

## Obituaries

## J. Harold Stayer



J. Harold "Pappy" Stayer, 87, went to be with the Lord June 23, 2006, at 10:55 a.m. at Chase Center in Logansport.

Born Aug. 29, 1918, in Curryville, Pa., he was the oldest son of Charles Urbanna and Mary M. Brumbaugh Stayer. He graduated from Martinsburg High School, Martinsburg, Pa., where he met the love of his life, Mary Elizabeth Humberd. They were married on April 9, 1939, by her father, the Rev. R.I. Humberd. After 62 years of marriage, she preceded him in death on May 13, 2000.

Growing up in the mountains, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, hiking, trapping, camping and anything outdoors.

He was employed by Zenith Radio Corporation in Chicago, where he worked on developing guidance systems for U.S. military machinery.

In 1945 he proudly enlisted in the U.S. Army Special Forces and served in the Pacific Theater. After returning from the war he continued working at Zenith, developing tuners for the first color television sets.

In 1952 he moved his family to Florida, Indiana. While in Florida, he owned and operated Hal's Television Service. He also worked for the Cutler Telephone Company, retiring from the phone company (then known as Alltel) in 1981.

Having no sons of his own, he started working with the Boy Scouts of America in 1957. He was troop leader for Troop 160 from 1957 to 1972, Troop 140 from 1972 to 1982, and Troop 144 from 1982 to 1989. He was an assistant troop leader from 1989 until his death. He worked at the Boy Scout summer camp for over 25 years. He received several honors and awards from the Boy Scouts, including the Brotherhood award in 1968, the Ordeal award in 1967, the Vigil award in 1971 and the Woodbadge Course in 1974. He also received the Order of the Arrow award and the Silver Beaver award. It was an honor for him to lead over 40 young men in achieving the status of Eagle.

He hiked the Appalachian Trail two times, went to Phil Mont two times, and climbed Mount Baldi three times. In 1974, Pappy, along with 10 other men from the Grace Brethren Church, started a boys' youth group called the Grace Brethren Boys and modeled it after the Boy Scouts with a Christian foundation. In 2003 he received The Award for Selfless Service to his Nation as a Christian Father.

For the last six years he enjoyed assisting Mary Simpson with Mother's Day Out. He was lovingly known as "Uncle Harold" to every child. He is survived by two daughters, Patricia Azbell and her husband, Charles, Rochester, and Joyce Taylor, Warsaw; eight grandchildren, Loni Taylor and Debi Sisk, Holland, Mich., Doug Azbell and his wife, Lori, Greensboro, N.C., Sheryl Pease and her husband, Ken, Logansport, Jeff Azbell, Lodi, Wis., John Taylor, Rochester, JeNelle Gilliam, Nappanee, Don Taylor, Warsaw; a special niece, Mary Simpson, her husband, Ray, and children, Matt and Monica, Bringham; 10 great-grandchildren, and three step-great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are a sister, Rhoda Blank of Corning, N.Y.; three sisters-in-law, Jane Stayer, Concord, Pa., Anna Stayer, Altoona, Pa., and Louise Stayer, Big Flats, N.Y., and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, three brothers, Aaron Otha Stayer, Charles E. Stayer and Virgil Stayer, and one brother-in-law Robert Blank.

Services were held Tuesday morning at the Bringham United Methodist Church with Pastor Larry DeVos officiating. Burial followed at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Florida.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Boy Scouts of America Troop 144, Florida, or to the Grace Brethren Boys.

## Leona M. Carter

Services for Leona M. Carter, 89, formerly of the Cutler and Burlington area, were held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Burlington United Methodist Church. Pastor Chuck Rockey officiated and burial was at Ball Hill Cemetery near Cutler.

She died at 12:55 p.m. June 20, 2006, at St. Vincent Hospice, Indianapolis.

Born Dec. 22, 1916, in Carroll County, she was the daughter of Walter and Blanch Brookie Bowen. She married Cleon Carter on April 18, 1936, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death on Dec. 28, 1978.

Mrs. Carter was a lifelong resident of the Cutler and Burlington area. She graduated from Cutler High School in 1934 and attended Fort Wayne Business College for one year.

She was a member of the Burlington United Methodist Church and the Carroll County Historical Society.

Mrs. Carter enjoyed cooking, sewing, quilting and reading.

Surviving are 13 children, Meredith Carter (wife: Nellie) of Indianapolis, Martha Grant (husband: Rex) of Warsaw, Myra Roydhouse (husband: Ken) of Dade City, Fla., Myron Carter (wife: Marilyn) of Orlando, Fla., Marilyn Wade (husband: Bob) of Danville, Madonna Patrick (husband: Dwight) of Danville, James Carter (wife: Judy) of Brighton, Mich., Jerry Carter (wife: Wanda) of Zionsville, Janet Kniesly (husband: Bill) of Belleville, Ill., JoAnn Oglage (husband: Michael) of Deltona, Fla., Jon Carter (wife: Francine) of Avon, Jill Aydelotte (husband: Scott) of Apopka, Fla., and Jeff Carter (wife: Kathy) of Frankfort.

Also surviving are 32 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

A son, Max Dean Carter, preceded her in death.

Memorials may be made to St. Vincent Hospice, Indianapolis.

Neptune Funeral Home, Burlington, was in charge of arrangements.

## Joe Howard Schnieb



Joe Howard Schnieb, 71, of Logansport, died at 4:15 p.m. June 25, 2006, at Miller's Merry Manor in Logansport.

Born June 8, 1935, in Camden, he was the son of Cloyd and Pearl Hieland Schnieb.

He graduated from Camden High School in 1953 and then joined the U.S. Army. He served from 1953 to 1957 in Germany.

He was employed as a maintenance worker at New Holland Ford.

He was a member of the Camden First Baptist Church and the Isaac Walton League at Logansport.

An avid sports fan, he also enjoyed hunting, fishing and trap shooting.

Surviving are a brother, Jerry Schnieb of Rochester; a sister, Susan Bonnell of Monticello; and several nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

A sister, Peggy Riley, and her husband, Ray, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Cree Funeral Home, Camden, with Pastor Chad Hoesman officiating. Burial will be at Paint Creek Cemetery, Camden. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Wednesday, at the funeral home.

## Mary A. Renfro



A funeral mass for Mary Alice Renfro, 74, of Chico, Calif., will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, June 29, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Chico. Burial will be private.

She died Thursday, June 22, 2006, at a local hospital.

Mary was born in Lafayette, Ind., to George and Alice (Turner) Carrier on May 1, 1932. She was raised and educated in Delphi, Ind., where she met and married Mike Renfro in 1952. They moved to Chico in 1963.

Mary worked in banking for 23 years. She attended St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. She bowled for many years and enjoyed square dancing and social dancing.

Mary lived with many health problems for the last 30 years, but she lived happily, enjoying her family and friends while celebrating birthdays, holidays and

## Junior F. Snider



Junior F. "Jack" Snider, 86, of rural Delphi, died at 4:34 a.m. Tuesday, June 27, 2006, at Woodbridge Healthcare Center, Logansport.

He was born Aug. 11, 1919, in Clinton Township, Cass County, the son of Charles Earl and Nellie Grant Foreman Snider. When he was six months old his mother died and he was raised until age ten by Harry and Bessie Nelson. He then returned to his father's home.

He graduated from Carrollton High School in 1937. He looked up Maxine E. Garrett, who had been his classmate when he attended grades 1 to 4 at Walton. They dated and were married Feb. 12, 1939, in their furnished home. The couple resided in Carroll County for most of their lives and in Liberty Township for the past 45 years.

Mr. Snider was a farmer. He drove a delivery truck for Baker's Specialty, Logansport, until his health failed in 1975. He and his wife owned and operated Mom's Place, a restaurant in Burrows, until they retired in 1988.

He was a 4-H leader in Liberty Township for 32 years, a 50-plus year member of the Blue Lodge at Deer Creek, now consolidated with Mt. Zion Lodge #211, F&AM at Camden; and a 50-year member of the Logansport Council, Logansport Chapter, and Commandry. He was also a member of the 32nd Degree Scottish Rite and Murat Shrine, both of Indianapolis, the Tux Patrol of the Logansport Shrine Club, and past patron of Order of the Eastern Star #433, Deer Creek.

A member of Carroll County Farm Bureau since 1946, he served as president and on several committees. He served 20 years on the Carroll County Council on Aging and was a past president of the board.

He was an active member of Camden Lions Club, serving as district governor in 1978 and 1979. He was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship in 1990 and was honored with the W.P. Wood 50-Year Award last March.

He was a member of the Rockfield Presbyterian Church, where he served as Sunday School superintendent and Sunday School teacher. An elder, he served many terms on the church session.

He and his wife were in charge of the food stand for the Camden Lions Club Tractor Pull for 20 years. He loved sports, watching birds and doing word puzzles.

Surviving with his wife are two sons, Max E. Snider (wife: Gloria) of Logansport and Terry D. Snider (wife: Donna) of Delphi; one sister, Joanne Wood Timmons of Logansport; eight grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Two brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Cree Funeral Home, Camden, with the Rev. Ellis Gasser officiating. Burial will be at Center E.U.B. Cemetery, rural Galveston. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Rockfield Presbyterian Church or to the Camden Lions Club.

family gatherings. She left her family with many memories to enjoy.

Her family wishes to acknowledge the care and comfort she received at Enloe Medical Center and the support and love of her friends during the difficult times she was hospitalized over the years.

She is survived by her husband; three children, Teresa Renfro of Chico, Bradley Renfro of Glenn, Calif., and Mike Renfro Jr. of Roseville, Calif.; four grandchildren, Kyle, Chad, J.B. and Kaylin; a sister, Carolyn McLaughlin of Chico; two brothers, James Carrier of Alabama and Tom Carrier of Florida; and her niece and goddaughter, Susan McLaughlin of Davis, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Bill Carrier.

Memorial donations may be made to either St. John the Baptist Catholic Church or Enloe Hospital for cancer research, in care of Newton-Bracewell Chico Funeral Home. View obituary and send condolences online at nbchf.com.

## Helen M. Smith

Helen M. Thomson Smith, 89, of Monticello, formerly of Prince William Road, Delphi, died at 7:40 p.m. on June 19, 2006, at Twin Lakes Village in Monticello.

The daughter of James and Alma Kearns Thomson, she was born at the family farm near Flora on Nov. 20, 1916. She was a 1934 graduate of Flora High School and attended the Ray-Vogue School of Design in Chicago. She lived and worked in Chicago and Lafayette before returning to Carroll County in 1938.

On May 23, 1941, she married John D. Smith in Delphi, and he preceded her in death on Oct. 6, 1988.

Mrs. Smith was a member of the First Families of Carroll County, Indiana, her ancestors having arrived in 1835. She was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Delphi.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Anne Hoffman of Tallahassee, Fla.; two sisters, Jane Thomson Bishop of Flora and Catherine Thomson Smith of Monticello, formerly of Delphi; five nieces and nephews, Eleanor Sprowl, Carol Grubb, James Vianco, Dick T. Bishop and Peter Bishop.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Thomson Vianco.

A private burial service will be held at Masonic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Carroll County Cancer Association, 6940 Crestwood Dr., Delphi 46923; Carroll County Historical Society Museum, P.O. Box 277, Delphi 46923; or to First Presbyterian Church, 213 S. Indiana St., Delphi 46923.

Davidson Funeral Home assisted the family.

## John L. Bowman

Services for John L. Bowman, 96, of rural Delphi, were held Sunday in Logansport. Burial was in Rockfield IOOF Cemetery on Monday.

He died at 2:30 p.m. June 22, 2006, at Chase Center, Logansport.

Born May 21, 1910, in Rockfield, he was the son of Elmer and Clara Kessler Bowman. He was married on Dec. 25, 1934, in Burnettsville, to Goldie Golden, who survives.

A farmer, Mr. Bowman had worked at Logansport State Hospital.

He attended New Life Alliance Church in Logansport.

He enjoyed tractors and attending sales.

Surviving with his wife of 71 years are a daughter, Judy Leach (husband: Larry) of Manchester, Tenn.; two sisters, Rosemary Keesling of Manassas, Va., and Louada Chisholm (husband: Robbie) of Silver Springs, Md.; five grandchildren, Cynthia Bowman Wymann, Brian Bowman Smith, Brad Leach (wife: Renee), Stuart Leach (wife: Darcy), and Dan Leach; five great-grandchildren, Jacob Leach, Abigail Leach, Elliott Leach, Wyatt Wymann, and Corey Wymann; a sister-in-law, Lois Bowman of Galveston; and a special cousin, Herbert Bowman of rural Delphi.

One son and two brothers preceded him in death. Memorials may be made to the Gideons or to a charity of the donor's choice.

## Velma R. Davis



Velma R. Davis, 82, of Deerfield Beach, Fla., who died Dec. 8, 2005, is coming home to Indiana for the last time.

Mrs. Davis was born in Tippecanoe County on June 8, 1923; she was the daughter of Noah C. and Bernice A. Lefler Scowden.

She was the wife of the late Ernest L. Davis. Mrs. Davis was a homemaker and very much loved and enjoyed her family and home.

She liked playing cards with her brothers and sisters and sharing a wealth of memories with them every summer on her long visits home. She also liked traveling, spending time with her children and grandchildren, making fishing lures, listening to country and gospel music, people watching and reading.

She leaves behind three loving children, Duke Davis (wife: Lisa) of Delphi, Lana Weaver of Winston-Salem, N.C., and Cheri Marshall (husband: Jeff) of Deerfield Beach, Fla.; three stepchildren, Phyllis Moore (husband: Don) and Jim Davis (wife: June), both of Delphi, and Dick Davis (wife: Wilma) of Buck Creek; six beloved grandchildren, Kim Raines (husband: John) and Chad Davis, both of Lafayette, Kendra Battle (husband: Brad) of King, N.C., Lauren DiMartino of Deerfield Beach, Kyle Davis of Delphi and Hillary Marshall of Deerfield Beach. She will be missed by four great-grandchildren, Ronald, Mathew, Shantel, and Cheyenne.

Mrs. Davis was cherished by ten brothers and sisters; those who preceded her in death are June Gaumer, Chet Scowden, Kenneth "Pete" Scowden, and Charles "Chod" Scowden; and those who survive are Irma Sprunger and Katherine "Kit" Rehwald, both of Florida, Dorothy McCormick of Delphi, and Helen Michael of Logansport.

Also surviving are two brothers, Robert "Bob" Scowden and Richard "Rick" Scowden, both of Delphi; a sister-in-law, Judy Scowden; and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was adored by her family and will be truly missed. A service celebrating her life, her homecoming to Indiana, and her true homecoming to Heaven will be held July 8, 2006, at Davidson Funeral Home in Delphi, at 10 a.m., with Pastor Brent Oliver officiating. Friends and relatives will be received from 9:30 to 10 a.m., with the celebration service at 10 a.m. Pastor Brent Oliver will officiate the committal at IOOF Memorial Gardens at Pittsburg.

Services were Saturday at Abbott Funeral Home, with burial at Masonic Cemetery in Delphi.

The family strongly suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to Carroll County Habitat for Humanity, which was an organization that Rick truly enjoyed. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Surviving are his wife, Shawn Lotz Unger; one son, Michael, at home; two daughters, Nicole and Jada, both at home; his father, Ronald M. Unger of Frankfort; five brothers, Mark Unger, Tim Unger and Kent Unger, all of Frankfort, Jason Unger of Cutler, and Eli Unger, serving in Iraq; and one sister, Sarah Unger Watson of Burrows.

A memorial service was held Sunday at Spring Bayou Baptist Church in Kevil.

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## Rick Sisson

Mark Richard "Rick" Sisson, 40, of 216 W. North St., Delphi, died unexpectedly at 2:24 a.m. on June 20, 2006, at his residence.

Born in Lafayette on June 16, 1966, he was the son of Jack and Marilyn Harner Sisson. He graduated from Logansport High School in 1984, and attended Gulf Coast Community College in Panama City, Fla. He had also received his broker/real estate licenses.

His marriage was to Karen R. Cunningham in Delphi on Aug. 6, 1988, and she survives.

Mr. Sisson worked at Peters-Revington Furniture factory in Delphi for three years, then he worked at Frito Lay in Frankfort for nine years. He sold real estate for RE/MAX of Lafayette, and Stan Hyman Real Estate of Delphi. For the past three years, he worked at Eli Lilly Company in Lafayette.

He was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Delphi, where he was the past council president and current chairman of the stewardship committee.

He was involved with the Habitat for Humanity house currently being built and served on the committee. He had been very active with previous Habitat house projects.

Mr. Sisson was a former member of the Delphi Lions Club and a member of Lafayette Board of Realtors.

He enjoyed going to car shows, and he played on the Eli Lilly golf league.

Surviving with his wife are two children, Jennifer H. Sisson and Matthew J. Sisson, both at home; two brothers, John Sisson (wife: Patty) of Cranston, R.I., and Doug Sisson of Panama City, Fla.; a sister, Vicki Harris (husband: Dale) of Fort Carson, Colo.; his mother and stepfather, Marilyn and Bruce Strong of Panama City, Fla.; and nieces and nephews.

Services were Saturday at Abbott Funeral Home, with burial at Masonic Cemetery in Delphi.

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## Todd R. Unger

Todd Ryan Unger, 33, of Kevil, Ky., died June 24, 2006, at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Ky.

He was born on July 14, 1972, in Kokomo, the son of the Ronald M. and Martha J. Spraker Unger.

Surviving are his wife, Shawn Lotz Unger; one son, Michael, at home; two daughters, Nicole and Jada, both at home; his father, Ronald M. Unger of Frankfort; five brothers, Mark Unger, Tim Unger and Kent Unger, all of Frankfort, Jason Unger of Cutler, and Eli Unger, serving in Iraq; and one sister, Sarah Unger Watson of Burrows.

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