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OBITUARIES/FUNERAL NOTES

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY DEATHS

Frank Bueno

Oct. 24, 1930-Nov. 18, 1994

SOUTH BEND — Services for Frank Bueno, 64, of Kosciusko Street, who died at 12:55 a.m. Friday in his home after an illness, will be at 10 a.m. Monday in St. Stephen's Catholic Church. Burial will be in Southlawn Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday in Guisinger Colonial Chapel Funeral Home, where the rosary will be said at 7 p.m.

MR. BUENO

Mr. Bueno was a utility man at Torrington Corp., retiring in 1984. He was born Oct. 24, 1930, in Donna, Texas, and lived here for 38 years, coming from Texas. On March 28, 1947, in Osceola, Ark., he married Josefina Salazar. She survives, with four daughters, Josefina Bueno, Frances Munoz, Zenaida Bueno and Betty Bueno, all of South Bend; seven sons, Mike, Manuel, Ricky, Ray, Freddy, Hando and David Bueno, all of South Bend; his mother, Albesa Bueno of South Bend; and seven brothers, Pablo, Fidencio, Jose and Lupe Bueno, all of South Bend, and Jose M., Manuel and Placido, all of Donna. Two sons preceded him in death. He was a member of the church.

Woodrow W. Cochran

Feb. 7, 1913-Nov. 18, 1994

WALKERTON — Services for Woodrow W. Cochran, 81, of 1303 Union Road, who died at 8:50 a.m. Friday in Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Bilsville Church of the Brethren, near Tyner. Burial will be in Barber Cemetery, Marshall County. Friends may call from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday in Nusbaum-Elkin Funeral Home where Tyner Oddfellow Lodge will conduct a service at 7 p.m. and one hour before services Monday in the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Foundation.

Mr. Cochran was a retired die setter with Arrowhead Engineering and Metal Stamp. He was born Feb. 7, 1913, in Marshall County, and was a lifelong area resident. On March 15, 1935, in Mishawaka, he married Ellen I. Campbell. She died May 14, 1992. Surviving are two daughters, Anna Lauenberger of Plymouth and Mary Jo Singleton of Walkerton; two sons, Woodward of Walkerton and Gilford of Orlando, Fla.; 20 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; a sister, Nina Anderson of Texas; and a brother, Curby of Walkerton. He was a member of Tyner IOOF Lodge 821 and played baseball in the 1930s and 1940s for Studebaker Athletics, Hoosier Beers and Walkerton Merchants.

William F. Kapsa

SOUTH BEND — William F. Kapsa, 79, of Rockne Drive, died of natural causes at 5:30 p.m. Friday in his home. Kaniewski Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

David G. Masters

Aug. 6, 1920-Nov. 18, 1994

SOUTH BEND — David G. Masters, 71, of Sunwood Drive, died at 2:30 a.m. Friday in his home after an illness. Mr. Masters was a marketing manager for Bendix Corp. for 31 years. He retired in 1985. He was born Aug. 6, 1923, in Corbin, Ky., coming here in 1954. On Aug. 3, 1954, in Dubuque, Iowa, he married Anna Padgett. She survives, with three daughters, Donna Hodge of South Bend, Mary Schaaf of Frankfort, Germany, and Marcia Bauer of Niles; two sons, D. Jeffery of South Bend and Neal of San Diego; nine grandchildren; three sisters, Mary Ensslin and Peggy Williams, both of Lexington, Ky., and Lorraine Gore of Waverly, Iowa. He was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, where he served on the elders board and Bendix Management Association, and an Army veteran of World War II.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the church. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at Weldmaster Funeral Home, 501 N. William St. Memorial contributions may be made to the church building fund.

Cleo M. Miltenberger

Oct. 25, 1906-Nov. 17, 1994

SOUTH BEND — Services for Cleo Mardell Miltenberger, 88, of 1048 Polly Lane, who died at 8:55 p.m. Thursday in St. Joseph's Medical Center after an illness, will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Warner Funeral Home, Osceola. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery. Friends may call one hour before services in the funeral home.

Mrs. Miltenberger was born Oct. 25, 1906, in Lagrange, and was a lifelong area resident. On Oct. 3, 1925, in St. Joseph, as Cleo Mishler, she married Philip F. Miltenberger. He died in 1987. Surviving are six daughters, Phyllis Reed of Freemont, Calif., Joan Mace of Newark, Calif., Donna Goldstone of Rockford, Ill., Bernice Grant of South Bend, and Judy Cartwright and Darlene Eaglebarger, both of Mishawaka; many grand children, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Two daughters, June Singleton and Lois Fisher, and two sons, Ervin and Gene, preceded her in death.

Kathleen A. Riggs

Aug. 19, 1947-Nov. 17, 1994

MISHAWAKA — Services for Kathleen A. Riggs, 47, of West Sixth Street, who died at 6:34 p.m. Thursday in St. Joseph Hospital after an illness, will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Bubb Funeral Chapel North. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Mrs. Riggs worked at Leer Mid west Inc. of Elkhart. In Elkhart, as Kathleen A. McMichael, she married George E. Riggs. He survives, with four daughters, Barbara Riggs and Robin Doll, both of Mishawaka, and Debbie Wild and Madaline Wild, both of Elkhart; three sons, Richard Riggs of Mishawaka, Russell Wild of Elkhart and Bradley Riggs of LaPorte; four grandchildren; and four sisters, Jean Bird, Rosemary Campoli and Pat Stover, all of Elkhart, and Loreen Duncan of Goshen.

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INDIANA-MICHIGAN DEATHS

William Bartholomew

NEW TROY — William Bartholomew, 78, of Log Cabin Road, died at 4:10 p.m. Friday in Mercy Memorial Medical Center, St. Joseph. Connelly-Noble Funeral Home, Three Oaks, is in charge of arrangements.

Henry M. Dorsett

March 6, 1920-Nov. 18, 1994

KINGSFORD HEIGHTS — Henry M. Dorsett, 74, of 390 Fairmount Road, died at 1:25 p.m. Friday in LaPorte Hospital, following an illness. Mr. Dorsett had been employed by Budd Co., Gary. He was born March 6, 1920, in Brownsville, Texas, and lived here most of his life. On Feb. 11, 1944, in Brownsville, he married Elina Solig. She survives, with three daughters, Mary Lourdes O'Quinn of Beaufort, S.C., Ella Nutter of Kingsford Heights, and Diane Rowley of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; two sons, Henry of Findley, Ohio, and Jeffrey of Niles; 12 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and two sisters, Esther Solitaire of Brownsville and Ella Duarte of Fort Worth, Texas. A daughter, Elizabeth Ackerson, preceded him in death. He was an Army veteran of World War II, where he received a Bronze Star.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. There will be no visitation. Burial will be in Pine Lake Cemetery. Cutler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society.

Lena E. Gray

May 12, 1901-Nov. 18, 1994

ELKHART — Lena E. Gray, 93, of 150 Joyce Court, died of natural causes at 1:28 a.m. Friday in Meridian Nursing Center Eastlake. Mrs. Gray was born May 12, 1901, in Aurora, Ill. In 1922, in Elkhart, she married Arlo B. Gray. He died in 1967. Surviving are two sons, Robert A. of Florence, Ore., and Jack of Elkhart; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; many great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Margaret Kindig of Akron.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home. Burial will be in Peace Mausoleum, Rice Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 2 p.m. Monday in the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association.

Jack R. Heintz

Jan. 26, 1929-Nov. 17, 1994

STAR CITY — Services for Jack R. Heintz, 65, of County Road 350 South, who died at 11:05 p.m. Thursday in St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Lafayette, will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Frain Mortuary. Burial will be in IOOF Cemetery. Friends may call from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday and after 8 a.m. Monday in the funeral home, where IOOF Lodge 168 will conduct a service at 7 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to IOOF Cemetery.

Mr. Heintz had been employed as a custodian in the Star City schools. He was born Jan. 26, 1929, in Chicago. On Nov. 10, 1952, in Winamac, he married Marjorie E. Field. She survives, with two daughters, Nancy Kline of Logansport and Nora Wank of Winamac; a son, Richard of North Judson; seven grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; and two stepsisters, Pat Hagen of Peru, Ind., and Jane Ewing of Winamac. He also had been employed as maintenance engineer for 25 years at First Union Bank and Trust and served as sexton of Star City IOOF Cemetery for many years. He was a veteran of the Korean War, a member of Star City Church of Christ, IOOF Lodge 168, Rebekah Lodge 122, Winamac, and Mount Horeb Encampment 24, Rochester, an associate member of Kokomo Encampment 61 and Grand Patriarch of State of Indiana Encampment in 1992 and 1993.

Ollie Minix

Nov. 14, 1912-Nov. 17, 1994

WINAMAC — Ollie Minix, 82, of 25 West County Road 700 North, died at 8 p.m. Thursday at the home of her daughter in Knox. Mrs. Minix was born Nov. 14, 1912, in McGoffin County, Ky. In 1927, in Kentucky, she married Ova Minix. He died Aug. 26, 1983. Surviving are five daughters, Ellaenne Schadek of Knox, Irene Minix of Winamac, and Wanda Timmons, Margrella Minix and Nella Kersting, all of North Judson; four sons, Aaron and Lacy, both of Winamac, and Willard and Ronald, both of Knox; 27 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mary Koontz of Ohio and Nora Fletcher of Kentucky; and a brother, Woodford Fletcher of North Judson.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday in Denham Freewill Baptist Church. Burial will be in Highland Cemetery, North Judson. Friends may call from noon to 9 p.m. today in Brannan and Son Memorial Chapel, Knox.

Edward Mudd

April 9, 1924-Nov. 17, 1994

WARSAW — Edward Mudd, 70, of 110 N. Beechwood, died of natural causes at 4:22 p.m. Thursday at Kosciusko Community Hospital. Mr. Mudd retired after 34 years with NIPSCO. He was born April 9, 1924, in Springfield, Ky. On Nov. 30, 1946, he married Rose Sansbury. She died March 23, 1985. Surviving are three daughters, Donna Sansbury of Missouri, Christina McNeal of Warsaw and JoEllen Crisp of Charlotte, N.C.; three sons, Terry, Charles and Ron, all of Warsaw; 15 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; three sisters, Vermeria Cox of Fort Wayne, Patricia Robinson of Paulding, Ohio, and Gertrude Mudd of Chicago; and a brother, Leonard of California. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in the church. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday in Titus Funeral Home.

Raymond L. Nichols

July 28, 1918-Nov. 15, 1994

ELKHART — Raymond L. Nichols, 76, of 1701 Elizabeth St., died at 7:45 a.m. Tuesday in Elkhart Rehabilitation Center after an illness. Mr. Nichols retired in 1978 as an engineer from Conrail, where he was employed for more than 28 years. He was born July 28, 1918, in Coffee County, Tenn. On Sept. 28, 1940, in Ringgold, Ga., he married Jo G. Usellon. She survives with a son, James M. of Bolinger; five grandchildren; one great grandchild; and two brothers, Hollis and Edward, both of Summitville, Tenn. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home. Burial will be in Rice Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association.

Edward D. Oakley

Jan. 11, 1954-Nov. 17, 1994

ELKHART — Services for Edward D. Oakley, 40, of 1843 Fox Lake Road, Angola, formerly of Elkhart, who died Thursday afternoon in Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola, of an apparent heart attack, will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Sherrer-Lawson Peterson Funeral Home, Elkhart Chapel. Burial will be in Rice Cemetery, where Disabled American Veterans 19 will conduct military graveside services. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the family or Lifeline.

Mr. Oakley was a post attendant worker for Fab-Glas Industries and was part-owner of a landscaping business. He was born Jan. 11, 1954, in Lorain, Ohio. He lived in Angola for 12 years, coming from Elkhart. Surviving are two daughters, Tina and Angel Oakley, both of Elkhart; three sons, Edward Jr. and Mark, both of Elkhart, and Joseph of Angola; four stepdaughters, Dianne Walker of Pleasant Lake, Ind., Julie Swager of Hillsdale, Mich., and Carie Hantz and Geneva Hantz, both of Angola; a grandson; two step-grandchildren; his mother and stepfather, Florence and James Gibson of Elkhart; his father, Henry of Phoenix; two sisters, Renee Newman of Elkhart and Denise Pelech of Beloit, Wis.; and his grandmother, Viola Oakley of Elkhart.

Clara L. Reed

GOSHEN — Clara L. Reed, 68, of 2000 W. Wilden Ave., died at 4:20 p.m. Friday in Carriage Manor after an illness. Yoder Culp Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Herman D. Rogers

Dec. 2, 1932-Nov. 17, 1994

MICHIGAN CITY — Herman D. Rogers, 61, of 414 E. 7th St., died at 10:45 a.m. Thursday in his home of natural causes. He was born Dec. 2, 1932, in Colbert County, Ala., and moved here in 1956 from Alabama. On Dec. 3, 1949, in Iuka, Miss., he married Bernice Harris. She survives, with eight daughters, Vickie Davis of South Bend, Gwendolen Jones of Iuka, Annie P. Elliott of Decatur, Ala., Lucy Coman of Cherokee, Ala., Debora Evans and Leonora Rogers, both of Michigan City, Danielle Rogers of Atlanta, and Linda Hodges of Nashville, Tenn.; a son, George D. of Cherokee; 20 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; four sisters, Bernice Dukes of Michigan City, and Fannie Blackburn, Christine Jimmar and Wilma Martin, all of Iuka; and a brother, Lawrance Rogers of Michigan City. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

Services will be Wednesday in Grayson Funeral Home, Corinth, Miss. Burial will be in Grove Cemetery, Iuka. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday in Coleman-Williams Funeral Home.

Ethel E. Sites

Jan. 9, 1904-Nov. 18, 1994

ELKHART — Ethel E. Sites, 90, of 1018 E. Bristol St., died at 8:23 a.m. Friday in Elkhart General Hospital after an illness. Mrs. Sites was born Jan. 9, 1904, in Howe. On Aug. 19, 1922, in Centreville, she married Elmer G. Sites. He died June 21, 1969. Surviving are two daughters, Lola Reader and Barbara Veatch, both of Elkhart; and two sons, Richard G. and John L., both of Elkhart. A daughter, Sandra K. Rose, died Oct. 3, 1980. A son, Robert L., died Dec. 9, 1991.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home. Burial will be in Rice Cemetery. Friends may call one hour before services in the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Ossilo Township Emergency Medical Services.

Loretta E. Voreis

Aug. 5, 1914-Nov. 17, 1994

CULVER — Services for Loretta E. Voreis, 80, of Vermilion, Ohio, formerly of Culver, who died at 3:20 p.m. Thursday in Lorain (Ohio) Community St. Joseph Regional Health Center, will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in Bonine Funeral Home. Burial will be in Burr Oak Cemetery. Friends may call from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Marshall County Cancer Association.

Mrs. Voreis was born Aug. 5, 1914, in Calumet City, Ill. She lived in Starke County and moved to Ohio in 1990. On Nov. 18, 1939, in Crown Point, Ind., she married Raymond E. Voreis. He died Dec. 18, 1983. Surviving is a sister, Adelaide Zehner of Lansing, Ill.

Court rejects teens' appeal

60-year sentences upheld

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The merciless torture inflicted by two teen-age girls on a 12-year-old victim outweighs the brutish existence the killers endured in their own lives, the Indiana Supreme Court said Friday.

With that reasoning, the high court upheld the convictions and maximum sentences imposed on Melinda Loveless and Mary Laurie Tackett in the 1992 death of Shanda Renee Sharrer.

The victim was burned alive after a night of beatings and terror in revenge for stealing a lover. Loveless, of New Albany, Ind., was 16 when the slaying occurred. Tackett, of Madison, Ind., was 17.

Loveless and Tackett appealed their 60-year sentences for murder, saying Jefferson Circuit Court Judge Ted R. Todd should have considered their horrific childhoods before handing down the maximum sentences.

Loveless had been sexually abused by her transvestite father, had watched him molest other girls, and had been rejected by her mother for being a lesbian, the high court noted in its ruling. She also had witnessed her parents' multiple suicide attempts and saw her father attempt to kill her mother.

The Supreme Court's opinion noted that prosecutors, "demonstrating an exceptional capacity for understatement, refers to these events as 'bad family dynamics and an unorthodox childhood.'"

Tackett had been the victim of multiple sexual assaults, suffered beatings from her mother, abused drugs, mutilated herself, and attempted suicide several times.

Nevertheless, in separate decisions released within minutes of each other, the high court ruled that the drawn-out, gruesome slaying justified adding 20 years to the standard 40-year term for murder.

The sentences were not "unreasonable in light of the offense and the character of the offender," Justice Roger O. DeBruler wrote for a unanimous court in Loveless' appeal. The phrase was echoed in the Tackett decision.

The pitiless assault was conducted in revenge for Sharrer's dating Loveless' girlfriend, authorities said.

On Jan. 10, 1992, Loveless, Tackett and two other teen-agers also charged in Sharrer's death — Hope Rippey and Toni Lawrence — picked up Sharrer at her home in Jeffersonville, Ind.

Loveless threatened Sharrer with a knife and drove her to an abandoned house in Madison where the group "teased and scared the victim" but left her unharmed, court documents say.

The teen-agers took Sharrer to Tackett's house, where Sharrer was battered, choked, stabbed and locked in a car trunk. Loveless and Tackett spent most of the night driving aimlessly, stopping occasionally to open the trunk and beat Sharrer with a tire iron.

They returned to Tackett's house, picked up Rippey and Lawrence and decided to burn Sharrer's body, unaware that the girl was still alive. With Sharrer's body aflame, the teen-agers left the scene for breakfast.

The charred body was discovered the next day by a hunter. An autopsy showed Sharrer died of smoke inhalation and burns.

Lawrence, of Madison, who was 15 when the slaying occurred, was sentenced to 20 years for her role. Rippey, now 17, of Madison is serving a 50-year term.

P'Pool resigns position with InDOT

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Fred P'Pool, commissioner of the Indiana Department of Transportation, is resigning to take a job with a consulting company, according to Gov. Evan Bayh.

Before taking over as commissioner, he served as executive assistant for commerce, agriculture and trade.

P'Pool's resignation was effective Friday.

He will be the executive vice president of The Corradino Group, a Louisville-based engineering and planning consulting firm.

Fire at plant causes diversion of traffic

ARGOS — Smoke from a fire at Ristance Corp. Friday night forced authorities to divert traffic along U.S. 31 while area firefighters battled the blaze.

The fire was reported about 8:45 p.m. at the plant, which is southwest of Argos in southern Marshall County.

Details on the extent of the fire were not immediately available Friday night.

Ristance manufactures wire harnesses for automobile-related uses.

State report identifies flaws in work force

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana's work force is suffering from a skills shortage and a declining work ethic, according to a state report released Wednesday.

The Indiana Economic Development Council's annual report to the governor says four factors are hindering the state's economic development: an emigration of the most talented young workers; workers receiving the wrong training; a waning work ethic; and an expanding poverty rate.

Also, according to the report, more than a third of manufacturers surveyed consider substance abuse to be a labor force problem in the state.

Foreign companies still choose to locate here, and the work force continues to expand, the report said.

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