

Obituaries

Lawrence W. O'Brien



Lawrence W. "Larry" O'Brien, 83, formerly of 925W 500S, Cutler, died at 1:10 a.m. on Feb. 22, 2006, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lafayette. He had been a patient there for one day and had been a resident at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center in Delphi since September of 2005.

Born in Medaryville on Oct. 28, 1922, he was the son of Joseph and Verna Roth O'Brien. He was a 1942 graduate of West Point High School, and received his associate degree in liberal arts from the University of Maryland.

His marriage was to Lola E. Van Pelt in Riverside, Calif., on Dec. 10, 1947, and she survives.

Mr. O'Brien owned and operated Lawrence & Associates from 1967 to 1985, specializing in industrial recruiting. He farmed in Democrat Township, Carroll County.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps, then the U.S. Air Force, serving for 25 years, retiring as a major. A retired U.S. Air Force Command pilot/officer, with over 9,000 hours of flying, he spent most of his career in the Air Rescue Service, flying the SA-16 seaplanes. He served in World War II, Japan, Korea, North Africa, and many U.S. bases.

During World War II, he flew the B-17A bomber. His air force commendations are American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army with Occupation Medal in Pacific and European Theaters, National Defense with Campaign Star, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with four oak leaf clusters, Armed Forces Reserve Medal and the Air Medal.

Mr. O'Brien was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church of Delphi, Delphi American Legion Post #75, honorary member of Indianapolis American Legion, Carroll County Country Club of Delphi and the Angel Hill Country Club of Rossville, where he enjoyed playing golf.

He enjoyed mechanics, working on his farm tractors, fishing, and raising purebred Labrador.

Surviving with his wife are two daughters, Kellye Lewis (husband: Milton) of Lafayette and Keyia A. Pearson of Ockley; a son, Peter L. O'Brien of Lafayette; two brothers, Joseph O'Brien (wife: Wilma) of Fort Worth, Texas, and Frank O'Brien (wife: Diane) of Winter Park, Fla.; eight sisters, Esther Duncan of Veedersburg, Margaret "Peggy" Lohr of Calif., Cecelia Albright (husband: Dick) of Racine, Wis., Mary Taylor (husband: James) of Lafayette, Jeanette Lear of Torrance, Calif., Nellie Dawson (husband: John) of Colorado Springs, Colo., Patricia Nelson (husband: David) of Coos Bay, Ore., and Evelyn Jankovic of West Palm Garden, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers.

Services were Saturday in Delphi. Burial, with full military rites by Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, was held at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by Abbott Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Dixie R. Wray

Dixie R. Wray, 51, died at 7:35 a.m. on Feb. 23, 2006, in Hobart.

Born in Lafayette on June 18, 1954, she was the daughter of Charles and Glenna D. Kirts Leming. She attended Battle Ground schools.

Her marriage was to Billy D. Wray in Tulsa, Okla., on April 10, 1982, and he died Nov. 30, 2001.

Mrs. Wray was a homemaker. Surviving are her mother, Glenna Jefferies of Lafayette; a son, Jason S. Prather of Grants Pass, Ore.; a daughter, Michelle E. Brown (husband: David) of Chalmers; five sisters, Penny Craft of San Pierre, Phyllis Herget of Brookston, Leslie Norman and Cheryl Mikels, both of Lafayette and Cindy Rickard of Battle Ground; and two grandchildren.

Services were Monday in Delphi, with burial at IOOF Memorial Gardens in Delphi.

Joan McPherson



A celebration of life for Joan McPherson, 65, of Anderson, was held Sunday at Hollywood Estates, Anderson. She died at 11:50 a.m. Feb. 23, 2006, at St. John's Health System in Anderson following a brief illness.

Born Aug. 1, 1940, in Indianapolis, she was the daughter of Bruce Wallace and Bernardine Amanda Kelso McPherson. She married Dick McPherson in 1960.

Mrs. McPherson co-owned Split Ends Beauty Salon in Anderson, which sponsored the Diabetes Cut-a-thon. She was a professional hair stylist for 46 years and had many devoted friends. She received an award for first place in the State Styling Competition, Indianapolis, along with many local awards.

She was a member of the National Hairdressers Association.

Surviving are two sons, Sol McPherson and Ken McPherson, both of Anderson; and one sister, Patricia Bierman of Encino, Calif.

Reinke Funeral Home, Flora, was in charge of arrangements.

Everett Dean Angle

Everett Dean Angle, son of Wayne and Mary (Skiles) Angle, was born Oct. 1, 1947, in Modesto, Calif. He passed away on Feb. 13, 2006, at his home in Atwater, Calif., at the age of 58 years, 4 months, and 12 days.

He was united in marriage to Dorothy Gissom in 1998.

At the age of 13, Merle and Leah Garber welcomed Everett Dean into their home as part of their family circle. During this time he was baptized into the Old German Baptist Brethren Church, although he was no longer in their fellowship at the time of his passing.

He had a real love for the great outdoors. He often went up to the mountains into the backcountry to fish and hunt. His favorite place was Kennedy Meadows. He was happiest when he was working. He had a tender heart and real love for his family and friends.

He had a kidney transplant in 2001. He was able to return to work for a period of time. After that, his health declined. In October 2005 he underwent bypass surgery.

Those left to mourn are his wife; his mother, of Flora; his children, Vicky Baker and husband John of Ceres, Calif., and their children, Zachery and Daniel; Robin and wife Sandra of Chowchilla, Calif.; stepson, Chris Gillard of Idaho; three sisters, Beverly and Max Kelly of Flora, Rebecca Boone of Rocky Mountain, Va., and Juanita and Stephen Peters of Peru; and his children's mother, Anita Angle of Modesto.

Preceding him in death were his father, a grandson, John Adam Baker, and a brother-in-law, Jimmie Boone.

Services were held Feb. 18 at the Brethren Community Fellowship in Modesto, with Bruce Hoblit officiating. He was laid to rest at Wood Colony Cemetery in Modesto.

R. Boyd Evernham

R. Boyd Evernham, 87, of Idaville, died at 2:33 a.m. on Feb. 28, 2006, in Lafayette.

Born in Buffalo on Jan. 25, 1919, he was the son of Ira J. and May Fry Evernham.

His marriage was to Virginia Skillen in Royal Center on April 12, 1942, and she survives.

Mr. Evernham farmed all of his life and was a member of White Oak Methodist Church.

Surviving with his wife are a son, Mike Evernham (wife: Vicky) of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; a daughter, Sandy Cox (husband: Jay) of Bringham; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister.

Visitation will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Fisher-Voorhis-Draper Funeral Home in Monticello, with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m. Service will be there Friday at 10:30 a.m., with burial at Indian Creek Cemetery near Headlee.

Births

Craig and Jenna McCoy Powlen, 801 E. Walnut St., #1521, Pasadena, CA 91101, are parents of a 5-pound, 6-ounce son, Noah McCoy, born Feb. 14 at Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena. Grandparents are Jack and Sue McCoy of Lafayette and Jim and Lois Powlen of Delphi. Maternal great-grandparents are Edith McCoy of Lafayette and Robert Black of Mogadore, Ohio.

Winston and Debbie Briggs of Atlanta, Ga., are parents of an 8-pound, 5-ounce son, William Harrison Briggs, born Feb. 21. Grandparents are Attorney Anne Briggs of Flora and the late William J. Briggs, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dietzel of Dawsonville, Ga.

Celsie Myers and Abe Almager are parents of a 7-pound, 12.8-ounce son, Chase Andrew Almager, born Feb. 3 at Parkview Huntington Hospital in Huntington. Grandparents are Bob and Beth Myers of Delphi, Cheryl Almager of Goshen and Gus Almager of Nappanee. Great-grandparents are Elsie Myers of Delphi, Vada Blosser of Wakarusa and Jane Myers of Logansport.

Aaron and Michelle (Reneau) Sheagley of Flora are parents of a 7-pound, 15.6-ounce daughter, Mackenzie Nicole, born Jan. 27 at Home Hospital, Lafayette. Maternal grandparents are Sharon Short of Frankfort and Roger and Vicki Reneau of Burlington. Paternal grandparents are Kirk Sheagley of Lafayette and Jim and Nancy Cripe of Delphi. Maternal great-grandmother is Williadene Short of Lebanon. Paternal great-grandparents are Margaret Moyer of Flora and Doris Sheagley of Cutler.

Other Death Notices

Howard J. Leslie, 73, of Frankfort died Feb. 22, 2006 at his residence. Born in Delphi on June 21, 1932, he was the son of Jessie O. and Estella J. Popejoy Leslie. Mr. Leslie was a plumber and steamfitter for Local 440. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. His marriage was to Evelyn S. Swihart, and she survives. Surviving locally is a brother, William Leslie (wife: Sharon) of Delphi. Services were Saturday in Frankfort.

Paul Hicks, 85, of West Lafayette died Feb. 27, 2006, at the Indiana Veteran's Home. Born in Greentown on June 27, 1920, he lived in Flora before moving to the home in 2001. Mr. Hicks served in the U.S. Army infantry from 1941 to 1945, and received the EAME Theater Ribbon with four Bronze Stars, Purple Heart and American Defense Service Medal with a Bronze Star. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at 1 p.m. on Thursday in the Indiana Veterans Home Chapel. Burial will be at Indiana Veterans Home Cemetery.

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A half-column photo of the deceased may be submitted for either type of obituary, at no charge. If a flag for military service or some other type of membership symbol or graphic is desired in the obituary, there will be an additional cost.

When appropriate, pending notices and other death notices will be printed at no charge.

By offering this alternative, those who desire a more personalized obituary about their loved one will now have that option.

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Delphi Board

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Resler stated the board needed to be apprised of this kind of communication upon receipt of a complaint.

Drug testing policy
Brakel distributed the final version of the proposed drug testing policy for review. He recommended the board accept the document so that it can be again presented to the public.

Brakel explained that students who ride the bus cannot be tested nor will student visitors. He reported there was no obligation to report a positive result to local law enforcement and because the policy was designed for the student population, staff members would not be included in the testing pool.

Other news:
Board member Mike Shoemaker spoke about the need to update the facility usage policy. He indicated changes were needed to encompass long-term uses and energy-saving measures, late or non-payment for use by contract holders and consequences for damage done to facilities by contracted users.

Board consensus was to communicate the suggestions to the firm hired to compile corporation-wide policies for inclusion in their recommendations.

The summer school program was approved unanimously. Claims for \$328,127.13 and payroll for \$288,390.03 were

approved unanimously.

The purchase of a replacement tractor was approved.

A software system upgrade costing in excess of \$10,000 to be paid for out of capital projects was approved.

Public comments
Parent Everett Snoeberger said he was concerned that students who become academically ineligible for sports are not being helped. He said he supports the corporation eligibility policy, but is concerned about the number of students who must leave sports due to their inability to maintain adequate grades.

Resler asked Snoeberger for documentation to support his claim.

Snoeberger explained he was not privy to student records. Parent Kirk Schwarzkopf said he appreciated the opportunity to live in the Delphi School District. "You deserve a pat on the back for serving on the board. There is not enough said to thank you sometimes."

Next meeting
The March 13 meeting date was changed and the March 27 meeting was canceled due to spring break. The only March meeting is March 20 at 7 p.m.

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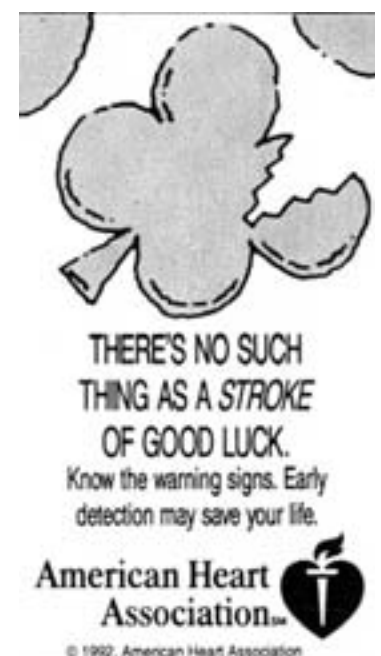
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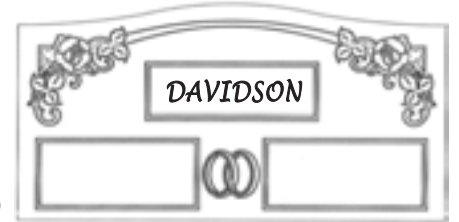


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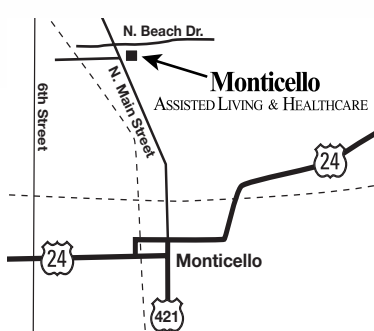
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