert Bowman

Kenneth “Kenny” Bert Bowman, 77, of 7349 N. Michigan Road, died in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, at 2:15 a.m. on Saturday, October 11, 2003.

Kenny was born and lived all of his life in Plymouth. The son of Bert Abram and Cecilia M. Huffman Bowman, he was born at home on July 30, 1926. He attended LaPaz School.

He entered the United States Navy on July 18, 1944, and served his country for two years as a Baker 3rd Class and a pilot of LSTs.

On January 11, 1947, Kenny and Hilda Mae Lamborn were married.

Self-employed, Kenny hauled livestock for Marshall County area farmers and owned and operated Bowman’s Tire Service, LaPaz, Ind., and Bowman’s Lawn and Garden Sales and Service in Plymouth. He retired in 1996.

He loved woodworking, playing golf and was known to all as a fella with a great sense of humor, telling jokes and playing tricks.

He was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church.

Kenny is survived by Hilda, his loving wife of 56 years and by their sons and daughter. The sons and daughters-in-law are Kent D. and Judy Bowman, Culver and Hal W. and Karen Bowman and daughter, Kitty Garnand, all of Plymouth.

Six grandchildren also survive. They are: Jerry and Michelle Bowman, Mishawaka, Ind.; Shane Orr, Mishawaka, Ind.; Kelly and Lee Sheers, Lebanon, Ind.; Matt Garnand, Bloomington, Ind.; Heather Bowman, Spring Hill, Fla.; and Heath Bowman, West Lafayette, Ind.

One great-grandchild, Jake Bowman, also survives together with a sister-in-law, Mrs. Charlie Bowman, LaPaz, Ind.

Kenny was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Delbert Charles “Charlie” Bowman.

Friends will be welcomed at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Tuesday, October 14, 2003 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

Funeral services for Kenny will be officiated by the Revs. Paul Nye and William Kaster in the funeral home on Wednesday, October 15, 2003, at 10:30 a.m.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Kenny’s memory may be made to the Diabetes Foundation or the American Cancer Society.

Lucille Brantley

Lucille Brantley, 75 of Countryside Nursing Home, Knox, died Thursday, August 14, 2003 at Starke Memorial Hospital, Knox, Indiana.

Born in Tazwell, Tennessee, on March 28, 1928 to Edward and Ellie Bull Hall. She was married Corum Brantley in Tazwell, Tennessee, in 1945, who passed away March 4, 1996 in Plymouth, Indiana.

Lucille was an exceptional mother and grandmother who enjoyed playing bingo and gardening.
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Lucille is survived by three sons, Sam Brantley, Avon Park, Fl., Troy (Billi) Brantley, Plymouth, Indiana, and Mike Brantley, and one daughter, Diane (Don) Stiles, Plymouth. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Friends may come to celebrate Lucille’s life from 10 to 11 A.M. Saturday August 16, 2003 in the New Oakhill Cemetery chapel.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday August 16, 2003 in the New Oakhill Cemetery Chapel, with Junior Miley officiating the services.

Burial will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, Indiana

Nettie L. Caldwell

Nettie L. Caldwell, 68, of 9976 16th Road, Argos, died at 4:20 a.m on Wednesday, November 26, 2003, following a long illness, in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, Ind.

The daughter of Robert M. and Dora A. Conrad Vernon, Nettie was born on May 15, 1935, in Nashville, Tennessee. When she was a child, Nettie’s family moved to South Bend, Ind., where lived until moving to Argos two years ago. She attended Washington High School in South Bend, and later took training to be a nurse’s aide at Memorial Hospital.

Nettie worked as a nurse’s aide and a caregiver all of her life.

A talented artist, she enjoyed oil painting. She also enjoyed doing all types of crafts and wrote poetry. An animal lover, she took in and cared for stray animals. Her family was her life, and she especially enjoyed her grandchildren.

Nettie is survived by six children: Gloria J. and Danny Burrow-Barnes of North Carolina, Juanita K. and Charlie Wessels of South Carolina, Jerry O. and Irma Burrow, Jr.; Mack L. Caldwell; and Dawn and Steve Edmonds, all of South Bend, Ind., and Lynn and Jeff Tolson of Argos, Ind.

Eighteen grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and a sister, Roberta L. and Eugene Candler of South Bend, Ind. also survive.

Family services will be held. There will be no visitation.

Memorial gifts may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind., is in charge of arrangements.

Marian M. Cannan

Marian M. Cannan, 83, died of natural causes in Miller’s Merry Manor, 600 Oakhill Ave., Plymouth, at 2:25 a.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2003.

With a warm hand and a smile to light up any room or a gloomy day, Marian will be remembered as a good friend and a devoted mother and grandmother.

Born in St. Joseph County on August 2, 1919, Marian was the daughter of Lewis and Lavange Halt Schroeder. She graduated from LaPaz High School in 1937.

On October 11, 1957, in Marshall County, Marian and Charles Cannan were married. Charles died on January 28, 1999.

In earlier days, Marian, a very hard worker, had worked for Schlosser Brothers Dairy (later
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called Hawthorn Melody) and in Bosworth’s Department Store as a leather goods buyer. In the 1970s, she and her husband, Charles, operated the Alibi Restaurant.

Very active in the Plymouth Eastern Star organization, she was twice named as Worthy Matron.

Marian is survived by two sons and their families. They are David (Carol) Schroeder, Mishawaka, and Harvey (Suzanne) Albert, Largo, Florida.

Three granddaughters: Julie Weidner, and Jan Salazar, both of Plymouth, and Savannah Boege, Tallahassee, Fla., also survive.

Grandsons Tyler Albert and Greg Crist, Largo, Fla., survive as well, together with Shirley Alberts, a sister, Plymouth, Ind., and three brothers; Dan and Gene Schroeder, both of Wisconsin and Harlan Schroeder, Plymouth.

Several nieces and nephews and four great-grandchildren also survive. They are Erin and Jared Weidner and Derek and Britni Salazar.

Marian was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and three brothers: Dick, John and Earl Schroeder.

Friends may call at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Thursday, January 16, 2003, from 4 to 7 p.m. An Eastern Star memorial service will be held at 7 p.m.

The Rev. Paul McBride, will officiate at Marian’s funeral services on Friday, January 17, 2003, in the funeral home at 11 a.m.

Interment will be in Morris Park Cemetery, LaPaz, Indiana.

Memorial gifts in Marian’s memory may be made to Marshall Co. Hospice.

Evelyn Jane Claeys

Evelyn Jane “Ev” Claeys, 83, died of natural causes at 6 a.m. on Monday, June 9, 2003, in the Catherine Kasper Life Center, Donaldson. A Marshall County resident all of her life, she had lived on N. Center St., Bremen, until she entered the Kasper Center.

Born in Plymouth on July 9, 1919, she was the daughter of John Richard and Bessie Dee Webster. She graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1937.

On October 5, 1946, in Ross Township, Crown Point, Ind., Ev and Edward F. Claeys were united in marriage. Edward died on January 4, 1969.

In 1985, Ev retired from Bremen Bearings after 30 years of service. She then worked part time at Universal Bearings in Bremen for three years.

She was an avid reader. A Cubs fan, she also enjoyed watching Tiger Woods.

Ev, a member of Horizon Ministries, Bremen, was also a member of the Bremen V.F.W. auxiliary.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Cindy Claeys, Plymouth, and by a daughter and her husband, Judy and Fred Kiefer, Bremen, Ind.

Two granddaughters also survive: Melissa and Troy Rippy, Noblesville, Ind., Lesley Claeys and
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Ev was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and 15 brothers and sisters.

Visitation with the family will be from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, June 13, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Ev will be held in the funeral home at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, immediately following visitation. The Rev. Jim Morse of Horizon Ministries, Bremen, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Ev's memory may be made to Horizon Ministries or to the American Diabetes Association.

Arthur D. Clemons

Arthur D. Clemons, 800 Lincolnway East, Apt. 1, died Tuesday, October 28, 2003, after a year and a half battle with cancer. Arthur, 75, died at 3:25 a.m. in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Born in Ary, Ky., on April 23, 1928, Arthur was the son of Carly and Vina Marshall Clemons. He attended Kentucky schools.

He worked as a laborer in the GNC Foundry in Sandusky, Ohio, retiring after 30 years.

Arthur enjoyed nature: sitting around at the lake, fishing and watching the wildlife and the sunsets.

He is survived by a daughter, Brenda and Rogelio Moreno, Plymouth and by four sons: Arthur Clemons, Jr., Plymouth; Justin and Dawn Clemons, Plymouth; Lenner and Lora Clemons, Bourbon; and Ernest Clemons, Plymouth.

Fifteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren survive as well.

Two sisters and three brothers also survive. They are Pauline Clemons, Monticello, Ky.; Polly Clemons, Sandusky, Ohio; Earl and Sylvia Clemons, Ary, Ky.; William and Marcella Clemons, Hardshell, Ky., and Luther Clemons, Goldsboro, N.C.

Arthur was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Bonnie Romero and three brothers.

Visitation with the family will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, October 30, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind.

Funeral services for Arthur will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, October 31, 2003, in the funeral home. The Rev. Gerald Allen will officiate.

Burial will be in Eagle Creek Cemetery, Knox, Ind.

Memorial gifts in Arthur’s name may be made to the American Cancer Society, Marshall County Chapter.
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Verner R. Collins

Verner R. “Vern” Collins Sr. 69, died Saturday, August 16, 2003 following an extended illness in the Pilgrim Manor Care Facility. Formerly of Culver, he has resided at 805 Baker St. Plymouth, for the past eight years.

Born July 9, 1934 and raised in the Harrison, Ohio area, he was the son of Cleveland and Dolores Maust Collins. He attended Harrison High School and completed an Associates Degree from Ancilla College in 1983.

From 1951 to 1958 Vern served his country in the U.S. Air Force as a staff sergeant. Vern spent most of his career as a barber.

On May 8, 1954, in Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan, he married the former JoAnne P. “Pennie” Shaw, who survives and enjoyed nearly 50 years together.

Vern was a faithful member of the New Philadelphian Church of LaPaz where he served as a Deacon. He was a family man who enjoyed time at home, working crossword puzzles and gardening.

Also surviving is one daughter; Jennifer R. and Ed Friberg of Plymouth and grandchildren; Joshua A. Collins, Justin M. Collins, Shannon K. Collins, Eddie Friberg and Chrissy Friberg.

Vern was preceded in death by his parents, his son Verner R. Collins Jr. who died March 21, 1998, two sisters; Cleveanna Doerman and Charlotte Stigall, along with one brother Lloyd C. “Bud” Collins.

Services will be held in the New Oakhill Cemetery Chapel, Plymouth on Tuesday, August 19th at 10 a.m. the Rev. Robert Swank will officiate. There will be no visitation.

Burial will follow in the New Oakhill Cemetery.

Memorial gifts in Vern’s memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 655 Plymouth, Indiana 46563

Donna Belle M. Cook

Donna Belle M. Cook, 83, a lifetime resident of Plymouth, formerly on South Michigan St., living in Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home, 222 Parkview Drive for over the past four years, died of natural causes at 5:50 p.m. on Friday, November 7, 2003.

Born in Plymouth on March 4, 1920, Donna Belle was the daughter of Frank and Gladys Lacher Rhodes. She graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1938.

On November 14, 1941, in Plymouth, Donna Belle and James M. “Jim” Cook were married.

Devoted to each other, Jim and Donna Belle were never apart. He moved to Pilgrim Manor so that he could always be near her side. They would have celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary in less than a week.

A homemaker, Donna Belle played both the piano and organ and taught piano. She loved dogs and cats and Lawrence Welk and his music.

Her knowledge and love of antiques drove her to numerous sales. She lovingly refurbished thousands of pieces over the past 40 years and had an extensive collection of furniture, glassware and antique dolls.
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She was a member of the Grace Baptist Church, Plymouth.

Donna Belle is survived by her husband, Jim, and their two sons and a daughter.

Her sons are James R. Cook, North Vernon, Ind., and Gail and Patty Cook, also of North Vernon.

Four granddaughters and several great-grandchildren also survive together with a sister-in-law, Betty Rhodes, Plymouth, and a cousin, Jo and Bud Ousnamer, also of Plymouth.

Donna Belle was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Harold “Dusty” Rhodes.

Friends will be welcomed by the family from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, November 9, 2003, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Donna Belle will be held on Monday, November 10, 2003, at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home.

The Rev. William Kaster, pastor of the Trinity United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Donna Belle’s memory may be made to the Humane Society of Marshall County or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Lifetime resident, Raymond E. “Ray” Cox, 89, died at his residence, 10933 olive Trail, Plymouth, at 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2003.

Born at home at Dixon Lake on September 15, 1913, Ray was the son of Amon Earl and Flossie Fish Cox.

He was a 1932 graduate of Plymouth High School. A drummer before he even entered grade school, he played for many years as a part of dance bands in the area.

He renovated old school buses into campers and would take the whole family on camping trips together.

On January 8, 1935, in South Bend, Ray and Margaret Azalia Scheetz were married.

He owned and operated a furniture store for many years. A talented craftsman, he was a furniture upholster, apprenticing under Glenn Chase. His Ray’s Furniture and Upholstering Shop was on the old Behmer Road now South Olive Trail by Dixon Lake.

He enjoyed remodeling old houses and reselling them in conjunction with his father-in-law, George Scheetz.

Ray’s last years were spent helping his daughter and grandson, Jeff Beatty, remodel the old Beatty homestead built in 1876.

Ray is survived by Margaret, his wife of 68 years and by their daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Phillip Beatty and son-in-law, John and Patti Coyer, all of Plymouth.

Five grandchildren and their spouses also survive. They are: Dan and Kathy Coyer; Jeff and Jennifer Beatty; Jennifer and Paul Connally and Julie and Steve Harrell, all of Plymouth, and Joan and Rich Seaman of Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Nine great-granddaughters, two great-grandsons and one great-great granddaughter also survive.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Cecelia Eileen Coyer who died on March 10, 1993.

Family services will be held on Sunday, July 13, 2003.

Gifts in Ray’s memory may be to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Helen M. Cox
Helen M. Cox, 79, a fifty year resident of a Marshall County, living at 6689 Old US 31, died after a long illness at 5:50 P.M. Friday May 16, 2003 in Pilgrim Manor Nursing home, Plymouth, Indiana.

Helen was born in Monterey, Indiana on November 12, 1923 to Joseph and Jenny Engle Meiser. She graduated from Talma High School with the class of 1941.

On November 3, 1946 in the First Presbyterian Church, Plymouth, Indiana, the beautiful Helen M. Meiser and Lowell J. Cox were married.

Helen was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, she was a past member of the local order of Eastern Star. Helen enjoyed many activities including cooking, sewing and exercising faithfully. She was also a wonderful Wife, Mother and Grandma, that will be deeply missed.

Helen is survived by her spouse of over 50 years, Lowell J. Cox, Plymouth, and two children, a son, Barry (Trisha) Cox, Plymouth and a daughter Beth A. Cox, Phoenix, Arizona, along with three grandchildren, Kalum, Jordan, and Masen Cox, all of Plymouth. She is also survived by a brother, Harold Meiser, Rochester and a sister, Dorothy McPherson, Colorado.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers: Joe and Charles Meiser.

Visitation with the family will be from 4 to 8 P.M. Tuesday, May 20, 2003 at the Johnson - Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Indiana.

Funeral Services conducted by the Rev. Steven Mullin, First Presbyterian Church, Plymouth, will be held Wednesday May 21, 2003 at 11:00 A.M. in the funeral home.

Private interment will be held in Chapel Hill Cemetery, Osceola, Indiana

Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the Donor’s Choice.

Sylvia F. Cummins
Sylvia F. Cummins, 88, of 905 Berkley St., Plymouth, died of natural causes in Pilgrim Manor at 9:25 p.m. on Thursday, October 30, 2003.

Sylvia was born in Texas County, Mo., on June 18, 1915. She was the daughter of Aaron and Sarah Ogle Brannam. She attended Missouri schools.

On Christmas Eve, December 24, 1934, in Houston, Mo., she and Harry B. Cummins were married. Harry died on October 7, 1986.

Sylvia worked in the housekeeping department of Parkview Hospital for over 15 years, retiring
in 1980.

A woman of a number of interests, she loved to read and was an accomplished quilter. She enjoyed traveling and camping and was very fond of the ocean, visiting as often as she could.

A devoted member of the House of the Lord Church, Sylvia was known for her delicious pies available at church bake sales and suppers.

Sylvia is survived by eight children: four daughters and four sons and their families that include 33 grandchildren; 68 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

Her daughters are Clara Winters, Rochester, Ind.; Wanda Heliene, Terre Haute, Ind.; Linda and Glenn Anders and Jean and Paul E. Graham, all of Plymouth, Ind.

Her sons are Jack Cummins, Bourbon, Ind.; Roy Cummins, Mishawaka, Ind.; Jim and Loraine Cummins, Plymouth, Ind.; and Steve and Carol Cummins, Etna Green, Ind.

Sylvia has been preceded in death by her parents and her husband. Two sisters, Grace Ice and Goldie Rogers have also died as have three brothers, Otto and Virgil Brannam and an infant sibling. One grandchild and three great-grandchildren have also preceded her in death.

Friends and family will be welcomed to celebrate Sylvia's life at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Monday, November 3, 2003, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. Steven Patrick, pastor of House of the Lord Church, will be on Tuesday, November 4, 2003, at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Sylvia's memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Timothy Wayne Daniels Sr., 43, 914 S. Michigan St. Plymouth, died suddenly of natural causes at 4:34 a.m. Friday, January 10, 2003 in the emergency room of St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Tim has been a Plymouth resident since 1990 coming from Crown Point, Indiana. He was born the son of Dale D. and Bonnie J. (Davies) Daniels Sr., on April 14, 1959 in Gary, Indiana.

He graduated from Crown Point High School in the class of 1977 and was a member of the Sons of the American Legion, Post 430 in Merrillville, Ind.

Tim was employed as a machinist the past seven years at Absolute Electric Co. of Plymouth.

Known for being quite a handyman, Tim enjoyed model airplanes, and spending time with his granddaughter, Emma Rose Daniels of Plymouth.

Tim is survived by his parents; Dale and Bonnie Daniels Sr. of Crown Point, Ind., his son Timothy Wayne Daniels Jr. of Plymouth and granddaughter Emma Rose.

Six sisters and two brothers also survive, they are: Barbara J. Daniels of Monroe, Mich., Susan M. Daniels of Schererville, Ind., Patricia D. Kelley of Cedar Lake, Ind., Judy R. Daniels and Nicki L. Daniels both of Crown Point, and Stephanie L. Daniels of Cresco, Iowa. His brothers are Michael D. (Kay) Daniels of Attica, Ind. and Dale D. Daniels Jr. of Crown Point.

Numerous nieces, nephews and many loving friends, including his fiancé, Frannie Haddix of
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Plymouth also survive.

Private family services were held on Sunday, January 12, 2003 in Crown Point, Ind. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial gifts may be given to the family, c/o the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth, IN 46563. For more information please call 574-935-4246.

Raymond Leroy Davis

Lifetime area resident, Raymond “Ray” Leroy Davis, 93, of Klinger Ave., Plymouth, died of natural causes in Pilgrim Manor Nursing Center at 1:10 p.m. on Sunday, June 29, 2003.

Born in Fulton, Ind., on March 21, 1910, Ray was the son of Frank and Edythe Walters Davis. He attended Plymouth schools.

He and Evelyn Drake were married in Fulton, Ind., on Nov. 15, 1938.

Ray was an Indiana Motor Bus driver for many years, retiring in 1975. He then took up furniture refinishing and chair caning.

When he was able, Ray enjoyed taking a walk through the park every day. After his retirement from Indiana Motor Bus he was the first driver for REAL Services.

Ray was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. A longtime member of the Wally Byam Airstream Club, he was a charter member of the Plymouth Lions Club.

Ray is survived by his Evelyn, a loving wife of over 64 years and by their two daughters and a son-in-law. The daughters and their husbands are: Judy and Bob Trier, Kendallville, Ind., and Teressa and Tom Welborn, Argos, Ind. David Hoffer, Sr., son-in-law, living in Ill., also survives.

Eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren survives as well, together with two brothers, two sisters and three sisters-in-law. They are Mabel Parsley, Springfield, Mo., Mary and Earl Allison, Florida, John and Francis Davis, Plymouth, James and Louise Davis, Grand Rapids, Mich. The sisters-in-law are: Mary Davis, Argos, Ind., Elberta Davis, Plymouth, Ind., and Francis Davis, South Bend, Ind.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Carol Charlene Hoffer and three brothers, Herman, George and Vachel Davis.

Visitation will be in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Wednesday, July 2, 2003 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 3, 2003, in the funeral home. The Rev. William Kaster, pastor of the Trinity United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Gifts in Ray’s memory may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association or the Trinity United Methodist Church Elevator Fund.

Aurelia Y. DeLong

Aurelia Y. DeLong, 97, died at 12:50 p.m. Tuesday, October 28, 2003, at the Catherine Kasper Life Center, Donaldson, where she had been a resident for the past several months. Prior to moving to Donaldson, she had lived in South Bend for the past several years. Before moving to South Bend, she had lived in the Seattle and Detroit areas for most of her life.
The daughter of Peter and Anna Herzog Young, Aurelia was born on August 21, 1906 in Mishawaka, Ind. She was a graduate of St. Joseph High School, Mishawaka.

Aurelia had worked for the U.S. Postal Service for many years as a clerk.

An avid shopper, she loved to spend her time shopping.

Aurelia is a member of the St. Joseph Parish, Mishawaka, Ind.

Survived by a niece, Sister Inez Wilmering of Donaldson, Ind, and a nephew, John Wilmering of Elkhart, Ind., Aurelia was preceded in death by her parents, a brother Peter Young, and a sister Catherine Wilmering.

Visitation for Aurelia will be Thursday, October 30, 2003 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Catherine Kasper Home Chapel, Donaldson.

The Mass of Christian Burial, officiated by Father Edward J. Konerman S.J., will be held following visitation at 11:00 a.m. in the chapel.

Burial will take place in St. Joseph cemetery, Mishawaka.

Memorial contributions in Aurelia’s name may be made to the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ, Donaldson.

Johnson - Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth, Ind., is in charge of the arrangements.

Dorothy DeMont
Dorothy DeMont, 87, formerly of 2211 Hillcrest Ave., died of natural causes, at 12:50 a.m. on Thursday, November 6, 2003, in Pilgrim Manor, 222 Parkview Ave., Plymouth.

Born in Plymouth on August 11, 1916, Dorothy was the daughter of Albert and Dora Scheetz Furry. She graduated from Plymouth’s Lincoln High School with the class of 1934.

On April 28, 1940, in Plymouth, Dorothy and George B. DeMont were married. George died three years ago on October 31, 2000.

A housewife and mother, Dorothy lived in Plymouth her whole life. She enjoyed sewing and had an extensive post card collection.

A member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Dorothy was a Yellowstone Homemaker Club member for many years.

She is survived by three children and their spouses: two sons and a daughter. They are Edwin G. and Sharon DeMont, Plymouth; Eugene and Margo DeMont, South Bend and Suzanne and Mark Umbaugh, Argos.

Nine grandchildren: Gwen Calvert, Jennifer Kingston, Brandan, Michael, Daniel and Christopher DeMont and Jeffrey, Jeremy, and Joshua Umbaugh survive as well, together with five great-grandchildren and three sisters; Helen Meeker, Florida, Margaret Irwin, Donaldson, Indiana, Marian Hileman, Plymouth, Indiana.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and a brother Anthony Furry.

A celebration of Dorothy’s life will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday, November 10, 2003, in
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the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services, officiated by the Rev. William Kaster, pastor of the Trinity United Methodist Church, will be in the funeral home on Tuesday, November 11, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church or to her grandson, Jeremy Umbaugh’s mission work, World Gospel Mission, Marion, Indiana.

Ina R. Dickson

Ina R. Dickson, 65, 311 Indiana Ave., Plymouth, a resident since 1965, coming from Lawrenceburg, Ind., died at 9:13 a.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, in Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth, following a brief, but courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Lawrenceburg on October 28, 1938, Ina was the daughter of Raymond C. and Norma Swango Trester. She attended Lawrenceburg High School.

For seven years, she worked at Christo’s Family Dinning in Plymouth as the day manager.

Ina was a country music fan and enjoyed dancing. She liked cats and had some as pets. She also collected feline figurines and Indian artifacts. One of her favorite things to do was going to the Plymouth Speedway with her son.

Ina is survived by four sons. They are: Michael L. and Shelia Smith, Plymouth; Shawn and Lynn Smith, Bremen; Ray E. Smith and his companion, Nikki, South Bend; and Rich R. Dickson, Plymouth.

Six grandchildren also survive. They are: Darren and Allison Smith, Bremen; Amanda, Katie and Jordon Smith, South Bend; and Ashley Widder, Bremen.

Three sisters also survive Ina’s death: Karen and Bill Sharabi, Hilliard, Ohio; Judy Trester, Tampa, Fla., and Debbie Trester, Silver Springs, Md.

Several nieces and nephews and Joyce Brucker, a dear friend in Plymouth, also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Denton Trester.

Friends may visit with the family on Thursday, December 18, 2003, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind.

Funeral services for Ina will be in the funeral home on Friday, December 19, 2003, at 11 a.m. The Rev. John Perkinson, pastor of the Shiloh Wesleyan Church, will officiate.

Internment will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, Ind.

Memorial gifts in Ina’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Humane Society or the American Cancer Society.

Phyllis Dills-Kunze

Phyllis Dills-Kunze, 72, of 805 Baker Street, Lot 38, Plymouth, died of a cancer related illness at 3:35 a.m. on Wednesday, April 2, 2003, at Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth. Phyllis was a lifelong Marshall County resident.

Born on April 14, 1930, she was the daughter of Virgil M. and Pearl Pease Krouse. She graduated from Argos High School in 1948, and from Beauty College in St. Louis, Mo.
Phyllis was first married in 1953 at Plymouth to Harold R. Dills. Harold died in December of 1977. On June 28, 1997, she and Kenneth E. Kunze were married in Plymouth.

A self-employed hairdresser, Phyllis worked out of her home, Phyllis' Hair Care, for over 20 years. She was a member of the National Cosmetology Association of Indiana.

A friendly, happy, much loved person, she enjoyed sewing and oil painting. An avid traveler she enjoyed R.V. camping in many states. She dearly loved her grandchildren and working jig saw puzzles with them.

Phyllis is survived by her spouse Ken and by her son and his family, a step-son and two step-daughters.

Her son is Stephen R. and his wife Vicki Dills and their children are: Matthew D., Nicholas S., Morgan Elizabeth, and Adam C. Dills, all of Jasper, Ind.

Step-son James C. and Renate Kunze, and step-daughters, Lora J. and Bryan Renz and Kathryn E. and James Bottorff, all of Plymouth, and numerous step-grand and great-grandchildren survive as well.

Two nieces, Mary Anne Roebuck of Stone Lake, Ind. and Gloria Jeanne Gilbert, Plymouth and there families also survive.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, a son; Phillip E. Dills who died this past November and a sister, Pauline Elliott.

Friends may call at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 2003.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2003, at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Drs. David Moffett-Moore and Ronald Liechty, pastor and former pastor, of the First United Church of Christ where Phyllis was a member, will preside at the services.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Gifts in memory of Phyllis may be made to the church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Agnes C. Dixon, 84, a lifetime area resident, living at 7480 Plymouth-LaPorte Trail, died in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, following an illness, at 8:22 p.m. on Monday, December 22, 2003.

Agnes was born in Flora, Ind., on October 31, 1919. She was the daughter of Roy and Julia Luse. She attended Plymouth schools.

She and Cecil Dixon were married in Plymouth on March 29, 1938. Cecil died on June 15, 1988.

A homemaker, Agnes enjoyed doing cross word puzzles and spending time with her family.

Agnes is survived by her three daughters and four sons and their families.

Her daughters are: Dora Ann and Ray Van Blaricom, Plymouth; Sandra and Charlie Miller, LaPaz; and Joyce and Mark Arndt, Osceola.
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Her sons are: Richard L. Dixon; Joe Dixon and Jack Dixon, all of Plymouth; and James and Amy Dixon, Mishawaka.

Twenty grandchildren, 61 great-grandchildren and 22 great-great-grandchildren also survive, together with three sisters and two brothers. They are: Della and Al Drake, Fla.; Pat Sporner, Bourbon and Jean Makowski, Plymouth. Her brothers are: Kenneth and Mary Luse, Plymouth and Wayne and Viola Luse, Monon, Ind.

Agnes was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two granddaughters and Pat Dixon, a daughter-in-law.

Visitation with the family will be in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, December 26, 2003.

Funeral services for Agnes will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, December 27, 2003, in the funeral home with the Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen, officiating.

Interment will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Agnes’ memory may be made to the American Heart Association.

Patricia Ann Dixon, 61, of 13700 4th Road, died at her residence at 8:47 a.m., on Thursday, February 20, 2003. She had been a Plymouth resident for 61 years.

Born on October 24, 1941, Patricia was the daughter of Elmer and Ilo Stone Cox.

On April 10 1959, Patricia and Richard L. Dixon were married in Plymouth.

A housewife, Patricia enjoyed babysitting for her 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, all of whom survive.

She was an adept flower gardener and enjoyed the Plymouth Speedway. She crocheted blankets for all of her grandchildren and helped to remodel her home.

Patricia is survived by her husband, two sons and two daughters.

Her sons are Rick L. Dixon and Bill A. Dixon and his fiancee, Pamela K. Chizam, all of Plymouth. Her daughters are Lisa D. (Jeff) Farver, Plymouth and Tammy A. (Scott) Ross, LaPaz.

A brother, Richard (Nancy) Cox, Plymouth, and two sisters, Thelma Woolley, also of Plymouth, and Mary Nissen, Rochester, survive as well.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents, and three sisters: Grace Cox, Irene Pontius, Mildred Servis have also died, together with a Donald Cox, a brother.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 P.M., on Sunday, February 23, 2003, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Patricia, officiated by the Rev. Larry Hanson pastor of the County Line Brethren Church, Lakeville, will be held in the funeral home at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 24, 2003.
Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Gifts in memory of Patricia Ann may be made to the Marshall County Hospice.

Gladys Marie Dodson

Gladys Marie Dodson, 84, formerly of 805 Baker St. in River Park, died at 5:55 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31, 2003, in St. Anthony Memorial Hospital, in Michigan City, Indiana.

Gladys was born on August 29, 1919, in Sheldon, Ill., the daughter of Charles and Ruth Hendress Coughenour. She grew up in Iroquois County and graduated from Watseka, Ill. High School in 1937.

On August 12, 1939, she married Wilmer Condit of Gilman, Ill., at Watseka. He died in 1965. They had one daughter, Janet Gayle.

In April of 1970, Gladys and Edwin Dodson of Plymouth were married. Edwin died in 1987.

Gladys spent over 40 years in tele-communications, the last 25 with United Telephone. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, the United Telephone retirees and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary of Watseka, Ill.

Gladys is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Jim Hiss, Michigan City, Ind. Three step-sons: James and Linda Dodson, Richard Dodson and Brian and Polly Dodson; two step-daughters, Susan and Kirk McIlraith, Virginia and Larry Cole, of also survive.

A grandson, Jason Hiss of LaPorte, Ind.; granddaughter Jacke Marie and her husband Larry Schardon and two great-grandsons Wyatt and Dylan and one great granddaughter, Nicole of Scottsdale, Ariz., survive as well.

A nephew, four nieces and nine step-granddaughters survive as well.

Gladys was preceded in death by her parents, her two spouses and three sisters.

At her request, preferring that friends remember her in life, there will be no visitation. A family service will be held at a later date.

The Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, is in charge of arrangements.

Interment will be in Gilman, Ill.

Memorial gifts in Gladys’ memory may be made to the Marshall County Hospice, the Trinity United Methodist Church, or a charity of the donor’s choice.

Jeffrey Lee Dunlap

Jeffrey Lee “Jeff” Dunlap, 30, a lifetime area resident, died unexpectedly at his residence, 4310 Hickory Rd., Mishawaka.

The son of Gary Lee Dunlap and Juna Widner Brown, Jeff was born on September 4, 1973, in Heidelberg, Germany. He attended Plymouth High School and completed his education while serving in the U.S. Army.

He worked as a security guard at Holy Cross College in South Bend.

An avid reader, he loved being in the outdoors. He also enjoyed gazing at the stars.
Jeff is survived by his mother and step-father, Juna and Orlando Brown of St. Petersburg, Fla., and by his father and step-mother, Gary and Barbara Dunlap of Plymouth.

Three brothers, all serving in the Army in Iraq, survive. They are Christopher Lee and his wife, Angela Dunlap; Brandon Lee Dunlap and Jason James Dunlap.

A step-sister and step-brother also survive. They are Terra L. and Gary Minix, Culver, and Brett D. Bunton, Plymouth, Ind.

Maternal grandparents, Charles and Patricia Widner, St. Petersburg, Fla. and paternal grandmother, Wanda M. Dunlap, Logansport, Ind., survive as well, together with several aunts and uncles.

Jeff was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, James H. Dunlap.

The family will welcome friends of their beloved son and brother on Tuesday, November 4, 2003, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind.

Memorial services for Jeff will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 5, 2003, at the funeral home. The Rev. Patrick Puglisi, pastor of the Plymouth Missionary Church, will officiate.

Military graveside services will be accorded to Jeff at the Morris Park Cemetery, LaPaz, Ind.

Memorial gifts in Jeff’s memory may be made to the Parkinsons’ Foundation or the Marshall County Cancer Association.

Ruth F. Earp, 85, a lifetime Plymouth resident died following an illness, at 12:05 a.m. Monday, March 03, 2003 in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. Since December Ruth has resided with her daughter Dawn Ann and family in Bremen.

Ruth was born the daughter of Frank L. and Verna Ellinger Dunfee, on July 17, 1917 in Rochester, Ind. and attended Plymouth schools.

For many years Ruth worked as a waitress at the Plymouth Holiday Inn, The Waranna and Heeters Bakery. Prior to her retirement she served as an aide for the Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home.

She enjoyed crocheting, making dolls and Christmas stockings for her 15 grand, 20 great and 13 great-great grandchildren. She was a longtime member of the Grace Baptist Church and a former member of the Plymouth Moose Auxiliary.

Ruth is survived by her four children; daughters, Rebecca L. (Angel) Gill of Portage, Dawn Ann (Loren) Bules of Bremen and sons, Steven D. (Karen) Yenna of Bremen and Bruce A. (Ronda) Yenna of Plymouth. A step-son, Russell Ray Yenna of Bradenton, Florida also survives.

Preceding Ruth in death was her former spouse, Roscoe E. Yenna Sr., a son Roscoe E. Yenna Jr., a brother Franklin LeRoy Dunfee and sister Ruby Eileen Dunfee.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wed. March 5th in the New Oakhill Cemetery Chapel where friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of service. The Rev. Dr. Paul Loder of the Faith Baptist Church, Plymouth will officiate. Burial will follow in the New Oakhill Cemetery.
Dolores M. “Dee” Eck

Dolores M. “Dee” Eck, 65, died unexpectedly of natural causes at her residence, 4640 Maple Rd., Plymouth, on Thursday morning, November 20, 2003. Dee had lived in the Plymouth area for the past 43 years, coming from Kalispell, Mont.

Most recently she was loved and admired as a knowledgeable and helpful co-owner of the Bookworm, a bookstore for children and adults in the Pilgrim Place Center.

Born on December 7, 1937, in Kalispell, Dee was the daughter of James and Jurine Stearns Weaver.

She was a 1955 graduate of Hollywood High School in Hollywood, Calif. She also had accountant training and prepared tax returns for the public.

In 1958, Dee was married to William O. Norris Sr. in Kalispell, Mont. William died on December 5, 1972. In the Sunrise Chapel in Plymouth, Dee and Russell C. Eck were married on December 7, 1973. Russell died on April 12, 2000.

Dee worked at Labas Chevrolet as an accountant. Later she bought and sold houses for Heckaman Homes, Nappanee, then worked as an accountant for Sky Stream of Plymouth. She was later employed as a purchasing agent for P.E.I. Genesis, South Bend, then she did accounting and purchasing for Polygon in Walkerton, retiring in 2001.

At the time of her death she was co-owner with Kay Garrison of the Bookworm in Plymouth and, before his death, helped her husband, Russell, in his surveying business.

She was an avaricious reader, especially of the Louis L’Amour series. She enjoyed working with the Marshall County Reading Council and the Young Authors conferences, encouraging young people to read and to write stories. She was also a member of “The Bookies”, a book club in Plymouth.

Dee had a love of horses all her life.

She grew up on cattle ranches owned by her father and grandparents. When she turned 14, she was able to drive the cattle truck over the mountains delivering cattle so that she could earn her own money to enter the rodeo. She rode on the Montana rodeo circuit as the American Flag Girl.

An avid bowler and golfer, she made a lot of friends through the Jaycees which is how she was introduced to Plymouth.

Dee collected miniature water pitchers and bowls. She was treasurer of the Ladies Pickens Investment Club of Plymouth and was a member of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce.

She loved to travel and do adventurous things. At the age of 54, Dee went on a cattle drive in Montana and Wyoming on Custer’s Last Stand battle ground.

Dee went White Water Rafting down the Snake River with her cousin, Ron Nawgard.

She enjoyed a West Virginia White River rafting trip with several female friends from Plymouth; she and Russell visited Israel and, at another time, went on a cruise.

This past June, Dee, with family, spent time on a houseboat in the Dale Hollow area of Albany,
Dee is survived by two sons, a daughter, several step-children, grandchildren, step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

They are: her son, Mike Sr. and Diane Norris, Plymouth, and their children: Natasha Norris; Mike Norris, Jr. and a great-grandson, Mike Norris III.


Dee’s daughter and her husband, Lori and Steve Borders live in South Bend.

She is also survived by her step-father, Darrell Gilmore of Oregon; Gary and Rose Eck, a step-son, of Walkerton, Ind.; and their children; Aaron Eck; Hannah Beerbower, Sarah Eck and Jacob Eck.

Step-son Dr. Jeffrey Eck, his wife, Martha, and their family also survive; step-grandchildren Miriam and Stephen Eck and Christine Bonneur.

David Eck, a third step-son, and his son, David Jr., survive as well.

A step-daughter, Cynthia and her husband, Edgar Russell also survive, together with their children: Reuben Levinsohn and great grandchildren Victoria and David Levinsohn; Ari Levinsohn and Rivka Levinsohn.

Dee’s first father-in-law, Ray Norris, and a brother-in-law, John and Cheryl Norris and their family also survive.

Dee was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands and a sister, Carol.

Visitation in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, will be from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, November 23, 2003.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, November 24, 2003, in the funeral home. The Rev. Tony Schneiders, pastor of the Walnut Church of the Brethren, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, Ind.

Memorial gifts in Dee’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Humane Society, the Marshall County Hospice, or the Reins of Life.

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Dennis Elliott, 59, a lifetime Plymouth resident, living at 805 Baker St., River Park since 1996, died in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, at 10:27 a.m. on Friday, December 26, 2003. Dennis has endured cancer related illnesses since January of 1996.

Born in Plymouth on September 22, 1944, Dennis was the son of James E. and Violet G. Fear Elliott.

He graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1962.

Enlisting in the United States Navy after graduation, Dennis served overseas in the intelligence department from 1962 through 1966.
Back home, he worked for the McLiver Family at Town & Country Press and Indiana Press and was a graphic arts designer for 20 years with Peterson Graphics of South Bend.

A sports fan of all kinds of sporting events, Dennis enjoyed playing golf and watching NASCAR.

He was a former member of the Plymouth Moose Lodge No. 741.

Dennis is survived by three sisters. They are: Roxanne and her husband Robert Croy, Plymouth; Molly J. Bailey, Plymouth; and Susan and her spouse, James Hill, Fairfield, Ohio.

Eight nieces and nephews, and numerous great-nieces and nephews also survive together with two aunts living in Plymouth: Wauneta Elliott and Edna Weedling.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation with the family will be from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 28, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind.

Funeral services will follow visitation at 4 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen, will officiate.

A VFW graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, December 29, 2003, at New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in memory of Dennis may be made to the Marshall County Cancer Fund or the American Lung Association.

Nancy E. Emmons, 74, died at 10:05 a.m., Thursday, May 8, 2003, following an extended illness in the loving care of her family and Hospice of Marshall County. She died in the comfortable surroundings of her home, 13959 U.S. Highway 6, west of LaPaz.

Born September 2, 1928 in Plymouth, Indiana, she is the daughter of Paul W. and Carol A. Fribley Erbaugh. She had lived in the Bourbon area until the age of 15 before moving to Lakeville and graduating from Lakeville High School with the class of 1946. She was a Plymouth resident for the past fifty years.

Nancy and Sherman E. Emmons were married in Lakeville on September 1, 1946.

A homemaker, Nancy lived life to the fullest, she was an excellent cook, a doting wife, mother and grandmother who also enjoyed flower gardening and feeding birds especially Hummingbirds.

For many years, Nancy bowled on the Wednesday Night Ladies League at LaPaz.

Nancy is survived by her spouse, Sherman and daughter, Carol Anne and son-in-law, Dennis Turner, Bedford, Ind.

Two grandsons and two granddaughters also survive. The grandsons are: Kent A. and Jamie Nunemaker, Wanatah, and their children, Rylee, Nicole and Kyle Sherman Nunemaker; Ryan Patrick and Kelly Nunemaker, Valparaiso, and their children Haley Marie and Hunter Michael Nunemaker.

Granddaughters; Rachel A. and her husband, Bruce Kenney live in Arlington, Virginia and
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Nancy’s brothers, Jack H. and Marge Erbaugh, Auburn, Ind., and James E. Erbaugh, Fall Creek, Wis., also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents and step-father, Clyde Riddle. Two sons also have died; Patrick B. Emmons in 1973 and Martin D. Emmons in 1994.

There will be no visitation or service.

Interment will be in the Parks Cemetery, Bourbon, Indiana.

Memorials in Nancy’s memory may be made to a charity of the donor’s choice.

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Julia E. Emmons

An area resident most of her life, Julia E. Emmons, 90, 13321 4th Road, Plymouth, died of natural causes at 10:55 p.m. on Sunday, May 4, 2003, in Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth.

Julia was born in Janesville, Wis. on November 15, 1912, the daughter of Allen T. and Julia Washburn Taylor. She attended Plymouth schools.

On May 12, 1930, in Knox, Ind., she was married to Karl E. “Bill” Emmons. Bill died on November 5, 1976.

Julia had worked at Meck’s in Plymouth for four to five years. She and her husband then ran Bill’s Service Station which was next to where McDonald’s (on U.S. 31 north) is now from 1936 to 1943. They then ran Bill’s Frame and Wheel and Emmon’s Shell station. They built the B.J. & J restaurant at U.S. 6 and 31 in 1955 and ran it for several years.

In addition, Julia was an active homemaker. She enjoyed weaving rugs, quilting and watching baseball. She baked delicious pies and cakes and loved spending time with her family.

She was a past member of the Royal Neighbors Club.

Julia is survived by two sons and two daughters. Her daughters are Julia F. Hurford and Judith A. Veger, both of Plymouth, Ind. Her sons are Karl Jr. “Sonny” and Mary Anne Emmons and Roger L. and Deborah Emmons, both of LaPaz, Ind.

Twenty-four grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren also survive together with two sisters and two brothers. Her sisters are Lucille and Gilbert Helwig, Niles, Mich., and Edna and Bill Duffy, Wis. Her brothers are Clifford Taylor, Ark., and Eugene Taylor, Chicago, Ill.

Julia was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Shirley Jean Albert, a daughter and two sons-in-law, Frank W. Hurford and Joe Veger. A daughter-in-law, Betty Emmons and three great grandchildren and five brothers have also died before her.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, May 7, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Funeral services will be on Thursday, May 8, 2003, at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen, Ind., will officiate.

Burial will be in the Bremen Cemetery, Bremen, Ind.
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Memorial gifts may be made to the Union North Ambulance Service and LaPaz Fire Department.

Wanda Jean Falconbury

Lifetime Plymouth resident, Wanda Jean Falconbury who would have celebrated her 72nd birthday March 14, died at 6:14 a.m., Thursday, March 13, at her home, 310 Skylane Dr., Plymouth.

Wanda was born in Plymouth, the daughter of Arthur Sewell Falconbury Sr., and Ida Ilo Wolfarth Falconbury. She graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1949.

She lived in the Plymouth area all of her life with the exception of six years in Pendleton, Ind.

She was the receptionist in the dental offices of Dr. Larry Jones and Dr. Ronald Rudlaff for 15 years, retiring in 1995.

Wanda was a member Tri Kappa and of the Eastern Star, Chapter 26. She was a member and sang in the choir at the First United Church of Christ.

She was a movie buff and loved to read. A very loving and giving woman, Wanda had many friends who enjoyed her company.

Wanda is survived by her sister, Beverly Falconbury and sister-in-law, Grace Falconbury, both of Plymouth, and by a niece, Kathy Ambrose of Grovertown.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Arthur S. Falconbury, Jr.

Visitation and funeral services for Wanda will be held at the First United Church of Christ, 407 N. Center St., Plymouth, Sunday, March 16, 2003. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. with services following the calling hours at 4:00 p.m.

The Rev. Dr. David Moffett-Moore will officiate.

A burial will be at Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Gifts in memory of Wanda may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Robert L. Feece

Robert L. “Bob” Feece, who lived most of his lifetime in Marshall County, died following an extended illness, in Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth, at 9 p.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2003. He was 87 years old.

Born in Knox, Ind., on June 21, 1916, Bob was the son of Ezra and Cora M. Ransbottom Feece. He attended Starke County schools.

On September 5, 1937, in Plymouth, Bob and Elizabeth B. “Betty” Nethercutt were married. They have resided at River Park, the past nine years.

Bob spent his working career in auto body repairs. He was co-owner and operator of the B&D Body Shop on Western Ave., with his son, Donovan, from 1978 to 1992.

He was a man skilled in working with his hands. He enjoyed woodworking, making furniture and clocks. All of his family members treasure the fruits of his labors and everyone got a clock or furniture item at one time or another. He loved to travel and, in his motor home, visited Western and Southern states, often in Florida. As a member of the “Boat Club,” he also spent happy
times at various lakes throughout the Midwest.

Bob is survived by his devoted wife, Betty. In three weeks, they would have celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary.

A daughter and her husband, Emma Jean and Erich Wurzburger of South Bend, and a daughter-in-law, Jacqueline Feece, Plymouth, also survive, together with four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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Funeral services will be officiated by the Rev. Dr. David Moffett-Moore, pastor of the First United Church of Christ, 321 N. Center St., where Bob was a member for over fifty years. The services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, August 18, 2003.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Bob’s memory may be made to the First United Church of Christ.

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Dave is survived by Mildred, his loving wife of sixty years, and by a daughter, Peggy Cook of Valparaiso and a son and daughter-in-law, David L. and Mary Fetherolf of Martinsville, Ind.

Six grandchildren survive as well. They are: Jennifer Howard, Carmel, Ind.; Michele Calabrese, Dallas, Texas; Jason Fetherolf, Seoul, Korea; Melanie Foley, Martinsville, Ind.; Chera Fetherolf, Indianapolis, Ind.; and Evan Fetherolf, Speedway, Ind.

One great-granddaughter, Amelia Foley, also survives.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, John C. Fetherolf. Two sisters, Mildred Beatty, Plymouth, and Ruth Jane Fetherolf and two brothers, Tom and James Fetherolf have also died.

Visitation will be held in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Friday, October 10, 2003, from 4 to 8 p.m. and for one hour prior to services at the church on Saturday.

Funeral services for Dave will be at the First United Methodist Church, 400 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on October 11, 2003, at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Dean Fager, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Interment will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, Ind.

Memorial gifts in Dave’s memory may be made to the First United Methodist Church or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Evelyn R. Gaddis, 86, 16447 Pretty View Drive, died of natural causes, in Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth, at 10:40 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2003.

Born in Robertsdale, Ind., on September 8, 1916, Evelyn was the daughter of Roy C. and Eva Kaiser Witter. Evelyn loved music and playing the organ and saxophone.

On April 9, 1937, in Crown Point, Ind., Evelyn and Thomas H. Gaddis were married.

Co-owner of Gaddis Construction Company in Munster, IN. with her husband, she lived in the Plymouth-Culver area for the past 25 years.

A past member of the Plymouth Country Club, Evelyn enjoyed playing golf. She was also an energetic bowler in ladies’ league.

She was a member of the Ladies Shrine Auxiliary.

Evelyn is survived by Thomas, her husband of nearly 66 years, and by their daughter: Virginia and son-in-law, Gary Gribben of Boise, ID daughter-in-law, Pat Gaddis of Hammond and three grandchildren, Carol Lee, Thomas Ray,(Carey) Gaddis and P. Matthew Gribben.

A sister, Selma Scaggs of Hammond, Ind., also survives.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Thomas Lee Gaddis, and by five brothers: Edward, Laverne, Cecil, Leroy, and Reginald Witter. Twin sisters, Mabel and Annabelle Witter have also died as has Delmar Scaggs, a brother-in-law.
Friends may come to celebrate her life with her family from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 30, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services, officiated by the Rev. Steven M. Mullins, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, of which Evelyn was a member, will be held on Friday, January 31, 2003, at 11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth immediately following the service.

Preferred are contributions made to the Alzheimer’s Association or First Presbyterian Church.

Chester E. Garrison, 83, a Marshall County resident most of his life, died from an apparent heart attack at his residence, 9358 State Road 17, Plymouth, on Tuesday, March 11, 2003, at 8:04 a.m.

Chet was born in Winamac on March 9, 1920, the son of George W. and Lilly Marie Martin Garrison. He attended Knox High School.

During World War II, he served his country in the United States Navy.

He was a member of the Plymouth Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 1162. The post will provide military graveside honors at his burial.

On January 13, 1940, in Knox, Ind., Chet and Cleo L. Short were married.

He worked for the U.S. Postal Service as the custodian of the Plymouth Post Office for 19 years, retiring in 1983.

He was an avid gardener with a green thumb; he loved to grow things. He also enjoyed reading.

Chet is survived by his Cleo, his wife of 63 years and by their two sons, a daughter and their families.

His children are: Larry R. and Sandra Garrison, Plymouth, and Dennis E. Garrison, Monroe, Ala. His daughter, also of Plymouth, is Joyce A. and Spike (Deacon) Sinders.

Four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. together with a sister, Geraldine and her husband Samuel Presta, of Illinois, also survive.

Chet was preceded in death by his parents and five sisters.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Dr. David Moffett-Moore, pastor of the First United Church of Christ, will officiate at Chet’s funeral services in the funeral home at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 14, 2003.

Burial will be in Burr Oak Cemetery, Burr Oak, Indiana.

Gifts in memory of Chet may be made to the charity of the donor’s choice.

V. Hope Gates, 89, of Candie Lane, Plymouth, died at her home at 4:15 p.m., on Tuesday, October 7, 2003.
For many, Hope will be honored and remembered as the pianist and organist for her church, the First United Methodist. Her extraordinary talent for music inspired and touched the lives of many.

She was born in LaPaz, Ind., the daughter of John and Dora Kaiser Hildebrand and had lived in Plymouth for most of her life.

A graduate of Plymouth High School and Indiana University, she was affiliated with Pi Beta Phi, a national sorority. She served as secretary of the Association of Women Students during her college years.

Hope began her teaching career in 1934, near Argos, Ind., and taught in the Plymouth Community School system for 27 years, retiring in 1977.

In 1937, Hope and Murel E. Gates were married. Murel died in 1983.

In the First United Methodist Church, she served on many committees, was Junior Choir director, a member of the choir and pianist and organist. She was a member of Tri Kappa Associates, Eastern Star, Indiana Retired Teachers’ Association, the Holy Cross Parkview Hospital Auxiliary and the Marshall County Cancer Association.

In addition to her musical skills, Hope enjoyed doing needle work, cross-word puzzles, shell craft and working with ceramics.

Hope is survived her two children: John R. and Cindy Gates of Punta Gorda, Fla., and Marcia Holloway of Plymouth.

Three grandchildren also survive: Lance and Jennifer Gates of Tampa, Fla.; Derek Holloway, Mishawaka, Ind., and Tara and Brandon Reilly, South Bend, Ind.

One great-granddaughter, Lauren Holloway, Mishawaka, and a sister, Faith M. Rupley of Granbury, Texas, survive as well.

Hope was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Murel.

Friends may call at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Friday, October 10, 2003, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 11, 2003, in the funeral home. The Rev. Dr. Dean Fager, pastor of her church and Joanne Boys, former assistant to the pastor, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, Ind.

Memorial gifts in Hope’s memory may be given to a charity of the donor’s choice.
Mattie enjoyed collecting stuffed animals and gardening. She was an outdoor enthusiast, who enjoyed camping, and feeding and taking care of wild animals.

Mattie was a member of the Pilgrim Gospel Lighthouse Church, Plymouth, Indiana

Mrs. Gibson is survived by a son Dennis (Virginia) Gibson, South Bend, and by a daughter Thelma (Alton) Hochstetler, Argos, Indiana

Two grandsons and a granddaughter also survive: Douglas Gibson, Arkansas, Colton Gibson, South Bend, IN, and Angela Stanton, Rochester.

Three brothers and three sisters: Jess Mullins, Argos, Maxie Mullins, Kentucky, Seldon Rowe, Plymouth, Melovie Rudd, Knox, Alberta Fletcher, Knox, and Velva Lewis, Lucerne, Indiana survive as well.

Mattie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a brother and a sister: Dexter Mullins, Helen Bitterling.

Visitation with the family will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday June 16, 2003 at the Pilgrim Gospel Lighthouse Church, 7th St. and Beerenbrook, Plymouth, Indiana

Funeral services for Mattie will be held at the Church at 2:00 p.m. on Monday June 16, 2003 immediately following visitation. The Rev. Erve Bradley, will officiate.

Burial will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery.

Flora “Flo” M. Haines

Flora “Flo” M. Haines, 89, a resident at 520 Coventry Ct., Plymouth for the past three years, having previously lived on N. Michigan Rd., died of natural causes at 6:15 p.m., Friday, June 20, 2003, in the Emergency Room of the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Flo was born in Michigan on March 3, 1914, the daughter of Dow Bliss and Rose Reame McGowan. She graduated from LaPaz High School.

On May 9, 1942, in Lakeville, Flo and Emerson O. Haines were married. Emerson died on October 15, 1998.

Flo retired from American Optical after many years of service.

She loved to fish local lakes as well as in Fla., and Mich. She enjoyed gardening, shuffle board and euchre and spending time in Fla., including 20 winters in Haines City.

She was a member of the Women of the Moose #1355 and the Eagles Auxiliary in Plymouth.

Flo is survived by a daughter and son-in-law: Rose E. and Charles F. Boomhower, Plymouth, and by two granddaughters and two grandsons. They are: Debbie L. and Damon Bush, Rita A. and Bill Jeffirs and Charles F. Boomhower, Jr., all of Plymouth and Calvin R. and Darlene Boomhower of Winamac, Ind.

Seven great-grandchildren also survive together with a sister, Gladys Pickelr, Bourbon and several nieces and nephews.

Flo was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse, two brothers and one sister.
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Visitation will take place on Monday, June 23, 2003, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. in the funeral home on Tuesday, June 24, 2003, the Rev. Charles Krieg, Pastor of the Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Preferred are memorial gifts to the Marshall County Hospice or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

William Hall

William “Bill” Hall, 61, 15662 11th Road, Plymouth, died at his residence, following a long illness, at 2:55 a.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2003.

Bill was born in Sheffield, Ala., on January 5, 1942; he was the son of Louis M. and Nina Deane Goodwin Hall. He attended Alabama schools.

On July 5, 1985, in Plymouth, Bill and Rhoda Hattery were married.

A graduate of a professional bartender’s school, Bill was a retired bartender.

An outdoorsman, he enjoyed fishing, camping and spending time with his grandchildren. He also participated in bowling and had a great time with friends at the sport.

He was a member of the Faith Baptist Church, Plymouth.

In addition to his wife, Rhoda, Plymouth, Bill is survived by their six children, 12 grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and two step grandchildren.

His sons are Billy and Roberta Hall, Ariz., and Richard Hall, Fla. His four daughters are Laura and Steve Peot, Wis.; Lisa and Scott Joiner, Ariz.; Crystal Dutcher and Briana Rudd, both of Plymouth.

A brother, Curtis Carrithers, Illinois., and seven sisters survive as well. They are: Marylou and Glen Goforth and Elizabeth Dominquez, both of Walkerton; Diane and Jim Krzeminski, Chicago; Kerry and Junior Salazar and Linda Carrithers,(Dan Lannie), Ill.; Sandra Kent, and Tina Carrithers,

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and by one brother, J.C. Carrithers.

The Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, is in charge of arrangements for the family.

Memorial gifts may be made to the American Lung Association.

James D. Hardy

James D. “Jim” Hardy, 73, of 805 Baker St., River Park, Plymouth, died of natural causes at 10:15 a.m. on Friday, April 11, 2003, in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

A devoted family man, Jim enjoyed making wooden toys for his 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He was a great part of their life. He still is. On Monday, when visitation is held at the funeral home Jim will be wearing a boutonniere from his granddaughter’s wedding this past Saturday.
Born in Nokomis, Ill., on November 11, 1929, he was the son of Wesley Wayne and Edna Buchholz Hardy. He graduated from Pana High School, Pana, Ill., in 1947.

Jim and Esther G. Poulos were married in San Bernardino, Calif., on February 25, 1951.

He worked first as a truck driver, then a lineman, and retired as a mechanic for the Del Monte Corp., Plymouth, for 23 years, retiring in 1990.

He loved to fly model airplanes and putting together puzzles. He could build anything and in his wood working shop he made birdhouses, foot stools and, even up to his death, was working on a hobby horse for a great-grandchild.

He and his wife Esther enjoyed riding their two-seater, three-wheeled tricycle through River Park and the adjoining area.

He was a member of REACT and of the Marshall County Civil Defense. In the 1960s when the tornadoes came through, Jim was on the Marshall County Red Cross Disaster team. He also had donated numerous gallons of blood to help others.

Jim is survived by Esther, his wife of 52 years and by their three sons and a daughter, their children and grandchildren.

His sons and their wives are: Ronald D. and Laurie Hardy and Marvin D. and Jodie Hardy, all of Plymouth, and Steven R. and Carla Hardy of Carmel, Ind.

Daughter Yvonne and Jerry Rindfield live in Bremen.

A sister, Evelyn and Ralph Hamell, Syracuse, Ind., and a brother, Donald and Maxine Hardy, Plymouth, survive as well.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, an infant daughter, Diane Elaine Hardy who died on October 5, 1953, and a sister, Lorene Lockwood and a brother, Jerry Hardy.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday, April 14, 2003, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services conducted by Pastor Wesley Brubaker will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2003, at 11 a.m. in the funeral home.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Gifts in Jim's memory may be made to the American Heart Association, Marshall Co. Chapter. or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Onie Bell Harrington
Onie Bell Harrington, 76, 11385 13th Road, Plymouth, died of natural causes at 11:23 a.m. in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, on Friday, March 21, 2003.

Bell, as she was known, was born in Cullman, Ala., on July 7, 1926. She was the daughter of Ollie Speegle. She attended schools in Cullman.

On October 30, 1949, in Bremen, Ind., Bell and Kenneth Harrington were married.

She was a homemaker and a mother. She enjoyed reading books, crocheting, fashioning yarn
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dolls and gardening. Bell had a green thumb, raising flowers, especially beautiful roses.

Bell is survived by her husband, Kenneth, Plymouth, and their two sons and a daughter. Four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, survive as well.

Her sons are Kenneth L. Harrington, Rochester, and John E. Harrington, Plymouth. Her daughter, Alice K. Harrington, lives in Cocoa, Fla. A brother, Henry Speegle, living in Kentucky, survives as well.

She was preceded in death by her father and a son, Rodger Harrington.

Visitation will be from 12 noon to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Bell will follow the visitation in the funeral home on Tuesday. Jim Hatt will conduct the services. Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Florence M. Harvey, 95, died at 6:55 a.m. Monday, June 2, 2003 at Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth, where she has been a resident since June of 2001. She had been a former resident of South Bend from 1925 to 1948, moving to Tucson, Arizona, where she lived until 1979, prior to her return to Plymouth.

Born in Plymouth on November 9, 1907, Florence was the daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Elizabeth Charlotte Born Zehner. She graduated from Plymouth High School in 1925.


An employee in the accounting department of Indiana and Michigan Electric for seventeen years, Florence retired in 1948.

Florence was very active in the Plymouth Wesleyan Church, where she was a member, and was very involved in the Prayer Line of the church. She was also a member of the Gold Star Wives, and a past member of the Eastern Star No. 2 of South Bend.

A brother, Wayne D. Zehner, Sr. of Plymouth, and a sister, Goldie Ralston of Niles, Michigan, survive, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Florence was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, four brothers: Harold, Merle, Donald, and Reo Zehner, and a sister, Ethel Berkey.

A celebration of her life and visitation with her family will be on Wednesday, June 4, 2003 from 12 to 2 p.m. at Johnson - Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

A funeral service for Florence, officiated by Rev. Les Kephart, pastor of the Plymouth Wesleyan Church, will follow visitation at 2 p.m. Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Florence’s memory may be given to the Plymouth Wesleyan Church.

Dorothy A. Hattery, 75, died of natural causes at her residence, 15662 W. 11th Rd., Plymouth, at 12:05 p.m. on Friday, February 7, 2003.
Born February 24, 1927, in Mishawaka, Indiana, she was the daughter of Clarence R. Freese and Arabelle Irene Kitchen.

On July 27, 1947, in the Plymouth home of Bro. Mangun, Dorothy and Donald J. Hattery were married.

She was a homemaker; she loved to sew and garden. She enjoyed bowling and fishing at Dixon Lake. She attended services at the Faith Baptist Church, Plymouth.

Dorothy is survived by her husband and their two daughters and three sons. The daughters are Rita Pepple and Rhoda (William) Hall, all of Plymouth. Her sons are Ross (Karla) Hattery, Los Lunas N.M.; Richard (Marie) Hattery, Leesburg, Ind.; and Robert (Janie) Freese, Nappanee, Ind.

Two brothers and a sister also survive. They are Keith (Loraine) Freese, South Bend, Ind., and Robert Freese, Webb City, Mo., and Joyce (Leon) Drake, Michigan, MI.

In addition, 19 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren survive as well.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents and Rebecca Richardson, a daughter. George Freese, a brother, has also died.

Visitation with the family will be held in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Tuesday evening, February 11, 2003, from 5 to 7 p.m., followed by a funeral service at 7 p.m. conducted by the Rev. Dr. Paul Loder, of the Faith Baptist Church.

Committal services will be held in the New Oakhill Chapel, New Oakhill Cemetery, on Wednesday morning, February 12, 2003, at 10 a.m. Interment will be in New Oakhill Cemetery.

Gifts in Dorothy’s memory may be made to the Faith Baptist Church.

Johnathan A. Haynes

Born on May 17, 1987, he was the son of Charles Haynes and Ravonda Beldon Haynes.

He had just completed his freshman year in Argos High School. A hard worker, he had a summer job baling hay.

During his few years, John lived life to the fullest. He had the endearing qualities of sincerity and compassion for others. He brought joy, laughter and pleasure to those who knew him and everything he did, he did with vigor and verve.

John played soccer on the school team, did weightlifting to keep in shape and enjoyed bowling, fishing and riding his 4-wheeler. He liked to swim, play guitar and sing and had a ball playing basketball with friends.

He was a member of the Walnut Church of the Brethren, Argos.

John is survived by his loving parents, Charles and Ravonda, and by a brother and sister: Waylon, and Melynda, all of Argos.
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He is also survived by his paternal grandmother, Sharon Haynes, Plymouth and his maternal grandparents, John and Judy Wallace, Tippecanoe, Ind.

Four uncles and an aunt survive as well. They are: Justin and Terri Haynes, Plymouth; Jake and Theresa Haynes, Elkhart; Dave and Sandra Beldon, and Clint Beldon, all of Tippecanoe and Yvonne and Dan Haas, Plymouth.

Several cousins survive also.

John was preceded in death by Dennis Haynes, his paternal grandfather.

Friends may come to celebrate his young life on Thursday, July 31, 2003, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Visitation will continue from 10 to 11 A.M. Friday, August 1, 2003 in the Walnut Church of the Brethren, Argos, IN. where funeral services for John will be held at 11 a.m., with Pastor Tony Schneiders officiating.

Burial will be in the Walnut Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial gifts in John’s name may be made to the Argos High School Weight Room, a place he enjoyed and where he would wish to have enhanced in his memory.

Jesse W. Heflick

Jesse W. Heflick, 85, 12452 11th Road, Plymouth, known and respected as the sewing machine “guru” of the area, repairing and selling sewing machines, died of natural causes at 11 p.m., Sunday, March 23, 2003, in the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Jesse was born in Plymouth, the son of Loftis Franklin and Nelle Edith Willard Heflick on April 21, 1917. He graduated from Tyner High School with the class of 1936.

He was first married to Mabel Thomas in Hibbard, Ind., on October 25, 1942. Mabel died on May 18, 1984. He and his second wife, Dorothy “Dottie” Gunther were united in matrimony in the First United Methodist Church in Plymouth on December 20, 1987.

For over fifty years, on October 23, 1952, Jesse opened the Heflick Sewing Machine business, first situated at 207 E. Jefferson St., Plymouth. Up until his death, he repaired machines for special clients.

He worked as a salesman at Montgomery Wards in Plymouth and retired, in 1981, after 34 years as a tool and dye maker from the Bendix Corp. in South Bend.

He owned and rode motorcycles and had a moped that he took his daschund, Nikki, in her basket, for rides around town. He enjoyed ice fishing in local lakes and taking kids swimming at Dixon Lake. A lifelong member of the NRA, he liked to rabbit hunt and belonged to Pathfinders, a Marshall County camping club.

A craftsman, Jesse worked with lanterns and did woodworking. He had a special love of people and served as a Scout Master of Boy Scout Troop 257.

He was a “super,super” neat individual, according to his wife, Dottie, and was very picky about the looks of his yard. A member of the UAW, the couple enjoyed going on outings twice a month together.

Jesse was ordained a Deacon of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

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(now Community of Christ Church), Hibbard, IN, on September 27, 1942. He was superannuated on March 28, 2001.

He is survived by his wife, Dottie, and three sons, a step-son and two step-daughters.

His sons are Jesse and Kathy Heflick, Jr., Delevan, Wis.; David M. and Cindy Heflick, Crescent City, Calif.; and Dale S. and Dorothy Heflick, Plymouth, Ind. Fred James and Valerie Gunther, Osceola, Ind., is his step-son.

His step-daughters are Cindy McDonald, Houston, Texas and Nancy M. and Skip Utz, South Bend, Ind.

Two special nieces, Adanelle and Tom Adams, South Bend, and Sheila and Jim Kuchel, Grovertown, also survive together with his only brother, Glen and Annabelle Heflick, Granger.

Eleven grandchildren survive as well. They are: Tad Heflick, Troy Heflick, Tara Trump, Trista Thornburg, Austin Heflick, Travis McDonald, Mark McDonald, Christopher Utz, Nicholas Utz, Nathaniel Utz and Nicholas Shane Gunther.

Five great-grandchildren also survive. They are: Bradie Thornburg, Kayley Thornburg, Justin Trump, Austin McDonald and Abigale Utz.

Jesse was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Mabel, two brothers, Donald Heflick and an infant brother and one sister, Bernice Gray.

A celebration of Jesse’s life will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind.

Elder James Wheeler, Pastor of the LaPorte congregation of the Community of Christ Church (formerly Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints), will preside over Jesse’s funeral to be held in the funeral home on Saturday, March 29, 2003, at 11 a.m.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Gifts in memory of Jesse Heflick may be made to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Sister Charlene Heirman

Sister Charlene Heirman, P.H.J.C., 91, died at 7:45 A.M. Tuesday November, 11, 2003 at the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson, Ind. where she had been a resident since 1996.

Sister Charlene was born in Loretto, Michigan on February 5, 1912 to Charles and Eulalia Snoeck Heirman. Sister entered the convent on June 15, 1936 and professed her first vows on June 25, 1938.

Sister Charlene spent her days as an x-ray technician from 1939 to 1942 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Chicago, Illinois; she then served at St. Mary’s Hospital, Superior, Wisconsin, from 1942 to 1947. Sister Charlene worked for the next 10 years at Holy Family Hospital, in LaPorte, Indiana and then returned to St. Mary’s to work for the next 14 years. In 1971 Sister moved on to St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and worked as a nurse until 1983. She then continued at St. Joseph’s Hospital as a volunteer until her retirement in 1996.

Numerous nieces and nephews survive Sister Charlene.

Visitation will be held from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 13, 2003 in the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson, Indiana.
The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 14, 2003 in the Catherine Kasper home, Father Ed Konerman, S.J. and Fr. William Kummer, will officiate.

Stella M. Hissong, a former resident of River Park and most recently having lived at Miller's Merry Manor, Plymouth, for over the past two years, died at 5:20 p.m. on Thursday, November 6, 2003. Stella died of natural causes; she was 95 years old.

Born on August 6, 1908, in Ober, Ind., Stella was the daughter of Riley and Emma Wise Ransbottom. She attended school in Washington Township of Starke County. She lived all of her life in first Starke County and then Marshall County, moving to Plymouth in 1948.

On August 6, 1932, in Ober, Ind., Stella and Claron A. Hissong were married. Claron died on April 3, 1992.

A homemaker, Stella enjoyed quilting for her family members. Busy with her hands much of the time, she was an expert embroiderer, a great cook and vegetable gardener. She canned the fruits of her labors, providing for her family and many others.

She was a member for over fifty years of the Union Church of the Brethren and of the church’s Ladies Aide Society.

Stella was the mother of three children: a son and two daughters.


Ten grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and three sisters; Ruth Silvers, Cora F eece and Lydia Feiser. Richard Ransbottom, her brother, has also died.

A celebration of Stella’s life will be held in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, with calling from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 11, 2003.

Funeral services will be held in the Union Church of the Brethren, 10483 State Road 17, at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning, November 12, 2003. The Rev. Deb Peterson, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Burr Oak Cemetery, Burr Oak, Ind.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Union Church of the Brethren, Plymouth.

Marlene "Kay" Holem, 60, a lifetime Plymouth resident until her move to Bristol, Ind., two years ago, died of natural causes at 6:20 a.m. on Thursday, January 30, 2003. Kay died at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Paige and Chris Martin, 53224 Beech Grove Drive, Bristol.

Kay was born on April 30, 1942, in Plymouth, the daughter of Ben Gilley and Viola (Cannan) Gilley Hesgard.

She attended Lincoln High School.

On June 18, 1958, in Plymouth, she and Jerry Holem were married.
She was a mother and a homemaker. She enjoyed cooking, crocheting, knitting, reading, stamping and many different crafts.

In the fall of 1996, Kay and Jerry joined MMAP (Mobile Missionary Assistant Program.) They traveled to many different locations to help churches, Christian schools and other Christian organizations with their numerous projects. On these trips, Kay would learn new crafts and would share them with friends and family. The couple stopped traveling in the summer of 2001 when she was diagnosed with colon cancer.

Kay was a member of Sunrise Chapel, Plymouth, were in 1990, she took over the Wednesday night meal ministry and became known and celebrated for her delicious cooking. She also taught cooking class once a month for a number of years. She was also ministered to by the pastor and members of the Middlebury Church of the Brethren.

She is survived by Jerry, her husband of 44 years and by their two sons and three daughters.

Her sons are Wade (Carleigh) Holem, Goshen and Wally (Lotus) Holem, Plymouth. Her daughters are Paige (Chris) Martin, Bristol, Ind., Christina Holem, Ft. Myers, Florida and Anna (Chris) Newton, Plymouth.

Five grandchildren: Tyler and Donovan Newton, Plymouth; Keegan and Ezri Holem, Goshen and Wally Holem Jr., Plymouth, also survive.

Three sisters, Jean Gilbert, Plymouth; Judy McColough, Bourbon and Danice Harding, Middlebury along with a brother, Richard Belt, Pensacola, Fla., survive as well together with many nieces, nephews and grand nieces and nephews, and even great-great nieces and nephews.

Kay was preceded in death by her parents and an infant son, Gregory Trent Holem.

Friends may call from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 1, 2003, at the Sunrise Chapel, 1802 Lincoln Highway East, Plymouth.

Funeral services for Kay will be held following visitation at 3 p.m. in the Chapel. Pastor Rustin Krapfl will officiate.

Burial will follow in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

The Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, is assisting with arrangements.

Memorial gifts in Kay’s name may be made to the Gideon International Memorial Bible organization.

Dorothy Louise Hoover

Dorothy Louise Hoover, 77, died of natural causes at her home, 14830 4th Road, Plymouth, at 10:49 p.m., on Wednesday, October 22, 2003.

Born in Mishawaka, Ind., on October 10, 1926, Dorothy was the daughter of Wilber Lee and Hertha Hemming Saltzgaber. She graduated from John Adams High School, South Bend, with the class of 1944 and attended Indiana University/South Bend for two years.

On March 22, 1947, in St. Paul's Church, South Bend, Dorothy and John Hoover were married.
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A homemaker, she enjoyed gardening, sewing, reading and traveling.

A member of the First United Methodist Church, Plymouth, she was very active in the church’s women’s groups.

Dorothy is survived by John, her husband of 56 years and by their two children and their families.

Her son and daughter-in-law, John and Karen Hoover, Jr., live in Spartanburg, S. C., and her daughter Candy and her husband, Terry Smith live in Salem, Va.

Two grandsons, Michael Sanders lives in Salem, Va., and Matthew Sanders, lives in Japan.

Two great-grandsons also survive: Zachary and Robert Sanders in Salem, Va.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Robert Saltgaber

Visitation with friends and family will be in the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 400 N. Michigan St., on Saturday, October 25, 2003, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Dean Fager, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Funeral services will follow visitation on Saturday.

The Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial gifts in Dorothy’s memory may be made to the Cancer Association of Marshall County.

Manferd, Jr. Houghton

The piano at Garden Court West may not sound the same. It will not hear the likes again of the ragtime and honky tonk music of the country boy who tickled the ivories so joyously.

Manferd Houghton, Jr., 86, an area native who never had a lesson and who was a regular entertainer for the folks at the Nutrition Centers around the county and in various nursing homes, has died.

The man who called himself a “suspender-wearing sailor who had been around the world,” died in Miller’s Merry Manor, 600 Oakhill Ave., Plymouth, of a cancer-related illness at 7:40 a.m. on Sunday, December 28, 2003.

Born in Vale, South Dakota, on September 11, 1917, Manferd was the son of Orlando Manferd and Jessie Rogers Houghton. Living in Hibbard, Ind., since he was three, he graduated from Culver High School in 1935.

In high school he played the slide trombone and was in the school band and orchestra. He also sang in the glee club.

After graduation, he took his “please don’t rain” cardboard suitcase, his trombone and hitchhiked to Tazewell, Va.

He first was part of a traveling dramatic show, later playing in the band of the Harry Haag Circus. He next went with the Russell Brothers Circus, then the Parker and Watts Circus, where his favorite thing was being part of a street parade before the performance.
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In 1939, Manferd joined the 18th Field Artillery Army Band and served until 1941 when a back injury forced a medical discharge. In 1947, he enlisted in the Merchant Marines as an officer and remained on active duty until 1960.

In the private sector, Manferd was a stationary engineer with the Harris County Hospital District in Houston, Texas, until his retirement in 1983.

Manferd first came back to Plymouth in the late 1950s. He tuned pianos and had a little band with Floyd Thomas, Thomas’ wife and son, that he called the Nighthawks. Later, he formed a group, the Bandoleers, featuring Ethel Jeffirs on the accordion that played all over northern Indiana.

Wandering got the best of him and he left to serve as an engineering officer on a ship working on the Great Lakes. He returned to Plymouth again for good in January of 1990.

At the time, he said, “my roots are here. It was time to come home.”

Manferd shared his vast entertaining skills with anyone who wanted to listen, sometimes 12 to 13 performances a month. After suffering a mini-stroke, he had to cut back his schedule, but still continued to volunteer his time in Plymouth, Culver and LaPaz.

He was a member of the Plymouth Moose Lodge, 741, the Fraternal Order of the Eagles and the American Legion Post 363 in Lakeville.

Manferd is survive by five nieces and four nephews. His nieces are Carol Irish, Linda Hirst, Virginia Vandermoore, Kathleen Brummel and Beverly Balardo. The nephews are Alan Houghton, Glen, Kenneth and Thomas Hirst.

Manferd was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Roger, Randall and Keith Houghton and one sister, Irene Hirst.

A memorial service will be held at 1p.m. Friday January 2, 2003, in the Argos Wesleyan Church, 401 N. Michigan St. Argos. The Revs. Robert Klatt and Brian Trump will officiate.

Preferred are memorial gifts to the Garden Court West.

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**Earl Lee Houin**

Lifetime Marshall County resident, Earl Lee Houin, 57, died at his 12th Road residence, at 3 a.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2003, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Earl died, as he had wished, at home in the company of his devoted family and with Hospice care.

Born in Argos on November 28, 1946, Earl was the son of Leo R. and Mary Jane Johnson Houin. His mother died on May 29, 1980. His father Leo and step-mother Marilyn E. Bules Houin of Plymouth, survive.

Earl was a 1965 graduate of Plymouth High School.

On June 1, 1973, in Plymouth’s St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, Earl and Susan K. Lemler were married. A member of the church, Earl served as a Lector for many years.

He was a lifetime farmer and worked partime with the Dick Bean Accounting Service for over 20 years.
In addition to his wife Susan, his father and step-mother, Earl is survived by one sister, Louise A. and Gary Webster, Noblesville, Ind., and seven brothers. They are: Dr. Raymond E. and Eileen Houin, LaPorte, Ind.; Allen L. Houin, Kenneth R. and Jan Houin Plymouth; Marvin L. and Diane Houin, Bremen; Dr. Herman P. and Connie Houin, Grosse Pointe Shores, Mich.; Mark A. and René Houin, Kevin L. and Tammy Houin, all of Plymouth.

Carol E. Lemler, Bourbon, Earl's mother-in-law, survives also, with numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Earl was preceded in death by his mother, an infant sibling and a step-mother, Marjorie Michel Houin who died December 15, 1982.

Family and friends are invited to the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, to celebrate the life of Earl on Friday, December 5, 2003, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. A Rosary will be prayed at 7:45 p.m. in the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held for Earl on Saturday, December 6, 2003, at 10 A.M. in St. Michael Catholic Church, 625 N. Center St., Plymouth. The Rev. Father William Kummer, pastor, will be the celebrant.

Burial will follow in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts to honor Earl’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Hospice or St. Michael School.

Avis I. Howard, 74, died of natural causes at 4:20 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2003, in the Bremen Health Care Center, Bremen, Ind.

She was born the daughter of August and Ruth Emmons Renz, in LaPaz, Ind., on May 20, 1928. She graduated from LaPaz High School.

On April 1, 1953, in Plymouth, Ind., Avis and John J. Howard were married. John died on June 26, 1993.

Avis was a manager at Norwesco, a cook at the Chuck Wagon Restaurant and later, a member of the dietary staff at the Koala Center, Plymouth, retiring in 1993.

She loved flowers and did a lot of gardening in her younger years. After retirement, she enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. She loved to read and play cards. She collected statues and photographs of birds and enjoyed bird watching in her yard.

Avis is survived by three sons and two daughters and their families: 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Her sons and their wives are Joe and Beverly Cooley, Rochester, Ind., Dan and Raelene Cooley, Warsaw, Ind., and Jack Howard, Etna Green, Ind.

Ruth and Sandro Sickmiller, Tippecanoe, Ind., and JoAnn and William Martin, Bourbon, Ind., are her daughters.

Four brothers; Ronald Renz, James Renz, August Renz, Jr. and Elwood and Kay Renz, survive as well.

Avis was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, John, a son, Robert Cooley and a
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daughter, Debra Howard. Three sisters, Marcella Zupin, Opal Wade and Ivis Holderread, have also died.

Visitation with the family will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 21, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Avis will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 22, 2003, in the funeral home. The Rev. Mike Dixon, pastor of the Inwood United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Interment will be in Eagle Creek Cemetery, Knox, Ind.

Memorial gifts in Avis’ memory may be made to the Marshall County Hospice.

Franklin D. “Frank” Howard, 71, of 10145 Quince Road Plymouth, died at 5:50 a.m. Monday, December 15, 2003 in the Bremen Health Care where he has resided since August 2001. Frank died of natural causes due in part to his diagnosis of Alzheimers.

Born in Alger, Ohio, on November 7, 1932, he was the son of Goebel and Victoria Fletcher Howard. He was a 1950 graduate of Harding High School in Marion, Ohio. He then graduated from Ball State University in 1954 with a degree in Elementary Education and was a member of Kappa Sigma Kappa. It was there he would meet his bride, Joyce E. Burkett, they were married September 5, 1952 in Ashville, North Carolina. Following college they made Plymouth their home. Frank was to teach only one year, the fourth grade at Plymouth’s Washington School.

On June 15, 1955, Frank was called to serve with the U.S. Army in Korea. Frank was a sharpshooter and was honorably discharged on March 27, 1957.

Following his return from service, he worked for McCracken Homes. With a gift in sales, Frank worked for over 15 years with Nystrom Co. and the Denoyer-Gephart Co. representing various educational school supplies.

He then worked as an insurance broker and retired in 1997 from United American Insurance Company.

Frank enjoyed time with his family, playing golf and keeping fit. Together, he and Joyce, his wife of fifty-one years, loved to dance and were members of the South Bend 100 Club. Their travel experiences would include a European trip to seven countries and later with his sister Jean and husband Richard they would tour England, Scotland, Ireland and Whales.

A member of the Plymouth Church of the Brethren for over 45 years, Frank had served on the Finance Board as treasurer. He was a former President of the Plymouth Jaycees and received numerous local and national awards. Frank was also a hard working member of the Plymouth Optimist Club.

In 1971, Frank ran for mayor of Plymouth on the Republican ticket and was later presented a Sagamore of the Wabash by Gov. Robert Orr.

Frank is survived by his wife Joyce, two daughters and six grandchildren. They are: Deborah L. & Kurt Caudell of Springville, Indiana and their children; Caleb A., Collin G., Cain L. and Carly R. Caudell and Susan H. & John Wendel of Plymouth and their children Jared M. and Jordan C. Wendel.

Three sisters also survive, Ann Sunday of Toledo, Ohio, Imogene “Jean” Schirr of Columbus, Ohio and Loretta Stahl of Muncie along with several nieces and nephews. Mary Burkett of
Plymouth, Frank’s mother-in-law survives as well.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a half brother Alfred Oliver and his father-in-law, Floyd Burkett.

Visitation will be held in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth on Wednesday from 4 – 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the 11 a.m. services in the Plymouth Church of the Brethren on Thursday, December 18, 2003. The Rev. David Kerkove will officiate.

Burial will follow in the New Oakhill Cemetery where Military honors will be accorded him by members of the V.F.W. Post 1162.

Memorial gifts in Frank’s memory may be made to the Church or Alzheimer’s Services of Northern Indiana, 108 N. Main St. Suite 707, South Bend, Indiana 46601-1617.

Sr. Joette Huels, P.H.J.C., 82, of Union Road Donaldson, Indiana, died of natural causes at her residence in the Catherine Kasper Life Center on Tuesday, November 25, 2003 at 7:30 p.m.

Born the daughter of Paul J. and Elizabeth Hempen Huels on January 10, 1921 in Carlyle, Illinois.

On June 25, 1940, Sr. Joette entered the Community of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ and professed her vows on June 25, 1942. She lived a full and dedicated life serving children and older adults, with her gift of a kind and gentle nature, she put into practice her studies of two associates degrees. The first being in Child Care and her second in Mental Health for the Aged.

In 1941 Sister Joette began her ministry as a child care worker at Angel Guardian Orphanage in Chicago, Illinois. In 1948, she continued child care work at St. John’s Orphanage in Belleville, Illinois, until 1954. From 1954 until 1973, she was the assistant administrator at Angel Guardian Orphanage in Chicago and also Local Leader for the Sisters there.

In 1973 Sister Joette was elected as First Associate on the Provincial Team. She held that position until 1979. From 1979 until 1985, Sister Joette was the Local Leader at the Catherine Kasper Home. In 1985, she became the Executive Secretary for the Provincial Team and kept that position until January 2003. During ten of those years, she also served as Local Leader at the Motherhouse, Donaldson. Sister volunteered in the Provincial Office until September 2003 and at that time she retired at the Catherine Kasper Home.

Surviving are brothers; Louis (Betty) Huels, Matt (Rita) Huels and Edward (Nancy) Huels all of Carlyle, Ill and Carl (Helen) Huels of Bartelso, Ill. Sisters include Olive (Ed) Becker of Carlyle, Catherine (Adolph) Von Hatten of Beckmeyer, Ill. and sister-in-law, Aggie Huels of Carlyle. Several nieces and nephews also survive. A brother Paul Huels has preceded her in death.

Visitation will be held on Friday, November 28, 2003, from 4:30 to 9 p.m. in the Catherine Kasper Home Chapel, where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Sat. November 29th with the Revs. Ed Konerman S.J., Dan McCarthy and Richard Schroeder concelebrating.

Burial will follow in the Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Donaldson.

Helen Marie Jacox, 90, 120 E. Harrison St., Plymouth died of natural causes at Miller’s Merry Manor at 2:50 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2003.
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Helen was born in Plymouth on August 15, 1912, the daughter of Austin F. and Mary Gertrude Stockman Holland.

She graduated from Lincoln High School with the class of 1930. She attended Ball State Teacher’s College and graduated from the International Business College, Ft. Wayne.

Married in Plymouth to Sanford O. Jacox on April 26, 1936, the couple celebrated 60 years of matrimony prior to his death on September 11, 1996.

Helen was a homemaker and co-owner of Sanford’s and the South Side Groceries. She and Sanford were also co-owners of Plymouth Products for 22 years. A true helpmate to her husband, she was a sweet lady who always wore a smile and never knew a stranger.

The couple loved golf and were avid travelers, seeing much of the world together.

Active in community, volunteer and charity work, Helen was a 50 year member and Past Worthy Matron of the Plymouth Eastern Star, a member and past president of Delta Theta Tau, a philanthropic sorority, United Way secretary for several years and the chair of the Marshall County Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Helen is survived by her son Steve and his wife, Lynn, of Michigan City, Ind., and their daughter, one of Helen’s two granddaughters, Jill Marie and Christopher Craig, of Valparaiso, Ind. Donna Jacox, a daughter-in-law of Park Ridge, Ill., also survives with Laura Ann Jacox, a granddaughter.

Several nieces and nephews survive as well.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a son, Larry Sanford Jacox.

Visitation will be in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, 2003. An Eastern Star Memorial Service will be held at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held in the funeral home at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 4, 2003. The Rev. Steven Mullin, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church where Helen was an active member for 60 years, serving also as an Elder and a Deacon, will officiate.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Helen’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Hospice or charity of the donor’s choice.

Sister Agnese Jasko

Sister Agnese Jasko, 81, died at 4:10 a.m. on Friday, February 14, 2003, in the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson, Ind., where she had been a resident since May of 2000.

She was born in Gary, Ind., on June 22, 1921, the daughter of Michael and Helen Fujko Jasko.

Sister Agnese earned her BA from Saint Xavier College in Chicago, Ill. Later she received her Masters in Library Science from Rosary College in River Forest, Ill.

She taught junior high school for a total of 17 years at St. John’s in Belleville, Ill., Angel Guardian, Chicago, Ill., St. Augustine, Chicago, Ill., and St. Boniface in Edwardsville, Ill.
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Sister was then the librarian at Angel Guardian in Chicago for four years followed by 11 years as librarian at Mater Dei High School in Breese, Ill.

For seven years, Sister Agnese did work for the Poor Hand Maid community. She served as an Area Coordinator and was Director of Community Programs.

From 1980 until 1994, sister Agnese was Director of the Leo Dehon Library at Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corner, Wis. She resided in Milwaukee at Ancilla Domini Convent and was director there until she became ill and moved to the Catherine Kasper Home.

Sister Agnese is survived by a brother-in-law, Michael Rongers, Hobart, Ind., and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 4:30 to 9 p.m. on Sunday, February 16, 2003, in the Catherine Kasper Home.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 at Monday, February 17, 2003, in the Catherine Kasper Home. The Reverend Fathers Charles Yost, S.C.J. and Edward Konerman, S.J., will officiate.

Stanley J. Jay

Stanley J. Jay, 92, a former resident of Chicago, died at 5:25 a.m. Wed. October 8, 2003 in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. Stan has resided in Plymouth the past 8 years and most recently at the Miller's Merry Manor.

Born the son of Polish immigrants on March 13, 1911 in Chicago, he is the son of Adam Jablonski and Mary Majdecki Jablonski. Stan was raised in Chicago and was ordained a priest in the Polish National Catholic Church.

In Plymouth he was a member of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church.

Stan was preceded in death by a brother and two sisters.

There are no services or visitation.

Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery in Justice, Illinois.

Memorial gifts in Stan's memory may be made to St. Michael's Mission 2000.

Mack, Jr. Johnson

Lifetime area resident, Mack Johnson, Jr., affectionately called "Junior," died at 6:54 a.m. on Thursday, March 20, 2003. Junior died, following a heart related illness at his residence, 14735 4B Road, Plymouth. He was 75 years old.

Born the son of Mack Tenant and Myrtle Huffer Johnson, in Plymouth, Ind., on October 9, 1927, Mack attended Tyner schools.

He served his country during W.W. I.I., as a member of the United States Navy.

On July 26, 1947, in Plymouth, Junior and Ethel F. Samuels were married.

He worked at Indiana Tool as a tool and die maker for many years, retiring in 1990.

An avid fisherman and hunter, Junior enjoyed gardening, both vegetables and flowers. He was an outdoorsman and appreciated nature. He loved spending time with his family, especially his

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grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

An avid and devoted reader of the Bible, he attended Sunrise Chapel.

Junior is survived by Ethel, his wife of 55 years and by their children: two daughters and a son.

They are Sheila Berry, Hot Springs, Ark., and Roger “Jim” and Vonda Johnson and Pamela and Rick Jones, all of Plymouth.

Ten grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren also survive together with a brother, Glen and Dorothy Johnson, Alaska and a sister, Irene Wallace, Plymouth, Ind.

Junior was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers: Tommy and Pat Johnson and two sisters: Virginia Gibson and Elaine Ringle. A grandson, Richard Ritenour and a great-granddaughter, Cheyanna Jackson have also died before him.

Visitation will be on Monday, March 24, 2003, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services, officiated by the Rev. Rustin Krapfl, pastor of the Sunrise Chapel, will follow visitation in the funeral home at 3:00 p.m.

Military graveside rites at the Tyner Cemetery, Tyner, Ind., by the Plymouth VFW Post 1162, will honor Junior and his commitment to his country.

Memorial gifts in Junior’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Hospice or the Ronald McDonald House.

Tennie Sue Jones, 62, a Plymouth resident most of her life, living at 611 E. LaPorte St., died in Starke Memorial Hospital, Knox, Ind., on Tuesday morning, October 21, 2003, at 7:30 a.m.

Tennie was born in Plymouth, the daughter of Roger T. and Esther A. Kinney Houghton, on January 8, 1941. She attended Plymouth schools.

On August 13, 1960, in Plymouth, she and William “Bill” H. Jones were married.

A homemaker, her family was the center and focus of her life.

Artistic and good with her hands, she enjoyed crocheting, painting ceramic figurines and loved making jewelry.

Tennie is survived by her husband, Bill, and by their three daughters and one son.

Her daughters are Lori Borys and Rachael Jones, both of Plymouth, and Elaine Bradley, Atlanta, Ga. Her son, William K. Jones is also from Plymouth.

A brother, Alan L. Houghton, Manhattan, Kansas, and three grandchildren survive as well.

Tennie was preceded in death by her parents; Sarah Jane, an infant daughter and by two brothers: Galen Lee Houghton and Terry R. Houghton.

Visitation with the family will be from noon to 1 p.m. on Friday, October 24, 2003, in the New Oakhill Cemetery Chapel, Plymouth.
Funeral services for Tennie will follow the visitation at 1 p.m. in the Chapel with burial in New Oakhill Cemetery.

The Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial gifts in Tennie’s memory may be made to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Henry A. “Hank” Kepler, 89, a former longtime Argos resident, living at 423 Cricket Lane, Michigan City, Ind., for the past 2 1/2 years, has died of an apparent heart condition.

Hank died at 10:42 a.m. on Sunday, March 9, 2003, in the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Born in Burkett, Ind., on June 23, 1913, he was the son of Harry and Gustie Foltz Kepler. He graduated from Argos High School with the class of 1932.

On August 24, 1936, in Plymouth, Hank and Edith D. Gordon were joined together in holy matrimony. Edith died on July 12, 2000, after 64 years of marriage.

Hank retired from the McCord Corporation in Plymouth with over 20 years of service.

Once a resident of Culver he served on the Town Board. He also served the Argos community on the Town Board and through the years by working on numerous committees and projects.

He had many interests. A true outdoorsman, he coon hunted from and early age and loved to fish year around: he frequented local lakes and Southern Indiana reservoirs. He played baseball in the 1940s on the Men’s Independent League and was an adult leader in the Argos Explorer Scout program. One particular trip to the Boundary Waters, was a featured story in “Boy’s Life” magazine. He also became quite a fan of Professional Wrestling.

Hank was a member of the Argos United Methodist Church for over 50 years. While living in Michigan City, he attended the Countryside Christian Church where he made numerous friends.

He is survived by two sons, a daughter and their families. They are Robert K. ‘Butch’ and Carole Kepler, Plymouth; Albert E. and Betty Kepler, Michigan City and Sondra L. and Tom Christiansen, Plymouth.

Eight grandchildren also survive. They are: Cindy J. Danielson, Kristi K. Ruiz, Kelli K. Kalvaitis, Sheli R. Novak, Brett G. Kepler Matt W. Christiansen, Brenda L. Birchmeier and Vicki S. Staples.

Nineteen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren survive as well as a sister, Pearl Rice, Lake Station, Ind., and a brother, Emmanuel ‘Slim’ Kepler, Plymouth.

Hank was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and seven brothers and sisters.

Friends are invited to celebrate his life with his family on Wednesday, March 12, 2003, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held in the funeral home at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2003. The Rev. Robin Smith, pastor of the Argos United Methodist Church, will officiate.
Burial will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Gifts in memory of Hank may be made to the Argos United Methodist Church or to Compassion Ministry c/o Countryside Christian Church, 7056 W. 450 North, Michigan City, IN

Frances Beatty Keppel

Area lifetime resident, Frances Beatty Keppel, 96, of 805 Baker St. died of natural causes at 5:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2003, in the Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home.

Frances was born in Plymouth on September 20, 1906, the daughter of William and Sarah Mahler Piper. She graduated from Lincoln High School with the class of 1925. She attended Manchester College and Ball State Teachers College.

She was first married to Paul “Pat” Beatty on November 25, 1939, in Plymouth. She was co-owner of the Beatty Trucking Company with Pat. He died on December 10, 1974. Ten years later, Frances was married to George P. Keppel, in Plymouth, on August 10, 1984. George died on January 9, 1998.

A school teacher, Frances started out in the Hibbard school, then taught in the Culver, Plymouth and Bremen schools.

She loved to travel, and has been all over the United States. She particularly loved being with her family and joining in their activities. Frances also enjoyed being on water.

Frances was a devoted member of the First United Methodist Church, where she was active in the Tyra Constance Guild for many years. She also was a member of the Eastern Star Organization and of the Friendly Thirty Home Economics Club.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law: Bill and Janet Beatty of Warsaw. A granddaughter, Jessica Beatty, Indianapolis, survives as well.

Several brothers and sisters-in-law, and many nieces and nephews survive also.

Frances was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands and by two sisters: Dorothy Hostetler and Ethel Foster.

Friends may visit with her family and celebrate her life on Thursday, January 23, 2003, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Dean Fager, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, will be held in the funeral home on Friday, January 24, 2003, at 11 a.m.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, Ind.

Memorial gifts in Frances’ memory may be made to the First United Methodist Church.

Beverly A. Gilley Kreighbaum

Beverly A. Gilley Kreighbaum, 54, of Plymouth, died, after a long, courageous and strong willed fight against cancer, at 6:05 p.m. on Friday, November 7, 2003, in Saint Joseph’s Medical Center, South Bend.

Born in Plymouth on August 4, 1949, the daughter of Leonard “Al” and Marge C. Wickey Gilley, Bev was one of their six children.

A graduate of Plymouth High School with the class of 1967, Bev became a hardworking,
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industry secretary who was quick to bring a smile to the faces of those who were lucky enough to come in contact with her.

A cat lover, she enjoyed the out of doors.

A devoted member of St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, she will be remembered for her heart, compassion and love for others that made her the cornerstone of a family that includes her parents, Al and Marge and her two sons, Christopher M., 23 and Jason M., 25 all of Plymouth.

Also surviving are her three brothers: Leonard "Butch" Gilley, Plymouth; Lt. Cdr. Jerry A. and his wife, Emma Gilley, Jacksonville, Fla.; and Rick and Julie Gilley of Plymouth.

Two sisters survive as well. They are Kaye Winquist, Payson, Ariz.; and Vickie “Sue” Blair, Plymouth.

Friends will be welcomed to pay their last respects to this wonderful lady from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A Rosary will be said at 8 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 13, 2003, at St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, 615 N. Center St., Plymouth. Father William Kummer, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Beverly’s memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 655, Plymouth, Indiana 46563.

Bill E. Kyser

Bill E. Kyser, a lifetime Plymouth resident, died at 7:55 P.M. Sunday, May 18, 2003 at his residence, following a short illness.

Bill was born in Plymouth on November 11, 1922 to Ora E. and Ethel Troutman Kyser. He was a 1940 graduate of Lincoln High School, Plymouth.

During W.W. II, Bill served his county with the Third U.S. Army in Europe from January 1942 thru September, 1945.

On September 5, 1942, in the United Brethren Parsonage, Bill took Patsy E. “Pat” Nichols as his bride.

Before entering the service Bill worked for the Plymouth Monument Co. Plymouth, In 1949, Bill started working for The Bendix Corp., South Bend and retired from there in 1978. He worked with Plymouth Monument Co. part time while working at Bendix, and then later worked part time for the City of Plymouth for several years, maintaining the Oakhill cemeteries.

Bill enjoyed many interests and hobbies, he was a crafted woodworker and spent many hours perfecting his skill. He also enjoyed spending numerous hours in his organic garden. He enjoyed spending time shopping for cars and maintaining them.

A member of the First United Methodist Church, Plymouth, and he belonged to the Plymouth VFW Post 1162, and Plymouth American Legion Post 27.

Bill is survived by his wife of 60 years Patsy “Pat” Kyser, Plymouth and son, Mike (Patty) Kyser,
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Bremen, Indiana, one grandson; Timothy (Kim) Kyser, Plymouth, and one granddaughter; Michele (John) LaFree, Plymouth and three great grandchildren, Jacob, Nathan, Emily LaFree, all of Plymouth, and a sister, Thelma Newcomb also of Plymouth.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and an infant sister Dorothy Kyser.

Visitation with the family will be from 4 to 8 P.M. Wednesday May 21, 2003 at the Johnson-Danieslon Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth, Indiana.

Funeral services conducted by the Rev. Dr. E. Dean Fager, First United Methodist Church, Plymouth, will be held Thursday May 22, 2003 at 10:30 A.M. in the funeral home.

Interment will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, with the Plymouth VFW Post 1162 conducting Military Honors.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Marshall County Hospice.

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Harriet M. Leary

Harriet M. Leary, 83, 7446 McLiver Drive, Plymouth, died of natural causes after an extended illness, at 10:35 a.m. on Friday, February 28, 2003, in the Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home. Harriet had been a Plymouth resident since 1968, coming from Byron, Ill. She and her husband Clyde also enjoyed winters in Avon Park, Florida and the Mesa / Yuma areas of Arizona.

Born on February 29, 1920, in Fishtail, Montana, she was the daughter of George and Edna P. Hudson Lannen. She attended schools in Absorake, Mont., and graduated from Fallon Nevada High School and beauty college in Reno, Nev.

On October 14, 1953, in Fallon, Nev., Harriet and Clyde M. Leary were married.

Her chief vocation was that of a homemaker. Prior to their move to Plymouth, Harriet operated two floral shoppes in Illinois from 1958-64. Following their move, she had worked for a time with Bosworth’s Ladies Apparel and Felke Florist.

Harriet loved art and was an accomplished oil painter, specializing in all types of scapes. A member of Heartland Artists, she also enjoyed flower and vegetable gardening and sewing.

More than anything else, she was devoted to her grand and great-grandchildren and will be dearly missed.

A member of the First Presbyterian Church she was a former member of the Lakeview Home Economics Club. Harriet also enjoyed golf and was a member of the Tri-Way Ladies Golf League.

Harriet is survived by Clyde, her husband of 49 years, their three sons, a daughter and their families.

Her sons are: Gary P. (Judy) Leary, Torrance, Calif., and their children, Candy (Garth) Messer, Glendale, Calif., and Christopher (Kristin) Leary, League City, Texas; Ian D. Leary, Byron, Ill., and his children, Michelle and Steven Leary, Bryon, Ill.; Edward William (Jennifer) Leary and their sons, Edward and Patrick Leary, all of Plymouth, Ind.

Her daughter is Cheri (Larry) Sheaks, Albion, Ind. and their sons, Matthew, of Meadow, TX and William Sheaks and daughters, Cassandra and Caitlin Sheaks, all of Albion, Ind.

6 Great-grandchildren also survive.
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Three brothers, Raymond Lannen of Fallon, Nev., Lyle Lannen of Hungerford, Texas and Walter Lannen of Jacksonville, Fla., also survive together with four sisters. The sisters are: Anna Kitchin, Crestin, British Columbia; Pauline Riorden, Elco, Nev.; Felicita Amaral, Washington, D.C.; and Charlotte Williams of Las Vegas, Nev.

Harriet was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Avis Demming.

Visitation will be held on Monday, March 3, 2003, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

The Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen will officiate at funeral services for Harriet on Tuesday, March 4, 2003, at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home.

Interment will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be made to the American Diabetes Assoc. or American Macular Degeneration Foundation P.O. Box 515 Northampton, MA 01061-0515.

Carl R. Lehiy

Born in Hamlet on August 25, 1932, Carl was the son of Carl and Esther Magarrell Lehiy.

Carl attended school in Grovertown. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

On July 9, 1961, Carl married Betty J. Sickmiller in Bremen.

He retired from Bendix in South Bend.

Carl is survived by his wife Betty, three sons, Tom Lehiy, Bill Lehiy and Brian Lehiy, and a step-daughter, Patricia Ann Hoover, all of Plymouth.

Seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren and two sisters: Juanita McCartny of Logansport and Kathleen Krow of Walkerton also survive, along with several nieces and nephews.

Carl was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Darla, a step-son, Mike Zuelling, and two sisters, Delores Bridegroom and Norine White.

Visitation with the family will be on Saturday, December 6, 2003 from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St, Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held following visitation at 2:00 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home.

Burial will follow in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Carl’s memory may be made to a charity of the Donor’s choice.

Emma Josephine Lehman

A lifetime resident of Marshall County, Emma Josephine Lehman living at 12307 11th Rd., Plymouth, for the last 18 years, died of natural causes at her home at 8:30 A.M. on Sunday June 29, 2003.
She was born in Fulton, Ind., on November 19, 1913, the daughter of Julius and Ethel Walters Becker. She graduated from LaPaz High School with the class of 1932.

On August 5, 1933 Gerald R. “Jerry” Lehman and the beautiful Emma Josephine Becker, a high school sweetheart were married in Elkhart, Ind.

Josephine worked for a while at the Plymouth Box Co., and then in Parkview Hospital in the Food Service Dept. and spent a short time working for J.C. Penney, Plymouth, before becoming a homemaker.

She loved gardening, both vegetables and flowers. She enjoyed watching birds and cooking, and spending time with her family. She attended services at Sunrise Chapel, Plymouth, Ind.

Josephine is survived by: A daughter Linda J. and Larry Gibson, Plymouth, and a son, Douglas D. Lehman, San Antonio, Texas.

Five grandchildren also survive: They are: Shane Lehman, Lanae Lehman, Jacqueline Richardson, Kenneth Gibson, Suzanne Gibson, 6 Great Granchildren and a sister, Jessie Snyder, Lake of the Woods, survive as well.

Josephine was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two brothers, Norman and John Becker, a great – grandson, Michael Richardson, and a brother –in – law Merton Snyder.

Friends are invited to visit with the family on Tuesday, July 1, 2003 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Josephine will be in the funeral home at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday July 2, 2003. The Rev. Charles Krieg, Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen, and Rev. Rustin Krapfl, Sunrise Chapel will officiate.

Burial will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth

Memorial gifts in Josephine’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Hospice.

Bud Masterson

Lifelong area resident, Bud Masterson, 65, died, following an illness, at his residence on French St., in Tyner, at 12 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2003.

Born in Warsaw, Ind., on December 20, 1937, Bud was the son of Dillard, Sr. and Bessie Pearish Masterson. He attended Plymouth High School.

He served in Germany as a member of the United States Army from 1956 to 1959.

On September 21, 1968, in Plymouth, Bud and Judi Hoeffer were married.

He had been a truck driver for the Marshall County Highway Department for 20 years, retiring in 2000.

An avid stock car racing fan, he raced for several years at the Plymouth Speedway. He was a collector of antique farm tractors, and enjoyed mechanical work on cars.

A fisherman, he enjoyed the outdoors and spending time with his family, especially hiss grandchildren. Bud was, indeed, a proud grandpa.
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He attended the Tyner United Methodist Church.

Bud is survived by Judi, his wife of 34 years, Tyner, and by their seven children: three daughters and four sons.

The daughters are: Amanda (Stephen) Thompson; Michelle (Jerry) Lamb, all of Tyner and Melinda (Mike) Shook, Plymouth.

His sons are: Steve (Londa) and Jeff (Nancy) Masterson, all of Tyner and Gary and Doug Masterson, both of Plymouth.

Thirteen grandchildren and one great-grandson, together with three sisters and a brother survive as well. His sisters are Sue (Jim) Parker, South Bend; Jean (Guy) Flosenzier and Joanne (Jack) Monteleone, all of Plymouth. His brother is Larry Masterson, also of Plymouth.

Bud was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends may visit with the family from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, January 19, 2003, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Bud will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 20, 2003, in the funeral home. The Rev. David Inskeep will officiate.

Burial will be in Tyner Cemetery, Tyner, Ind.

Memorial gifts in Bud’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Hospice.

Charles J. Mauder, 79, a 24-year resident of Plymouth, coming from Elkhart and Hammond, Ind., died, following an illness, at 10:45 a.m. at his home, in the loving care of his family.

Born on July 18, 1923, in Chicago, Ill., he was the son of Walter J. and Marie (Brock) Mauder.

He graduated from All Saints grade school and Hammond Technical Vocational High School in 1941.

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On October 26, 1944, in Hammond, Charles and Velma Mary (Radovich) were married. They celebrated their 58th anniversary in 2002.

In 1965, Charles retired as a sergeant of the Hammond Police Department after 20 years of service.

He enjoyed taking care of his lawn, playing golf and watching his grandchildren play sports.

He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #51, Hammond, Ind., and the Plymouth American Legion Post #27.

Charles is survived by his wife and their three children: Kathryn M. (Larry R.) Cassidy; Suzanne (Thomas J.) Jamriska, all of Plymouth, and Charles W. (Donna L.) Mauder, Schererville, Ind.

Seven grandchildren also survive. They are: Michael (Catherine Ann) Cassidy; Christopher
(Jennifer) Cassidy; Jeffery (Michelle) Mauder; William Mauder and James, Kimberly and Timothy Jamriska.

A sister, Mary C. (Robert) Emerson, Hammond, Ind., survives as well.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Walter Mauder, Lavonia, Mich., and a loving niece, Nancy Gordon, Schererville, Ind.

Visitation with the family will be on Friday, January 17, 2003, from 4 to 8 p.m. E.S.T. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A Rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2003, at 9:30 a.m. E.S.T. at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, 625 N. Center St., Plymouth, of which Charles was a member. Father William Kummer will officiate.

Burial services will be in Chapel Lawn Cemetery Chapel, Schererville, Ind. at 11:30 a.m. C.S.T.

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Memorial gifts in Charles' memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, St. Michael's Catholic Church or the Hospice of Marshall County.

Agnes L. Mayse, 90, a resident of Pilgrim Manor, 222 Parkview Drive, since April of 1999, died there of natural causes at 9:50 p.m., on Friday, December 26, 2003. Agnes was formerly from the Kokomo area and had lived in Plymouth since 1938, most recently on Thayer St.

Born in New London, Ind., on September 30, 1913, Agnes was the daughter of Wilmer W. and Otia Orem Lindley.

She was proud to have graduated from Russiaville High School with the class of 1931. Her father served as principal and presented her and her siblings with their diplomas at their graduation services. Agnes graduated from the Kokomo Business College. She worked one day at Northern Indiana Power and was injured in a serious bus/train accident on her way home from work.

On March 14, 1936, in Kokomo, Agnes and George S. Mayse were married. In 1938, Agnes and George moved to Plymouth and opened a Mayse Hardware Store, successfully operating it until 1960. George died on June 11, 1962.

Agnes was a member of the Russiaville Friends Church. She also was a Daughter of the Republic and a member of the Wythougan Doll Guild, the Plymouth Doll club and the Eastern Star.

She enjoyed playing bridge and was a member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority and the Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club.

Agnes is survived by three nieces. They are Ann Elizabeth Lindley Slabaugh and her husband Nicholas, Indianapolis; Laura Jane Moorman, Westerville, Ohio; and Jennifer Lynn Moorman, Ohio.

Special friends, Grace Falconbury and Pat Kyser, both of Plymouth, survive as well.

Agnes was preceded in death by her parents, her spouse, Donald Lindley, a brother and two sisters, Gertrude Lindley and Laura Lindley Moorman.
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Friends may visit on Tuesday, December 30, 2003, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Committal services for Agnes will be that same afternoon, Tuesday, December 30, 2003, at 2:30 p.m. in the Friends Church Cemetery, New London, Indiana just north of Russiaville.

Agnes will be interred in the Friends Cemetery, two blocks from her birthplace in New London, Ind. Other family members nearby will be her husband, father, mother and sister.

Memorial gifts in Agnes’ memory may be made to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Notre Wayne McCann


Wayne was born in Leesburg, Ind., on June 30, 1910, the son of Merrill and Stella Rea McCann.

He was a 1928 graduate of Leesburg High School. Afterwards he attended training for his profession through the Amoco Oil Company.

On August 5, 1929, in Warsaw, Ind., Wayne and Mabel I. Stookey were married. Mabel died on May 26, 1999.

Wayne retired in 1972 as the supervisor of Asphalt Sales for Northern Indiana with the Amoco Company after 28 years of service.

In the 1930s, Wayne played semi-pro basketball in Indiana. He was an avid golfer and loved to fish.

A member of the First United Methodist Church, he was a member of the Moose Lodge and the Masonic Lodge of Leesburg, Ind.

Wayne is survived by a daughter, Myrna Jackson, Kalamazoo, Mich., and her two sons: Scott W. (Kim) Jackson and Stephen K. Jackson, both of Battle Creek, Mich.

A great-granddaughter, Brittnee N. and a great-grandson, Ryan Jackson, both of Battle Creek, survive as well, together with a brother, Heber McCann, Tallmadge, Ohio.

Wayne was preceded in death by his wife, Mabel and a son, James A. McCann.

A time of sharing memories with the family will be from 1 to 2 p.m. on Friday, January 17, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind.

Funeral services will follow visitation at 2 p.m. in the funeral home. The Rev. Dr. Dean Fager, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, will officiate.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, Ind.

Raymond A. “Ray” McEndarfer

Raymond A. “Ray” McEndarfer, 83, a former resident of North Liberty and LaPaz, Ind., moving to Oklahoma City, Okla., in 1998, died following an illness, on Sunday, November 16, 2003, in Oklahoma City. He was living at 8133 N.W. 78th Terrace, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Ray was born in North Liberty, Ind., on December 3, 1919. He was the son of Irvin and Bessie
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Shupert McEndarfer. He attended North Liberty schools.

A veteran of World War I.I., Ray served in the United States Army and was a member of the LaPaz American Legion Post 385.

On April 6, 1948, in Valparaiso, Ind., he and Sarah M. Hostetler were married. Sarah died on February 27, 1990.

Ray was a farmer and was also employed by the Wheelabrator Corporation.

He enjoyed fishing, was an avid gardener.

Two daughters and a son survive Ray’s death. They are: Peggy Hepler, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Connie Baker, Davenport, Fla.; and Donald Smith, Dyer, Ind.

Two grandsons and a granddaughter also survive. They are: Tim Baker, Deltona, Fla.; Kim Hepler, Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Mike Hepler, Greeley, Colo.

Four sisters survive as well: Alma Dennison, Bremen, Ind.; Ruby Little, South Bend; Flossie Ranstead, Rochester, Ind., and Mary High, South Bend. Two brothers survive also. They are: Charles McEndarfer, South Bend, and Glen McEndarfer, Hesperia, Calif.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Sarah, and by three brothers and two sisters.

Friends may come to celebrate Ray’s life from noon to 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 20, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services following visitation on Thursday will be held in the funeral home. The Rev. Larry McEndarfer, nephew of Ray, will officiate.

Entombment will be in the New Oakhill Mausoleum, Plymouth, Ind.

Memorial gifts may be made to the American Cancer Society in Ray’s memory.

Genevieve Mary McNamara

Genevieve Mary McNamara, 96, died of natural causes on Thursday, November 13, 2003 at 12:49 p.m. in the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, Indiana.

Born in LaSalle, Illinois on September 23, 1907, Genevieve was the daughter of John E. and Edna Meuser Trevillian. In 1910 at the age of three Genevieve lost her mother to a sudden illness and was raised by Margaret Trevillian. She attended Chicago Lindbloom High School.

On June 27, 1935, in Chicago, Genevieve and Thomas Earl McNamara were married. Thomas died on June 4, 1978.

Genevieve worked for the Chicago Police Department as a school crossing guard for 36 years, she retired in 1993. Genevieve enjoyed making quilts; she made them for St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne and for Pregnancy Care Center, Plymouth. She loved parties and functions at various churches. Genevieve was devoted to our Lady of Medjugorje.

A dedicated Catholic, she attended St. Jane de Chantel Catholic Church, Chicago, and was an associate member of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. She was also a member of her local Lions Club in Chicago.
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Genevieve is survived by two children a daughter, Sister M. Damian McNamara, P.H.J.C., Donaldson, and one son, John E. (Dolores) McNamara, Chicago, Illinois.

Ten grandchildren and three great–grandchildren, a daughter-in–law, Maryann McNamara, Chicago, Illinois, along with several nieces and nephews.

Her parents, her husband, and five siblings preceded Genevieve in death. Three brothers: John, Robert, Edward, as have two sisters Mary and Alvira.

Visitation will be held Saturday November 15, 2003 from 4 to 5 p.m. EST, in the Catherine Kasper Chapel, Donaldson and from 5 to 8 p.m. in the fourth floor visitation chapel of the Mother House. A prayer service will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Additional calling in Chicago will be held at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, 5800 W. 63rd St., on Sunday, Nov. 16, from 2 – 9 p.m. C.S.T. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, Nov. 17th at 10:30 a.m. C.S.T. in St. Camillus Catholic Church, 5426 S. Lockwood St. Chicago, Il.

Burial will follow in the Mount Olivet Cemetery, Chicago.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ or the Catherine Kasper Life Center, P.O. Box 1, Union Rd. Donaldson, Indiana 46513

Margaret Ann "Peggy" McNeal

Margaret Ann “Peggy” McNeal, 67, 311 Center St., Bourbon, Ind., died, after a long illness, at 2:33 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 2003, in Saint Joseph’s Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Born in Lexington, Ill., on February 9, 1936, Peggy was the daughter of Frank and Eva Gayhart Farner. She attended Illinois schools.

She and Richard McNeal were married on October 6, 1962, at Koontz Lake, Ind.

A dedicated homemaker and housewife, Peggy raised her five children and enjoyed their activities and growing-up years. She also had three birds and a loving dog, “Cody.”

Peggy loved flowers and enjoyed gardening. She spent time working puzzles, sewing and knitting. She had a fun collection of clowns of all kinds.

She is survived by her husband Richard of Bourbon and their two sons and three daughters. Her sons are Richard McNeal, Jr. and Woodward McNeal, II, both of Bourbon. Her daughters are Frances and John Kratzchmar, Calif., Barbara and Benny Cripe, Ligonier, Ind., and Lisa and Don Huddleston, Gary, Ind.

A brother, Frank and Sharon Farner, in Miss., and a sister, Wanda Farner, living in Ill., also survive together with 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Peggy was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Peggy Ann McNeal. Two sisters, Mary Morman and Margie Bartel and two brothers, Joe Farner and Guy Farner are also deceased as well as a granddaughter, Cindy McNeal.

Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Sunday, May 4, 2003.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 5, 2003, in the funeral home. The Rev.
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Lyle Breeding, a pastor of the Plymouth Wesleyan Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Peggy’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Hospice.

Stephen L. Meszaros

Stephen L. Meszaros, 83 of 9601 Union Rd. Donaldson, Indiana died Thursday, February 13, 2003 at 6:27 p.m. in his residence.

He was born on January 23, 1920 in South Bend, Indiana to Emory and Therese Farkas Meszaros.

Steve was a graduate of South Bend Riley High School class of 1938 and went on to attend Purdue University. In January of 1941 Steve enlisted in the United States Army and was discharged with honors on October 14, 1945.

Steve and the beautiful Miss Mildred K. Bobson were married in Mishawaka, Indiana, at St. Monica Catholic Church, on May 19, 1945. Mildred passed away on June 14, 2000.

In addition to being the worlds greatest father Steve worked for 30 years with BMP Trucking in Pittsburgh, Penn., and then retired after several years with Canton Drop Forge, Canton, Ohio.

He had many interest and hobbies; Steve was the jack-of-all-trades. He loved to go out on his boat and fish. He was a great cook and loved to read and was very fond of classical music. The most important thing about Steve was his love for his Grandchildren and his true love for his wife and four daughters. “Not only was he a great Dad, he was a Great person.”

Steve was a very devoted Catholic and was a member of the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Canton, Ohio. He was a member of the Third order of St. Francis and a Member of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ Auxiliary Club.

Steve is survived by his four daughters, Marilyn (Dick) Ackerman, Durham, Conn., Tina (Michael) LaMark, Margaret (Thomas) Melle, Marie Therese (Norbert) Burleson, Bolivar, OH, two brothers: John Meszaros, South Bend, IN, William Meszaros, Edwardsburg, MI, two sisters; Anna Bowman, Mishawaka, and Theresa Taffee, Raleigh, NC. 10 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, his wife and two brothers and two sisters: Emory, Joseph, Mary, Helen Meszaros.

Visitation will be in the Ministry Center of PHJC, Donaldson, on Monday February 17, 2003 from 4 to 8 p.m. with a Rosary being said at 7:30 P.M.

The Rev. Father Edward Konerman of the PHJC, will officiate the Mass of Christian Burial in the Ministry Center on Tuesday, February 18, 2003 at 1:00 P.M.

Burial will take place in the Fairview Cemetery, Mishawaka, Indiana.

Memorials in Steve’s memory may be made to the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.

Dixie Lattimer Miller

Dixie Lattimer Miller, 91, 805 Baker St., Plymouth, died in Miller’s Merry Manor of natural causes at 12:15 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9, 2003. She had been a Plymouth resident for the past fifty years, wintering in Sebring, Fla., for a number of years.
Born in Dorchester, Ill., on August 16, 1912, Dixie was the daughter of John M. and Lillian Weber Frazier. She was a graduate of Central Normal College of Danville, Ind., and Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Ind.

On November 25, 1936, in Danville, Ind., she and Albert Lattimer were married. Al, a teacher and coach in the Plymouth School system, died on May 23, 1974. On May 19, 1988, Dixie and Brock Miller, who met in Florida, were married in Plymouth. Brock survives her death.


A member of the Plymouth Church of the Brethren, she was active in the Friendly Thirty Club, was a Marshall County 4-H leader and, according to her children was the Shuffleboard Queen of Sebring, Fla.

At the age of 65, having retired from teaching, Dixie volunteered for a year’s mission service in Washington state through the auspices of the Brethren church. While in the west, she bought a horse which she enjoyed riding, an unknown interest to most of her family and friends.

Dixie enjoyed sports. Especially tennis. At a younger age, she played and in later years, she was an enthusiastic spectator. She and Brock supported Plymouth High School athletic events and attended many of the games.

Survived by her husband, Brock, she has a daughter, three sons, 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Her children are: Rebecca Hindman, Elkhart, Ind.; and sons and daughters-in-law: Michael G. and Suzanne Lattimer, Leesburg, Ind.; David C. and Wanda Lattimer, Argos, Ind.; and John C. and Gwen Lattimer, Muncie, Ind.

A sister, Joyce Thomas of Decatur, Ill., also survives.

Dixie was preceded in death by her parents; Al, her first husband; an infant daughter, Sally Lattimer and by a brother and a sister: Jack Frazier and Bonnie Airhart.

Friends are invited to come to celebrate her life with her family on Thursday, December 11, 2003, from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, December 12, 2003, at the Plymouth Church of the Brethren, 1130 N. Michigan St. The pastor of the church, David Kerkove, will officiate.

Memorial gifts in Dixie’s memory may be made to the Plymouth Church of the Brethren.

Gail Jean Miller

Born November 17, 1946 in Norway, Michigan, Gail graduated from Norway High School.
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Gail was a caring and dedicated health care provider. As a Q.M.A., she worked at Miller's Merry Manor for the past 25 years. She dearly loved her patients and her loving care will be sorely missed by them and the staff at Miller's.

An angel to many who knew her, she delighted in collecting them.

Gail enjoyed sewing, cooking and all related activities with her grandchildren. She loved traveling, particularly in the state of Kentucky.

Gail is survived by four daughters and their families. They are Deborah G. and Doug Whaley, Rochester, and their children: Jacob and Matthew Whaley; Belinda F. and Ron McNeal, Donaldson, and their children: Josh, Kristen and Kara McNeal; and Angela G. and Brian Smith, Plymouth. Also Carrie L. Newman, Lexington, Ky., and her children, Richie and Rickie Newman.

Three sisters and two brothers, all of Wisconsin, survive as well. The sisters are: Carol and Jim Bjorkman; Pat and Norbert Zuern and Beth and Bob Spade. Gail’s brothers are: Pete and Marsha DeClark and Ernie and Wendy DeClark. A brother-in-law, Ivan Lusardi and numerous nieces and nephews survive also.

A special friend, Carl Brock, Argos, also survives Gail’s death.

Gail was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Deloris Lasard.

Visitation will be held on Friday, December 19, 2003, from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, and for one hour prior to funeral services on Saturday in the church.

The funeral for Gail will be on Saturday, December 20, 2003, at 11 a.m. in the Trinity United Methodist Church, 425 S. Michigan St., Plymouth, where she was a member. The Rev. Bill Kaster, pastor of the church, will officiate at the services.

Memorial gifts in Gail’s memory may be made to the church or to Ovarian Cancer Research Fund, 14 Pennsylvania Plaza, Suite 1400, New York, NY 10122.

Harry N. Miller

Harry N. Miller died at 12:45 p.m. on Sunday, February 2, 2003, at his residence, 12510 Hillside Drive, Plymouth. Harry had been a resident of Plymouth since May of 1974, coming from South Dakota.

He was born on September 9, 1940, in Tucson, Ariz., the son of Jacob C. and Elizabeth C. Fishback Miller.

Harry graduated from Mobridge High School, Mobridge, South Dakota in 1958. He then furthered his education at the School of Mines in Rapid City, South Dakota.

On October 26, 1960, in Selfridge, N.D., Harry and Elizabeth “Betty” M. Kraft were married.

Harry started working for Coast to Coast hardware in 1960, in Mobridge, South Dakota. After working for Coast to Coast for a year and a half, he then went to work for the J. C. Penney Co., where he managed three stores over a period of thirteen years. He then moved to Plymouth, where he started the popular and highly successful Coast to Coast Hardware Store in Plymouth in 1974 and converted it to Ace Hardware in 1998. In 2001, he sold the business to Don Smith.

Harry was an avid hunter and fisherman. A conservationist, he sponsored Duck’s Unlimited and Quail Unlimited. He loved to barbecue for his family and friends, especially in large groups. A
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stock car racing fan, Harry had raced his own car when he was younger. Another of Harry’s hobbies was gopher roping in South Dakota. When he was younger, he enjoyed helping his grandparents with their vegetable garden.

He was a member of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church and the Plymouth Moose Lodge.

Harry is survived by Betty, his wife and helpmate of 42 years and by their two sons and their families.

His sons are Steven A. Miller, LaPorte, Ind., and Gregory W. (Hope C.) Miller, Plymouth.

Three granddaughters and a grandson also survive: Marcia N. and Cala E. Miller, both of North Liberty, Ind., Elizabeth C. Miller, Plymouth, and Nathan C. Miller, of Pensacola, Fla.

A brother Paul (Dianne) Miller of Selby, S.D., and a sister, Judy (Jim) Horst, Carrollton, Texas, survive as well.

Harry was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

Visitation with his family will be on Wednesday, February 5, 2003, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, where a Rosary will be said at 8 p.m..

A Mass of Christian Burial will be prayed for Harry at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2003, at St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, 625, N. Center St., Plymouth. Father Emmanuel Chikezie will officiate.

Entombment will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Gifts in memory of Harry may be made to St. Michael's Catholic Church or to the Marshall County Hospice.

Flora Elizabeth Miller, a lifetime Plymouth resident until recently moving to Avon, Ind., died of natural causes at 5089 Berwick Lane, Avon, at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, January 24, 2003. She was 86-years-old.

Elizabeth was born in Plymouth on May 7, 1916, the daughter of Walter R. and Bertha M. Manuwal Kreighbaum.

She attended Lincoln High School.

On August 15, 1945, Elizabeth and Robert “Bud” Miller were married in Plymouth. Bud died on May 29, 1966.

She worked at McCord's for 38 years, retiring in 1982.

She enjoyed outdoor work and bowling. She crocheted afghans for her family.

Elizabeth is survived by a brother, Henry (Judith) Kreighbaum, Waveland, Ind., and by several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Opal White; and two brothers, Howard and Richard Kreighbaum.
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Visitation will be from 12 to 2 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be on Monday, following visitation, at 2 p.m. in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Elizabeth’s memory may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Dorothy M. Mitchell

Dorothy M. Mitchell, 78, 433 E. 18th St., Rochester, Ind., a Plymouth-Tyner-Rochester resident all of her life, died at 12:15 pm on Wednesday, February 5, 2003, in Hickory Creek Nursing Facility at Rochester.

She will be remembered for her devotion and love for her family. Her family was everything to her: she loved being with them and always wanted her grandchildren around her.

Born on April 4, 1924, in Walkerton, Ind., she was the daughter of Frank P. and Marjorie Ross Ullery. She attended Tyner and Teegarden schools and graduated from Lincoln High School, Plymouth, with the class of 1942.

On September 20, 1942, in Hammond, Ind., Dorothy and Howard E. Mitchell were married.

Dorothy worked at Morris Dime Store for 10 years and in Lord’s Dress Shop for four years, both businesses in Plymouth.

She enjoyed playing the guitar, organ and piano. She was a member of the Blissville Church of the Brethren.

Dorothy is survived by Howard, her husband of sixty years, and by their two daughters and a son.

The daughters are Connie Lou Mitchell, Rochester, and Sharon K. (Ed) Willyerd, Lakeland, Fla. Her son is Monte D. Mitchell, also of Rochester.

Nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and Lelah L. Hendry, a sister, living in North Manchester, survive as well.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers: Lester and Raymond Ullery.

Visitation with the family will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, February 7, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Dorothy will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, February 8, 2003, in the funeral home. The Rev. Glen Mitchell will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Gifts in memory of Dorothy may be made to the American Heart or Lung Association.

June Morgan

Lillie June Morgan, 71, died of natural causes at 8:45 p.m. on Wednesday, June 4, 2003, at her residence, 1004 Virginia Lane, Knox, Indiana.

She was born in Tazwell, Tenn., on June 26, 1931, the daughter of Edward and Ella Bull Hall.
Her husband, Herbert Morgan, died on December 11, 1968.

Lillie worked at United Telephone and was a general laborer.

She enjoyed her children and grandchildren and was an avid gardener.

Lillie is survived by her two sons and one daughter.

They are James and Debbie Morgan, South Bend, Ind.; Johnny Dubois and Penny and Bill Miller, all of Knox, Ind.

Six grandchildren also survive. They are: Lindsey Combs, North Liberty, Ind.; Adam Morgan, South Bend, Ind., Jessica Patrick, Hamlet, Ind., and Kelsey Milliser, Chase Miller and Kolton Miller, all of Knox.

Two great-grandchildren, Jenna Morgan and Brianna Lily Combs, both of North Liberty, Ind., also survive, together with a sister, Lucille Brantley, Knox, Ind., and a brother, John Hall, Valparaiso, Ind.

Lillie was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Friends may visit with Lillie’s family from 11 to 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 7, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held in the funeral home following visitation at 1 p.m. George Smith of Jehovah’s Witnesses will officiate at the service.

Burial will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Lillie’s memory may be made to the Starke County Hospice.

Roy H. Morlock

Roy H. Morlock, 89, a lifetime Plymouth resident died of natural causes at 6:25 p.m., on Thursday, July 17, 2003, in Miller’s Merry Manor. Roy had been a resident of Shady Rest from August of 1993 until 1999 when he moved to Miller’s.

Born in Plymouth on January 10, 1914, he was the son of Howard S. and Ethel D. Ringer Morlock. He was married to Jennie M. Snyder Morlock.

A self-employed farmer all of his life, he farmed at 9167 Sycamore Rd., Plymouth. He was a school bus driver for West High School and later for Plymouth High School. Roy enjoyed planting his garden and milking his cows, along with many other chores around the farm.

Roy is survived by his two children: John A. and Christina Morlock, Plymouth, and Joy Ellen and Foster Davenport, of LaPaz.

Five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive together with a brother, Floyd A. Morlock, Plymouth.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Darrell Carlisle, and a sister-in-law, Shirley M. Morlock, all of Plymouth.

Visitation will be at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, from 12 to 2 p.m. on Monday, July 21, 2003.
Funeral services will follow visitation in the funeral home at 2 p.m. The Rev. Ronald Humphrey, pastor of the House of Prayer, where Roy attended worship services, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, Indiana.

Memorial gifts may be made to Miller’s Merry Manor.

Jennie M. Morlock, a Plymouth area resident all of her life, having recently celebrated her 89th birthday, died of natural causes at 2:31 a.m. on Monday, December 22, 2003, in the Pilgrim Manor Nursing Center, Plymouth. Her loving daughter, Joy Davenport was by her side.

Born on December 5, 1914, in Plymouth, Jennie was the daughter of Rollie and Mary Nunemaker Snyder.

A 1932 graduate of LaPaz High School, she attended the Ft. Wayne Bible College for one year.

Jennie had been married to Roy Morlock, who preceded her in death.

She had worked as a seamstress for 17 years at Hart, Schafner and Marx in Rochester, Ind., retiring in 1979. She also had worked in the Plymouth Dime Store for many years.

Jennie was an accomplished stitcher and loved to work with her hands. She quilted and knitted afghans. Her main source of pleasure was being with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

For 63 years, Jennie was a devoted and active member of the Plymouth Wesleyan Church. She was a dedicated Christian and belonged to the Ladies Circle of the church and was also a member of the church’s quilting group.

Jennie is survived by a son and a daughter and their spouses. Her son is John A. and Christine Morlock and her daughter Joy E. and Foster Davenport, all of Plymouth.

Five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren also survive together with Susie Chart, a sister, of Plymouth, and Harold Snyder, a brother, living in Sebring, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Marvin and Paul Snyder.

Friends may come to celebrate Jennie’s life on Friday, December 26, 2003, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind., and for one hour prior to services on Saturday.

The Saturday, December 27, 2003, funeral services for Jennie will be held in the Plymouth Wesleyan Church, 11203 S. Michigan St., Plymouth, at 11 a.m. The Revs. Lyle Breeding, a pastor of the church and Robert Vardaman, a retired senior’s pastor of the church, will officiate.

Interment will be in Fairmont Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Jennie’s memory may be made to the Wesleyan Church.

Floyd A. Morlock, 91, died of natural causes in Pilgrim Manor Nursing Center, Plymouth, at 1:10 p.m. on Tuesday, December 30, 2003. Floyd had resided on W. 9th Road, Plymouth, for many years.
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Born in West Township, on March 9, 1912, Floyd was the son of Howard and Ethel Ringer Morlock. He attended West Township school.

On February 13, 1937, in Plymouth, Floyd and Shirley M. Abair were married. Shirley died on December 10, 2001.

A dairy and grain farmer, Floyd retired in 1979.

He had also been a school bus driver for 30 years for West Township and Plymouth schools.

He loved working with wood, a skill that began at an early age when he worked with his father in the sawmill. Floyd made many miniature farm implements, airplanes, lamps, chairs, tables, almost anything that could be made of wood, Floyd worked with wood beautifully and painstakingly. They will be treasured heirloom for his family.

He was a devoted member of the Plymouth Wesleyan Church. A supporter of the American Red Cross, Floyd was a blood donor and had contributed several gallons to help others in their need. He had also been a director of the Farm Bureau Co-op, and was a director of the REMC when the new building was built.

He is survived by four daughters and their spouses. They are: Lillian and Dean Slonaker, Plymouth; Charlotte and Jim Barnhart and Nancy and Jerry Barnhart, all of Bourbon and Jane and Owen Row, Monroeville, Ind.

Twelve grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren also survive, together with several nieces and nephews.

Floyd was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Shirley, and a daughter Nina Louise. A sister, Dorothy Carlisle and a brother, Roy Morlock, have also died before him.

A celebration of Floyd’s long and productive life will be held in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Friday, January 2, 2004, from 4 to 7 p.m., and for one hour prior to services at the church on Saturday.

Funeral services at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 3, 2004, will be in the Plymouth Wesleyan Church, 11203 S. Michigan Rd., Plymouth, with the Rev. Lyle Breeding, a pastor of the church, officiating.

Interment will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Preferred memorials may be made in Floyd’s memory to the Plymouth Wesleyan Church.

Dale A. “Bing” Morris

Dale A. “Bing” Morris, 71, died at 3:10 a.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2003. A patient in the Veterans Administration Hospital since last Friday, Bing had been in failing health for the past several years.

A lifetime Plymouth resident, he lived at 1034 Ed Cook Blvd., and had enjoyed spending some winters in Punta Gorda, Fla.

Bing was born in Plymouth on February 21, 1932, the son of Charles C. “Chet,” and Luella C. Sykes Morris. He was nicknamed “Bing” by his father because he could sing like Bing Crosby, a family favorite.
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He graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1951. He was in choir and was the first of three generations to play varsity football.

A United States Navy veteran, Bing spent two years in the Navy, serving during the Korean War.


Self-employed, Bing owned and operated Bing’s Electric Company for over 30 years.

Possessed of a powerful bass/baritone voice, Bing sang solos and with choral groups, community and church choirs in Plymouth and in Florida with a Barber Shop Quartet.

He enjoyed the races at the Plymouth Motor Speedway. A 32 Degree Mason, he was a member of the Plymouth Kilwinning Masonic Lodge and the Scottish Rite, Valley of St. Joe. He was also a past member of the Moose Lodge #741 and the American Legion Post 27.

A member of the First United Church of Christ, he previously had attended Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church.

Family was important to Bing. He enjoyed camping at Yogi Bear and was a faithful attendee at his children and grandchildren’s school activities and sporting events.

Bing is survived by two daughters, two sons, nine grandchildren and one great-grandson. His daughters are Valna R. and Norman Stettler, Plymouth and their children, Julie M., of Cary, Ill. and Angela M., Plymouth; Jeannette E. and Derek Wilder and children, Kylene R., Courtney R. and Connor M. Wilder, Pendleton, Ind.

His sons and their families are: Lynn Morris and his fiancée, Jeanette Pearson, his daughter Brandi N. Morris and great-grandson, Trey A.; and Joseph W. and Laurie Morris and their children: Adam J., Alexander J. and Hayley A., all of Plymouth.

A sister, Maxine Gall, Warsaw, and two brothers, Richard Morris, Rochester, and Robert Morris, Plymouth, also survive, together with several nieces and nephews.

Bing was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Donald G. Morris.

Visitation with the family will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, September 11, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. Masonic Rites will be held at 8 p.m.

Funeral services for Bing will be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, September 12, 2003, in the funeral home. The Rev. James A. Irwin, pastor of the Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth where military honors will be accorded Bing by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Marshall County Post 1162.

Memorials in Bing’s memory may be made to the National Neurofibromatosis Foundation Inc., 95 Pine St. 16th Floor, New York, NY 10005, Plymouth High School Athletic Department, church or the donor’s choice.

Donald Eugene Myers

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Donald Eugene Myers, 91, of 525 S. Michigan St. Plymouth, died of natural causes in Pilgrim Manor Nursing Home at 3:15 a.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2003.
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A former Dickson St. resident, Donald moved to Plymouth from Rochester in 1938.

He was born in Culver, Ind. , on July 15, 1911 , the son of William J. and Daisy Oyler Myers. He attended Rutland School and additional studies in the field of electronics.

On September 17, 1931 , in Culver, Donald and Sylvia Irene Polley were married.

He first worked at Black and Bailey Hardware in Rochester. He then came to Plymouth with Montgomery Ward, afterwards working at John Meck Industries and the South Bend Bendix Corp. where he invented and improved production parts.

Locally he had operated Myers Appliance Sales and Service, he was quite comfortable in sales with the various businesses he was involved in through the years. He had a passion for electronics, fixing, learning and passing on his knowledge. He loved vintage radios and was an active member of the Indiana Historical Radio Society.

Having never really retired, he last worked in sales for Hammel Motors in Rochester.

Donald and constant companion, his wife Sylvia enjoyed traveling in the southern states.

Very patriotic, he loved his country and was a member of both the Marshall and Fulton County Historical Societies.

He attended the Rochester First Church of God and the Plymouth Wesleyan Church.

Donald is survived by Sylvia, his loving wife of nearly 72 years, and by their three daughters: Joyce E. (Max Wayne) Parsons, North Liberty; Janet L. Bixel, Argos and Judith A. (George) Brown, Punta Gorda, Fla.

Eleven grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren also survive his death.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents and by an infant daughter, Betty Jean Myers. A sister, Edna Paquette and two brothers, Clarence and Milburn Myers have also died.

Friends may visit with the family and celebrate his life from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, January 24, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Donald will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 25, 2003, in the Plymouth Wesleyan Church, 11203 S. Michigan St., Plymouth, where friends may call one hour prior to services. The Reverend Robert Vardaman, retired pastor and Pastor Les Kephart, both of the Wesleyan Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Donald’s memory may be made to the Plymouth Wesleyan Church.

Keith Nash

Keith Nash, 82, a respected and admired decorator and house painter for over fifty-two years has died. His death was due to cancer, diagnosed 11 years ago and yet Keith never lost faith.

Keith died at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 2003, at his home on 900 Bailey Street, Plymouth. His family was by his side.
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Born in Walkerton, Ind., on June 28, 1921, the son of Cornelius H. and Laura Mae Bolenbaugh Nash, he was a Plymouth resident since 1939 coming from Warsaw. He graduated with the class of 1938 from Madison Township High School, Mishawaka.

‘Grandma Hattie Xaver’ had her hand in the meeting of Keith and her daughter Phyllis, making sure that a wedding was in the forecast. The pair’s first date was pre-arranged at the Sky High Skating Palace in South Bend. She was 17 and he, 19 years old. A year later, on November 11, 1941, Phyllis M. Xaver and Keith were married in St. Michael’s Catholic Church, Plymouth. During their early years together, they enjoyed skating at the Plymouth Skating Palace.

He was an Aviation Radioman in the United States Navy during W.W.II, serving until 1946.

He tried factory work at Studebaker and McCords after the service, but didn’t care for it. He worked for Schlosser Brothers Creamery and then got a job at Volpers Hardware and started house painting, inside and out. As a painting contractor, Keith was also a friend to many people. He would take folks to the airport when they were traveling and visit, on many occasions, patients in the hospital, when they were ill.

“I never bid a job,” he said, in a newspaper interview. “I do what has to be done at a fair price.” Customers would be on a waiting list for months to get his services.

Keith worked for the past 25 years with his son Kevin. He continued serving his loyal customers up until this past year when his health worsened.

Keith was a true handyman. He could fix anything, including carpentry, woodworking projects and electrical tasks. He liked to cook and was good at it. He enjoyed helping around the house and “mostly,” he said, “spending time with my wife.”

For 15 years the couple spent winters in Florida. He said he wasn’t fond of raking leaves or shoveling snow, but the last seven winters, they stayed home.

Keith was a Communicant at St. Thomas’ Episcopal Church and a former member of the Plymouth Moose Lodge.

Keith is survived by his wife, Phyllis, and by their four daughters, one son, twelve grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

His children, all of Plymouth, are: Carol A. and Bruce Warner; Jeanne M. and Byron White; Linda J. and Al Myers; Sue Ellen Nash and Kevin J. Nash.

Four brothers survive as well. They are: Gail Nash, Warsaw; J. Dwight and Marlene Nash, Kentwood, Mich.; Neal Nash, South Bend, and Bob Nash, Florida.

Keith was preceded in death by his parents, Max Nash, a brother killed in WWII and Susie Wade, a sister. Infant granddaughter Renee Lynn has also died.

Visitation will be held from 10 – 11 a.m. Tues. Sept. 16, 2003 in St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 412 N. Center St. Plymouth. A memorial service will follow in the church at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Father John Schramm officiating.

Interment will be in St. Thomas Church Columbarium.

Memorial gifts may be made to Marshall Co. Hospice, St. Thomas Church or Plymouth St. Joe Cancer Clinic.
Clista Marie Nicodemus, 90, a lifetime area resident living in the Life Care Center of Rochester for the past four years, died of natural causes at 12:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 2003.

Marie was the daughter of James and Elizabeth Anderson Howard. She was born on July 15, 1912, in Knox, Ind. She attended Washington School in Plymouth.

She was married to Max Nicodemus. Max died on October 18, 1979.

A homemaker, she enjoyed sewing, doing jigsaw puzzles, playing bingo and socializing with her many friends.

She is survived by three daughters and three sons. Two daughters live in the area: Breva Jane Bishop, South Bend, and Nora Kathren Young, Bremen. The others are Janet Sherwood, Walter Sherwood, Paul Stull and John Quigley.

Two sisters, both of Plymouth, also survive. They are Evelena Barcus and Ollie Howard. David Nicodemus, a grandson, Rochester, Ind., also survives, along with many nieces and nephews.

Marie was preceded in death by her spouse and by five sisters and three brothers. They are: Dolly May, Mary Evans, Ruth Sult, Fannie Klingerman and Nora I. Poulos. Also Charles, John and Wilbur Howard.

There will be no visitation.

Funeral services will be on Friday, February 28, 2003, at 10 a.m. in the New Oakhill Chapel, Plymouth, Ind. The Rev. Dean Snyder, pastor of the First Community Church of God of LaPaz, Ind., will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Max E. Ottow, 87, 7879 Johnson St., Donaldson, Ind., died of natural causes in Pilgrim Manor, Plymouth, at 8:50 a.m. on Friday, October 10, 2003.

Born in Knox, Ind., on July 26, 1916, Max was the son of Max C. and Maude A. Hapner Ottow.

Max served on the U.S.S. Sarah Seas in the United States Navy during W.W. II.

On April 19, 1937, he and Beatrice L. Bollman were married in Plymouth. Beatrice died on October, 17, 2000.

Max owned the Phillips 66 station in Donaldson at one time, and, as an operating engineer worked for McMann, Reith Riley and Dyer Construction companies. He was a member of the Local Union 150 for 62 years.

He loved to travel: he and his wife wintered in Fla., Texas and Ariz. for 26 years. He enjoyed working outdoors, doing gardening and liked to work with his hands, doing mechanic work. He attended Pretty Lake Trinity Methodist Church, Plymouth.

Max is survived by two daughters, Alice and Samuel Johnson and Melenie and Jack Flosenzier, all of Plymouth. He is survived by six grandchildren, Renea and Terry Beldon, Plymouth, Robbin Johnson and Todd Johnson, Culver, Indiana, Vonnie Bigley, Plymouth, Clayton and Vickie Flosenzier, Plymouth and DeVon Flosenzier of Plymouth.
Also surviving are ten great grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter.

A brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Velma Ottow, also of Plymouth, survive as well.

Max was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, two infant daughters and several siblings: Berthana Collins and Eleanora Metzcus, Cecil Ottow.

Friends may call at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, October 12, 2003.

Funeral services for Max will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, October 13, 2003, in the Johnson–Danielson Funeral Home, Plymouth. The Rev. Leonard Jackson will officiate.

Interment will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Max’s memory may be made to Marshall Co. Hospice, Pretty Lake Trinity Methodist Church or the charity of the donor’s choice.

Jack J. Ousnamer, 77, of 13236 W. 5D Rd., Plymouth, died of natural causes in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, at 6:24 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2003.

Born the son of Irwin and Pearl Green Ousnamer on March 24, 1926, in Corning, Ark., Jack had been a Plymouth resident since he was three-years-old.

A 1944 graduate of Plymouth’s Lincoln High School, Jack served his country attaining Sgt. in W.W.II as an engineer in the U.S. Army, he was stationed overseas in Germany and England.

On February 15, 1948, in Lakeville, Ind., Jack and Genevieve L. Thornton were married.

He worked for McCord Heat Transfer in Plymouth, retiring in 1987. Together with his partner, Ed Rush, he was also an owner of the E. & J. Glass and Body Shop.

A man of many talents and interests, Jack was, first of all, an enthusiastic golfer. He enjoyed woodworking, ceramics and flying radio controlled airplanes. He loved participating in his family’s many activities.

Jack had served on the Plymouth Special Police Force and was a member of the Bremen Sky Knights – R.C. Flying Club.

For 25 consecutive years he enjoyed traveling with his wife to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina every September, where they had weathered two hurricanes.

Jack is survived by Genevieve, his wife of 55 years and by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

They are; son, Robert D. and Carol Ousnamer, Orlando, Fla., and their children: Benjamin Ousnamer; Jaclyn Ousnamer, Michael LaMott and Nicole LaMott.

Daughter Janet L. and Ken Houin of Plymouth and their family: Christy and Bart Sharp; Jeffery and Alinda Houin; Kurt Houin and Lori Houin.

Daughter Peggy S. and Michael A. Reynolds, also of Plymouth and their daughter, Andrea Renea Reynolds.
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Linda S. Ousnamer, Jack and Genevieve’s honorary daughter of Monument, Colo.

A brother, Winfred Ousnamer and a sister, Daisy Sutton, both of Plymouth, survive as well, together with four great-grandchildren and “Millie,” his beloved little dog, also of Plymouth.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers and a sister: Virgil, Gerald, infant Danny Ousnamer and Virginia Youngman.

Friends may come to share memories with the family from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, November 16, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be on Monday, November 17, 2003, at 11 a.m., with calling one hour prior to services in the Calvary Lutheran Church where Jack was a member. Pastor Steven Resner, pastor of the church, 1314 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Preferred memorial gifts in Jack’s memory would be for the Calvary Lutheran Church.

William Joe Overmyer, a former resident of Argos, Ind., died at 10:10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 2003 in Cambridge House Nursing home, Warsaw, Ind.

Born in Fulton County on March 4, 1932, Bill was the son of Lloyd and Dona I. Curtis Overmyer, Sr.

Disabled since birth, Bill loved to make and sell potholders. He also enjoyed spending time outdoors.

He was a member of the former Old Time Religion Tabernacle, Plymouth, Ind..

Bill is survived by his sister-in-law, Wanda Overmyer of Argos, nephews, Timothy (Kim) Overmyer and Philip (Lynn) Overmyer and their families, all of Argos, and a niece, Valerie Leachman and her sons of South Bend.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother, Lloyd Overmyer, Jr..

Family services will be held. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

F. Hayden Patz, 81, died following a lengthy illness at his residence on Sunnyside Drive, Plymouth, at 12:15 a.m., Friday, November 28, 2003, under the loving care of his family and hospice. Hayden had been a Plymouth resident since 1953.

Born on October 4, 1922, in Lowell, Ind., Hayden was the son of Frank and Lyvah Hayden Patz.

He was a 1940 graduate of Lowell High School, and after serving in the U.S. Navy Sea-Bees during WW II graduated from the University of Wisconsin.

On September 1, 1945, Hayden and Dorothy G. “Dottie” Hathaway were married in Lowell, Ind.

Hayden was the owner-operator of Plymouth Dairy from 1953 until he retired in 1981.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Plymouth; Past Master of the Plymouth
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Kilwinning Masonic Lodge #149 F & AM; Scottish Rite Valley of South Bend; Orak Shrine of Michigan City; the Plymouth Elks Lodge; and the Plymouth Moose Lodge #741. Hayden also had been Toastmaster of the Plymouth Kiwanis Club, a Plymouth Volunteer Fireman for 12 years, and had been on the original Board of Directors of the Marshall-Starke Development Center.

Hayden is survived by Dottie, his wife of 58 years, two daughters: Christine and John Amones of Sturgis, Mich., and Dennise and Mike Ellinger of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Six grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, and a sister, Evelyn Brakel of Merrillville, Ind., also survive.

His parents, a daughter Patti, and a sister Kay Woodke preceded him in death.

Visitation with the family will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, November 30, 2003 in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A Masonic Rite service will be held at 7:00 p.m., in the funeral home.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, December 1, 2003, in the funeral home. Dr. E. Dean Fager of the First United Methodist Church will officiate.

Burial will be at 3:00 p.m. E.S.T. in West Creek Cemetery, Lowell, Ind.

Memorial gifts in Hayden’s name may be made to the Marshall County Hospice, or the First United Methodist Church.

Sister Mary Catherine Pavlovich

Sister Mary Catherine Pavlovich, PHJC, 89, died Thursday, September 4, 2003 at 8:45 A.M., in the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson, Ind., where she had lived since her retirement in February of 1999.

Sister Mary Catherine was born in East Chicago, Indiana, on June 27, 1914, the daughter of Michael and Anna Benko Pavlovich.

She entered the convent on June 25, 1932 and professed her first vows on June 25, 1934.

Sister Mary Catherine taught primary grades for over twenty years. From 1934 to 1940 she taught at St. Mary’s Schools in Trenton, Illinois, from 1940 to 1949 St. Henry’s School, Chicago, Ill., from 1949 to 1954 St. Ann’s School in Gary, IN., and from 1954 to 1955, Angel Guardian in Chicago, Ill..

In 1955 Sister did clerical work at St. Mary’s Mercy Hospital in Gary, IN., then from 1956 to 1957, she worked in the office at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, Hessville, IN., she then went to Angel Guardian in Chicago, Ill., and did office work from 1957 to 1960. Sister worked for a short time at Holy Family Hospital, LaPorte, IN.

Sister Mary was the Director of Telecommunications at St. Mary’s Medical Center, Hobart, Indiana for 22 years. Sister served as a volunteer for ten years at St. Joseph Hospital, Mishawaka, Indiana for 10 years before retiring to the Catherine Kasper Home in 1999.

Sister Mary Catherine is survived by a Sister – in - law, Anne Pavlovich, Muster, Indiana and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held in the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson, Ind., on Monday September 8, 2003 from 4:30 to 9p.m.
The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. in the Kasper Home on Tuesday, September 9, 2003. Father Edward Konerman, S.J. will officiate.

Burial will be in Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Donaldson, Indiana

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**Elmer Henry Peters**

Elmer Henry Peters, 87, a lifetime Marshall County resident, living in Pendleton Ind., for the past two years, died at the Rawlins House Care Facility following a short illness, at 4:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2003.

Elmer was born on March 28, 1916, in Michigan City, Ind. He was the son of Louie August and Anna Mary Barfknecht Peters. He graduated from West High School with the class of 1934 and attended Purdue University on a 4-H scholarship.

On September 2, 1939, in Bremen, Elmer took as his bride, Evelyn L. Marks, who he had met through a Junior 4-H Leaders program. They would have celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary in less than two weeks.

Elmer was the hatchery manager with the Farm Bureau Co-Op of Marshall County, retiring in 1972. He then continued to offer his services as a field representative for several Northern Indiana Co-Ops, for a total of 33 years. He then became involved with Thompson Realty in sales. Later, from 1979 to 1983, he and his wife Evelyn were the site managers for Garden Court East Apartments.

Elmer loved to fish and enjoyed woodworking and gardening. In his younger years, he and Evelyn were bicyclists and enjoyed working at many crafts. He and his wife visited all 50 states and traveled in Europe.

A member for over 50 years of the First United Methodist Church, Plymouth, Elmer was involved in the Sunday School program and served as a church trustee and a board member.

A charter member of the Lions Club, he was a member of the Farm Bureau and volunteer at the Historical Museum and for Meals on Wheels. A member of the Marshall County Genealogical Society, he had traced five lines of family members.

Elmer is survived by his wife, Evelyn, and by their son, two daughters and their families.

His daughters are Jane A. and John H. Silvey, Middletown, Ind. and Cheryl A. and Barton N. Ball, Rochester, Ind. Gary D. Peters, their son, lives in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Five grandchildren also survive. They are: Scott Silvey, Anderson; Brent and Nicole Silvey, Noblesville; Jarrod Ball, Muncie; Brad Ball, Blacksburg, Va.; and Elyssa Peters of Grand Rapids.

A sister, Grace M. Woodfill, Plymouth, also survives, together with several nieces and nephews.

Elmer is preceded in death by his parents, an infant son, Terry L. Peters, and by a brother, Wilmer Peters and a sister, Viola Price.

A celebration of Elmer’s life will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 24, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services, officiated by the Rev. Dr. Dean Fager, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, will be held in the funeral home on Monday, August 25, 2003, at 10 a.m.
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Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery.

Memorial gifts in Elmer's memory may be made to the First United Methodist Church or to the Marshall County Historical Museum.

Carol J. Pontius

Entering her eternal life and Christian reward, Carol J. Pontius, went home with her Lord at 7:18 a.m. on Friday, August 1, 2003.

Carol, 58, a lifetime Teegarden and Walkerton resident, lived at 1156 Georgia St., Walkerton, Ind. She died in Memorial Hospital, South Bend, from complications following open heart surgery on Monday.

Born in Teegarden on May 22, 1945, she was the daughter of William Victor and Ruth I. Chandler Williams (Stoneburner).

She attended Teegarden Elementary school and graduated from Tyner High School with the class of 1963.

On April 12, 1964, in Teegarden, Carol and Wayne L. Pontius were married, and Carol became, what she called her 'most important job,' a homemaker and mother.

She loved time with her family especially her grandchildren. She enjoyed fishing the local lakes, reading her Bible and devotional materials. She collected 'Precious Moments' and liked working crossword puzzle word searches. She also appreciated the arts, plays and musicals.

Carol was a devoted member of the Pine Creek Church of the Brethren, North Liberty, since 1991. Bible study and Christian Fellowship meant a great deal to her. Her faith was her lifeline and she was always ready to serve others in volunteer work.

Until just this past month, she and three other dear and devoted friends from youth: Janet Perschbacher, Sharry Kinney and Joanna Burns, have continued to get together for monthly visits. They will miss her smiles, her faith and her friendship.

Carol is survived by Wayne, her husband of 39 years and by their son and four daughters and their families.

They are: her son and daughter-in-law, Timothy A. and Brenda Pontius, Crystal Lake, Ill.; Janet K. Pontius, Walkerton; Victoria M. and Jeffrey Stevens, Nappanee; Barbara K. Bradshaw, Salyersville, Ky.; and Michelle D. Pontius, South Bend.

Eight grandchildren also survive together with two sisters and a brother; Shirley and Richard Krull, Plymouth; Norma Rowe, Elkhart; and William and Sandra Williams, LaPorte. An uncle, Alfred Chandler of Bradenton, Fla., and numerous nieces and nephews survive as well. Step-brothers; Henry E. and Leona Stoneburner Jr. of Hesperia, Mich., Richard L. and Carol Stoneburner and Robert L. and Linda Stoneburner all of Plymouth also survive.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, her stepfather, Henry E. Stoneburner, Sr. and an infant brother, Bobby.

Visitation and a celebration of her life will be held from 2 to 7 p.m., Sunday, August 3, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, and for one hour prior to services in the church on Monday.

The Monday funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m., August 4, 2003, in the Pine Creek Church of
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Harold Price

Harold Price, 89, of 5200 8th Road, Bourbon, Ind., died at 4:55 p.m. in the Bremen Health Care Center, Bremen, Ind., on Wednesday, September 10, 2003.

Born on November 12, 1913, in the home later he lived in, he was the son of Charles Nelson and Lota Susan Bell Price.

Harold graduated from Bourbon High School in 1932.


Harold was a farmer for 47 years, retiring in 1979. He was a member of the Farm Bureau and had been on the Advisory Board for Bourbon Township, having been appointed once and elected once.

He liked to read in his spare time and enjoyed going to the fairs.

In addition to Jessie, Harold is survived by a son, Charles E. (Judy) Price, Brownsburg, Ind.; a daughter, Nancy Price of Bremen; eight grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren and eight step-great-grandchildren.

A sister, Elizabeth Berry, Bremen, survives as well.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers: Mark, Ralph, Carl and Max; a sister, Lois and a daughter, Shirley Bailey Walters.

Friends are invited to come and celebrate Harold's life from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, September 13, 2003 at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, and on Sunday at the Church, one hour prior to the services.

Funeral services for Harold will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 14, 2003, in the Country Church, where he was a member, St. Rd. 331 N. Bourbon, Ind. The Rev. David Gould, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Bourbon, Ind.

Memorial gifts in Harold's memory may be made to the Salvation Army.

Sharon Kathleen Pritchett-Giles

Sharon Kathleen Pritchett-Giles, 308 Apple St., Argos, Ind. was a lifetime area resident. Kathy died as a result of chronic heart problems at 5:22 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2003, in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth. She was 47 years old.

Born in Plymouth, Ind., on January 29, 1956, Kathy was the daughter of Arnold M., Sr. and Dorothy R. Reynolds Rhoads. She graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of
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1975.

Kathy was a cook at the highly regarded Grandma's Kitchen restaurant in Argos for approximately two years. Previously, she had worked for over ten years at the Ristance factory in.

She was a dedicated mother and enjoyed baking, making many 'goodies' for her family and friends. Her specialty were cinnamon rolls and crescent rolls, hot out of the oven. She liked watching movies and spending as much time as possible with her children, playing games and having good times.

Kathy had been a long time member of the Tiosa Brethren Church. In Plymouth, she attended the Plymouth Baptist Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Ashley Pritchett of Rochester, Ind., and a son, Christopher Giles, of Argos.

Two brothers, Arnold M. (Pat) Rhoads, Plymouth and Dennis A. (Amy) Rhoads of South Bend, and a sister, Mary Ellen Robertson of Wellsley, Mass., also survive together with seven nieces and nephews and two cousins.

An aunt, Winnie Powell, of Naples, Fla., survives as well.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Paul Lee Rhoads.

Friends will be welcomed by the family from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, February 14, 2003, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Kathy will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 15, 2003, in the funeral home. The Rev. Richard Grilley, assistant pastor of the Plymouth Baptist Church, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Gifts in memory of Kathy may be made to the Pregnancy Care Center or to a trust fund established for her children.

Debra A. Greenlee Rensberger
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Debra A. Greenlee Rensberger, 44, a resident of Vancouver, Washington over the past 15 years and formerly of Plymouth, died at 10:40 a.m. (Pacific Time) on Sunday, September 21, 2003.

Debbie had been courageously battling cancer for two years. She died in her home in the presence and care of her loving family. Her parents, Jerry and Jean Greenlee of Plymouth, were also at her side.

Her love of life and people touched the lives of all who knew her.

Those who loved her, especially her devoted family, will remember her for her energetic and engaging personality, always giving of her best and always leading the way.

Debbie was born on September 24, 1958, the first-born daughter of Jerry D. and Jean E. Carpenter Greenlee. Her first home was in the old Marshall County Jail when her father was Sheriff of Marshall County.
Debbie was married to Paul A. Rensberger in Plymouth, Ind., on September 18, 1982. They are the parents of three daughters: Megan, a student at Oregon State University and twins, Kimberly and Kelly, at home in Vancouver.

Debbie was devoted to her children and enjoyed their activities and sporting events. A member of the Royal Oaks Country Club, she loved playing golf, boating, gardening, spectator sports and scrapbooking.

She is survived by her husband and their daughters.

Her parents, sister and brother-in-law; Kathy and Jim Smart and mother-in-law; Ann Rensberger all of Plymouth, also survive, together with her extended family and friends.

Debbie was preceded in death by her father-in-law, Henry Rensberger on September 13, 2003.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Vancouver, of which Debbie was a member, on Friday, September 26, 2003 at 11A. M. (Pacific Time) Inurnment will follow at the Park Hill Cemetery, Vancouver.

A local service of Remembrance will be announced.

Preferred Memorial gifts in Debbie’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Cancer Association or Marshall County Hospice thru the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home.
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His sons are Terry L. and Jill Rensberger, South Bend, Ind.; Paul A. and Debbie Rensberger, Vancouver, Wash.; and Bill H. Rensberger, South Bend, Ind.

His daughter is Judy A. and Raoul Donati, Osceola, Ind.

Seven grandchildren also survive. They are: Megan, Kim, Kelly, Terri and Holly Rensberger and Matthew and Andrew Donati.

Several nieces and nephews survive as well, together with four sisters; Martha Wilcox and Clara Baker of Plymouth, Mary Hochstetler of Moline, Ill. and Bessie Snyder, living in Florida.

Henry was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and three brothers; Dorothy Ayers, Vera Shaffer and Nancy Hoffman. Also Carl, Roy D. and Amos Rensberger.

A celebration of Henry’s life and service will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, September 17, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral Services will be on Thursday, September 18, 2003, at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

The Rev. James Campbell and St. Michael associate pastor Fr. Edward Ssebbowa will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery with military honors accorded him by the V.F.W. Post 1162.

Preferred memorial gifts may be made to the American Diabetes Association or to St. Michael’s Catholic Church Mission 2000.

Marjorie Marie Reynolds

Marjorie Marie Reynolds, 88, a resident of Pretty Lake, Plymouth, Ind., died peacefully in Columbus, Ind., on July 7, 2003, just five months after the death of her beloved husband of 65 years, Ralph W. Reynolds.

Born on September 11, 1914, in Ockley, Ind., near where her father operated a general store, Marjorie was the daughter of Perry Cripe and Clara Ellen Rhodes Cripe. She was one of five children.

She graduated from Lafayette Jefferson High School in Lafayette, Ind. After her marriage to Ralph who was the chief engineer for Holcomb and Hoke, Indianapolis, Ind., she raised her family and served for many years as secretary to the principal of Anna Pearl Hamilton Elementary School #77, Indianapolis.

When Ralph retired in 1978, they moved to their charming and comfortable home on Pretty Lake, just outside of Plymouth.

The couple loved animals and always had a dog. One named “Highway,” because they found her as a stray on the highway, was a favored pet. Marjorie enjoyed walking her around the golf course and the lake. She had gorgeous planters full of flowers in the spring and was admired for her warm, generous personality and sweet smile.

Marjorie is survived by two sons, a daughter and their families. They are William Ralph and Fran Reynolds of Santa Fe, N.M.; Jonathan Peter and Priscilla Reynolds of Columbus, Ind., and Joellen Jane and Peter Lippett of Orinda, Calif. Her grandchildren are Peter Reynolds and David Reynolds both of New York, N.Y.; Alexandra Taylor of Houston, Texas and Victoria Reynolds of Columbus, Ind.
Two brothers, Joseph Cripe of Indianapolis and Eugene Cripe of Cottonwood, Ariz., also survive.

Marjorie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and by a brother, William Cripe of Atlanta, Ga., and a sister, Josephine Riley of Lafayette, La.

Visitation with the family will be held in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 12, 2003. A memorial service officiated by the Rev. Matt Millot will follow visitation at 2 p.m.

The family requests no flowers, but anyone wishing to make a memorial donation in Marjorie's name may do so to the charity of their choice or to the Marshall County Neighborhood Center, 402 W. Garro St., Plymouth.

Ralph W. Reynolds, 10255 Pretty Lake Trail, a resident of Plymouth since 1978, died, following a short illness, at 8:05 a.m. on Friday, February 7, 2003, in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He was ninety years old and a beloved member of the Pretty Lake community.

Ralph was born the son of William A. and Mary M. Rhodes Reynolds in Chicago, Ill., on January 11, 1913. He was a graduate of Englewood High School, Chicago, in 1931, and Purdue University as a Mechanical Engineer, in 1936, where he was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity.

On August 8, 1937, in Lafayette, Ind., Ralph and Marjorie M. Cripe were married.

Ralph retired as the Chief Engineer for Holcomb & Hoke Manufacturing Company, Indianapolis, in 1978. He and Marjorie then moved to their Pretty Lake home which was built as a vacation home by Ralph's father in the 1920's.

While at Purdue, he formed a dance band and was a life-long jazz lover.

Ralph was known for his great sense of humor and being a good conversationalist, he often told amusing stories about Chicago's 'crime gangs'.

A member of the Plymouth Country Club, he was an avid golfer and served for many years as a board member and a two year president of the club.

Ralph is survived by Marjorie, his devoted wife of 65 years, and their three children: William R. (Frances) Reynolds, Santa Fe, N.M.; Joellen J. (Peter) Lippett, Orinda, Calif., and Jonathan P. (Priscilla) Reynolds, Columbus, Ind.

Four grandchildren also survive: Alexandra Taylor, Houston, TX., Victoria Reynolds, Columbus, Ind., David Reynolds and Peter Reynolds, New York, N.Y.

Joseph Cripe, Indianapolis, a brother-in-law and Gene Cripe, a brother-in-law, Cottonwood, Ariz., survive as well.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate Ralph's life on Monday, February 10, 2003, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services conducted by Pastor Les Johnson, Chaplain of the St. Joseph Regional
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Medical Center, will follow at the conclusion of visitation at 2 p.m.

Interment will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Carol I. Rininger
Carol I. Rininger, 70, died at her home, 5006 N. Michigan Road, Plymouth, Ind., at 11:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 7, 2003, in the loving care of her family and the Marshall County Hospice.

The daughter of John Melvin and Nellie Maude Landes Sample, Carol was born on July 3, 1933 in Jacksonville, Ill. She attended Mishawaka High School, Mishawaka, Ind.

On September 29, 1950, in Roseland, Carol and Donald Rininger were married.

Carol had worked for the Marshall-Starke Development Center and Pathfinders.

She was a member of the Women’s Auxillary of Moose Lodge # 58 in South Bend.

Carol enjoyed all kinds of arts and crafts, especially painting ceramics and doing Pretty Punch needle point. She enjoyed camping at Jellystone at Plymouth, and was also a collector of Indian Artifacts.

Surviving along with her husband of almost 53 years are three sons: Lyle L. (Glenda) Rininger of South Bend, Donald E Rininger and Todd L. Rininger, both of Plymouth, and two daughters: Susan I. Rininger and Linda K. (Terry) Seeders, both of Plymouth. Seven grandchildren: Peter Rininger, Joshua Rininger, Matthew Rininger and Jessica Rininger, all of Mishawaka, and Jack Seeders, Cory Seeders, and Mark Seeders, all of Plymouth, also survive along with a brother, Kenneth W. (Beulah) Sample of Millersburg, Ind.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Mark W. Rininger, three sisters: Juanita Coats, Elva Suetkamp, Ionia Sample, and three brothers: Floyd Sample, William Sample, and Harold Sample.

A celebration of Carol’s life and visitation with her family will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 2003, in the Johnson - Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N, Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 11, 2003 in the funeral home.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Carol’s memory may be made to the Marshall – Starke Development Center, Plymouth.

Goldie Ritter
Goldie Ritter, 94, died of natural causes on Friday, November 7, 2003, at 3:25 p.m., in the Ironwood Health and Rehab Center, South Bend, Indiana. She had lived all of her life in Marshall County.

Born in Plymouth on April 14, 1909, Goldie was the daughter of Wilber and Magnolia VanBlaricom Felts. She attended Plymouth schools.

In December of 1948, in Plymouth, Goldie and Floyd Ritter were married. Floyd died in August of 1989.
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A housewife, she was a member the Assembly of God. Goldie enjoyed reading, crocheting, and taking long walks.

Goldie is survived by two daughters: Janet Ross of Columbia City, Ind., and Joann (Allie) Siade, of South Bend.

Two grandchildren, Laurie Peare and Rick Horn and seven great and seven great-great grandchildren, survive as well.

Goldie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and nine siblings. Six sisters: Cora Huffer, Maude Huffer, Marjorie Ludwig, Ruby Ralston and Mary Keevey, and Esther Jackson have died, as have three brothers: Lester, Robert and Thomas Felts.

Two grandchildren, Allen Ross and Debra Horn have also died before her.

Visitation in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home will take place on Tuesday, November 11, 2003, from 12 to 2 p.m. Funeral services will follow visitation in the funeral home at 2:00 p.m. The Rev Edgar Allen will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be made a charity of the donor’s choice.

Larry Roahrig

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When the people who called Larry Roahrig friend, co-worker and boss speak of him, the first thing they talk about is his honesty, dry sense of humor and deep love of and pride in his family.

"He was like a brother to me," Budd Treat of Treat's Squire Shop where Larry worked for 36 years, said. "He was hard working and straight forward and people appreciated that."

Larry, 60, a lifetime Plymouth resident, living at 1801 Westgate Ave., Plymouth, died at 8:11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 4, 2003, in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

He had suffered an allergic reaction to a prescribed medication.

Born in Plymouth on April 5, 1942, the son of Joel C. and Geraldine M. Brockus Roahrig, Larry graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1960. He attended Ball State University and also took several business classes at the University of Notre Dame.

In 1963, Larry enlisted in the United States Marine Corp, serving for 18 months in Viet Nam. A Staff Sergeant he remained in the Corp until 1967.

On November 7, 1964, in Plymouth, Larry and his beloved Margaret E. Dodson were married. The couple renewed their vows in a heartfelt ceremony in 2000 at St. Mary’s of the Lake Church in Culver. Friend and spiritual advisor, Father Jeffery Largent, who will now officiate at the Mass of Christian Burial, performed the ceremony.

Prior to entering the service, Larry worked at the Ball Store and Kreighbaum’s Marathon Station. When he returned, he went to work at Treat’s Squire Shop. He was known for his expertise in fitting his customers for alterations.

Larry followed all sports and was particularly proud of his son’s many athletic achievements. His collegiate school of choice was Purdue and professionally the Chicago Bulls.

Larry played many years on the Phi Deltas men’s softball team. He played a great game of golf...
and had learned the game when he worked as a caddie for many on local links.

A former member of the Plymouth Country Club, he was a Phi Delt, a Plymouth Athletic Booster, a member of Moose Lodge #741 and American Legion Post 27.

Larry is survived by his wife, Margaret and by their two sons and their families.

His sons are Larry Joel Roahrig, Jr., Logansport, Ind., and Timothy W. (Shannon) Roahrig, Saunemin, Ill.

A grandson, Chad Michael Roahrig and granddaughter, Amanda Kaye Roahrig, both of Logansport, Ind., and granddaughters, Caley Margaret Roahrig and Mackenzie Marie Roahrig, both of Saunemin, Ill., also survive.

Michael C. Roahrig, a brother, of Rochester, Ind., survives as well, together with numerous family and friends. Larry loved people and children throughout the community; they returned his affection and will mourn his loss.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 6th in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. Visitation will conclude with a Vigil Service in his memory.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Larry will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 7th at St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, 612 N. Center St., Plymouth.

The Rev. Father Jeffery Largent, his former pastor, now at St. Patrick’s Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, where military rites will be accorded him by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Marshall County Post 1162.

Memorials in Larry’s name may be made to the Plymouth High School Athletic Department or for Masses.

Floyd H. Robinson, 39 of 7927 N. Clover Lane Walkerton, (Koontz Lake) died Saturday, November 15, 2003 as a result of a single car accident in which he was a passenger.

Born in Richmond, Indiana on August 5, 1964 to Harold and Marilyn Dollahan Robinson. He was raised in the Walkerton/Lapaz area and attended John Glenn High School.

On July 26, 1986 in LaPaz, Indiana Floyd and Janet L. Leed were married.

Floyd worked in the fiberglass industry for many years. He was very involved with his children. He enjoyed playing and talking about basketball with his sons, seeing that they made it to all their practices and games. Floyd was an outdoorsman. He took great pride in the property around his home and enjoyed hunting, gardening and hiking at various State Parks. Floyd was a devoted son, husband and father.

He was a member of the “Sons of the American Legion” LaPaz Post 385 and attended Koontz Lake Missionary Church.

Floyd is survived by his wife, Janet, Walkerton, three children: Jeremy F. age 14, Nathan M.
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age 12, and Alyssa O. age 4, all at home, his mother Marilyn Y. Haynes of Plymouth, five sisters: Edna (Bill) Kranenburg, Grovertown, IN, Abby (Don) Mangun, Bourbon, IN, Tina Robinson, Plymouth, IN, Lisa (Tye) Jordan, Osceola, IN, Jenny (Art) Thorn, Fort Wayne, IN and one brother: Joe (Lisa) Robinson, Plymouth.

Half sisters include: Sharon (Chan) White, Cheri Ballowe, Chris Racalto, Edna and Diane Holbrook, and his half brothers; Adam "Skip" Anders, Howard and Ricky King and Gary Holbrook, along with several nieces and nephews also survive.

His father-in-law; Victor Mike Leed and wife Carol and his mother-in-law Onorene Leed all of LaPaz.

His father and a half brother, Harold Robinson Jr. preceded him in death.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, November 18, 2003 from 4 to 8 pm in the Johnson - Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, November 19, 2003 at 11:00am in the Johnson - Danielson Funeral Home, with the Pastor Brian Baughman, Koontz Lake Missionary Church officiating. Burial will follow in the Grovertown Cemetery.

Memorial gifts may be made to a memorial trust which will be available at First Source Banking Centers.

Isidro Rodriguez

Isidro "Izzy" Rodriguez, 83, died suddenly at his residence on Sunday, May 25, 2003, at 10 a.m., of natural causes. A former resident of Garden Court West, Plymouth, Izzy had resided at 9607 N. 700 East, New Carlisle, Ind., for the past year. Prior to coming to Plymouth in 1960 he and his family resided at Chicago Heights, Ill.

Izzy was born on May 15, 1920 in Los Pamoranas N.L., Mexico. He was the son of Laurence and Maria Eliseria Rodriguez.

He became a United States citizen on June 10, 1923 in Hidalgo, Texas.

He was married in 1954 at Roscoe, Georgia to his former spouse Mary F. Crowell, who survives.

Izzy drove truck for 20 years for the Ford Motor Co. out of Chicago. He then worked in production for 16 years at McCord Corp., Plymouth until his retirement.

He enjoyed fishing local lakes, flower gardening especially roses, playing solitaire and following Notre Dame Football.

A Roman Catholic, he was a member of St. Michael's Church, Plymouth.

Izzy is survived by two sons, a step-son and two step-daughters.

His sons are Larry I. and Carol Rodriguez, South Bend, and Rich and Brenda Rodriguez, New Carlisle, Ind. His step-son is William E. and Nina Russell, Niagara Falls, N.Y., and step-daughters are: Mary J. Contreras, Conn., and Wanda J. Farrar, Tullahoma, Tenn.

Twelve grandchildren and five great-grandchildren also survive together with numerous nieces and nephews. A half-brother, Nabor Saldana of Pharr, Texas, survives as well.
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Izzy is preceded in death by his parents and Fidel Saldana, a half-brother.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, May 28, 2003, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 29, 2003, in the funeral home. The Revs. Tim Stewart and Andy Kaser of the North Liberty Church of Christ will officiate.

Burial will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Vernon J., Jr. Rohrer

Vernon J. Rohrer, Jr., 38, of 722 N. Michigan St, Plymouth, IN, died of natural causes at 2:57 a.m. on Wednesday, July 16, 2003 at Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Vernon was born on May 15, 1965 in Plymouth. When he was seven years old, his family moved to Hawaii, he returned to Plymouth when he was nineteen. He graduated from high school in Hawaii.

While living in Hawaii, he worked for his father’s janitorial cleaning service. After returning to Plymouth, he was a volunteer worker for Marshall County Neighborhood Service.

He enjoyed music, and spent a lot of time writing music. Vernon also enjoyed building model cars and airplanes.

Vernon is survived by his father, Vernon J. Rohrer, Sr. of Pearl City, Hawaii, six sisters: Carol (Jose) Esquibel of England, Susan (Harold) Hiser of Springfield, MO., Mary (Ray) Brockey of Monterey, IN, Janice (Daniel) Weaver, Barbara (Don) Holderread, and Margaret (Denny) Vermillion , all of Plymouth, IN, along with a brother, Michael Rohrer of Honolulu, Hawaii.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Verda A. (Rohrer) Rodrigues, on October 5, 1994.

Memorial services for Vernon will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2003 at 11:00 a.m. at Bible Baptist Church, 601 S. Michigan St., Plymouth, IN. Rev. Jose Esquibel, will officiate the service.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, IN.

Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Memorial contributions in Vernon’s name may be made to the Marshall County Neighborhood Center.

James P. Rospopo

James P. “Jim” Rospopo, 64, died at his home, 19909 Gumwood Road, Argos, Ind., at 10:05 a.m. on Sunday morning, September 7, 2003. Jim passed away, following an extended illness, in the loving care of his family and the Marshall County Hospice.

Born in Mishawaka, Ind., on April 5, 1939, he was the son of John P. and Florence J. Eberlien Rospopo. He was raised in Mishawaka and has been an Argos resident since 1970.

Jim was a grammar school student at St. Joe Catholic in Mishawaka and happily had been able to gather with his friends for their 50th class reunion just two weeks ago. He graduated from Mishawaka High School with the class of 1957 and then served in the Naval Reserves.

On January 7, 1967, in South Bend, Jim and Pamela J. Barger were married.
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A member of the building trades, he worked as a carpenter and cement finisher for many years. He loved carpentry. He worked for North Shore Woods Apartments in South Bend and from 1994 to 1998 at Ferro Industries in Plymouth.

A member of St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, Jim was an active and faithful 3rd Degree member of the Knights of Columbus Council No.1975. He was a Bingo volunteer and worked as the kitchen “crew”, which gave him a great sense of purpose during his illness.

He enjoyed camping with his family, fishing and woodworking. In the past he had assisted his children in the 4H program and was persistent in attending the Marshall County 4-H Fair just a few weeks ago.

Jim is survived by his wife and by their three sons and three daughters.

Their sons are: Rich P. and Christy Rospopo, Argos; Justin A. Rospopo, at home, and James P. Rospopo, Jr., Chicago, Ill.

Their daughters are: Angie M. and Karl Lichtsinn, Argos; Chantelle M. Rospopo, at home and Debbie A. and Jeff Cossey, South Bend, Ind.

Seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild survive, together with two brothers and a sister; Ray and Ann Rospopo; Richard and Dixie Rospopo; and Evelyn M. and Gary Weldy, all of South Bend.

His mother-in-law, Margie Barger of Plymouth and several nieces and nephews survive as well.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of Jim’s life and visitation with his family will be from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A Rosary will be held at 8 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial, officiated by Fr. William Kummer and Fr. Edward Ssebbowa, will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 2003 in St. Michael’s Roman Catholic Church, 625 N. Center St., Plymouth.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts honoring Jim’s memory may be made to the family or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Anna R. Rost

Born in York, Penn., on April 4, 1925, to Lydia L. Wert Patterson, Anna attended schools in MacAllistorville, Pa.

Anna was raised by her Grandparents, Joseph D. and Minnie S. Wert.

On July 1, 1947 in Downington, Penn., Anna R. Wert and Robert P. Rost were united in marriage. He preceded her in death on June 22, 1995.
A homemaker, Anna loved people from all walks of life and delighted in helping others. She was a great friend and volunteered for many different organizations. She had many interests: she loved flower gardening and helping her husband with carpentry chores. She enjoyed quilting and embroidering, and reading her bible.

Her great joy was being with, and hearing about the activities of her eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A volunteer at the Neighborhood Center, she had once served as a Cub Scout mother leader.

At various times, she was a member of the Dohners Church in Lebanon, Pa., the Bacton Chapel, Frazer, Pa., Trinity Assembly of God, West Chester, Pa., and, most recently, the Blissville Church of the Brethren and their ladies workshop group.

Anna is survived by two daughters and a son. Her daughters are: Grace W. and George English, Radcliff, Ky., and Eleanor A. and James Miller, Plymouth, Ind.

Her son is Robert K. and Cristine Rost, Garden Grove, Calif.

Two half-brothers, Robert and Dot Patterson and James and Ruth Patterson, both of Lancaster, Pa., survive, together with Mary Miller, a sister, in Hershey, Pa.

Anna was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and six brothers: Titus, William, Daniel, John, Paul and Joe Wert. Three sisters, Martha King, Naomi Stover and Phoebe Malin.

Visitation with her family will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, September 19, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind.

Funeral services for Anna will be on Saturday, September 20, 2003, at 11 a.m. in the Blissville Church of the Brethren, 6250 Spruce Trail, Plymouth. The Rev. Jim Baker, pastor, will officiate.

Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Donaldson, Ind.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Blissville Church of the Brethren.

Loretta H. Ruff

Loretta H. Ruff, 92, an area resident most of her life, living on Woodbury Drive, died at 9:45 p.m. on Tuesday, December 30, 2003, in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

Born in Toledo, Ohio, on July 12, 1911, Loretta was the daughter of Arthur and Minnie Thayer Handy. She attended Plymouth High School.

On February 11, 1930, in South Bend, Ind., Loretta and Elson E. Ruff were married. Elson died on November 12, 1997.

Loretta had been a production worker at McCord’s Corp. in Plymouth for over 30 years. She retired at the age of 62.

A dedicated Christian, she was a member of the Blissville Church of the Brethren for 73 years. Very active in her church, she was a Sunday school teacher and deacon of the church.

Loretta was also a past Matron of the Eastern Star, a Rainbow Mom and past president of the Business and Professional Women’s Club.

She loved to travel.
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Loretta is survived by her two children: a daughter, Bev Wyman, Plymouth and Elson “Bud” (Rusty) Ruff, her son, of Naples, Fla.

Four granddaughters and two grandsons also survive. They are: Kimberly Miller of Bloomington, Ind.; Renee Bernardi, Bloomington, Ind.; Rachel and Mark Bennett, Mitchell, Ind.; and Ramona and Verlie Williams of Vallonia, Ind.

Her grandsons: Thad Wyman of Plymouth and Dr. Steven and Terrie Ruff of Indianapolis, Ind., survive, together with step-son Thomas and Laurie LaVonne of Bedford, Ind., 11 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Three sisters survive as well. They are: Alice Mikesell and Margurite St. Pierre, both of Culver, Ind., and Joy Klapp, living in Bartow, Fla.

Loretta was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, a sister, Jeanette Chase and brothers Art, LeRoy and Lloyd Handy.

A celebration of her life and re-living of pleasant memories will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, January 3, 2004, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

An Eastern Star Memorial Service for Loretta will be held at 7 p.m., following visitation.

Additional visitation will be for one hour prior to services at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 4, 2004, at the Blissville Church of the Brethren, 6250 Spruce Trail, Plymouth. The Rev. Jimmy Baker, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Interment will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorials in Loretta’s memory may be made to the Blissville Church or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Madeline H. Saballus

Madeline H. Saballus, 95 of 9601 Union Road died Friday November 28, 2003 at 7:47 P.M. in the Catherine Kasper Nursing Home, Donaldson, Indiana

Madeline was born on March 4, 1908 in Herrin, Illinois. She retired in 1975 as Registered Nurse.

She is survived by one daughter and three sons, Rosemary Doughtery, Springfield, Ill, Ronald Saballus, Plano, Ill, Donald Saballus, Evanston, Ill., and Jerry Saballus, Sister Bay, Wis., A brother, Dominic Parisi, San Diego, Ca., and a sister, Sister Carmeline Parisi, P.H.J.C. survive her as well.

Madeline was preceded in death by a brother, Carmel Parisi.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, December 2, 2003 from 4:30 to 9:00 P.M. EST. in the Catherine Kasper Life Center Chapel, Donaldson, Indiana.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday, December 3, 2003 at 10:00 EST. A.M. in the Catherine Kasper Life Center Chapel, with Father Ed Konerman officiating.

Madeline will be buried in the All Saints Cemetery at 2:00 EST. in Des Plaines, Illinois.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ.
M. Dale Scarberry, 76, died following an extended illness, at his residence, 233 Lake Ave., at 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 26, 2003. Dale has been a Plymouth resident since 1955, coming from Ashland, Ohio.

Born in Urbana, Ohio, on December 12, 1926, Dale was the son of Oscar and Frances Esther Reams Scarberry. He attended schools in Ohio and earned his G.E.D. after moving to Plymouth.

A veteran of the United States Navy in W.W.II, Dale sang in the Navy Choir while in the service.

On January 5, 1947, in Urbana, Dale and Patricia A. Chambers were married. His wife and his family have always been his first loves.

Dale worked at Auto-Lock Castings Repair, a company owned by his father. He came to Plymouth as a sales representative for this area. After retirement from Auto-Lock, he started doing general home repair and was an excellent and sought after carpenter. He enjoyed woodworking of all kinds.

Dale loved music. He played several instruments by ear and sang in the First United Church of Christ's choir. He was also part of a barber shop quartet and collected musical instruments and all types of music.

He was a member and Past Master of the Plymouth Masonic Lodge.

Dale is survived by Pat, his wife of 56 years, and their seven living children. The sons are: Daniel and Sandy Scarberry, Henderson, Nev.; Geoff and Cheryl Scarberry; Rob Scarberry, all of Plymouth; and Tim and Michelle Scarberry, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Their three daughters, twins, Dee-Ann and Mike Schroeder and Di-Ann and Glen Houin and Amy and Lawrence Harner, are all of Plymouth.

Fourteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren also survive together with Ann Dunbar, a half sister, living in Ohio, and John P. Massey, a son-in-law of Evansville, Ind.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Susan Carol Massey; a grandson, Zachary Houin; a brother, David O. Scarberry and a sister, Norma Jean Engle.

Friends may call at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Tuesday, April 29, 2003, from 4 to 8 p.m., and at the church one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Masonic services will be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday evening in the funeral home.

Funeral services, officiated by the Rev. Dr. David Moffett-Moore, pastor of the First United Church of Christ, where he was a member, will be held in the church, 321 N. Center St., Plymouth, on Wednesday, April 30, 2003, at 11 a.m.

Military graveside services at new Oakhill Cemetery will be conducted by the Plymouth V.F.W., #1162.

Memorial gifts in Dale’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Hospice or to the First United Church of Christ.
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Bernard F. Scheetz

Bernard F. "Bernie" Scheetz, 84, a resident of 725 Randolph St. Plymouth, died at 8:10 p.m. Tuesday, November 25, 2003 in the Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth. Bernie’s death is being attributed to complications of a stroke which he experienced on October 18th of this year.

Born in Rensselaer, Indiana, on December 8, 1918, he was the son of George T. and Clara Maguire Scheetz. In 1926 the family moved to Plymouth where Bernie graduated from the Lincoln High School in 1937.

On December 26, 1939, in St. Michael Catholic Church he married Harriet J. Haddock, who survives. They would have soon marked 64 years of married life together.

Bernie served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He would then be involved with his father-in-law, C.E. Haddock for 17 years as they operated the Haddock & Scheetz Construction Co. Aside from being simply a gentleman, Bernie will be best know for the chicken he and partner Dick Kreighbaum served up over a 22 year period as co-owner of the popular Culver Corner Tavern.

Bernie was a dedicated member of St. Michael Roman Catholic Church, Plymouth, acting as co-director of “Harvest House” seniors group. He was a member of American Legion Post 27, Moose Lodge 741, Plymouth Kiwanis Club and Friends of Ancilla.

An avid fan of the Chicago Cubs and Notre Dame, Bernie also enjoyed following his son Tom’s coaching of the Girls Jr./Sr. basketball program at Lagrange, Indiana.

Survivors include his wife, Harriet, son Thomas E. Scheetz of Lagrange; two grandchildren, David M. Scheetz of Indianapolis and Traci A. & Chris Blaize of Wolcottville, Ind. and great granddaughter, Kathryn Jane.

A sister Margaret Cox survives along with a niece Carol and Phil Beatty, a nephew John and Patti Coyer all of Plymouth and several great nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth on Friday from 4 – 8 p.m. A scripture service will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, November 29, 2003 in St. Michael Catholic Church, 625 N. Center St. Plymouth. Burial will follow in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Bernie’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Community Foundation – St. Michael Tuition Assistance Fund, 2701 N. Michigan St. Plymouth, Indiana 46563 or the South Bend Center For The Homeless, 813 S. Michigan St., South Bend, Indiana 46624.

Mary Edie Schipplock

Mary Edie Schipplock, 73, died, following an illness, at her residence, 20200 Baughman Ct., South Bend, Ind., at 1:53 p.m. on Wednesday, June 18, 2003. Mary Edie was a former resident of the Plymouth area.

She was born on April 3, 1930, near Knox, Ind., the daughter of Arthur and Marie A. Brueggeman Schipplock. She graduated from Culver High School in 1948.

Mary Edie worked for Indiana Bell Telephone Co. for 34 years, retiring in 1983. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers organization.
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She loved animals and enjoyed feeding the birds. She kept close track of birthdays of friends and relatives and faithfully sent cards and greetings. Over the years she was active in various churches. She currently attended the Ironwood United Pentecostal Church, South Bend.

Mary Edle is survived by one sister, Marion Schipplock of South Bend.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Charles D. Schipplock and a sister, Hermina C. Schipplock.

Friends may call at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, June 20, 2003. Funeral services will be held in the funeral home on Saturday, June 21, 2003 at 1:30 p.m.

Burial will be in the Culver Masonic Cemetery, Culver, Ind.

Gifts in Mary Edle's memory may be made to the Hospice of St. Joseph County.

Letters of condolence may be sent to the family via www.johnson-danielson.com

Cecil Paul Louis Schmeltz

Cecil Paul Louis Schmeltz, 88, formerly of Walkerton, Indiana died of natural causes in the Bremen Healthcare Center, 316 Woodies Lane, Bremen, Ind., at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 13, 2003.

Cecil, born on February 4, 1915, in Walkerton, Ind., was the son of Lewis Andrew and Dora Bell Hulinger Schmeltz.

He attended Tyner High School.

On December 31, 1937, in South Bend, Cecil and Bertha Irene Thomas were married. Bertha died on July 11, 2001.

Self-employed as a live-stock hauler for many years, Cecil was also a farmer. He drove school bus for four years for Tyner schools and worked at Coral Products, Bremen, and as a security guard for Wells Aluminum in North Liberty.

Cecil enjoyed mushroom hunting, John Deere tractors, traveling and just taking drives around Northern Indiana.

Cecil has been a member of the Plymouth Moose Lodge #741 since 1969.

He is survived by four daughters and their spouses.

They are: Sharon and Gale Lowry, Walkerton; Margaret Birk, Plymouth; Donna Wood, Walkerton; and Gloria and Charles Krieg, Bremen.

Eighteen grandchildren; thirty-five great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren also survive.

Cecil was preceded in death by his parents and his wife. Three sisters: Bernice Odaffer, Alice Wisenbaugh and Edna Miller, and two brothers, Robert and Eugene Schmeltz have also died. A son-in-law, Donald Wood and Paul Lamar Schmeltz, an infant son and two grandsons, David Lewis Wood, Scott Lowry have also died before him.

Visitation with the family and a celebration of Cecil's life will be held on Tuesday, December 16,
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2003, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan Street, Plymouth. At 7:00 p.m. Tuesday evening, members of the Moose Lodge #741 will conduct a Ritual Service in Cecil's memory.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 17, 2003, in the funeral home with son-in-law, the Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen, Ind., officiating.

Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Walkerton, Ind.

Memorial gifts in Cecil's memory may be made to Marshall County Hospice.

Harlan D. Schroeder

Harlan D. “Ambrose” Schroeder, 76, a lifetime Marshall County resident, living at 3987 Olive Road for the past 59 years, became suddenly ill at home and died of natural causes in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, at 1:08 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2003.

Ambrose was born in Plymouth on September 23, 1926. He was the son of Lewis S. and LaVange Halt Schroeder.

A 1944 LaPaz High School graduate, he served as a Staff Sergeant overseas with the United States Army in World War II.

On November 25, 1981, in Plymouth, Ambrose and Anna B. (Thomas) Schaefer were married.

An iron worker and a self-employed farmer, he was a member of Local 292 of South Bend.

He loved tinkering with his old farm tractor and working crossword puzzles. He very much enjoyed the presence of his grand and great-grandchildren.

He was a proud and supportive member of the American Legion Post, LaPaz, No. 385, the Plymouth Masonic Kilwinning Lodge No.149 and the Shriners Valley of St. Joe, South Bend.

Ambrose is survived by his wife, Anna, and by two step-daughters: Lynn C. Schaefer, Plymouth and Valarie A. and Michael Scuillo, Coral Springs, Fla.

Three grandchildren: John and Tracy Williams; Tim and Kelli Stump and Sarah Stump, all of Plymouth, survive, together with three great-grandsons: Jonathon, Jordyn and Jacob Williams.

A sister, Shirley and Carl Alberts, Plymouth, and two brothers, Don and Erelene Schroeder, Rhinelander, Wis., and Gene Schroeder, Appleton, Wis., survive as well along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Ambrose was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and a sister. They are: Darrell, Earl and John Schroeder and Marian Cannan.

Visitation with the family will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday, May 5, 2003, at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, Ind. Masonic Memorial Rites will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Funeral services conducted by the Rev. Paul McBride, a retired Church of the Brethren pastor, will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2003, at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home.

Interment will be in Fairmont Cemetery, north of Plymouth, where Military Honors will be accorded him by the LaPaz American Legion Post 385 Honor Guard.
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Memorial gifts may be made to the Union North Ambulance Service.

George W., Jr. Schroll

George W. "Bub" Schroll, Jr., 8856 Shephard Drive, Bremen, Ind., died, following an illness, at 4:40 a.m. on Saturday, January 18, 2003, in the Hospice House of St. Joseph County, South Bend. He was 50 years old.

Bub was born on February 15, 1952, in Plymouth, the son of George W. Sr., and Georgia A. Wetzel Schroll. He graduated from Plymouth High School with the class of 1970.

On August 26, 1978, in Bremen, Bub and Beverly Wilson were married. They were later divorced, but remained close friends throughout the years.

He worked for the South Bend Tribune for 40 years, starting at the age of nine with a paper route. He was the Tribune's District Circulation Manager for Marshall County until September 2001. He then worked as circulation manager for the Pilot News, Plymouth, from April 2002, until his illness.

Bub had been a Volunteer Firefighter and First Responder for the Lake of the Woods Fire Department.

An avid fisherman, he enjoyed golfing, wood carving and was a talented artist, doing drawings and sketchings.

Bub is survived by Chad Irwin, a step-son, Bremen, and a sister, Kathy A. (Gary) Sickmiller, Plymouth. A niece, Heather (Dave) Peter, Noblesville, Ind., and two nephews, Jeremy and Adam Sickmiller, both of Plymouth, survive as well.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Friends may pay their respects on Monday, January 20, 2003, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2003, in the funeral home. The Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Bub's memory may be made to the Marshall County Hospice and Marshall County Humane Society.

Maria Sickmiller

Maria Sickmiller, 84, died of natural causes, at 5:49 p.m. Friday, June 13, 2003 at the Lakeland Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center of Milford, Indiana where she has resided over the past ten years. Maria was a former resident of 11th Road Plymouth and the Marshall County area since 1946.

Born in Naples, Italy on September 21, 1918, Maria is the daughter of Angelo and Concetta Espanita Costintino. She received her education in Italy and continued her education after immigrating to the United States and received her citizenship on December 6, 1954, for which she was very proud.

At Naples, in July of 1946, Maria married Wilbur W. Sickmiller. He preceded her in death on May 11, 1990.
Maria was a true homemaker and enjoyed caring for her children and making over her grandchildren. Gardening, nature walks, cooking and knitting were some of her interests. She once loved to sing and dance having performed on stage in Italy.

She was a former employee of Easy Heat in Lakeville, Ind., retiring after 11 years of service in 1983. Maria was a Roman Catholic and had attended St. Michael Church, Plymouth.

Maria is survived by three daughters; Connie Sue Davis of Warsaw, Carol Ann & Leroy Hattery and Mary L. Sickmiller all of Tippecanoe, Ind. and two sons; Sandro & Ruth E. Sickmiller of Tippecanoe and Roger A. & Patsy Sickmiller of Rochester, Ind.

Ten grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren also survive along with a sister Rita Costantino of Italy and numerous nieces and nephews.

Proceeding in death were her parents, three brothers and three sisters along with a great grandson, Jesse Sickmiller.

Visitation with her family will be held on Monday, June 16, 2003 from 6 – 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St. Plymouth, where a rosary will be said following visitation at 8 p.m.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 17th in the funeral home, the Rev. Charles Krieg will officiate. Burial will follow in the Maple Grove Cemetery, Argos.

Memorial gifts in Maria’s memory may be given to the Alzheimer’s Association, c/o the funeral home.

Eugene R. Sieg

A longtime member of the Bremen Community, Eugene R. Sieg, died suddenly of an apparent heart attack in the Emergency Room of St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, at 8:34 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2003. He has resided at 331 Crimson Lane, Plymouth, for the past five years.

A man deeply committed to his Faith and fostering lasting relationships with friends and family will be dearly missed by all.

Before his death, Gene fulfilled a dream. He had just returned days before his death from a trip to Alaska where he toured much of the state and spent valuable time with his wife and friends.

Born Eugene Richard Sieg, in Ramsey, Ind., on October 15, 1932, he was the son of Edward G. and Agnes Marie Gettlefinger Sieg. Gene was fondly known as “Eukie” to many. Gene graduated from Corydon High School with the class of 1950 and from Purdue University in 1955, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Economics.

He then served in Germany while in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

On December 27, 1958, in Rushville, Ind., Gene and Mary R. Schwendenman were married.

Gene and his four brothers were part-owners of the Ramsey Popcorn Co., a family-owned business since 1946, producing 'Cousin Willie’s' microwave popcorn. Gene was still active in the company well into his retirement years.

A very organized man, he enjoyed gathering knowledge on many subjects and assisting others. He was actively involved in the building and maintenance of Bremen’s Jane’s Park, a living
memorial to his daughter, the late Jane Stillson.

He was an active member of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, Plymouth. Gene served as a Eucharistic minister for St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Plymouth and his church. He had a deep and reverent passion for his faith and demonstrated it in his study of the scriptures and actions. He was inspired by many Religious in his family, including his cousin the Rev. Bishop Gerald Gettlefinger of the Evansville Diocese.

He enjoyed the sport of bowling and was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Bremen and the Plymouth Knights of Columbus Council No 1975.

Gene is survived by Mary, his devoted wife of 44 years, their children and their 13 grandchildren.

Their children are a son, Daniel R. and Judy Sieg, Georgetown, Ind., and three daughters: Julia A. and Mark Gibbs, Ottawa Lake, Mich.; Janice M. and Perry Pruitt, Noblesville, Ind., and Jonella R. and John Black, Evanston, Ill. along with son-in-law, Dr. Tod Stillson of Plymouth. Two brothers, Donald L. and Philomena Sieg, Corydon, Ind., and Wilfred E. and Doris Sieg, Ramsey, Ind., and a sister, Joan and Stanley Seipel of Lanesville, Ind., also survive with numerous nieces and nephews.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Jane Elizabeth Stillson, who died on February 11, 1999.

A brother, Mark J. Sieg, and two sisters, Mary R. Robertson and Theresa Kendall have also died.

Visitation will be on Sunday, July 13, 2003, from 1 to 7 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth. A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m., followed by the Rosary at 7:30 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Gene on Monday, July 14, 2003, at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church, 625 N. Center St., Plymouth, Ind. The Rev. Father Terry Fisher, pastor of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, Mishawaka, will officiate.

Burial will follow in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Gene’s memory may be made to Jane’s Park, c/o The Marshall County Community Foundation, P.O. Box 716, Plymouth, IN 46563 or the Marshall County Right to Life.
husband’s right arm.

Patricia is survived by her husband, Jeff, and by two daughters and a son.

Her daughters are Amy (Yane) Zana, Vero Beach, Fla., and Sarah (Tony) Mudd and granddaughter Alexandra Suezanne Mudd, of Mishawaka, Ind. Her son, living in Plymouth, is Adam (Sara) King.

Six sisters and three brothers also survive.

Patricia was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters.

Visitation with her family will be at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N, Michigan St., Plymouth, from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 7, 2003, and for one hour prior to the 11 a.m. service on Saturday, March 8, 2003, at the Plymouth Missionary Church, 1350 E. Jefferson St. The Rev. Patrick Puglise, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Marshall County Hospice or the American Cancer Society, Marshall County Unit, P.O. Box 655, Plymouth, Indiana 46563

Vivian F. Slater, 77, a lifetime Marshall County resident, living in Inwood for the past ten years, died suddenly of natural causes, in her home, 9885 Hawthorn Rd., Plymouth, at 11:01 a.m., on Thursday, December 4, 2003.

Vivian had a generous and caring spirit who will be missed by family and friends alike.

Born in Bremen on Christmas Day of 1925, Vivian was the daughter of Emory and Christina Baker Leiter. She attended Plymouth schools.

On March 22, 1940, in Plymouth, Vivian and Guy Slater were married. Guy died on December 28, 1994.

A cashier, Vivian worked for many years for the Van Buren Grocery and Miller's Super Value, Plymouth, retiring in 1995.

She used to love singing at church, enjoyed raising her chickens and watching birds, especially hummingbirds. She had been a member of the Blissville Home Economic Club. Her grandchildren loved her delicious peanut butter cookies. She attended the Inwood United Methodist Church.

Surviving her death is her daughter, Jan M. and John Filson, Plymouth; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. A sister, Rosemary and her husband, Lynn, Williams, McAllen, Texas, survives as well.

Her grandchildren are; Jackie and Chris Replogle; JoAnn and Carl Cook; Jeanne and James Davis; Julie and Joe Wohlford; Jeff Morris; Jerry and Denise Morris; Jina Filson; and Justin Filson.

Also surviving is Frank Morris, a son-in-law of Fresno, Calif., and daughter-in-law; Mary Jane Slater of Wakarusa.

Preceding Vivian in death are her parents, her husband, a son, James G. Slater, a daughter,
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Judy K. Morris and a brother, Eugene Leiter.

Friends are invited to join the family for visitation on Sunday, December 7, 2003, from noon to 2 p.m., in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will follow visitation at 2 p.m. on Sunday in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Tyner Cemetery, Tyner, Ind.

Memorial gifts in Vivian’s memory may be made to the Plymouth Chapter of the American Diabetes Association.

Judith E. Spaulding, of 501 Pennsylvania Ave., Plymouth, died at 1:30 a.m. in Miller’s Merry Manor, Plymouth, on Tuesday, October 14, 2003. Judith had fought a long and courageous battle with cancer and died at the age of 67.

Born in Buffalo, Illinois, on November 12, 1935, Judith was the daughter of Herbert and Rachel Bell Fields. She attended Illinois schools.

On July 12, 1986, in Plymouth, she and Floyd Spaulding were married. Floyd is a veteran and Judith was a member of the VFW, Mooresville, Ind., Post 1111.

She had worked in Illinois for the Department of Revenue. In Plymouth she worked in assembly for Kaye Industries.

Judith enjoyed traveling and camping, particularly in the South: Texas, Louisiana and California.

She is survived by her husband, Floyd, and by her children and their families: her daughter and son-in-law; Kim and Alfredo Vaca and Kevin and Nancy Ames, all of Plymouth.

Two step-daughters and their husbands also survive; Gloria and Robert Thompson, Martinsville, Ind., and Janice and Donald Mansfield, Mooresville, Ind., and a step-son, Michael Spaulding, Sarasota, Fla.

Nine grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren and six great-grandchildren also survive, together with a sister and brother-in-law, Sue and Gene Koehne of Chandlerville, Ill.

Judith has been preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Jeanenne Chambers

Judith’s family will welcome friends at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Thursday, October 16, 2003, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Funeral services, officiated by the Rev. Glenn Mitchell will be held in the funeral home on Friday, October 17, 2003, at 11 a.m.

Memorial gifts to the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center’s Cancer Institute, Plymouth, Ind., will be appreciated by Judith’s family.

Joseph M. Stinson, 91, died in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, of congestive heart failure at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, January 6, 2003.

Born in Akron, Ind., on June 21, 1911, he was the son of Scott K. and Ella Shesler Stinson. The family moved to Chicago when Joe was five.
As a child, he was never very much interested in school work. A born artist, he preferred to spend his time drawing and sketching the teacher and fellow students. He attended high school in Chicago and took art classes at the Chicago Art Institute.

As soon as he was old enough to work, Joe got a job at the prestigious Marshall Fields department store where he worked for seven years in the dress design department.

During the depression, he tried several other jobs. In 1938, he went to southern Illinois, to work in the oil fields. It was there that he discovered an interest in welding. The art of welding created a method of making a living and satisfying his artistic talents at the same time.

On October 14, 1933, in Sandoval, Ill., Joe took as his bride, Gertrude “Louise” Dolsen.

The couple moved to Downers Grove, Ill., where they were living when W.W.II broke out. Ineligible for the service because of an injury that resulted in the loss of his right eye, Joe did his part by working in the shipyards of Seneca, Ill., building LSTs.

After the war ended, Joe and Louise moved to Plymouth where they established the Stinson Metalcraft business located on W. Jefferson St.

For over 40 years, he designed and fabricated artistic iron products. A superb craftsman, Joe was able to duplicate any existing decorative ironwork desired.

His talents will live on in such enduring monuments as the beautiful railings and columns that grace the porches and stairways of the home once owned by former Gov. Otis R. Bowen in Bremen. He designed and painstakingly put together piece by piece the gorgeous antique fence surrounding the home of the late Esther Bosworth on S. Michigan Street, Plymouth.

Versatile as well as talented, he designed numerous ornamental iron items such as beds, tables, lamps, fences and chandeliers for customers throughout the country. Joe’s designs were chosen for the cover for the Marshall County History Sesquicentennial book.

In the mid 1980s, Louise decided that Joe should retire from the heavy work of welding. Although his health was suffering and the work tiring him out, he would not discuss the subject. So Louise put a notice in the local paper that the business would be closing in two weeks. When he read it, he was both angry and happy.

He then had more time for his hobbies of golf, hunting and fishing. That was, however, not enough. At the age of 70, Joe went to Ancilla College and enrolled in art classes. He loved creating works of art in watercolor, acrylic, oils, pen and ink and charcoal. His specialties were tastefully done renditions of old barns, historic buildings and countryside scenery. His art was displayed a number of times at the Blueberry Festival and in the Heartland Art Gallery.

He was a charter member of the Heartland Artists Club. During his business years, he was active in Boy Scout work, the Chamber of Commerce, Lion’s Club, American Bowhunters Association, the National Ornamental Metal Manufacturers Association and the South Bend Art Center.

Joe is survived by Louise, his devoted wife of almost 70 years, and their two children: Susan JoAnn (Loren) Sheetz, Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Richard P. (Sue) Stinson, Plymouth, Ind.

Four grandchildren survive as well. They are: Kimberlee (Jim) Baughman, Leo, Ind.; Jill (Richard) Lane, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Amanda Cook, Warren, Ind.; and Eric Stinson, Indianapolis, Ind.
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A great-grandson, Brett Baughman, Leo, Ind., also survives, together with a brother, Scott (Molly) Stinson, Lake Placid, Fla., and two sisters, Esther Sisulak, Carbondale, Ill., and Ella Mary Fredrickson, Des Plaines, Ill., Several nieces and nephews survive also.

There will be no visitation.

Family services will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2003. The Rev. Maurice Grindle, pastor of the Trinity United Methodist Church, of which Joe was a long time member, will officiate.

Burial will be in Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts to honor the life and talents of Joe Stinson may be made to the Heartland Artists c/o 19336 W 6B Rd. Plymouth, Ind. 46563 or the Marshall County Humane Society P.O. Box 22, Plymouth, Ind. 46563.


A. J. was born in Lafayette, Louisiana on November 5, 1990. He had attended Plymouth and Argos Schools.

He was an avid Scooby Doo fan, and enjoyed fishing.

Along with his mother and step-father, A. J. is survived by a sister, Brittany Migues of Arkansas, and his maternal grandparents, Ivy and Dorothy Stockberger of Judsonia, Arkansas.

Visitation will be from 6 to 7 p.m. on Friday, June 6, 2003, at Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Family services will be held at a later date.

Delbert C. Stutzman, 96, 17796 Vine St., Tyner, a Marshall County resident most of his life, died of natural causes at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2003, in Pilgrim Manor.

Delbert was born on August 11, 1906, in Goshen, Ind., the son of David D. and Ida I. Hochstetler Stutzman. One of nine boys and four girls, he grew up on a 140-acre farm near Nappanee and attended Nappanee schools. Raised Amish, speaking low-German, he said, “we went to school to learn how to speak English and to satisfy the law.”

He earned his diploma while he was in the United States Army in W.W.II.

On May 1, 1935, Delbert and Grace E. Cole were married in Plymouth. Together they twice traveled to the Holy Land, where Delbert was baptized in the River Jordon. Grace died on March 8, 1996.

He worked at the Abair Dairy in Plymouth for a time, driving a delivery truck. He was a self-employed farm drainage engineer for over 25 years, retiring in 1971.

Delbert enjoyed fishing in local lakes and in Florida, spending many winters in the Melbourne area. He liked working crossword puzzles and did so without using eye glasses. He drove his own car until he was 95 and lived alone doing all of his own cooking, baking and keeping house.
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He was a loyal Chicago Cub’s fan and enjoyed mushroom hunting season.

In excellent health most of his long and productive life, he didn’t take medicines, “except for herbal stuff” his doctor gave him.

He enjoyed fashioning vases out of plastic bottles for the women of his church to sell at their bazaars.

The Blissville Church of the Brethren was a big part of his life and he was a dedicated member for over half-a-century. Up until two years ago, Delbert canned gallons of produce and slabs of beef for himself and for the Blissville Church suppers.

He said he’d been canning food since he was 10 years old. “That’s the Amish way."

Delbert and Grace had no children. He is survived by a brother, Howard W. “Smokie” and Patty Stutzman, Plymouth, and by three sisters: Barbara M. Swift, Mishawaka, Ind., Alice I. and Delbert Schaetzle, Bourbon, Ind., and Sara A. Stutzman, Plymouth.

A sister-in-law, Gladys Stutzman, Plymouth and numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Delbert was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 65 years and by a sister and seven brothers. They are: Alma H. Stutzman; Alvin R., Eli W., Daniel A., Isaac R., Joseph E., Marvin J. and Jonas F. Stutzman.

Visitation and a celebration of Delbert’s life will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 3, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth and for one hour prior to services in the Blissville Church of the Brethren on Friday, April 4, 2003, at 1 p.m.


Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Delbert’s memory may be made to the church.

Lawrence F. Taylor

Lawrence F. “Larry” Taylor, 60, a resident of Plymouth for the past four years, coming from Steger, Ill., died, following a cancer related illness at his residence, 215 Franklin St., at 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, August 5, 2003.

Born in Harvey, Ill., on November 14, 1942, Larry was the son of Howard and B. Irwin Taylor. He was a 1960 graduate of Thornton High School, Harvey, Ill.

He served his country in the United States Army.

On March 19, 1967, Larry and Susan S. Kaminski were married in Posen, Ill.

He was employed by the Plymouth Parks Department.

Larry enjoyed oil and water color painting, photography and baking bread.

He is survived by his wife and by their son and daughter and their families. His children are: Matthew and Marilyn Taylor, Dyer, Ind., and Kelley and Louis Zecckino, living in Pennsylvania.

Three grandchildren also survive, they are: Ryan, Lauren and Brandon Taylor, also of Dyer,
A sister and brother-in-law, Eunice and Clayton Krueger, residing in Florida, also survive, together with his mother-in-law, Rosemary Kaminski, Posen, Ill.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents and by a brother, Howard Taylor.

Visitation will be in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, August 8, 2003.

Funeral services will be held in the funeral home at 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 9, 2003.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Gifts in Larry’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Hospice or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Clayton S. Thomas, 88, died at 7:20 a.m. Saturday, October 4, 2003, in the Community Hospital of Bremen.

Clayton was born October 24, 1914 to Blanchard and Grace Burger Thomas in Culver, Ind. The family moved to the LaPaz area a few years later. He graduated from LaPaz High School in 1933 and lived his entire life in the LaPaz and Plymouth area.


Clayton is survived by a sister Velzora Short of Bradenton, Florida, daughter Shirley (Bill) Sweeten of LaPaz, Indiana and Donna, Texas, 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, 17 great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers Devon, Herman, Chester, Jesse, Frank and Donald; two sisters: Glendora Trump and Ruby Piper, a son, John Weedling, an infant daughter Carol Jean Weedling, and granddaughter Valerie Young Gober.

Clayton worked hard his entire life, retiring from The Torrington Company in South Bend in 1979, where he worked as a precision machinist. During his working life he also owned and operated the Shell Service Station in LaPaz for four years.

He served on the Town Board of LaPaz for nine years, and the last six years where as President of the Board. His main priority for the Town of LaPaz was to have a sewage treatment plant and sewers installed before he retired from the Board in 1991. This took six years to accomplish, working with all levels of government. When the system was successfully installed, he then retired and was presented with a Distinguished Service Award by the Town of LaPaz.

Throughout his life he maintained an active interest in politics, baseball and his Family. He was an avid fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and rarely missed a game. He will be remembered as a gentleman of the old school, who firmly believed in duty, responsibility and service to others. In his own quiet way, he taught many valuable lessons and will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Friends are invited to visit with the family from 3 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2003, in the Johnson Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.
Funeral services for Clayton will be held in the funeral home at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 8, 2003.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Gifts in Clayton’s memory may be made to the Marshall County Hospice.

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Gary L. Tobolski, 62, 15190 Happy Acres Trail, Plymouth, died as a result of an automobile accident on Friday, January 24, 2003. Gary died at 4:05 a.m. in the Emergency Room of the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth, following the one car accident on 13th Rd. near State Hwy. 17.

Born in South Bend on February 28, 1940, Gary was the son of Leo C. and Eileen Wickers Tobolski. He graduated from New Carlisle High School with the class of 1958 and attended Purdue Campus and Indiana University South Bend taking courses in his specific field. He served his country in the United States Navy from 1958 through 1960, on the USS Des Moines in the Mediterranean Sea.

On June 8, 1963, Gary and Jerri C. Kwiecinski were married at St. Hedwig’s Catholic Church in South Bend.

That same year he joined the U.S. Postal Service. He assumed the position of Postmaster at Knox, Ind. from 1984 until 1997.

Following his retirement, Gary soon needed something to occupy his time. He became a chauffeur for the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ until November of 2000.

For many years, prior to the renovation of Notre Dame Stadium, he proudly served as a gate supervisor during the football season.

When his sons were growing up, Gary was involved in the New Carlisle Little League and Scouting programs.

He was a practical man who enjoyed serving others in different ways; one will be remembered and touched by many through Gary’s own enrollment in the organ donor program, which his family so honored.

While residing in Knox, being very civic-minded, he served on various committees.

He was a Third Degree member of the Knights of Columbus Council in Knox and held a number of different offices in the organization. A member of the Knox Kiwanis Club, the Moose Lodge and the Eagle Lodge, he also was a member of the Chain of Lakes Conservation Club of Lydick, Ind.

As a resident on Myers Lake, he enjoyed fishing locally and on family trips to Wisconsin. He would rarely miss a sporting event or activity of his grandchildren whom he loved dearly.

Gary is survived by his wife, Jerri, and by their two sons and their families: G. Brian (Chantelle L.) Tobolski, Culver and their children G. Preston, Christopher J. and Bethany C. Tobolski and Andrew L. (Heidi G.) Tobolski, South Bend and their sons, A. Michael and twins, Jacob M. and Lucas H. Tobolski.
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Two brothers: Donald M. (Masako) Tobolski, Albuquerque, NM, and Alan B. (Janet) Tobolski, Salt Lake City, Utah, also survive together with a sister, Eileen T. Tobalski, Indianapolis, and several nieces and nephews.

Mildred L. Kwiecinski, his mother-in-law, of South Bend, survives as well.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation with his family will be in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2003. A Rosary will be said at 4 p.m. on Tuesday.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, January 29, 2003, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary’s of the Lake Roman Catholic Church, 124 College Ave. in Culver, where Gary was an active member. Fr. Glenn Kohrman pastor and Fr. Jeff Largent, former pastor, will concelebrate the Mass.

Memorial gifts in Gary’s memory may be made to the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ or St. Mary of the Lake Church.

Ivan Allen “Al” Treesh, 62, of 638 Windmill Drive, Plymouth, died, following a lengthy illness, in the Community Hospital of Bremen at 11:29 p.m. on Thursday, September 4, 2003. Al was a resident of Plymouth his entire life.

Born in Plymouth in the old Parkview Hospital on July 4, 1941, Al was the son of Wilson Ivan and Ruth Roberts Treesh. He graduated from Plymouth High School.

On September 16, 1959, in Argos, Ind., Ivan and Marjorie “Fern” Stockberger were married.

A truck driver for over 35 years, he drove for Petrolane Inc. and then PTI Inc.

Al loved the sport of racing and was a die-hard Cub and Chicago Bear fan. He enjoyed working on cars and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He was known as the life of the party by his friends and family.

Fern, his wife of nearly 44 years, survives his death along with their son Terry and Jackie Treesh of Etna Green; and daughter Barb and Bob Hall of Plymouth.

Other survivors are: granddaughters, Amanda Treesh and Cheyenne Hall, both of Plymouth; grandson Brandon and Megan Treesh of Plymouth and Al’s “little man,” his great-grandson, Breighton Treesh. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Four brothers, Dale and Janice Treesh of Plymouth; Wayne and Judy Treesh of Georgia; Gerald and Deb Treesh of Argos and Harold Treesh of Hamlet, also survive, together with three sisters. His sisters are: Alice and Wayne Stockberger, Argos; Doris and Paul Haseley, Argos and Brenda Treesh of Walkerton.

Al was preceded in death by his parents, and by Doris Treesh, a sister-in-law.

Friends may call to celebrate his life on Monday, September 8, 2003, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services will be held in the funeral home on Tuesday, September 9, 2003, at 2 p.m.
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The Rev. Doug Jividen, Pastor of the Plymouth Baptist Church where Al was a member, will officiate.

Burial will be in the New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Ivan’s memory may be made to the Plymouth Baptist Church or to the Marshall County Hospice.

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**Dorothy M. Trump**

Dorothy M. Trump, 15633 Redwood Road, Culver, died of natural causes in Plymouth’s Pilgrim Manor at 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday, December 23, 2003. She was 88 years old.

Born in Newton County, Indiana, Dorothy was the daughter of Frank G. and Turla McKee Henderson. She graduated from Morocco High School in 1933.

On January 5, 1952, in Plymouth’s First United Methodist Church, Dorothy and Harold Trump were married.

She was a clerical worker in Hawthorn-Melody’s office for 20 years, retiring in 1977.

An avid reader, Dorothy enjoyed working crossword puzzles, and loved to sew.

Dorothy is survived by her husband, Harold and a daughter and son-in-law, Sylvia and Milton Zimmerman, Plymouth.

A granddaughter, Valerie and William Burgdorf, Wheeling, Ill., and a grandson, Todd Patterson, Mishawaka, also survive together with three great-grandchildren and a sister, Delores Doelling of Valparaiso.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Steven Patterson, a grandson, four brothers and four sisters.

Friends may call at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, December 29, to celebrate Dorothy’s life journey.

Funeral services will be held after visitation at 1:00 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. Pastor Pat Orr will officiate.

Interment will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial gifts in Dorothy’s honor may be made to the Plymouth Wesleyan Church.

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**Helen M. Tumbleson**

Helen M. Tumbleson, 88, a lifetime resident of Plymouth, living in Pilgrim Manor for the past 2½ years, formerly in Garden Court West, has died following complications from surgery on Friday past. Her death occurred at 4:59 p.m. Monday, August 25, 2003, in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth.

She was born in West Township, the daughter of Charles E. and Anna Spindler Miller, on March 8, 1915. She graduated from Plymouth’s Lincoln High School with the class of 1933.

On Christmas Day in 1935, in Argos, Helen and Harold O. Swihart, now deceased, were married. She later married Cecil Tumbleson, in Bourbon, Ind., on October 7, 1950. Cecil died on December 26, 1964.
Always assisting others, Helen, lovingly called "Nanny," by the many children she cared for over the years, was a devoted mother of three and homemaker.

She also provided domestic services and for nearly ten years, she lived above the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home and assisted with answering the telephone, both night and day.

Helen enjoyed crafts, sewing, crocheting and working crossword puzzles in the newspaper.

A gardener, she had a special fondness for owls and butterflies and shared with others an extensive collection of Barbie Doll clothes which she made by hand.

In recent years Helen traveled to many locations often with her son Rex at her side, she especially enjoyed visiting Hawaii, Disney World on two occasions, Las Vegas, a Disney Cruise to the Bahamas on her 87th birthday and Niagara Fall this past spring. Most of her travel experiences were done while she was a resident in the nursing home and brought her much pleasure.

She had attended Pretty Lake Trinity United Methodist Church.

Helen is survived by her daughter Betty L. Alderfer-Schuman, and spouse Larry of Columbia City, Ind., and by two sons: Richard A. and Elizabeth Swihart, Rockford, Ill., and Rex L. Tumbleson, South Bend, Ind.

Two granddaughters, Terri Musto, Lakeville, Minn., and Barbara Ballinger, Warsaw, Ind., and three great-grandchildren: Gina Musto, Trevor and Jeffrey Ballinger, survive as well.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents, spouse and Gordon D. Miller, a brother.

Visitation with the family to celebrate her life of service will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, August 28, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services for Helen will follow the visitation period at 1 p.m. and will be conducted by the Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen, Ind.

Sister Lorraine Veldenz
Sister Lorraine Veldenz, P.H.J.C., 86, died at 10:25 p.m. on Monday, February 17, 2003, in the Catherine Kasper Home, Donaldson, Ind.

Born in Chicago, Ill., on May 21, 1916, Sister Lorraine was the daughter of Charles and Marie Dienes Veldenz.

She entered the convent on June 25, 1934 and professed her first vows on June 25, 1936.

Her ministry in life was as a teacher. She had earned a Masters Degree in Education.

Sister Lorraine taught in Catholic grade schools for 12 years; one year at St. Anthony school in Beckemeyer, Ill.; ten years at St. Bavo school in Mishawaka, Ind., and one year at St. Boniface school in Germantown, Ill.

She ten taught high school students for 22 years. In Chicago, she taught four years at St. Augustine and 12 years at Angel Guardian Orphanage. In Breese, Ill., Sister taught six years at Mater Dei High School.

From 1970 until 1983, Sister Lorraine taught at Ancilla College in Donaldson. In 1983, she
became the Convent Librarian until her retirement to the Catherine Kasper Home in 1995.

Sister Lorraine is survived by a sister, Carolyn Koschnitzke, Norridge, Ill., Vera Veldenz, a sister-in-law, River Forest, Ill., and by numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 4:30 until 9 p.m. on Friday, February 21, 2003, in the Catherine Kasper Home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held for Sister Lorraine on Saturday, February 22, 2003 at 11 a.m. The Reverend Father Edward Konerman, S.J., will officiate.

Brian Adam Veger

Brian Adam Veger, 18, affectionately dubbed “Hillbilly,” by his many friends, died at 1:46 a.m. on Monday morning, March 10, 2003, in a car accident in Van Wert, Ohio while enroute back to the University of Northwestern Ohio, Lima, Ohio, where he was a student.

Brian had come home from school for the birth of his baby, four-day-old Annamarie Rose Veger, his and fiancee Christina M. Smith’s daughter.

Brian was born in Plymouth on August 3, 1984, the son of Dan and Elizabeth Veger Stone.

A graduate of LaVille High School, class of 2002, he was a freshman in Auto Technician’s school in Lima, Ohio.

A member of Ducks Unlimited, he enjoyed deer hunting, fishing, and farming. He loved cars and tractor pulls.

At LaVille, he was certified in Machine Metals, Glass and Windshield Repair. He was treasurer of the Future Farmers of America while in high school.

Brian is survived by his parents, Elizabeth and Dan Stone and by Christina Smith, his fiancee and their baby daughter, Annamarie, all of Plymouth.

Two brothers, Danny C. and Josh D. Stone, both of Plymouth, survive as well as his paternal grandmother, JoAnn Fuchs, LaPaz, Ind., and maternal grandmother, Judy Veger and maternal great-grandmother, both of Plymouth.

Several aunts and uncles also survive his death.

Brian was preceded in death by his great-grandparents, John and Mary Veger, a great grandfather, Carl Emmons and two grandfathers, Joseph Veger, Sr., and Richard Stone.

Visitation with his family will be from 3 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2003, in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth.

Funeral services, officiated by the Rev. Charles Krieg, pastor of the Salem United Methodist Church, Bremen, will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2003.

Burial will be in Fair Cemetery, North Liberty, Indiana

In memory of Brian, a trust for his baby daughter, Annamarie, has been established.

Robert L. Verhaeghe

Former Marshall County resident, 23-year-old Robert L. Verhaeghe, living at 914 Golf View, South Bend, Ind., for the past three years, died as the result of an automobile accident on
On June 14, 1980, in Bremen, Robert was born the son of Richard W. and Trudy L. Corl Verhaeghe.

Active in the F.F.A., he graduated from John Glenn High School with the class of 1998.

Robert was active in farming with his father, Rich. Yet, with an entrepreneurial spirit, Robert soon planned to launch his own business to showcase his creative ideas in fiberglass, a material his family has pioneered. His love of construction and artistic ability sparked his vision to provide improved yet affordable building components and materials for the home.

He loved to fish, camping at “the Pit,” and watching various sports particularly baseball at the Cove.

Raised in the Catholic faith, he was also recognized by the Shiloh Wesleyan Church family.

Robert is survived by his mother and step-father, Trudy and Dave Pittman, Plymouth; by his father, Rich Verhaeghe, Tyner, and by two sisters and five brothers. They are; Jill and Randy Wagoner, Plymouth, Allison and Jamie Brokaw, Abilene, Texas, who are both serving in the United States Air Force, brothers; Uriah and Preston Pittman, both of Plymouth, Jerimiah Pittman, South Bend, Ind., Neil Pittman, Plymouth and Clay Pittman, Muncie, Ind.

Robert's maternal grandparents, Don and Marcia Corl, Syracuse, Ind., and his paternal grandparents, Henry and Bertha Verhaeghe, Bremen, Ind., survive along with a nephew, Logan Pittman, Plymouth, five uncles, three aunts and 16 cousins.

Visitation with the family will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2003, in the Shiloh Wesleyan Church, 10532 4 B Road, Plymouth, from noon to 2 p.m.

Funeral services for Robert will follow visitation at 2 p.m. in the church. The Rev. John Perkinson, pastor of the Shiloh Church, will officiate, assisted by family member Rev. Jim Mishler.

Orval C. Wagoner, 83, of 11777 Lincolnway East, Plymouth, died in the Ironwood Health and Rehabilitation Center, South Bend, at 6:20 a.m. on Sunday morning, October 12, 2003.

Orval, a Plymouth resident since 1926, was born on April 13, 1920, in Irricana Alberta, Canada, to Irvin David and Elsie May Milburn Wagoner.

He was first married to Virginia L. Pelkey, in Plymouth, on April 11, 1941. Virginia died on March 3, 1997. Orval and Edna Mae Keyser Keltz were married in Plymouth on November 29, 1999.

Orval served in the U.S. Army with the 31st Infantry Division in New Guinea; Philippine Islands repairing radiators on Army tanks during W.W.II. He worked at McCords in Plymouth before the war, and after he was discharged from the Army in 1946, Orval founded Plymouth Radiator Repair, moving to the present location in 1950. Orval retired in 1985, when his daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Dennis Filson took over the business.

Orval loved to talk about his Army experiences. When he was younger, he enjoyed playing baseball, and was an avid bowler. For 20 years, he spent the winters in Florida.

He was a member of the Tucker Automobile Association.
Orval is survived by Edna Mae and by his daughter and son-in-law, Linda K. and Dennis Filson of Plymouth.

Five grandchildren also survive. They are: granddaughters Julie Graves of Orlando, Fla.; Tara and Brad Thornton of Bremen, Ind., and Lana and Josh McCoy of Etna Green, Ind. His grandsons are Matthew Graves of Seattle, Wash., and Shawn and Kelly Filson of Plymouth.

Orval was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, Virginia, and a daughter, Vickie Sue Graves who died on May 31, 1973. Three brothers, Galen, Wilbur and Ernest and a sister, Dorothy Rottmiller, have also died.

Friends will be welcomed by the family at the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2003, from 3 to 7 p.m.

Funeral services for Orval will be held in the funeral home at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 16, 2003, with Pastor Lyle A. Breeding of the Plymouth Wesleyan Church, of which Orval was a member, officiating.

Interment will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth, where Military Honor’s will be provided by Plymouth V.F.W. Post 1162.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Behavior Medicine Unit of St. Anthony’s Hospital, Michigan City, Ind.

Cynthia Sue “Cindy” (Dickson) Warner, 55, a lifetime Marshall County resident, living at 1104 N. Walnut St., died of natural causes at 4:30 a.m. Saturday, May 10, 2003 in Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend.

Cindy was born in Plymouth on Feb. 3, 1948, to Henry R. and Naomi Compton Dickson. She had attended Triton High School.

She had worked as a C.N.A. at Pilgrim Manor in Plymouth for over thirty years.

An avid reader, Cindy especially enjoyed reading Westerns. She had a large collection of all types of mice trinkets. She enjoyed spending time with her family, and family gatherings.

Cindy is survived by three sons: Jason Hannah, Robert Warner, and Jared Warner, all of Plymouth. Four brothers: Bill (Hannah) Dickson of Show-Low, AZ, Guy (Irene) Dickson of Superior, AZ, Richard Dickson of Argos, IN, and Michael (Pam) Dickson of Claypool, IN, also survive, as well as three sisters: Geneva Graham of Brownstown, IN, Marjorie Williams of Glendale, AZ, and Helen (Jack) Johnson of Plymouth, IN, and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation with the family will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2003 at the Johnson - Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, IN.

Funeral services conducted by the Rev. Michael Dixon, pastor of the Inwood United Methodist Church, where Cindy attended, will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2003 at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home.

Interment will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bourbon, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ronald McDonald House.
Friday, September 05, 2003

Eugene LeRoy Wooldridge
Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home

A resident of the Plymouth area most of his lifetime, Eugene LeRoy Wooldridge, 70, formerly of 1537 Kenwood Ave., died at 8:30 a.m., following an extended illness, on Saturday, July 12, 2003, in Our Lady of Holy Cross Care Center, San Pierre, Ind., where he had lived for the past two years.

Born in Culver, Ind., on January 7, 1933, Gene was the son of Donald Amos and Hattie Mae White Wooldridge. He attended Culver schools and Argos High School.

On June 7, 1959, in the Plymouth Wesleyan Church, Gene and Barbara Harriett Snyder were married.

He worked for McCord Corp. for 23 years, was co-owner of Barbara's Drapery Shop for 25 years and was employed by the Culver Tool and Engineering Co. for five years. He retired in 1998.

An avid golfer, Gene played in several men’s leagues. He was a sports enthusiast, particularly of the Cubs and Bears. Interested in civic government, he faithfully followed political debates.

Gene is survived by his wife, Barbara, and by three nephews and a niece. They are David Cooley, Donna and Harold McCalla, both of Fulton County; Don and Maria Cooley, Jr., Calif., and James Upp III of Marshall County. Several great-nieces and great-nephews survive as well.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by Linda Kay Upp, a sister.

Visitation will be held in the Johnson-Danielson Funeral Home, 1100 N. Michigan St., Plymouth, from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15, 2003, and for one hour prior to services in the church.

Funeral services for Gene will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, July 16, 2003, in Sunrise Chapel, 11802 Lincoln Highway East, Plymouth, where he was a member. The Rev. Rustin Krapfl, pastor, will officiate.

Burial will be in New Oakhill Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorials in Gene's memory may be made to the Church Building Fund.

Ward A. Yoder
Johnson & Danielson Funeral Home

Ward A. Yoder, 85, died of natural causes at 1:02 p.m. at his residence, 225 Orchid Ct., Plymouth, on Wednesday, November 5, 2003. Ward had returned to Plymouth three years ago after having lived in Florida for approximately ten years.

He was born on October 22, 1918, in Nappanee, Ind., the son of Jesse and Mary Myers Yoder.

A 1936 graduate of Plymouth’s Lincoln High School, he attended Franklin College.

He served his country in World War II as a member of the United States Navy.

On June 3, 1939, in Plymouth, Ward and Wanda Reynolds were married. Wanda died on March 8, 1996, a few months before their 57th anniversary.

Ward worked for many years for Schlosser Brothers-Hawthorn Melody in Plymouth. He then worked in the Elkhart area in the mobile home business retiring in 1991 and moving to Florida.
He was an avid golfer and enjoyed reading. He was interested in politics and public affairs.

Ward’s most enjoyable past-time was being with his family.

He is survived by two daughters and their husbands: Linda and Max Schuh, Plymouth, and Sara and James Petersen, Franklin, Ind.

Also surviving are seven grandchildren: Doug Schuh of Shawnee, Kan.; Scott and Stephanie Schuh, Brad Schuh and Rodd Schuh, all of Plymouth; Matthew and Angela Petersen of Greenwood, Ind.; and Pamela and Brian Dillow and Erin and David Tilley, all of Franklin, Ind., along with seven great-grandchildren.

Ward was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, a sister, Mary Jane Emond and two brothers: Maynard and Newell W. Yoder.

Family services for Ward will be held. The Rev. William Kaster, pastor of the Trinity United Methodist Church, of which Ward was a member, will officiate.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Marshall County Hospice.