

Obituaries

Donabelle Flora



Services for Donabelle Flora, 94, formerly of Flora, were held Friday at Reinke Funeral Home, Flora. Pastors Dan Herendeen and Alvin Grumbling officiated. Burial was at Maple Lawn Cemetery, Flora.

She died at 3:50 p.m. May 2, 2006, at the St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center in Delphi.

Born in Carroll County on May 10, 1911, she was the daughter of Byrrl and Sue Harkin Chapman. She was a 1929 graduate of Flora High School.

Her marriage was to Russell R. Flora on Feb. 26, 1933, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 5, 1982.

Mrs. Flora was a homemaker and an active member of the Flora First Brethren Church, where she served as a deaconess on the deacon board with her husband and was a member of the Women's Missionary Society. She had also taught Sunday School and was the church pianist for a time.

She also volunteered many hours at the Brethren's Home and was a member of the Flora Art & Garden Club, and the U & I Club.

Surviving are a son, Donovan Flora (wife: Kathy Goater) of Seattle, Wash.; a daughter, Dawn Witter (husband: Jerry) of Lafayette; four grandchildren, Courtney Flora (husband: Ted Webber) of Seattle, Doug Witter (wife: Ann) of Indianapolis, Brad Witter (wife: Heather) of Carmel, and Danae Witter of Ann Arbor, Mich.; and five great-grandchildren.

A sister, Dortha Tarkington, and a brother, Richard Chapman, preceded her in here in death.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Flora First Brethren Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Faye L. Francis

Faye L. Robbins Francis, 67, of Delphi, died at 12:13 p.m. on May 2, 2006, in Monticello.

Born in Clear Springs on Feb. 8, 1939, she was the daughter of Herbert Bowling and Belle Edwards Napier.

Her marriage was to Terry L. Francis on March 11, 1988, in Springfield, Tenn., and he survives.

Mrs. Francis worked for The Andersons and as a professional cleaner until her illness prevented her from continuing.

Surviving with her husband are three daughters, Tina Arvin and Dina Hamelman (husband: John) both of Delphi and Amber Addy (husband: Ralph) of Rossville; four stepchildren, Pam Dicketts (husband: Steve) of Virginia Beach, Va., Rob Robbins (wife: Theresa) of Seymour, and Terry Francis Jr. (wife: Lisa) and Billy Francis (wife: Jennifer) both of Missouri; six sisters, Geraldine Burton, Bonnie Isom, Pam Cheek, Shirley Hern, Sharon and Karen; three brothers, Roger Napier, Ronnie Napier and Garet Bowling; 15 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a great-granddaughter, a sister and a brother.

Services were May 5 in Delphi, with burial at IOOF Cemetery in Rockfield. Memorials may be made to the family.

Births

Ross and Kelly (Bailey) Salts of Lafayette are parents of an 8-pound, 2-ounce daughter, Aubrey Ellen, born April 26 at Home Hospital, Lafayette. Grandparents are Roger and Kim Bailey of Bringham and Julie Salts of Attica. Great-grandmothers are Dorothy Fulton of Deer Creek and Helen Bailey of Burlington.

Dennis and Jill Routt of 911 South Center Street, Flora, are parents of a 7-pound, 12-ounce son, Mason Robert, born April 27. Grandparents are Tony and Joyce Newman of Moran and Roger and Diane Routt of Flora. Great-grandmothers are Gleanee Newman of Moran and Jean Routt of Peru.

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Betty A. Gardner



Betty A. Gardner, 87, of Portage, died at 11:40 p.m. May 4, 2006, at Sterling House.

Born June 24, 1918, in Valparaiso, she was the daughter of Clark and Lucille Fulton Stewart. She graduated from East Chicago Washington High School in 1936.

On Nov. 7, 1936, in Hannibal, Mo., she married Raymond C. Gardner, who died March 11, 1999.

A homemaker, Mrs. Gardner was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church. She later transferred her membership to Sharon Baptist Church. She was a 50-year member of the Carroll Chapter Order of the Eastern Star #475 at Camden, Camden Woman's Literary Club, and the Extension Homemakers.

Surviving are one daughter, Karen Gardner of Hammond; four sons, Wayne Gardner (wife: Louise) of Cameron, Wis., Ralph Gardner (wife: Joan) of Munster, Clark Gardner (wife: Judy) of Mooresville, and Larry Gardner (wife: Sandi) of Granger; 20 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her three youngest sons, Greg, Dennis and Paul, and her brother, Clark Stewart.

Services were held Tuesday at Cree Funeral Home, Camden, with the Rev. James Lund officiating. Burial was at Camden Cemetery.

Mary Souvarine

Mary K. Beck Souvarine, 85, of Oak Park, Ill., died on April 26, 2006, in her home.

Born in Burlington on Dec. 13, 1920, she was the daughter of W. Jean and Hazel Lybrook Beck. She was a 1938 graduate of Burlington High School and a 1943 graduate of Butler University in Indianapolis.

Her marriage was to Jack Souvarine in April of 1970, and he survives.

Mrs. Souvarine was a merchandise buyer and manager for Marshall Field's department store in Chicago for 40 years. Her work took her to several countries in Europe and to Japan and Israel.

Surviving with her husband are two sisters-in-law, Meta Osborne and Cora Beck of Bloomfield; and cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Thomas G. Beck and a sister, Elizabeth Beck.

Burial was at Burlington Cemetery.

Thomas A. Roberson

Services for Thomas Allen Roberson, 20, of Cutler, were held Sunday at Neptune Funeral Home, Burlington. The Rev. O.W. Willis and the Rev. Paul Veldhuizen officiated. Burial was at Ball Hill Cemetery, near Cutler.

He died May 2, 2006, at his residence.

Born Jan. 25, 1986, in Lafayette, Ind., he was a son of Donald R. Roberson and Doris McCarty Budd.

He attended Carroll High School and had been employed at Don's Pole Buildings for four years.

He enjoyed drawing, writing, bicycling and skateboarding.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Don R. and Cheri Roberson of Cutler; his mother and stepfather, Doris and John Budd of Darlington; three brothers, Donald Roberson II and Dusty Hooper, both of Cutler, and Dallas Moore (wife: Carrie) of Frankfort; six sisters, Carey Dishon (husband: Dave) of Cutler, Cassie Vaughn of Nashville, Tenn., Lori Couchot (husband: Dave) of Mason, Ohio; Hannah Budd, Elizabeth Budd and Marissa Budd, all of Darlington; maternal grandparents, William and Mary McCarty of Cutler; and paternal grandmother, Lucille Roberson of Cutler.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Donald Roberson.

Correction

Last week's Primary election voter turnout in Carroll County was 29%, not 14.4% as reported in last week's issue of the Comet. Carroll County has 14,419 registered voters and of that total, 4,187 cast ballots. Of the ballots cast, 3,446 were Republican and 719 were Democrat.

Duane R. Cunningham



Duane R. Cunningham, 87, of Brookston died at 1:15 p.m. on May 5, 2006, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lafayette.

Born in Winamac on Dec. 25, 1918, he was the son of Rudolph and Alma Shaw Cunningham. He was a 1937 graduate of Battle Ground High School.

His first marriage was to Grace Scowden on June 13, 1940, in Chalmers, and she died in March of 1944. He married Maxine G. Jenkinson on July 14, 1945, in Battle Ground and she died July 3, 1990.

Mr. Cunningham retired in 1981, after working for 43 years with Ralston-Purina in Lafayette.

He was a member of Lafayette Eagles Lodge #347 and a charter member of the Old Timers Club. He enjoyed fishing.

Surviving are a son, Robert L. Cunningham (wife: Joan) of Monticello; a daughter, Sharon Workinger (husband: John) of Delphi; three brothers, Bruce Cunningham (wife: Barb) of Battle Ground, Paul Cunningham (wife: Wanda) of Matthews and George Cunningham (wife: Pat) of West Lafayette; a sister, Edna Pettit (husband: Lyle) of Battle Ground; seven grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Jim Cunningham and John Cunningham, and a sister, Marian Moss.

Services were held Tuesday at Davidson Funeral Home, with burial at Battle Ground Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the donor's favorite charity.

Lois I. Lowe

Lois I. Lowe, 88, Logansport, died at 9:20 a.m. May 6, 2006, in Memorial Hospital, Logansport.

Born Feb. 23, 1918, on the family farm near Bringham in Carroll County, she was the daughter of Wesley and Estella Shanafelt Zinn. She was married on July 29, 1939, in Smith Valley, in southern Indiana, to Ralph W. Lowe, who survives. His uncle, the Rev. Julius Shrigley, officiated.

A homemaker, Mrs. Lowe was a graduate of Carrollton High School.

She had been employed as an EKG technician at Memorial Hospital in Logansport for over 25 years.

For 50 years, while residing on their farm east of Camden, she was a member of Camden First Baptist Church. After moving to Logansport in 1994, she attended the Logansport Church of the Brethren.

She enjoyed crocheting, flower gardening, and spending time with her family.

Surviving with her husband are a daughter, Elizabeth Billman of Logansport; a son, William J. Lowe of Mossy Rock, Wash.; a sister, Doris Parks (husband: Ralph) of Avon; four grandchildren, David Tocco (wife: Valerie) of Camden, Debra Schulze (husband: Jerry) of Winfield, Ill.; Cynthia Lowe (friend: Frank Buttrill) of Portland, Ore., and Scott Lowe (friend: Shannon Marr) of Eugene, Ore.; a great-grandchild, Anamaria Schulze of Winfield, Ill.; a stepgreat-grandchild, Cassie Aldridge (husband: Dan) of Camden; a stepgreat-grandchild, Nautica Aldridge of Camden; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Lionel Billman; daughter-in-law, Judy Lowe; two brothers, Melvin and Carl Zinn; and four sisters, Ethel Wise, Carrie Zinn, Myrtle Wingard, and Mary Simchick.

Services were held Tuesday at Kroeger Funeral Home, Logansport, with Pastor Aaron Gross officiating. Burial was at Maple Lawn Cemetery, Flora.

Condolences may be left online at www.kroegerfuneralhome.com. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

Emmitt Huskey

Emmitt Huskey, 87, of Delphi, died at 8:19 a.m. on May 3, 2006 in Monticello.

Born in Swifton, Ark., on April 2, 1919, he was the son of Quantrell and Myrtle Bettis Huskey.

His marriage was to Edith Myrl in Newport, Ark., on Jan. 16, 1976, and she survives.

Mr. Huskey was a farmer and had retired.

He was a member of Pittsburg Missionary Baptist Church in Delphi.

Surviving with his wife are four sons, Jimmy Huskey (wife: Glenda) of Strawberry, Ark., Lavon Huskey (wife: Evelyn) of Batesville, Ark., Carroll Huskey (wife: Sue) of Tuckerman, Ark., and Rickey Huskey (wife: Talsia) of Thida, Ark.; two stepdaughters, Caroline Rush and Janet Walker (husband: Dean) both of Delphi; two stepsons, Leslie Fuller (wife: Billie) of Dade City, Fla., and Larry Fuller (wife: Debbie) of Delphi; a brother, Billy J. Huskey of Jonesboro, Ark.; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four sisters, three brothers, and a stepgrandson.

Services were held in Arkansas, with burial at Arnold Cemetery in Swifton, Ark.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association.

Max A. George

Max A. George, 69, of Kokomo, died at 3:50 p.m. May 4, 2006, at St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

Born May 18, 1936, in Camden, he was the son of Thurlow and Vera Isaacs George. He was a 1954 graduate of Camden High School, where he played basketball and baseball.

He and Janet McNaught eloped on July 17, 1954 and were married in Indianapolis. Fifty years later they renewed their vows at their church with his cousin, the Rev. Richard Recher officiating.

The couple resided in Camden before moving to Kokomo 41 years ago.

Mr. George was a carpenter in skilled trades, working in the Chrysler Transmission Plant in Kokomo for 36 years. He retired in 2001.

He was a member and deacon at Camden First Baptist Church.

He was a former member of Kokomo Elks, a former member of Masonic Lodge #211, F&AM and Order of the Eastern Star, both at Camden.

Mr. George was an avid sports fan, especially of Purdue sports and St. Louis Cardinals baseball. He held season tickets for Green Bay Packers games and made several trips annually to Green Bay to watch the "fabulous Farve."

His greatest delight in recent years was the time he shared with his great-grandson. He was a loving and dedicated husband, father, grandfather, and great-papaw. His favorite pastimes were his family and traveling with his wife.

Surviving with his wife are a son, Mikel George of Ellettsville; a daughter, Jerilyn George of Kokomo; a daughter-in-law, Christine George of Kokomo; a brother, Robert George of Cordonville, Va.; a sister, Jean Scott of Rochester; two grandsons, Scott George of Indianapolis and Brett George (wife: Monica) of Madison, Wis.; one great-grandson, Devin Thomas George of Indianapolis; and one great-granddaughter, Cassandra George of Madison, Wis.

He was preceded in death by his loving son, Marc S. George.

Services were held Monday at the Camden First Baptist Church with Pastor Chad Hoesman officiating. Burial was at Camden Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Camden First Baptist Church Youth Camp.

Neda M. Bushman



Neda M. Bini Coghill Bushman, 79, of 11098 N. Lower Lakeshore Dr., Monticello, died at 10:50 a.m. on May 5, 2006, at St.

Elizabeth Medical Center in Lafayette. She had been ill since March of 2006.

Born on Sept. 30, 1926, in Livorno, Italy, she was the daughter of Marco and Anna Papi Bini. She attended private school in Livorno.

Her first marriage was to James F. Coghill on Feb. 7, 1946, in Livorno, and he died Sept. 17, 1972. Her second marriage was to Dale M. Bushman on June 25, 1974, in Delphi, and he died January 4, 1989.

She met her first husband while he was serving in the Army Air Corp during World War II. They married and moved from Livorno to Indiana after his discharge in 1947.

Mrs. Bushman received her United States citizenship in 1952.

She was matron of the Carroll County Jail, and her husband Jim was sheriff from 1963 to 1970. She was then deputy assessor of Carroll County, and Jim was assessor in 1971.

Her husband Jim was appointed superintendent of Carroll Manor Home in December of 1971, and she was the matron. When he died in 1972, she was named the superintendent until she retired in August of 1998.

Mrs. Bushman was an active member at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Delphi, a member of the Alter and Rosary Society; a eucharistic minister; Delphi Auxiliary; former Gamma Gamma Nu Sorority, past president and state president of the chapter; named Outstanding Carroll County Republican Woman of the Year 1987, and was presented a plaque by Barbara Bush at the state meeting in Indianapolis; an active member of Carroll County Republican Party; Carroll County Republican Woman's Club, where she was a past president; Carroll County Republican Century Plus Club; precinct committeeman for Deer Creek Township for several years; Westside Flower Club; former Ladies of the Moose; Carroll County Mental Health Association; Indiana County Home Association; and the Wabash & Erie Canal Association.

She enjoyed wintering in her Naples, Fla., home for many years, and enjoyed flower gardening, dancing, swimming and the ocean.

Surviving are a son, William "Bill" Coghill (wife: Darla) of West Lafayette; four daughters, Mary Anne Best (husband: Robert "Bob") of West Point, Martha Lewis (husband: Dennis) and Neda K. Duff, both of Delphi, and Cathy Lehe Watkins (husband: Doug) of Brookston; a stepdaughter, Debra S. Bushman Plough of Kokomo; a stepson, Gregory Bushman (wife: Ann) of Charlotte, N.C.; a brother, Nedo Bini (wife: Wilma) of Livorno, Italy; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and cousins in Italy.

Services were yesterday in Delphi, with burial at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

She loved her children, grand and great-grandchildren, and gave of herself to others freely. Arrangements were made by Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorials to be made to the Carroll Manor Home or Carroll County Cancer Association. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Ruth L. Clawson



R. Lorene Clawson, 93, a resident of St. Elizabeth Healthcare, Delphi, and a long-time resident of Carroll County, died at 6:47 p.m. on

May 6, 2006, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lafayette.

Born in Radnor on May 6, 1913, she was the daughter of Ross H. and Ida M. Mitchell Clawson. She was a 1931 graduate of Delphi High School, where she was class vice president.

Her marriage was to Robert L. Clawson on Dec. 24, 1931, at the Brewer's residence in Carroll County, and he died April 27, 2000.

Mrs. Clawson worked for several years as Dr. George Wagner's receptionist and physician's assistant, and later worked as a teller for Union Bank & Trust in Delphi.

She had been a 4-H leader and a president of the Home Demonstration Club. She was a member of Delphi Presbyterian Church, where she served as a deacon and vice president of the Women's Association. She had received her 75-year pin from the church.

Mrs. Clawson was also a former member of Eastern Star and Tri Kappa since 1946.

Surviving are a daughter, Nancy Gregory (husband: Merle) of Woodlawn Tenn.; a son, Jerry Clawson (wife: Marcia) of Richmond, Va.; two grandsons, Larry Gregory (wife: Phyllis) and Gary Gregory, both of Woodlawn, Tenn.; a granddaughter, Stacia Clawson (husband: John Hogan) of Laurens, S.C.; and two stepisters, Ruth Howell of West Lafayette and Patricia Benjamin of Naples, Fla.

Services are today at 10 a.m. at Davidson Funeral Home, with Pastor Louis Sandos officiating. Burial will be at IOOF Memorial Gardens in Delphi.

Memorials may be made to Delphi Presbyterian Church.

Other Death Notices

Phyllis Henry, 77, of Galveston, died May 7, 2006, in Kokomo. She was born May 14, 1928, in Miami County to Ansel and Ruth Marsh Brower. She married Fred Henry in 1947, and he survives. Mrs. Henry had worked as a elementary school librarian. Among the survivors is a sister, Nelda Lovelace of Flora. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. today, Wednesday, at First Baptist Church in Young America.

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