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LOIS SECHREST-WILLIAMS 1924-2012

PORTLAND, Texas – Lois B. Sechrest Williams, age 88, long time resident of Portland, Texas, took flight with her new wings on Friday, Nov. 30, to be with our Lord and Savior. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

She was born on March 1, 1924, in Antwerp and moved to Texas after graduating from St. Vincent Hospital School of Nursing, in Toledo. Shortly thereafter, she married the love of her life, Clifford E. Sechrest. She was a woman small in stature, but had a heart as big as the State of Texas. She had more energy than the “Energizer Bunny” and cared more for others than she did for herself. She retired from the nursing profession after 40+years, where she touched the lives and hearts of many. After retirement, she still gave herself by volunteering with Hospice. She had a smile that could light up any room and was loved by all who met her.

She is survived by daughters Elizabeth Anne “Becky” (David) Rasmussen of Trenton, Ill. and Mary Kathryn (Paul) Myers of Portland, Texas; her grandchildren, Christian D. (Amanda) Rasmussen of Panama City, Fla., Brian T. Rasmussen of Trenton, Ill., and Lacy Katelyn (Ron) Byles of Natchitoches, La.; great-grandchildren, Cameron M. Rasmussen, Addison Byles, Madeleine Byles; two sisters, Martha (Bill) Johnson of Antwerp and Roseanne (Dr. Henry W. “Bill”) Clever Jr. of St. Charles, Mo.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Clifford E. Sechrest; second husband, Fred C. “Squatty” Williams; her parents, Mandus L. and Gertrude M. Reeb; her brother, Russell A. Reeb; and a sister, Sarah J. Pausky.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Maxwell P. Dunne Funeral Service Inc., Corpus Christi, Texas, is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Lighthouse Hospice of Corpus Christi, or a charity of the donor's choice.

To offer condolences, visit www.maxwelldunne.com.

MAXINE CLUTS 1921-2012

PAYNE – Neva Maxine Cluts, 91, of Paulding, died Nov. 22, at The Gardens of Paulding.

She was born Oct. 11, 1921, in Payne, the daughter of Joseph M. and Portia G. (Jackson) Adamski. In 1943, she married Roy Cluts, who preceded her in death in 2006, following 63 years of marriage. She was a member of the St. Jacobs United Church of Christ in Payne, where she had held offices of secretary and treasurer. She and her husband owned Cluts Oliver Sales and Service dealership in Paulding. She later was employed by Cassel's Jewelry and Ducat's Store. She was a member of the Payne American Legion Auxiliary where she held the office of secretary. She was a past secretary and president of the Paulding County Business and Professional Women and was the secretary of the Payne High School Alumni Association for almost 50 years. Many will remember her as an avid cookie cutter collector and a volunteer at Paulding Elementary.

She is survived by a daughter, Pamela (Stephen) Young, and a granddaughter, Stephanie Young, both of Bowling Green; and a brother, Anthony (Gladys) Adamski of Payne.

Services will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, at St. Jacobs United Church of Christ in Payne. Den Herder Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Visitation will be from 8-9 a.m. prior to services.

ROSE DAVIDSON 1944-2012

ANTWERP – Rose Marie Davidson, 68, of Antwerp, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 28.

She was born Aug. 18, 1944, in Paulding, the daughter of Richard and Ila (Aten) LaFountain. On Nov. 19, 1989, she married Ronald Davidson, who survives. She was a greeter at Meijer, Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are seven siblings, Joe (Jan), John (Sue), Tom (Rose), Jean (Sherry) and Mark (Elia) LaFountain, Laurel Mink and Carol (Joe) Coffey.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Christine.

Visitation is from 2-6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30 at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp.

Preferred memorials are to Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com.

FREDDIE “DICK” FOGLE 1932-2012

FAIRHOPE, Ala. – F. Richard Fogle, 80, went home to his Heavenly Father on Nov. 1 following an extended illness.

He was born April 23, 1932 in Payne, the son of Freddie Raymond and Cecelia Samantha (Speice) Fogle. He was a graduate of Payne High School and attended Marietta College. He was active in the First United Methodist Church of Pelham where he taught Sunday School Adult Class for several years. He was a member of the Butler, Ind. Masonic Lodge. After high school, Dick enlisted in U.S. Air Force and honorably served a four-year enlistment. He then joined Ingalls Ironworks where he was manager of heavy construction for 15 years, then was employed at Essex Crane Rental Corporation for 10 years. He then was self-employed as owner of Fogle Enterprises for 10 years and owner of KOA RV Park for 14 years before retiring.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Anna Carol Howard Fogle; sons Mike (Scarlett) of Saginaw, Ala., Edwin (Yonna) of Fair Hope, Ala. and Mark; a daughter, Tammy Fogle of Pelham, Ala.; a sister Darlene (Gene) Eisenmann of Temperance, Mich.; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Edwin.

A memorial service was held Nov. 11 at Southern Heritage Funeral Home.

JAMES KONOPKA 1956-2012

PAULDING – James Michael Konopka, age 56, died Friday, Nov. 23 at the Defiance Regional Medical Center, Defiance,.

He was born Aug. 1, 1956 in Paulding, the son of Michael P. and Emma Elizabeth (Russell) Konopka. On June 11, 1997, he married Loraine M. Emens, who survives.

He is also survived by five brothers, Robert (Deb) Konopka of Bluffton, Thomas Konopka of Monroe, Mich., William Konopka of Belleville, Mich., Ralph (Sue) Konopka of Wayne, Mich., and Richard (Joyce) Konopka, Flemingsburg, Ky.; three sisters, Kathryn Dorsett of Colmesneil, Texas, Martha (H. Greg) Evans of Fairfield, Calif., and Barbara Konopka, Paulding; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Dorothy M. Konopka.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will be at a later date.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services.

Memorial donations may be made to American Diabetes Society or a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com.

PHYLLIS FEASBY 1942-2012

PAYNE – Phyllis Mae Feasby, age 70, died Thursday, Nov. 22 at the Van Wert Inpatient Hospice, Van Wert.

She was born June 15, 1942, the daughter of Russell and Viva Mae (Sommers) Fry. On Aug. 5, 1961, she married Wayne E. Feasby, who survives. She was employed as secretary/treasurer bookkeeper for Feasby Farms Inc. and a member of the Payne Church of the Nazarene, a member of the church board, Missionary president, Sunday School teacher and a member of the church choir. She was a member of Paulding County Republican Party, Paulding County Farm Bureau, Gideon Auxiliary, McGill Trio and Marion College Soccer Team, Marion, Ind. She enjoyed horse breeding, flower gardening, bird watching, singing, her dog, and her horse. She enjoyed sewing and watching children and grandchildren show horses and play basketball.

Also surviving are a son, Rex (Laurie) Feasby, and a daughter, Joan Hughes, both of Payne; five granddaughters, Bethany, Kelsey and Katelyn Hughes and Sarah and Brenda Feasby; and a sister, Dorothy (Al) Gibson, Florida.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and two sisters, Elouise Link and Doris McMillan.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28 at Payne Church of the Nazarene, Payne, with Pastor Mike Harper officiating. Burial will follow in Lehman Cemetery, Payne.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and at the church one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

Memorial donations may be made to Payne Church of the Nazarene or Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com.

WILHELM FIEDLER 1926-2012

TOLEDO – Wilhelm A. “Willi” Fiedler, age 86, of Toledo, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 21, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on Jan. 22, 1926 in Sapron, Hungary, the son of Michael and Luise (Pfandler) Fiedler. Willi immigrated to the United States in 1952 and settled in Toledo in 1954.

He was a mason contractor and owned his own business for 45 years in Toledo, F & L Mason Contractors. Willi was a member of the Home Builders Assoc., GAF Retirees, GBU Schuetzenverien at the Oakshade and the Local 1 Bricklayers Union (50 year member). A large portion of his life and his family’s life was devoted to the GBU (Greater Beneficial Union). Since settling in Toledo in 1954, Willi and his family were members of the GBU, where he was the president of District #510 - Toledo for 35 years.

Left to cherish his memory are his loving wife of 65 years, Ursula M. (Muschik) Fiedler; children, Gisela (Steven) Mohr, Irmgard (Richard) Green, Christine (Terry) Blackman and Michael (Vickie) Fiedler; grandchildren, Nicole (Dave), Natalie (Derek), Krista (Billy), Julie (Shaun), Kyle, Brooke, Shelly (Richard), Erin (Matt), Michael and Sydney; 10 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Ferdinand (Elfriede) Fiedler.

He was preceded in death by three brothers.

The family will receive guests from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 at Newcomer Funeral Home, Toledo. Funeral Services will begin at 1 p.m. Interment will follow in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Northwest Ohio.

To leave a special message for the Fiedler Family please visit www.NewcomerToledo.com.

HEAVEN SMITH 2012

PAULDING – Heaven Lee Smith was stillborn on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2012.

She will be missed by her parents, Jack and Chelsea (Clellan) Smith; her brother, Jeremiah Smith, sister, Halcyon Smith; and grandparents, John and Tammy (Fidler) Clellan and Jack Sr. and Sharon (Ruder) Smith.

Private family burial was conducted Saturday, Nov. 24 in Rochester Cemetery. Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, handled arrangements

Donations in Heaven's memory may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

MARIETTA HARPER 1930-2012

PAULDING – Marietta Louise Harper, age 82, was called home to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, Nov. 21 at The Gardens of Paulding.

She was born Aug. 4, 1930 in Payne, the daughter of Paul and Bertha (Mabis) Zielke. She was baptized on Sept. 3, 1930 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Briceton, and was a lifelong member. On March 19, 1952, she married Frank A. Harper, who survives. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed crocheting and spending time with her family.

Also surviving are three daughters, Carol (Russ) Flint, Brenda Rikkenbach and Patti (Brian) Stoller, all of Paulding; one son, Ron (Judy) of Springboro; seven grandchildren, Bruce (Karen) Flint of Narragansett, R.I., Jennifer Higgenbotham of Fort Wayne, Kaleigh (Ryan) Mapes and Anthony Stoller, both of Paulding, and Brian, Troy and Morgan Harper of Springboro; two great-grandchildren, Krystal and Auron Flint, Narragansett, R.I.; and a brother, Wayne Zielke, Antwerp.

Preceding her in death were four brothers, Alvin, Carl, Ray and Paul Zielke; and two sisters, Clara (Dye) and Ruth.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 29 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Briceton. Burial will follow in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to services on Thursday.

Memorial donations may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church or The Gardens of Paulding Activity Fund.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com.

JUNE TAYLOR 1930-2012

PAULDING – June L. Sutton Taylor, age 82, died Tuesday, Nov. 20 at Paulding County Hospital.

She was born June 22, 1930 in Paulding County, the daughter of Floyd and Emma (Gary) Sutton. She married George Eddie Freeman, who preceded her in death on April 16, 1970. On Oct. 14, 1972, she married Virgil Taylor, who preceded her in death on Feb. 1, 2005. She was a member of First Christian Church, Paulding.

She is survived by her sons, Richard (Susan) Moore of Payne, Mitchel Moore of Los Angeles, Dennis (Faith) Moore of Noblesville, Ind., Chet (Pam) Moore and Lynn (Karen) Moore, both of Paulding, and Glenn (Amber) Neal of Peoria, Ill.; stepchildren, Randall (Patty) Taylor of Bolivar, Ohio, and Jeanne (Brent) Kinkle of Van Wert; 19 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a brother, Vincent Sutton, and a sister, Rose Marie Haney.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27 at First Christian Church, Paulding. Burial will follow in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 26 at Den Herder Funeral Home, and at the church one hour prior to services on Tuesday.

Memorial donations may be made to First Christian Church.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com.

AMOS “BILL” FRY 1931-2012

FORT WAYNE – Amos W. “Bill” Fry, age 81, died Monday, Nov. 19.

He was born May 7, 1931 in Fort Wayne, the son of Richard W. and Beatrice (Ross) Fry. On Feb. 23, 1957, he married Wilma C. Strabele, who survives. He was employed by Kemper Insurance for eight years and retired in 1993 from Ohio Casualty Insurance after 28 years. He was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church of Fort Wayne and Adjusters Association.

Also surviving are four sons, Richard (Cindy) of Liberty Township, Ohio, Michael (Susan) of Seattle, and Eric and Kevin (Angie), both of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Elizabeth (Stephen) Charles and Kendall (Tom) Clark, both of Fort Wayne; and seven grandchildren, Mallory and Steven Fry, Matthew Fry, Jessica and Brittney Clark and Kyle and Emma Charles.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 26 at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Paulding. Burial will follow in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be from 4:30-7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25 with a wake service at 7 p.m. at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations may be made to Masses, Parkview Hospice, or St. Mary's Soup Kitchen.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com.

BERNARD FLINT 1924-2012

PAULDING – Bernard Ray Flint, age 87, died Monday, Nov. 19 at CHP Hospice, Defiance.

He was born Dec. 29, 1924 in Paulding County, the son of Jesse and Essa (Doster) Flint. On Aug. 19, 1950, he married Jane Ann Deisler, who preceded him in death on Nov. 30, 1995. He was previously employed by Integrity Motors, Winkle's, Grizzly and Stokely's. He was a member of St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church of Paulding.

He is survived by four sons, Mike of Mineral Wells, Texas, Gary (Donna) Flint of Dumas, Texas, Randy Flint of Defiance and Troy Flint, Payne; 10 grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; and six great-grandchildren with one on the way.

He also was preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon Nelson; a granddaughter, Kimberly Annette Nelson; and three brothers, Leo, Donald and Justus Flint.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24 at St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Paulding. Burial will follow in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and at the church one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church or CHP Hospice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com.

CARLA YOH 1939-2012

PAULDING – Carla V. Yoh, age 72, died Monday, Nov. 19 at The Gardens of Paulding.

She was born Dec. 9, 1939 in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, the daughter of Jephtha D. and Mildred L. (Holmes) Fitzgerald. In 1990, she married George W. Yoh, who preceded her in death on Aug. 17, 1998. She was employed as a data administrator.

She is survived by a son, Rick Miller, Paulding; two daughters, Wanda M. Ziegler, Paulding, and Kathleen K. Pace, Orlando, Fla.; a sister JaDee (Rick) DeGood, Paulding; six grandchildren, Sara Miller, Paul Miller, Aaron Pace, Jamie Lammers, Lindsey Lassiter, Hannah Tunis; and six great-grandchildren, Riley, Austin and Conner Pace, Taylor Kochenour, Greg Lammers and Olivia Critz.

She also was preceded in death by her first husband, Calvin Miller.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 24 at Den Herder Funeral Home,

Paulding. Burial will follow in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be from 4:30-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23 and one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or Paulding United Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com.

ROBERT SMITH 1922-2012

CONVOY – Robert L. Smith, 89, of Convoy, died at 9:45 a.m. Monday, Nov. 19 at Van Wert County Hospital.

He was born Dec. 19, 1922, in Union Township, Van Wert County, the son of Homer and Iva Ruth (Greenawalt) Smith. On March 23, 1947, he married Caroline “Connie” Myers, who survives. He farmed for more than 40 years and retired in 1981 from International Harvester (Navistar) after 35 years of service. He was a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Convoy. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II, and was a life member of American Legion Post 208 in Convoy. He was a member of Van Wert County Farm Bureau, a former Union Township trustee, a former board member of Convoy-Union School, and was a church council member for 15 years.

Also surviving are two daughters, Martha Smith of Columbus and Marilyn Smith of Greensboro, N.C.; two brothers, Dean (Pat) Smith of Convoy and Dale Smith of Van Wert; a granddaughter, Rebecca (Troy) Gray; and one daughter-in-law, Debra Smith.

He was preceded in death by a son, Larry Smith; four brothers, Fred, Kenneth, Richard and Donald Smith; and a grandson, Gregory Smith.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Convoy, with the Rev. Rita Bair officiating. Burial will be in IOOF Cemetery in Convoy, with graveside military rites performed by American Legion Post 208.

Visitation is from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23 at Gearhart-Jurczyk Funeral Home in Convoy and at the church one hour prior to services Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Messages of condolence may be left at www.alspachgearhart.com.

LLOYD FURMAN JR. 1942-2012

SPARTA, Tenn. – Former Paulding County resident Lloyd Warren Furman Jr., age 70, of Sparta, passed away Sunday, Nov. 18 at Cookeville Regional Medical Center.

He was born May 31, 1942 in Dover, N.J., the son of the late Lloyd and Delta (Onick) Furman. He was a member of the Sparta First Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley; three daughters, Christine Furman (Bill), Carolyn Moore and Suzanna (Robin) Adams; three brothers, Bob (Judy) Furman, Bud Furman and Fred (Debbie) Furman; two sisters, Lora (Bob) Pavlik and Margaret (Tom) Doyle; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, as well as many friends and neighbors.

He also was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Alicia Rose.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 23 at Sparta First Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Randy Marshall officiating. Burial will follow in Plainview Cemetery in the Cassville community of White County. Oak Lawn Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Visitation is from 9-11 a.m. Friday at the church.

To sign the online guestbook and send a message to the family, visit www.oaklawnmemorial.com.

FRANK RIKE 1924-2012

PAULDING – Ernest Franklin “Frank” Rike, age 88, died Sunday, Nov. 18 at his residence.

He was born Feb. 22, 1924 in Hamler, the son of Harley R. and Ida L. (Aderman) Rike. On May 26, 1949, he married Leona Rae Harrison, who survives. He was employed by Paulding Co. Dept. of Soil and Water Conservation, retiring in 2003, and previously was owner-operator of Rike Equipment in Dafer, Mich. He was a U.S. Army Air Force veteran, serving during WWII,

and was a member of Paulding United Methodist Church and Gideon's International.

Also surviving are a daughter Laura (Kurt) Laplander of Clairmont, Minn.; two sons, Eric (Susan) Rike of Lowell, Mich. and Mick (Dawn) Rike of Castle Rock, Colo.; a sister, Betty Bishop, Hamler; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Dawn Marie Rike; a brother, Raymond "Pete" Rike; and a sister, Norma Rader.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will be at a later date.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until time of services on Friday.

Memorial donations may be made to Paulding United Methodist Church, Gideon's International or Community Health Professionals Hospice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com.

LARRY MILLER 1940-2012

Larry S. Miller, 71, died Friday, Nov. 16, at the Van Wert Inpatient Hospice Center.

He was born Nov. 26, 1940 in Delphos, the son of Merle and Martha (Weaver) Miller Sr., who both preceded him in death. On April 30, 1966, he married Charline A. Bruns, who survives. He retired from Johns Manville, Defiance, in 2004. He was a U.S. Navy veteran; a member of Fraternal Order of Eagles #2405, Paulding and Trap Shooter Association. He was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying fishing, hunting and trapping.

Also surviving is a daughter, Melissa (Dewey) Lusk, and a son, Jody Miller, both of Paulding; his sisters, Marie (Harold) Thomas of Van Wert, Sammy Davis of Evansport, Shelva Browning of Wisconsin, Peggy (Mike) McClain of Bryan, Marcia (Don) Cisco of Kentucky, and Vera (Andy) Yorklin of Missouri; a brother, Bobby Davis of Tennessee; four grandchildren, Michael Barnes, Tara Lane, Katrina Lusk and Tasha Cardoza; four adopted grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by a brother, Merle Miller Jr., and a sister, Judy Davis.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Visitation is from 11 a.m. until time of services.

Memorial donations may be made to Paulding Area Visiting Nurses and Hospice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com.

EARLENE MUNDY 1937-2012

Earlene Mundy, 75, of Paulding, passed away Friday, Nov. 16, at Brookview Healthcare Center in Defiance.

She was born Feb. 4, 1937, in Floyd County, Ky., the daughter of John and Aulda (Wiremen) Shepherd, who preceded her in death. On July 23, 1971, she married Thomas Mundy, who survives. She was a member of Continental Missionary Baptist Church.

She is also survived by a daughter, Linda (Allen) Hook Jr.; two sons, Lonnie (Christina) and Mark (Melanie) Smith, all of Antwerp; nine siblings, Mentha Prater, Owen "Jack", Quillen and Roger Shepherd, all of David, Ky., Edgar Shepherd of Martin, Ky., Adgie Hall of Peru, Ind., Jerlene Prater of Salyersville, Ky., Ruby Bradley of Silver Lake, Ind. and Elma Kaye Caudill of Hagerhill, Ky.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were her brothers, Olen and Elzie Joe Shepherd.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21 at Dooley Funeral Home in Antwerp. Burial will be in the St. Paul Cemetery.

Visitation will be held two hours prior to services.

Memorials may be directed to the family or Community Health Professionals.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com.

DARROLD SCOTT 1942-2012

Darrold Lee Scott Sr., 70, passed away on Friday, Nov. 16, in his residence, following a long

battle with cancer.

He was born March 27, 1942, the son of John and Pauline (Ranes) Scott of Continental, who both preceded him in death. On March 28, 1998, he married Leota Mae Lehman, who survives. He retired from General Motors in Defiance. He served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and UAW #211. He loved being outside, loved outdoor sports and gardening. He was truly loved by all and will be greatly missed. His family hit the lottery. He was one in a million.

Also surviving are five children, Brian L. Scott, Paula M. Scott, Darrold (Debra) Scott Jr., Amy (Lawrence) Goings, and Charlene (Terry) Pastor; his stepchildren, Pattie Rangel, Barb Silliman, Kevin Huelsmeyer and David Huelsmeyer; three brothers, Fred (Joann) Scott, Thomas (Sandy) Scott and Frank (Sharon) Scott; a sister, Flossie (Rhett) Chapman; 37 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Charles Scott; eight sisters, Mary Axon, Ellen Shaw, Ester Grubb, Maggie Carpenter, Martha Syndrom, Florence Collins, Violet Rupert and Mina Mae Scott; and a grandson, Dustin C. Scott.

Funeral services will be conducted at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with the Rev. Terry Porter officiating. Military burial rites will be conducted by Paulding VFW Post #587.

Visitation will be from 4-5 p.m. prior to services.

Donations may be made to Paulding Co Home Health Care/Hospice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com.

DORIS LONG 1928-2012

CELINA – Doris M. Long, 84, of Celina, died Saturday, Nov. 10, at the Parkview Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

She was born March 15, 1928, in Broughton, the daughter of John F. and Elsie (Ford) Howe. On May 22, 1948, she married Noah Gene Long, who preceded her in death on Dec. 10, 2006. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are two sons, Gary (Kathy) of Columbus and Mark (Lynn) Long of Ashburn, Va.; a daughter, Jane (Tom) Gross of Coldwater, Ohio; a brother, John (Irene) Howe of Lone, Wash.; a brother-in-law, Russell Long of Paulding; and seven grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, David Long.

Services will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 13, with hours of visitation from 1-2 p.m., at Cisco Funeral Home in Celina, with the Rev. Robert Ellis officiating. Burial will be in the Mercer Memory Gardens.

Memorials may be directed to the Samaritan's Purse or to TV Channel 44.

Condolences may be sent to www.ciscofuneralhome.com.

JOE MELCHOR 1930-2012

PAULDING – Joe Melchor, age 82, died Thursday, Nov. 8 at Paulding County Hospital.

He was born Aug. 3, 1930, in Waelder, Texas, the son of Isabel and Concepcion (Hernandez) Melchor. On June 2, 1956, he married Josephine Galindo, who preceded him in death on Aug. 20, 2005. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Korean War, and was employed by GM Powertrain, Defiance, retiring in 1993. He was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding.

He is survived by a son, Thomas P. (Jane) Melchor, Leo, Ind.; a daughter, Susan M. (Mickey) Glanemann, Paulding; six sisters, Polly Vargas of Katy, Texas, Narcy Delgado and Mary Guterrez, both of Defiance, Louisa Lopez of Gonzalez, Texas, and Margaret Melchor and Martha Melchor, both of Houston; four brothers, Alonzo Melchor of Houston and Lacho, Oscar and Sam Melchor, all of Waelder, Texas; and three grandchildren, Mark and Amy Glanemann and Drew Conley.

He also was preceded in death by two brothers, Isabel and Henry Melchor.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, with the Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial will follow in Paulding Memorial Cemetery, Paulding, with military graveside rites conducted by Paulding VFW Post 587.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and at the church one hour prior to services on Tuesday.

Memorial donations may be made to Masses or Paulding County Hospital Home Health Care.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com.

BETTY MYERS 1944-2012

VAN WERT – Betty Jean Myers, 68, of Van Wert, died at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born Jan. 7, 1944, in Van Wert, the daughter of the late Donald and Donna (Grant) Myers. She was a teacher at Wayne Trace High School, where she also coached basketball with a record of 250 wins. She was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and a past member of the Van Wert County Harness Horsemen's Association.

Survivors include two sisters, Jane (Doyle) Harris and Nancy Dixon, both of Van Wert; eight nieces and nephews, Lori (Carl) Clouse of Ohio City, Donna (Larry) Clouse, Jim (Melanie Vandy) Myers, Paul (Helen) Dixon, Sara (Phil) Lape, Tony Dixon, Amy Rosbaugh and Nikki (Greg McCray) Harris, all of Van Wert; and several great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, at Brickner Funeral Home, Van Wert, with the Rev. Philip Zielinski officiating. Burial will be in Ridge Cemetery in Middle Point.

The family will receive friends from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13 at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Wayne Trace Educational Opportunities Fund, which was created by Betty to help students at Wayne Trace School go on field trips or to assist needy students with expenses beyond the classroom.

Condolences may be left at www.bricknerfuneralhome.com.

RHODA ROGERS 1917-2012

CONVOY – Rhoda Rogers, 95, died at 6:35 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10 at Vancrest of Convoy.

She was born July 26, 1917, in Broadlands, Ill., the daughter of Melvin and Lula (Douthit) Dunn. On June 28, 1935, she married Otto Rogers, who preceded her in death on June 12, 1994. Rhoda, a native of Convoy, lived for a number of years in Arcadia, Fla. with her husband, followed by eight years in North Carolina with her daughter, Cheryl, before returning to Convoy in May 2011. At Vancrest, she was an avid bingo player, and enjoyed working jigsaw puzzles. She was a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Convoy.

Survivors include two sons, Larry Rogers of North Carolina and Kent (Diana) Rogers of Findlay; three daughters, Janet (James) Moorman of Convoy, Cheryl (Tom) Adams of North Carolina and Brenda Parlette of Spencerville; 17 grandchildren; and a number of great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Bobby; a grandson, Tim; a sister, Rose Marie Fleming; and three brothers, Francis, John and Ralph Dunn.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home & Crematory, Van Wert, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church or Vancrest of Convoy.

Condolences may be expressed at www.alspachgearhart.com.

JENNIFER BALDWIN HILL 1973-2012

ODESSA, Texas – Jennifer A. Hill, 38, of Odessa, Texas, and formerly of Oakwood, died at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5 at Medical Center Hospital, Odessa.

She was born Nov. 12, 1973, in Defiance, the daughter of Robert and Jacquelyn (Geddings) Baldwin. On April 9, 2005, she married Kenneth Hill, who survives. She was a homemaker and a graduate of Paulding High School and Defiance College. She loved all animals and enjoyed spending time with her family. Jennifer shared the gift of life through organ and tissue donation.

Also surviving are her parents, of Oakwood; three brothers, Steven (Karen) Baldwin of Louisville, Ky., Bradley (Sherry) Baldwin of Defiance and Anthony (Lisa) Baldwin of Ottawa Lake, Mich.; grandparents, Tom and Helen Geddings of Delphos; and 19 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Delaine and Arlene Baldwin.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17 at St. John The Baptist Catholic Church, Continental, with Father Herman Scherger officiating. Burial will follow in St. Barbara's Cemetery, Cloverdale.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 16 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood, and at the church one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Condolences may be expressed at www.heimeyerfuneralhome.com.

BETTY DONALDSON 1941-2012

OAKWOOD – Betty Mae Donaldson, 71, of rural Oakwood, passed away Thursday, Nov. 8 in her home.

She was born June 1, 1941, in “Almost Heaven” Weston, W.Va., the daughter of Thomas and Anna Fay (Campbell) Pumphrey. On Dec. 10, 1956, she married Dorsey “Shorty” Donaldson, who preceded her in death on Nov. 20, 2003. She was an active member of the Church of the Brethren, Defiance, and on the witness committee. She was a former member of the Centenary Church of Oakwood where she helped with Vacation Bible School. Betty enjoyed canning anything she could get her hands on and was a St. Louis Cardinals fan.

She is survived by a daughter, Barbara (Rick) DeSota of Continental; a sister, Oleta Hasselschwert of Defiance; three brothers, Roger Pumphrey of Wooster, Bud Pumphrey of Massillon and Frank Pumphrey of Clarksburg, W.Va.; three grandchildren, Daniel (Misty) DeSota, Rich (Heidi) DeSota and Ron DeSota, all of Defiance; three great-grandchildren; and a special nephew and niece, Tom and Lynn Hitt.

She also was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters and two brothers.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12 at Lawson-Roessner Funeral Home, Defiance, with the Rev. Gene Yenser officiating. Burial will be in Monroe Cemetery, Continental.

Visitation is from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Suggested memorials are to the family or the Church of the Brethren.

Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.defiancefuneralhome.com.

DALE BOWERS 1935-2012

ANTWERP – Dale Bowers, 77, of Antwerp, passed away Sunday, Nov. 11 at his residence.

He was born Sept. 28, 1935 in Defiance, the son of Joseph and Mildred (Rittenhouse) Bowers. On March 24, 1956, he married Jane Houck, who survives. He worked at BF Goodrich and General Motors. Dale was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, where he served as a eucharistic minister and was an intricate part of the Holy Name Society.

Also surviving are a son, Doug (Marianne) of Angola, Ind.; a daughter, Beth (Jim) Coughlin of Antwerp; seven grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Marilyn Skees and Suzanne Moser.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Antwerp, with the Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial will be in Maumee Cemetery.

Visitation is from 2-4 and 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, with a Catholic Vigil Service at 7:30 p.m., at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, and also from 9-9:30 a.m. Wednesday.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials are to Masses.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com.

LINDA SMITH 1951-2012

PAULDING – Linda “Birdie” M. Smith, age 60, died Thursday, Nov. 1.

She was born Dec. 11, 1951 in Toledo, the daughter of Robert Paul and Esther Geraldine (Wagner) Erbskorn. In 1979, she married Jerry A. Smith, who preceded her in death in 2009. She was employed as activities director for Autumn Court, Ottawa. She was an avid bingo player and crafts maker.

She is survived by a son, Jeff (Samantha) Schuerman, Coldwater, Mich.; adopted mother, Irma Ricker of Ft. Jennings; two brothers, Robert Schuerman, Paulding, and Daniel Budd, Minasis, Va.; three sisters, Judith Fisher of Toledo and Antonette Budd and Cathy Budd, both of Brownsville, Texas; two grandchildren, Darius and Lyric Schuerman; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; adopted father, Vincent Schuerman; and a daughter, Tammy.

There will be a private family memorial service at a later date. Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com.

RONALD GOCHENOUR 1941-2012

PAULDING – Ronald D. Gochenour, age 71, of Paulding, died Saturday, Nov. 3 in his Florida home.

He was born Sept. 18, 1941 in Sandusky, the son of Kenneth E. and Evelyn E. (Kriemes) Gochenour. On May 14, 1961, he married Phyllis MacGeorge, who survives. He was a retired postmaster for Cecil, a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, and the K of C St. Joseph Council #3584. He was a Paulding Reserve Sheriff Deputy, a member of the Paulding County Draft Board, Paulding VFW Post #587, Paulding Chamber of Commerce, and had been a Paulding Village councilman. He was an avid golfer, woodworker and shuffleboard player.

Also surviving are one daughter, Tamara M. (Mark) Heppeard, Ohio City; three sons, Kip K. (Jane) Gochenour of Paulding, Jon D. (Tina) Gochenour of Cecil and Joseph R. (Amy) Gochenour, Sunbury; a sister, Karen E. Procnow, Sandusky; one brother, Craig Gochenour, Sandusky; six grandchildren, Kellen (Tricia) Koenn; Tiffany (Scott) Pease, Ian Gochenour, Abby Gochenour, Josie Gochenour, and Ellie Gochenour; and three great-grandchildren, Blayne Pease, Brody Pease and Willow Koenn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Richard and Gary Gochenour.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, with the Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial will follow in Paulding Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. with a K of C service at 8 on Friday, Nov. 16 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to services on Saturday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials made to Masses, the Palmetto, Fla. Fire Department, or Paulding County DD.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com.

ROBERT FOUST 1927-2012

PAYNE – Robert Earl Foust, 84, of Payne, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 7 at The Gardens of Paulding.

He was born Nov. 20, 1927 in Payne, the son of Harry “Bill” and Grace (Purk) Foust. On Aug. 30, 1947, he married Marjorie Harting, who survives. He served in the U.S. Navy and worked at Fruehauf for many years. Bob was a lifetime member of the NRA, who enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was also a member of St. Jacob’s United Church of Christ.

Also surviving are two children, David (Evelyn) of New Haven and Caroline (Bob) Young of Delaware, Ohio; a brother, Leo Lyon of Albany, Ind.; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael; and two siblings, Budd Lyon and Helen Murray.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11 at St. Jacob’s United Church of Christ,

Payne, with the Rev. James Langham officiating. Burial will be in Lehman Cemetery with military honors. Dooley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Visitation will be held at the church one hour prior to services.

Preferred memorials are to the church.

Condolences and fond memories may be shared at www.dooleyfuneralhome.com.

DeLOSS “CHUB” PORTER 1926-2012

PAULDING – DeLoss “Chub” Porter, age 86, died Tuesday, Nov. 6 at The Gardens of Paulding.

He was born March 28, 1926 in Paulding County, the son of John Henry and Frey-Ethel (Aleshire) Porter. He was employed as plant manager for Stokely Van Camp, retiring in 1987. He was a member of Paulding Carnegie Library Board and the Village of Paulding Council.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Porter, Paulding; a daughter, Kathy (Dewey) Sanderson, Broughton; three sons, Gerald “George” (Jean) Porter of Paulding, Robert (Jean) Porter, Lodi, Wis. and Greg (Christy) Porter of Paulding; a brother, Rolland (Mary Louise) Porter, Grover Hill; a sister, Wanda Bisel, Evansville, Ind.; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Basil, DeLoy, Richard and Nolan Porter; two sisters, Dean Porter and Lucille DeCamp; and a grandson, Kirk David Porter.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 9 at Paulding Church of the Nazarene, Paulding, with the Rev. Terry Porter officiating. Burial will follow in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be held from 2-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and at the church one hour prior to services on Friday.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials made to The Gardens of Paulding Activity Fund or American Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com.

LINDA SMITH

PAULDING – Linda M. Smith, age 60, died Thursday, Nov. 1 at Paulding County Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

RONALD GOCHENOUR

PAULDING – Ronald D. Gochenour, age 71, died Saturday, Nov. 3. Arrangements are pending

at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

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PATRICIA HAYDEN

PAULDING – Patricia Hayden, age 61, died Monday, Nov. 5. Arrangements are pending at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding.

JOHN SCARBROUGH 1927-2012

GROVER HILL – John I. Scarbrough, 85, of Grover Hill died at 12:31 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, at the St. Rita Medical Center in Lima.

He was born Feb. 25, 1927, in Haviland, the son of Fay and Gladys (Wistner) Scarbrough.

On Oct. 3, 1948, he married Bessie Stetler, who preceded him in death on Feb. 24, 2003. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving in WW II. He had owned the Grover Hill Lumber Yard for several years and then was a self-employed carpenter. He was a member of the Zion United Methodist Church in Grover Hill.

Surviving are a son, John Ed (Jackie) Scarbrough of Grover Hill; a daughter, Brenda (Tom) Ferrell of Grover Hill; three brothers, Gene (Nova), Jerry (Linda) and Gail (Krista) Scarbrough, all of Grover Hill; three sisters, Pat Ward of Midland, Mich., Carol Bryant of Lima and Marge (Don) Stahl of Grover Hill; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a grandson, Bryan Ferrell.

Services were held Monday, Nov. 5, at the Zion United Methodist Church in Grover Hill, with Pastor Mike Waldron and the Rev. Paul Miller officiating. Burial was in the Middle Creek Cemetery in Grover Hill, with military rites conducted by the Grover Hill VFW. Cowan and Son Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Expressions of sympathy may be forwarded to cowanfuneralhome.com.

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