

Obituaries

Charles H. Shanks



Charles "Harold" Shanks, 80, of Delphi died at 9:40 a.m. Monday, Nov. 17, 2008, at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center in Delphi, where he had been a resident since July.

Born Dec. 18, 1927, in Camden, he was the son of the late Floyd E. and Martha S. Shephard Shanks, graduated from Camden High School in 1946. His marriage was Dec. 3, 1950, in Colburn to Opal L. Gingrich, who preceded him in death June 19, 2000.

He served as an Army Medic during World War II, from May 1946 to June 1947.

Mr. Shanks was a real estate agent for Bonham Real Estate. He and his wife were the former owners of Shanks Realty.

He was retired from farming after many years.

He was a member of the St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Delphi, the VFW and the

American Legion in Delphi. Mr. Shanks enjoyed wood-working, tractor pulling and restoring old tractors.

Surviving are a daughter, Amanda Robinson (husband: Steve), and a son, Mike Shanks, both of Delphi; six grandchildren, Chad, Holly and Corey Draper, Samantha and Kara Laxson and Jamie Shanks; and great-grandchildren Lily and Emma Draper, Zeke Reed, and Jordan Shanks.

Preceding him in death were two brothers, Richard and twin brother Gerald, and a sister, Helen McVay.

Services will be Nov. 20 at 10 a.m. at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. The Rev. Mike Crawford will officiate. Burial will follow at Paint Creek Cemetery in Camden.

Visitation will be today, Wednesday, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Davidson Funeral Home in Delphi and one hour prior to the funeral service.

Memorials may be made to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

Online condolences can be sent to www.davidsonfh.com.

James R. Keller

James R. Keller, 88, of West Lafayette, died at 4:55 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, 2008, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lafayette. He had been a patient there since last Thursday and in failing health the past six months.

Born Oct. 9, 1920, in Owen County, he was the son of the late Fred and Harriette Buskirk Keller. His marriage was on April 26, 1943, in Milan to Sylvia M. Henderson, who survives.

Mr. Keller was a 1939 graduate of Solsberry High School and a 1954 graduate of Indiana Business College in Columbus.

He was employed at Starke County Farm Bureau Co-op in 1970 and worked there until his retirement in 1986. He worked at Farm Bureau Co-ops in Bartholomew, Carroll and Starke counties for a total of 31 years.

A World War II Army veteran, he was an artillery soldier and served in Germany and the European Theater.

He and his wife moved to Delphi in 1958 and resided there until 1970. They then spent 31 years in Starke County before moving back to the Buck Creek area for six years, then moving to West Lafayette.

Mr. Keller formerly belonged to the Delphi United Methodist Church. He was a

lifetime member of the Knox VFW and American Legion. He was very active with the Starke County Council on Aging where he served on the board of directors, delivered Meals on Wheels and helped seniors with their taxes.

He coached Little League and was a Boy Scout leader.

Mr. Keller enjoyed gardening, fishing and mushroom hunting. He loved spending time with his wife, children and granddaughter.

Also surviving is a daughter, Diane Beall of Delphi; a son, James Keller (wife: Faith) of Fishers; a sister, Mary Ellen Hendricks of Whitehall; a brother, Ronnie Keller of Texas; and one granddaughter, Angela Rishel.

Preceding him in death were three brothers.

Visitation will be today, Wednesday, from 11 a.m. until time of service at 1 p.m. at Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi. Pastor Micah Hudson will officiate. Burial will follow at the Masonic Cemetery in Delphi.

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

Online condolences can be sent to abbottfuneralhome@verizon.net.

Norma M. Perigo

Norma M. Perigo, 85, of Flora, passed away at 11:14 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, 2008, at Home Hospital, Lafayette.

She was born Dec. 14, 1922, in Bringham, to Walter and Minnie Whiteman. She graduated from Flora High School in 1941. On Dec. 27, 1941, in Flora, she married Robert A. Perigo. He passed away on April 21, 1999.

Mrs. Perigo was a member of the Flora United Methodist Church and the Flora Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She was employed in the kitchen at the Flora School for 23 years, retiring in 1982.

She is survived by one son, Robert W. Perigo (wife: Sharon) of Lakeland, Fla.; one daughter, Susan Tracy of Flora; three grandchildren, Courtney Perigo (wife: Erin) of Tampa, Fla., Harmony Caldwell and Adam Tracy, both of Flora; and one great-grandson, Andrew Caldwell.

Services will be today, Wednesday, at 10 a.m. at Reinke Funeral Home, Flora. Burial will follow at Maple Lawn Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Carroll Manor. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

William E. Fite

William "Ed" Fite, 70, of Monticello, passed away at 4:25 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2008, in his home.

Born May 22, 1938, in Lafayette, he was the son of William and Wanetta White Fite. His marriage was on June 1, 1984, in Monticello to Anna Shepherd, who survives.

Mr. Fite attended schools in Dayton, Ohio.

He retired from Delphi Body Works, where he was employed as a painter, welder and fabricator.

Mr. Fite enjoyed restoring vintage trucks. He was an avid motorcycle rider and outdoor enthusiast.

Surviving are a son, Michael Fite of Monticello; a daughter, Sherry Sherer of West Lafayette; a brother, Richard Fite (wife: Pat) of Camden; a sister, Maureen Haney of Silver Dollar, N.M.; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death was a son, William.

Services were held Nov. 15 at Davidson Funeral Home in Delphi. Father Peter Vanderkolk officiated. Burial followed at Yeoman Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the American Cancer Society.

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

Births

Derek and Kristi (Gill) Burge of P.O. Box 98, Burrows, are parents of a 7-pound, 8-ounce daughter, Avery Jaelyn Denise, born Oct. 17 at Logansport Memorial Hospital. Maternal grandparents are Frank and Martha Gill of Delphi. Paternal grandparents are John and Cindi Chapman of Delphi and Gary Burge of Flora.

Green D. Walker



Green "Dean" Walker, 66, of Delphi, died Nov. 13, 2008, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lafayette.

Born June 8, 1942, in Cutler, he was the son of Charlie and Mary Parman Walker. His marriage was on Nov. 30, 1962, at Pittsburg to Janet Fuller, who survives. Mr. Walker made his career as a diesel mechanic and in later years retired from Monticello Medical Center.

He was a member of the Pittsburg Missionary Baptist Church.

Also surviving are his mother; four daughters, Wanda Wilcox (husband: David), Christina Hampton (husband: Danny), Rachel Hatfield and Regina Scott (husband: Kenneth), all of Delphi; a son, Roger Walker (wife: Mickey) of Delphi; three sisters, Elizabeth Pottinger of Russiaville, Helen Butcher (husband: Virgil) of Delphi and Toni Martin of Lafayette; four brothers, Charlie Walker (wife: Ruth) of Fairmont, Larry Walker (wife: Ruth) of Delphi, Melvin Walker (wife: Norma) of Tennessee and John Walker (wife: Shirley) of Kokomo; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held Nov. 16 at Pittsburg Missionary Baptist Church. Burial followed at Pleasant Run Cemetery, Carroll County.

Betty Jo Spitznagle

Betty Jo Spitznagle, 78, of Delphi died Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2008, at Home Hospital in Lafayette. Arrangements pending at Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi.

Beatrice Sheets-Hunt

Beatrice Mae Sheets-Hunt, 76, of Rossville, died at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 17, 2008, at her residence.

Born Feb. 2, 1932, in Monon, she was the daughter of Charles and Elsie Robey Marchand. She attended Francisville High School. On Aug. 30, 1952, she married Valentine Brennard Sheets, who preceded her in death on Aug. 11, 1975.

She had worked for Duncan Electric in Lafayette which later became Landis Gyr. She most recently had been employed in the candy store at Zachary Confections, Frankfort.

She loved the outdoors and enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Surviving are three sons, Sherman Sheets of Delphi, Robin Sheets of Lafayette, and Kenneth Sheets of Rossville; two daughters, Ellen Mullendore of Lafayette and Mary Jane Courter of Cutler; one sister, Violet Chamness of Francisville; one brother, Sambo Marchand of Delphi; nine grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Evelyn and Ruth Ann, and six brothers, Russell, Don, Leon, Fred, Bill and Bob.

Visitation will be held Thursday at 9 a.m. until the time of the service at 11 a.m. at Bodine Funeral Home, Rossville. Cremation will follow.

Memorials may be made to the Rossville Public Library.

Online condolences may be directed to www.bodinefuneralhome.com.

Tom D. Landes



Tom D. Landes, 59, of Deer Creek, died Nov. 12, 2008, at his residence.

Born Jan. 26, 1949, in Logansport, he was the son of Max and Winifred Pullen Landes. He graduated from Carroll High School in 1967.

Mr. Landes was employed at Modine Manufacturing and had formerly worked at Wilson Foods, both in Logansport.

He served in the National Guard from 1967 to 1973.

An avid motorcycle rider, he enjoyed cooking and spending time with his dog, Abby.

He was a member of the Flora First Brethren Church.

Surviving are his parents of Logansport; a brother, Dan Landes (wife: Diane) of Frankfort; two sisters, Judy Humbarger (husband: Gene) of Delphi and Toni Lhamon (husband: Howard) of Logansport; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Monday at Baker Funeral Home, Flora. Pastor Dan Herendeen and Pastor Alvin Grumbling officiated. Burial was at Maple Lawn Cemetery, Flora.

Memorials may be made to the Flora First Brethren Church, 115 N. Washington St., Flora, IN 46929.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.bakerfh.com.

Phyllis Burge Dunkin

Phyllis E. Burge Dunkin, 78, of Venice, Fla., formerly of Flora, died at noon on Nov. 12, 2008.

Born June 4, 1930, she was the daughter of Arthur W. and Virgie A. Burge.

Surviving are three sons, Donald Wells of Orange, Texas, Ricky Wells of Bringham, and Kim Wells of Indiana; two brothers and one sister, Leonard F. Burge (wife: Bernice) of Camden, Donald L. Burge (wife: Betty) of Flora, and Juanita Norwood of Venice, Fla., and many nieces, nephews and grandchildren. Private graveside services will be held at Musselman Cemetery, Camden, at a later date.

Other Death Notices

Fredrick "Whitey" Jacobs, Sr., 66, died Nov. 12, 2008 at his residence in West Point. Among the survivors are a daughter, Tracy Cabello (husband: Frank) of Rossville, and two stepdaughters, Leisha Hill (husband: Rob) and Melissa Lowery (husband: Jason), both of Delphi.

David L. Warthan, 65, of Lafayette died Nov. 10, 2008, at his residence. Among the survivors is a son, Steven Warthan (wife: Katie) of Delphi. Services were held Nov. 13 in Lafayette.

Lois Powlen



Lois Groninger Powlen, 68, of Delphi, died at 6:50 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2008, at Monticello Healthcare Center. She had been a patient there one day and had battled pancreatic cancer the past eight months.

Born Oct. 15, 1940, in Logansport, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Kathalene Jacoby Groninger. Her marriage was on Dec. 29, 1962, in Burrows, to Carl James "Jim" Powlen, who survives.

Mrs. Powlen graduated from Delphi High School in 1958. She received her R.N. degree from Indiana University in Kokomo in 1995. Since 1995 she worked for Clarian Arnett Health, as a floating nurse to all of the doctors' satellite offices. She attended, played the organ and sang in, the church choir at the First Presbyterian Church in Delphi.

Mrs. Powlen formerly belonged to Tri Kappa sorority. She and her husband belonged to the JUNTO dinner club and the Lafayette Indiana Historic Auto Club, L.I.H.A.C.

She made thousands of hand-painted silhouettes, using the person's name for graduations, sports, births and weddings.

Mrs. Powlen was part of a duet the "Senior Class," singing at nursing homes, parades and festivals.

She truly loved her husband, two daughters, two sons, her 12 grandchildren and all of her extended family.

Surviving are two daughters, Pam Downey (husband: Trent) of Medina, Ohio, and Kathy Zink (husband: Jon) of Delphi; two sons, Brad Powlen (wife: Elyce) of Burrows and Craig Powlen (wife: Jenna) of Lafayette; a sister, Joanne Ratcliff (husband: Dean) of Rockfield; a brother, Lowell Groninger (wife: Donna) of Baltimore, Md.; and 12 grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were two infant grandsons, Mason and Micah Powlen.

Services were held Nov. 14 at Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi. The Rev. Bill McLean officiated. Burial followed at Brown Church Cemetery in Rockfield.

Memorials may be made to the Carroll County Cancer Association, Delphi Public Library or the First Presbyterian Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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He invited the public to contact him with questions and suggestions.

Mears also agreed to remain as the commissioners delegate on the Wabash Valley Heritage Commission.

Other appointments

Local attorney and comprehensive land use plan steering committee member Miriam Robeson was appointed to fill the one-year vacancy left on EDC by former Purdue Extension Agent Paul Marcellino.

Dr. Lawrence Stauffer, DVM, was appointed to the Wabash Valley Mental Health Association board of directors.

Highway department

The Troyer Group was chosen to provide consulting services for the county road extension to SR75 near Camden.

Commissioners will meet in executive session Nov. 25 at 1:30 p.m. to interview nine of 20 applicants for the superintendent position. A selection is expected to be made at the Dec. 1 commissioners meeting.

TLRSD

Carroll County representative on the Twin Lakes Re-

gional Sewer District Board of Directors Wayne Garrison reported all customers in Phase IIIB, which is located in Jefferson Township, will be connected to the system by the end of the year. He said the "notice to connect" is scheduled for April.

"The plant and the system are on budget," Garrison said. "No Carroll County resident (in Jefferson Township) has a functioning system at this time."

Other business

Carroll Manor applications for Betty L. Dunker, Kathleen L. Watkins and Opal May Campbell were approved. Commissioners noted two of the three were out-of-county residents.

The courthouse grounds will be used by Delphi United Methodist Church to sell barbeque chicken Dec. 6 during the annual Christmas Parade.

Commissioners announced on the agenda they would lunch with representatives from Butler Fairman and Seufert. No time or location was given.

The next meeting will be Dec. 1 at 9 a.m.

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