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BRADLEY PASTOR 1977-2013

WAPAKONETA – Former Paulding resident Bradley Allen Pastor, age 35, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 26.

He was born Sept. 5, 1977, in Paulding, the son of Deanna (Verfaillie) and Terry Pastor. On Sept. 10, 2011, he married Marcia Kantner in Hocking Hills, and she survives. He was a 1995 graduate of Paulding High School. He worked at Plastipak Packaging in Jackson Center, and was an avid Michigan State University Spartans and San Francisco 49ers fan.

He also is survived by his mother, Deanna (Tom) Rhonehouse, Paulding; father, Terry (Lisa) Pastor, Defiance; a daughter, Haley Pastor, Broughton; stepsons, Austin, Cody and Dylan Kantner, at home; two brothers, Jason Pastor of Paulding and Terry (Charlene) Pastor Jr., of Antwerp; two stepbrothers, Jerad Rhonehouse of Lima and Justin Sheaks, Defiance; two stepsisters, Loralie (Scott) Adams, of Indiana and Ashley (Jonathon) Verhoff of Defiance; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Diana and Fred Kantner, Wapakoneta; two brothers-in-law, Jason (Angie) Kantner of Thomasville, Ga. and Kevin (Karen) Kantner of Wapakoneta; a sister-in-law, Sarah (Nic) Ball of Knoxville, Tenn.; grandmothers, Clara Lenhart and Dorothy Kantner, both of Wapakoneta; and many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

Preceding him in death were his grandparents, May and Andy Verfaillie and Helen and Louis Pastor, and grandfathers, Herman Lenhart and Grant Kantner.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 2 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will follow at Paulding Memorial Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday, March 1 and one hour prior to services on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to the Bradley A. Pastor family.

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

BONNIE BATT 1947-2013

OAKWOOD – Bonnie L. Batt, 65, of Oakwood, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 26 at Paulding County Hospital ER.

She was born March 2, 1947 in Paulding, the daughter of the late Addie and Leotha (Hill) Strable. Bonnie was the wife of James Batt, whom she married Nov. 12, 1966. She was a licensed practical nurse, retiring in 2008 from Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Hicksville. She also had worked at Parkview Nursing Center in Edgerton and Zellers. She enjoyed her grandchildren and her dog, Sassy. She was a member of the former St. Mary's Catholic Church in Junction.

She will be greatly missed by her husband, Jim; daughter, Belinda (Kent) Laney of Defiance; a son, Jeremy "J.J." (Katie) Batt of Oakwood; three brothers, Sam Strable of Cecil, Eugene

"Sport" Strable of Cecil and Roger Strable of Paulding; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Nicole "Nikki" Batt; three sisters, Romona Barth, Helen Lewis and Donnie Ketterman; and three brothers, Billie Strable, Tom Strable and Dick Strable.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, March 1, at St. John Catholic Church, Defiance, with Father John Stites officiating. Burial will be in Sherman Cemetery.

Friends are invited to call from 2-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 28 at the Lawson-Roessner Funeral Home, Defiance.

Suggested memorials are to the St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Condolences to the family may be shared at www.defiancefuneralhome.com.

DOROTHY POTTS 1933-2013

PAULIDNG – Dorothy Eileen Potts, age 79, died Monday, Feb. 25 at St. Rita’s Medical Center, Lima.

She was born March 8, 1933 in Williams County, the daughter of Corwin and Kathryn (Baur) Smith. On Oct. 15, 1954, she married William Joseph Potts, who preceded her in death on Oct. 6, 1982. She was formerly employed by Stokely’s canning plant.

She is survived by three daughters, Frances Russell of Grover Hill, Barbara (LeRoy) Gillett of Bryan, and Rose Shepard, Oakwood; a brother, Donald (Patricia) Smith, Edon; a sister, Viola (Phillip) Lupien, Bryan; a daughter-in-law, Cathy Potts, Sherwood; many grandchildren; many great grandchildren; many great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Bill Potts; son-in-law, Pat Shepard; and a sister, Margaret Ann Hoover.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 28 at Den Herder Funeral Home with the Rev. C. Joseph Fifer officiating. Burial will follow in Bowholtz Cemetery, Paulding County.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, and one hour prior to services on Thursday.

Donations may be made in memory of Dorothy Potts to her family.

Online condolences may be sent www.denherderfh.com.

VIRGINIA COOPER 1921-2013

OAKWOOD – Virginia June Cooper, 91, of Oakwood, died Sunday, Feb. 24 at her home, surrounded by her family.

She was born June 21, 1921, in Putnam County, the daughter of Edgar Ray and Helene Elizabeth (Eastman) Rockey. Virginia attended a one-room schoolhouse until fourth grade, when she began attending Continental Schools from which she graduated in 1939. She married Virgil Homer Cooper on April 21, 1939, and in 1941 they moved to a house north of Oakwood where she lived until her death. Virgil died Sept. 28, 1984.

Known as the matriarch and co-founder of Cooper Farms, Virginia worked on the turkey farm and in the hatchery during the early years of the company. She had a passion for crocheting and would regularly be found making blankets and other items for friends and family. Virginia was a member Twin Oaks United Methodist Church in Oakwood, the Ladies Aid Society, Pollyanna Club and the Oakwood Methodist Women's Group.

She is survived by her three children, James Robert (Anada) Cooper, Dianne Lynn Cooper and Gary Alan (Cheri) Cooper, all of Oakwood; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren, three great-stepgrandchildren; two step-great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Phyllis May Lloyd of Continental; and three brothers, Richard Rockey of Defiance, Marvin Rockey of Texas, and Randall Rockey of New Mexico.

She also was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Brandon Andrew Ludwig; a sister, Carol Alma Shirey; and two brothers, Delbert Ray Rockey and Royal John Rockey.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 28 at Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, Oakwood with the Rev. Eric Dailey officiating. Burial will follow in Sherman Cemetery, Oakwood.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood, and one hour prior to services on Thursday at the church.

In lieu of flowers and gifts, the family asks that contributions be made to the Cooper Community Library, 206 North First Street, Oakwood, Ohio 45873, or Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, 201 East Harmon Street, Oakwood, Ohio 45873.

Condolences may be expressed at www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com.

RUSSELL ROSS 1922-2013

DEFIANCE – Russell A. Ross, 90, of Defiance, passed away Saturday, Feb. 23 at his home.

He was born March 4, 1922 in Paulding County, the son of the Madison and Hazel (Hauschlater) Ross. Russell was a graduate of Paulding High School, an Army veteran of World War II, a life member of Defiance VFW Post #3360, a member of the DAV Chapter #36, a member of the Masons Tuendawie Lodge #195 and a member of the First Presbyterian Church. He had worked as a dental lab technician.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Fleta I. Colwell, who died Oct. 1, 1994; his son, Jerry, who died Sept. 10, 2006; his first wife, Edna May Linn; and his parents.

Surviving are nieces, Linda Reinhart of Paulding and Marcia (Morris) Brune of Paulding, a nephew; Lanny Ross of Coconut Grove, Fla.; great-nephews, Scott (Laura) Brune of Fort Wayne and Greg (Ann) Reinhart of Paulding; and a special friend, Julia Hart of Paulding.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at Lawson-Roessner Funeral Home, Defiance, with the Rev. Eric Peltz officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery where VFW Post #3360 will conduct honorary military graveside rites.

Visitation is from 3-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26 with a Masonic service at 7 p.m., and an hour before services Wednesday.

Suggested memorials are to the American Heart Association or First Presbyterian Church.

Condolences may be shared at www.defiancefuneralhome.com.

KAYLA BIDLACK 1982-2013

CECIL – Kayla Ann Bidlack, age 30. died Thursday, Feb. 21 from injuries sustained in an auto accident.

She was born Nov. 20, 1982 in Defiance, the daughter of David O. and Sharon K. (Fockler) Bidlack Sr. She was a self-employed caregiver.

She is survived by her parents, a son, Carson Alexander Hodges, and a brother, David (Stacy) Bidlack Jr., all of Cecil; a sister, Sherry (Randy) Richards, Antwerp; maternal grandmother, Evelyn Fockler, Defiance; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Carl Fockler and Olan and Myrtle (Relyea) Bidlack.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with Pastor George Alley officiating. Burial will follow in Rochester Cemetery, Cecil.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25 and one hour prior to services on Tuesday.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials made to Carson Alexander Hodges.

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

DONALD SCHADE 1943-2013

PAULDING – Donald D. Schade, 69, of Paulding, passed away Thursday, Feb. 21, at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

MARGIE HILL 1934-2013

PAULDING – Margie A. Hill, age 79, died Tuesday, Feb. 19 at Defiance Inpatient Hospice.

She was born Jan. 4, 1934 in Defiance, the daughter of Wendell and Eva (Rhoades) Funkhouser. On June 8, 1952, she married Paul H. Hill, who survives. She was employed as Paulding Township clerk, retiring in 2000. She was a member of Paulding United Methodist Church, Paulding; John Paulding Historical Society; and the Township Clerks Association. She was co-owner and operator of Hill's Carpet Service, Paulding.

She is survived by her husband, Paul Hill, Paulding; four daughters, Brenda (Jerry) Smith,

Paulding, Terri (John) Coulon, Archbold, Kim (Ron) Garrity, Paulding, and Laurie Hill, Hamilton, Ind.; a brother, Phillip (Sue) Funkhouser, West Unity; a sister, Linda Donaldson, Haviland; 10 grandchildren, Bradley Hanenkratt, Lisa Stevens, Brion Hanenkratt, Victoria Gray, Jaclyn Colley, Christopher Britt, Samantha Colley, Brittany Barnes, Kelly Colley and Megan Garrity; and eight great-grandchildren, Zachary, Cyrah, Zander, Braylynn, Presley, Savannah, Kolton and Jayde.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Wava J. Colley; and an infant brother.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 25 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with the Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial will follow in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24 and one hour prior to services on Monday.

Donations may be made to Community Health Professionals/Hospice or Fresenius Dialysis Center.

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

NELLIE WILHELM 1921-2013

PAULDING – Nellie Leona Wilhelm, age 91, died Monday, Feb. 18 at her residence.

She was born Aug. 15, 1921 in Paulding County, the daughter of Raymond and Vira (Shrider) Smalley. On June 27, 1944, she married Theodore Wilhelm, who preceded her in death on Jan. 13, 1986. She was a member of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish where she was principal and

taught CCD. She was a member of the Altar & Rosary Society and the Little Flower Study Club.

She is survived by four sons, T. Gary (Ann) Wilhelm, Michael Wilhelm, David (Vicki) Wilhelm, all of Paulding, and Dan (Laurie) Wilhelm of Oakwood; three daughters, Rita (John) Daeger and Barbara (Howard) Baska, both of Paulding, and Jeanette (Terry) Prisk of Highland, Mich.; two brothers, Paul (Betty) Smalley and Bob Smalley, both of Antwerp; two sisters, Helen Beck and Lodena Brown, both of Paulding; 20 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sons, Anthony Wilhelm and K. Paul Wilhelm; a grandson, Alex Doster; and a brother, Bill Smalley.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22 at Divine Mercy Catholic Parish, Paulding, with Rev. G. Allan Fillman officiating. Burial will follow in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. with a wake service at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Donations may be made to Masses.

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

DOROTHY EDENS 1934-2013

PAULDING – Dorothy L. Edens, age 78 died Friday, Feb. 15, at Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

She was born July 25, 1934 in Paulding County, the daughter of William G. and Pauline E. (Kochenour) Wunder, who both preceded her in death. On Oct. 5, 1963, she married Donald J. Edens, who preceded her in death on Oct. 13, 1994. She was employed by both Dr. Charles Weaver and Dr. Dean Walthers as the office manager and she was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Paulding.

She is survived by two children, David Edens of Madison, Ala. and Dee (Bill) Gullickson of Windsor, Va. and a grandson, Jackson Gullickson.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Raymond and George Wunder; and a granddaughter, Abigail Gullickson.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 21 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, with the Rev. David Meriwether officiating. Burial will follow in Maumee Cemetery, Antwerp.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to services on Thursday.

Donations may be made to American Cancer Society or First Presbyterian Church, Paulding.

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

CARL TOPE 1919-2013

LATTY – Carl Jacob Tope, age 93, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, at the Country Inn Enhanced Living Center, Paulding.

He was born Nov. 23, 1919 in Paulding County, the son of Elza and Emma (Hubert) Tope. On Nov. 21, 1942, he married Eleanor M. Riggenbach, who preceded him in death on Feb. 13, 2001. He retired in 1985 from GM Powertrain, Defiance, as a millwright. He was a United States Army Air Corps veteran of WWII, serving as a ball turret gunner on a B17 in the 603rd Squadron, 398th Bomb Group 8th Air Force. He was a member of the Friends United Methodist Church of Latty, John Paulding Historical Society life member, Paulding VFW Post #587 life member, Paulding Eagles #2405 life member and a member of UAW #211.

He is survived by three daughters, Connie J. Scarpelli of Bay Village, Diane K. (Kevin) Bair of Van Wert and Tamara J. (Jack) Drahus of Milwaukee; two sisters, Catherine Stoller, Paulding, and Margaret (Bill) Clemens, Latty; grandchildren, Amanda (Don) Megliola, Aaron (Shelly) Scarpelli, Bryce Kreischer, Tracie (Jeff) Taylor, Darcie and Nicholas Drahus; and great-grandchildren, Don Thomas and Ella Megliola, and Ryan Scarpelli.

He also was preceded in death by a daughter, Janet Sue Tope; three brothers, Wilbur, August and Ira Tope; and two sisters, Maxine Riggenbach and Dorathea Blue.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23 at Friends United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in Blue Creek Cemetery, Haviland.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to services on Saturday at the church.

Donations may be made to John Paulding Historical Society or Friends United Methodist Church.

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

ALYSE TOWNLEY 1947-2013

PAULDING – Alyse Yvonne Townley, 65, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, at the Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

She was born Sept. 21, 1947 in Defiance, the daughter of Carl Ross and Vera Avis (Converse) DeGood, who both preceded her in death. On March 18, 1967, she married Thomas J. Townley, who survives. She was very active in her lifetime. She was a avid bowler, card player, genealogy researcher, member of the Paulding VFW Post #587 Auxiliary, member of many book clubs and a member of the Turtles Club. But most of all, she was a loving, devoted wife and mother. The one thing in this world that kept her going was her family. She will be greatly missed.

Also surviving are a daughter, Lisa M. Adams, of Defiance; a son, Brent (Leslie) Townley of Paulding; three brothers, Rick (Ja Dee) DeGood of Paulding, Gary DeGood of Le Roy, Mich. and Perry (Gail) DeGood of Perrinton, Mich.; a sister, Dee Becker of Okemos Mich.; her mother-in-law, Lorraine K. Townley of Linden, Mich.; a sister-in-law, Deborah L. Townley, also of Linden, Mich.; three brothers-in-law, Robert (Jeanne) Townley of Grand Blanc, Mich., Mike (Eva) Townley of Flint and Fred (Ellen) Townley of Paulding; four grandchildren, Kyle and A.J. Adams and Briana and Emma Townley; and also many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her father-in-law, Russell Alex Townley; son-in-law, Steven Lee Adams; brother-in- law, Timothy Ralph Townley.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 18, at the Den Herder Funeral Home in Paulding with Pastor Ben Lowell officiating. Burial will follow at a later date.

Family requests memorial contributions to The Toledo Zoo or The National Arbor Day Foundation.

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

BEULAH WINCHESTER 1919-2013

OAKWOOD – Beulah Winchester, 93, of Oakwood, died at 6:56 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11 at Mercy Hospital in Defiance.

She was born Dec. 31, 1919 in Oakwood, the daughter of Harry and Alma (Fitzwater) Grimes. On April 6, 1940, she married Leo E. Winchester, who died Dec. 28, 2011. Beulah was a homemaker and a member of Grace Bible Church in Defiance.

She is survived by a daughter, Helen Winchester of Oakwood; a daughter-in-law, Barbara Winchester of Oakwood; two grandchildren, Marlin and Paul Winchester; eight great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Charles (Louise) Grimes, and a sister, Vernell Baker, both of Oakwood.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Donald Winchester; a great-grandchild, Amy Winchester; three brothers, Lester, Emery and Kenneth Grimes; and two sisters, Doris Adams and Lila Howell.

Funeral services were Thursday, Feb. 14 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood with Dr. John McKay officiating. Burial was in Sherman Cemetery, Oakwood.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice or to the Gideons.

Condolences can be expressed at www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com.

BETTY GARVER 1931-2013

PAULDING – Betty Louise (Grunden) Garver, 81, died Tuesday, Feb. 12 at The Gardens of Paulding.

She was born July 20, 1931 in Paulding County, the daughter of Walter and Bernice (Copsey) Casper. On July 21, 1947, she married Robert Ray Grunden who preceded her in death on June 9, 1995. On Nov. 9, 1998, she married Richard O. Garver who survives. She was a member of Bryan Eagles #2233.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Garver, Bryan; two sons, Robert Grunden Jr., Antwerp, and Larry Shaffer, Millersburg; four daughters, Betty Andrews, Oakwood, Darlene (Dan) Knapp, Latty, Deborah Dougal, Paulding, and Kathy (Robert) Habern, Latty; a sister, Marilyn (Dale) Taylor, Bryan; a brother, Robert (Lois) Casper, Napoleon; sixteen grandchildren; a step grandchild; twenty four great-grandchildren; two step great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren; and three step great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; first husband; brothers, Rollan Myers and John Casper; sister, Shirley Blair; stepdaughter, Dawnette Aldred; step-son, Ned Garver; two grandsons, Craig Allen Bauer and Kevin Shaffer; and great-granddaughter, Kaitlyn Bauer.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 AM Saturday, Feb. 16 at Den Herder Funeral Home, with Rev. Ben Lowell officiating. Burial will follow in Riverside Memory Gardens, Defiance.

Visitation will be 2:30 – 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 15 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding, and one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Donations may be made to The Gardens of Paulding Activity Fund or Community Health Professionals Hospice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com

THELMA HILL 1914-2013

PAULDING – Thelma A. Hill, 98, died Monday, Feb. 11, at the Community Health Professionals Hospice Center in Defiance.

She was born on July 27, 1914, in Briceton, the daughter of Paul and Elizabeth (Blake) Martin. On June 6, 1931, she married Waveland C. Hill, who preceded her in death on Dec. 22, 1941.

She was a former deputy treasurer for Paulding County and also worked for the Paulding County Election Board. She owned Hill's Confectionary for four years and the H&R Dress Shop for 17 years. She was a member of the Paulding United Methodist Church and had been a charter president of the Paulding County Professional and Business Club.

Surviving are two sons, Russell Hill of Fort Wayne and Paul (Margie) Hill of Paulding; a daughter, Louella (Loren) Thomas of Paulding; nine grandchildren, Joni (Larry) Brown, Mindy (Brad) Stevens, Julie (Don) Lauer, Brenda (Jerry) Smith, Terri (John) Coulon, Laurie Hill, Kim (Ron) Garrity, Pam (Chet) Moore and Jerry (Rachel) Thomas; nine great-grandchildren; 11 great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She also was preceded in death by three sisters, Edna Ampsbaugh, Ilo Rothenhofer and Erma Martin; a grandson, David Hill; two granddaughters, Wava Jean Colley and Judith Kay Thomas; and a daughter-in-law, Barbara (Brown) Hill.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at Den Herder Funeral Home with Pastor Ben Lowell officiating. Burial will follow in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

Hours of visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at Den Herder and from 10-11 a.m. prior to services.

Memorials may be directed to the Paulding United Methodist Church Roof Fund, Inpatient Hospice Center of Defiance or the American Diabetes Association.

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

RODNEY THOMAS 1956-2013

OAKWOOD – Rodney Thomas, 56, of Oakwood, died at 2:31 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 at Defiance Area Inpatient Hospice Center, Defiance.

He was born May 27, 1956 in Paulding to the late Clarence and Laura (Shafer) Thomas. He was an antique dealer. He enjoyed garage sales, flea markets and dealing with people. He had an uncanny ability to make something out of nothing. He attended Dupont Church of the Brethren.

Survivors include his daughter, Shelby (Peter) Cully of Bowling Green; four grandchildren,

Mikayla, Kaitlyn, Morgan and Kylie; two brothers, Henry (Kay) Thomas and Daniel (Brenda) Thomas, both of Oakwood; and a sister, Ellen Bird of Continental.

He also was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Carl Bird.

Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12 at Dupont Church of the Brethren, Dupont, with the Rev. Terry Porter officiating. Burial will follow at Prairie Chapel Cemetery, Oakwood. Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood, is in charge of arrangements.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family.

Condolences may be sent to www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com.

VIOLA RAMON 1924-2013

PAULDING – Viola M. Ramon, age 88, died Thursday, Feb. 7 at the Putnam Acres Nursing Home, Ottawa.

She was born Dec. 15, 1924 in Cameron, Texas, the daughter of Louis and Laura (Branstetter) Denker. On Oct. 9, 1942, she married Joseph A. Ramon, who preceded her in death on Nov. 2, 1985. She was employed as a housekeeper for REA.

She is survived by a son, Joe L. (Denise) Ramon, The Villages, Fla.; three daughters, Grace Meyer of Ottawa, Brenda Boundy of Hernando Beach, Fla., and Lora (Larry) Zizelman, Spring Hill, Fla.; a sister, Mildred Orsag of Texas; seven grandchildren, Joy (Eric) Camarillo, Angie Boundy, Clint (Jennifer) Boundy, Kyle (Jessica) Boundy, Katina (Brandon) Johnson, Kimberly Schooley and Cory (Olivia) Mendez; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a son-in-law, David Meyer.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 15 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding. Burial will follow in Cooper Cemetery, Paulding County.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14 at Den Herder Funeral Home, Paulding and one hour prior to services on Friday.

Donations may be made to American Cancer Society.

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

ASHLEY MESSMANN 1984-2013

PAULDING – Ashley Anne Messmann, age 28, died Tuesday, Feb. 5 from injuries sustained in an auto accident.

She was born Dec. 8, 1984 in Defiance, the daughter of Robert “Bob” and Pamela S. (Gross) Gardner. On July 7, 2007, she married Harrison “Harry” Messmann, who survives. She was employed by West Bend Publishing as an ad designer.

She is survived by her husband, Harry Messmann, Paulding; her parents, Bob and Pam Gardner, Paulding; a son, Asher Messmann, Paulding; a sister, Sara Elizabeth Gardner, Antwerp; a brother, Kyle Robert Gardner, Paulding; grandparents, Lawerance and Beverly Gross of Cecil, and Dwain and Nola Gardner, Hicksville; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Todd and Trisha (Holtsberry) Messmann, Paulding; aunts; uncles; nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 at Paulding Church of the Nazarene. Burial will follow in St. Paul Cemetery, Paulding.

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

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to her son, Asher.

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

RUBY NERN 1928-2013

ANTWERP – Ruby M. Nern, 84, of Antwerp, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2013 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Hicksville.

RICHARD AKOM 1938-2013

SCOTT – Richard H. "Doder" Akom, 74, of Scott, died at 4:40 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2 at Vancrest Healthcare Center, Van Wert.

WANETTA BRADFORD 1915-2013

OAKWOOD - Wanetta I. Bradford, 97, of Oakwood, died at 4:20 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31 at The Laurels of Defiance.

She was born Aug. 26, 1915 in Melrose, the daughter of Alfred and Golda (Eblin) McCullough. On Aug. 27, 1932, she married Guy M. Bradford, who preceded her in death Aug. 17, 1985. Wanetta was a homemaker and had worked at the former Dicky Manufacturing in Oakwood. She was a member of Twin Oaks United Methodist Church, Oakwood and was very active in the United Methodist Women's Group.

She is survived by a son, Don (Faith) Bradford of Oakwood; four grandchildren, Brian Bradford, Sheila (Scott) Kiner, Lisa Ladd and Amy (Kevin) Park; nine great-grandchildren; eight

great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Opal Hill of Crown Point, Ind. and Bernadette Guyton of Defiance.
She was also preceded in death by a son, Alfred Bradford; a granddaughter, Jennifer Bradford; a grandson-in-law, Dale Ladd; a great-grandson, Darrien Hurtt; and a sister, Othal McCullough.

Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 4 at Heitmeyer Funeral Home, Oakwood, with Pastor Eric Dailey officiating. Burial was in Little Auglaize Cemetery, Oakwood.

Memorials can be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be expressed at www.heitmeyerfuneralhome.com.

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