

# Obituaries

## Mary Sue Bryant

Mary Sue McNally Bryant, 79, died Monday, Sept. 15, 2008, at the Bowling Green Medical Center, Bowling Green, Ky.

Born Nov. 29, 1928, she was the daughter of Carl Peter and Annie Pierce McNally. Her marriage was on June 24, 1950, in Bowling Green, to Charles Rogers Bryant. He died on Nov. 2, 1997.

Mrs. Bryant was a graduate of College High School where she received the D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award, and served as a page in Washington, D.C. She graduated from Randolph-Macon Women's College, where she was a member of the AOII.

She was a member of the Bowling Green Girl's Cotillion, Bowling Green Garden Club, The Browning Club, D.A.R., TROA, and was a former member of the First Baptist Church. In recent years she became a member of Christ Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Bryan volunteered her time as a PTA officer, Cub Scout leader, and in Bowling Green High School Band Boosters.

She was an accomplished dancer, seamstress, knitter, poet, bowler and golfer.

She is survived by three children, Melissa Bishop (husband: Dick T.) of Flora, Charles Rogers Bryant Jr. of Mt. Juliet, Tenn., and Peter McNally Bryant (wife: Karla) of Bowling Green; four grandsons and one granddaughter; and one great-grandson.

Private graveside services were held Sept. 19 at Fairview Cemetery in Bowling Green.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Flora-Monroe Public Library.

## Consuelo M. Pierson

Consuelo "Connie" Maria Garcia Pierson, 81, formerly of Indianapolis, died at 1:55 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, 2008, at her daughter's home near Camden. She had been in ill health the past nine months.

Born Feb. 20, 1927, in Gary, she was the daughter of the late Pedro and Matilda Lopez Garcia.

Mrs. Pierson graduated from Emerson High School, Gary, in 1945. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in education and a Masters degree in literature and journalism from Indiana University, Bloomington.

Mrs. Pierson was a primary school teacher for many years, retiring in 1981. She then worked as a clerk for the Federal Court in Indianapolis for 13 years before retiring in 1996.

She was baptized and raised Roman Catholic and belonged to the I.U. Alumni Association.

Mrs. Pierson was an avid reader, enjoyed nature, especially bird watching. She deeply loved her family.

Surviving are two daughters, April Miller of Carmel and Anita Smith (husband: David R.) of Camden; two sons, Christopher Pierson (wife: Melissa) of Oceanside, Calif. and Daniel Pierson (companion: Summer Jourdan) of Los Angeles, Calif.; a sister, Candy Brady (husband: John) of Lawrence; and six grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was a grandson.

A mass was held Sept. 23 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Delphi. Burial followed at Maple Lawn Cemetery in Flora. Father Peter Vanderkolk officiated.

Online condolences can be sent to [www.abbottfuneralhome.com](http://www.abbottfuneralhome.com).

Abbott Funeral Home, Delphi, was in charge of arrangements.

## James A. Fred

James Alec Fred, 92, formerly of Cutler and now a resident of Carroll Manor, near Delphi, passed away at 8:01 a.m. Monday, Sept. 22, 2008, at St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo.

He was born Nov. 11, 1916, in South Bend, to Roy and Nellie Diltz Fred. On Sept. 5, 1945, he married Mary Ellen Hunt in Russiaville. She preceded him in death on April 11, 1991.

Mr. Fred graduated from Mishawaka High School in 1935. After high school, he worked in a local furniture factory for 19 months, saving enough money to buy an automobile, a radio tube tester and other equipment needed to repair radios. He rented a small building in downtown Mishawaka for a radio repair shop. Since 1938 was not a good time to start a new business, he went to work as a substitute clerk-carrier at the post office.

By the time World War II started he was a radio instructor at the Army Air Force Radio School in Chicago. He later was an electronics signal corp inspector at two radio factories in Kokomo.

Following the end of the war, he went to work as a junior radio engineer at the Kingston Radio Factory in Kokomo. He designed radios that were made for and sold by Montgomery Ward, Gambles Stores and Western Auto Supply. Kingston Product Corp. closed its radio division in June 1954.

Mr. Fred then went to work for the Bendix Guided Missile plant in Mishawaka, where he was a test equipment design engineer. The TALOS missile was assembled there. In January 1957 he was employed as a product engineer at Mallory Controls Company in Frankfort. After 25 1/2 years there, he retired in April 1983.

Mr. Fred held many part-time jobs during these years. He was a power tool demonstrator at the Sears store in Kokomo, taught adult vocational classes for 2 1/2 years at Frankfort High School, was a transmitter engineer at two radio stations in Kokomo, and in his spare time serviced radio sets for nearly 70 years.

He wrote over 200 magazine articles about electronic projects and supplied over 400 photographs to illustrate his stories.

Surviving are two sons, James David Fred (wife: Patty) and Mark A. Fred (wife: Dianna); one brother, Berwyn Fred of Wheaton, Ill.; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

A sister also preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Russiaville Cemetery. Pastor Steve Fritchman will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Carroll Manor.

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

## Delphi man caught growing marijuana

### Comet staff report

Floyd L. Davis, 48, of Delphi, was arrested Sept. 22 at approximately 7 p.m. for growing marijuana plants at his residence in Carroll County.

The investigation conducted by the Indiana State Police Marijuana Eradication Team discovered Davis was in possession of 18 live marijuana plants in an outdoor grow operation. He had roughly one-quarter pound of processed marijuana also in his possession.

Davis was transported to Carroll County Jail and charged with cultivating marijuana over 30 grams, a Class D felony, maintaining a common nuisance, a Class D felony and possession of paraphernalia, a Class A misdemeanor.

Assisting Indiana State Police was the Carroll County Sheriff's Department.

Law enforcement reminds anyone with information about a marijuana grow operation or any other criminal activity to call the local police department or contact the local Indiana State Police Post and report location of the crime and possible suspects.

## Charles F. McFatrige



Charles F. McFatrige, 88, of Logansport, died at 1:16 p.m. Sat., Sept. 20, 2008, at his residence.

Born Jan. 4, 1920, in Deer Creek, he was the son of Ira Lewis and Ethel Maude Campbell. He was married on Sept. 30, 1943, in Cass County, to Rosanna Sink, who survives.

Mr. McFatrige was a retired electrician and farmer.

He was a member of Calvary Presbyterian Church and Eagles Lodge #323, both in Logansport. He enjoyed fishing, gardening and coon hunting. Surviving with his wife of Logansport are two daughters, Donna Rikard (husband: Randy) of Walton and Debra Maddox (husband: Chuck) of Valparaiso; a sister, Vera Larimore (husband: Junior) of Galveston; a grandson, Jeff Beeman (wife: Blanche) of Logansport; one great-grandson, Matthew Beeman; several stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, Jim, Tom, Bill, Bob and Art McFatrige, and a sister, Dorothy McFatrige.

Services were held Tuesday at Gundrum Funeral Home, Logansport. The Rev. Doug Mankell officiated. Burial was at Hopewell Cemetery, Deer Creek.

Memorials may be made to Southern Care Hospice of Kokomo.

## Raymond Pearson

Raymond Pearson, 55, of St. Petersburg, Fla., formerly of Delphi, died Aug. 24, 2008.

Born Nov. 26, 1952, in Lafayette, he was the son of Raymond and Juanita Pearson. He graduated from Delphi High School.

Mr. Pearson was a heavy equipment operator.

He enjoyed NASCAR, Harleys and his grandchildren.

Surviving are his loving wife, Donna Pearson of St. Petersburg; only one son, Ryan Pearson of Americus; his mother, Juanita Scott of Lafayette; four stepchildren of St. Petersburg; two step grandsons of St. Petersburg; and one unborn granddaughter of Americus.

His father preceded him in death.

Services were held Aug. 30 in St. Petersburg.

On-line condolences may be directed to: [www.memorialparkfuneralhome.com](http://www.memorialparkfuneralhome.com).

## Letha C. Littman

Letha Connelly Littman, 86, of Lafayette, formerly of Delphi, died at 5:45 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2008, at Rosewalk Village in Lafayette, where she had been a resident since June.

Born May 29, 1922, in Nabb, she was the daughter of the late John Franklin and Lenora Schmidt Connelly. Her marriage was on Oct. 1, 1955, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Delphi to Edward W. Littman, who survives.

Mrs. Littman was a 1939 graduate of Buck Creek High School.

She worked in the office for 40 years at Alcoa, retiring from there in 1982.

Mrs. Littman was a charter member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, and a member of Alcoa Retirees Club. She was a former member of the Delphi Business Women and Buck Creek Order of the Eastern Star.

She enjoyed flowers, gardening and loved traveling.

Surviving are a sister, Martha Janz (husband: Jack) of Delphi and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were four brothers, J. Robert, J. Franklin, James O. and J. Gilbert Connelly and one sister, Mary Connelly.

Visitation will be Saturday from 10 a.m. until time of the service at 11 a.m. at Davidson Funeral Home in Delphi. Burial will follow at Battle Ground Cemetery in Battle Ground.

Memorials may be made to donor's favorite charity.

Online guestbook and condolences can be sent to [www.davidsonfh.com](http://www.davidsonfh.com).

## Terry D. Snider



Terry Dean Snider, 64, of Delphi, died as the result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008, near Burrows in Carroll County.

Born on Sept. 16, 1944, in Logansport, he was the son of Maxine Garrett of Camden and the late Junior F. Snider. He graduated from Delphi High School in 1962 and from Purdue University in 1964. On Oct. 11, 1964, in Rockfield, he married Donna Jean Pursch, who survives.

Mr. Snider was employed by Bailey Trucking for one year, and was previously a driver for Schwan's. He also previously owned the former Snider Trucking.

He was honorably discharged from the Indiana National Guard.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Delphi, a charter member of the Kiwanis Club, and a past member of the Lions Club.

His hobbies included NASCAR racing, Purdue sports, golfing, and fixing things.

Surviving are a son, Terry E. Snider (wife, Shawna) of Camden; a brother, Max E. Snider (wife, Gloria) of Logansport; five grandchildren, Cole and Kyle Stonebraker and Erica, Justin, and Kale Snider; and a great-granddaughter: Marlee Stonebraker.

His daughter and son-in-law, Trina and Gary Stonebraker, also died of injuries suffered in the same accident.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the First Assembly of God in Delphi. The funeral service will be at the church on Friday at 10 a.m. Pastor Nord Zootman, Pastor Brent Oliver, and Father Peter Vanderkolk will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Snider/Stonebraker Grandchildren Memorial Fund in care of Salin Bank in Delphi.

Hippensteel Funeral Home is entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at [www.hippensteelfuneralhome.com](http://www.hippensteelfuneralhome.com).

## Trina L. Stonebraker



Trina L. Stonebraker, 43, of Delphi, died as a result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident on Saturday Sept. 20, 2008, near Burrows in Carroll County. She was a lifelong resident of Carroll County.

She was born April 16, 1965, in Logansport, to Donna (Pursch) Snider and the late Terry D. Snider, who also sustained fatal injuries in the accident. Her marriage was on Oct. 20, 1985, in Delphi, to Gary B. Stonebraker. He, too, sustained fatal injuries in the accident.

Trina was a Delphi Community High School graduate and received her RN degree from St. Joseph College, Rensselaer. She was employed as a registered nurse at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Lafayette, for eight years. She had also worked at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center in Delphi and Camelot Care Center in Logansport.

She was a former member of the Rockfield Presbyterian Church. Trina enjoyed hanging out at their pool, spending time with her family and granddaughter.

## Gary B. Stonebraker



Gary B. Stonebraker, 43, of Delphi, died as the result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident on Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008, near Burrows in Carroll County.

Born in Lafayette on March 27, 1965, he was the son of Richard Stonebraker (wife: Donna) of Flora and Doris Ann Page Johnson (husband: Duane) of Apache Junction, Ariz. He married Trina L. Snider on Oct. 20, 1985, in Delphi, who also died from injuries suffered in the same accident.

Gary was a 1983 graduate of Delphi Community High School.

He had worked as an estimator for Milestone Contractors since 2005 and before that worked 15 years for Jack Isom Construction in Reynolds.

He was a member of the Indiana National Guard for 15 years, and a former member of the Rockfield Presbyterian Church.

He enjoyed fishing, golfing, NASCAR, boating, watching football, and spending time at their pool with his family and with his granddaughter.

She also enjoyed singing and dancing.

Surviving are two sons, Cole S. Stonebraker, a student at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, and Kyle B. Stonebraker, a student at Ball State University in Muncie; her mother of Delphi; a granddaughter, Marlee Stonebraker of Camden; one brother, Terry E. Snider (wife: Shawna) of Camden; paternal grandmother, Maxine Snider of Camden; and 11 nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Junior F. Snider, and maternal grandparents, Edward and Dorothy Pursch.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at First Assembly of God in Delphi. The funeral service will be held at the church on Friday at 10 a.m. Officiating will be Pastor Brent Oliver and Pastor Nord Zootman.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Snider/Stonebraker Grandchildren Memorial Fund in care of Salin Bank in Delphi.

Hippensteel Funeral Home, Lafayette, is entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at [www.hippensteelfuneralhome.com](http://www.hippensteelfuneralhome.com).

## Carroll From page 1A

paper twice, followed by a public hearing at the Oct. 7 board meeting, and then the board will adopt the budget on Oct. 21.

The budget is advertised (in this week's *Comet*) at \$10,590,908. Sayers said in an interview on Monday that the budget is based on an estimated assessed valuation of \$198 million, compared to \$331 million last year.

"Local taxpayers will pay less tax dollars (school tax) than they have in the past, but the tax rate will probably go up about 40 percent," he said. He further explained that some taxpayers in the school district could pay more if their own assessed valuation went up.

Sayers added that in addition to the reduction in assessed valuation, another impact on the budget is that the state is taking over the general fund. Carroll's general fund is advertised at \$6,875,700.

Sayers pointed out that Carroll's debt service fund is up because of a bond issue on the piping project at the Jr.-Sr. high school, but to help compensate for that, the board decreased the amount for the capital projects fund.

The board approved recommendations of elementary principal Carolyn O'Connell concerning the elementary library position. The vote sanctioned discontinuing the employment of the librarian who started out the school year and approved the hiring of Tina Fewell to fill that position.

Sayers said later, in response to a question from the *Comet*, that there was a time lapse of about four weeks between the dismissal of the librarian and the matter coming before the board, but it required board

approval to become official. He said Fewell was substitute librarian during that time.

Before becoming librarian, Fewell was a full-time remediation instructional assistant at the school. The board approved the hiring of Sara Thompson in that full-time position, and hired Kim Worl as a part-time remediation instructional assistant.

The following coaches were hired for the winter and spring seasons: Jeff Hodson, varsity basketball; Ryan Duff, eighth grade boys basketball; Katie Seward, JV girls basketball; Lance Spesard, eighth grade girls basketball; Roger Nelson, varsity swimming; Steve Keown, varsity baseball; Mike Miller and Rob Kauffman, varsity track; Tyler Sausaman, varsity track assistant; Matt Benner and Amy Cottrell, junior high track; and Katie Seward, JV softball. Mike Miller was hired as athletic supervisor, and Jeff Hodson and Mike McCroskey were hired for open gym.

Volunteer assistants approved were Michelle Strawcutter, junior high cross country, and Larry Henning, varsity track.

Cash tuition requests were approved for students Dakota Riley and Allison Nelson.

Facility use requests were approved for the Cub Scouts, who will have their meetings at the elementary school, and for the Old German Baptist youth group, who will have gatherings in the elementary gym once a month from October through April.

The next regular school board meeting will be Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

## Lottery

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as a million dollar winner, so I was very happy to see a familiar face win."

Humphrey wants the public to know the store sells more than just fuel, tobacco and lottery tickets. It is a 24-hour, seven day-a-week convenience store.

"People may not know they can come in the middle of the night and buy a gallon of milk." If people were not familiar with the store before, they will be now.

Even though Chorrushi won big, Humphrey wants to remind everyone to, "please play responsibly."

## Births

Kevin and Melanie Yoder Sietsma of Lafayette are parents of a 7-pound, 8-ounce daughter, Olivia June, born Sept. 9 at Lafayette Home Hospital. Grandparents are Gary and Ginny Yoder of Flora and Dorie and Kevin Jankowski of Lafayette and Jim Sietsma of Battleground. Maternal great-grandmothers are Maxine Yoder of Chalmers and Doris Maxwell of Camden. Paternal great-grandparents are George and Donna Sietsma of Battleground.

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