

# Obituaries

## Robert G. Nape



Robert "Bob" Gene Nape, 64, of Delphi, died at 7:51 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, 2008, at St. Vincent Hospital.

Born May 24, 1944, in Ockley, he was the son of Lee and Mildred Tyrie Nape. He married Judy Shafer and they divorced. He later married Sharon Finney, and they divorced.

Mr. Nape had worked as a lumberjack and timber cutter since he was 15 years old.

He liked to go mushroom hunting and to garage sales. He loved being outdoors.

Surviving are two sons,

Tracy Nape (wife: Brandi) of Lafayette and Martin "Sam" Mummert of Delphi; two daughters, Vicki Nape of Delphi and Trena Busch of Lafayette; a brother, Jack Nape (wife: Patricia) of Lafayette; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two nieces, Christina Timmons and Janell Smith; and one nephew, Scott Nape.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. today, Wednesday, at Bodine Funeral Home, Rossville, with the service following at 6 p.m. Burial will be at Rossville Cemetery at a later date.

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

## Ernest N. Scott



Ernest Newell Scott, 86, formerly of Delphi, died at 1:35 a.m. Wed., Sept. 3, 2008, at his residence in Brandon, Oregon. He had resided there for the past four years after moving there from Santa Cruz, Calif., where he made his home for 32 years.

Born May 22, 1922, in Jefferson Township, Carroll County, he was the son of Everett and Anna May Newell Scott. He graduated from Delphi High School in 1940, and received a diploma from the American Jet School, Inc., at Michigan City, in 1967.

On Dec. 12, 1971, he married Jeanne Bettencourt and she survives.

Mr. Scott was retired from

farming in the Delphi area. He was a member of Hickory Grove Church and was also a member of several bowling leagues.

During his retirement he enjoyed his dog Tigger and raising fruits and vegetables for needy families.

Surviving with his wife are a son, Ivan Scott of Delphi; a daughter, Janet Oberlander (husband: Francis) of Monticello; a grandson, Richard Wilken of Yeoman; a granddaughter, Jeanette Baldini (husband: Chris) of Monticello; and a great-granddaughter, Alexis. He is also survived by a sister and a son.

His first wife, Virginia (Wolf) McMillen, preceded him in death.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, at Hickory Grove Church. Pastor Ken Smith will officiate.

## Trevor D. Ingram

Trevor Dylan Ingram, 10, of Monticello, died at 2:47 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, 2008, in Cass County from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Born Jan. 23, 1998, in Logansport, he was the son of Richard and Janelle Foster Ingram, who survive.

Trevor was a fourth grade student at Landis Elementary in Logansport. He enjoyed fishing, collecting Match Box cars, drawing, reading and playing video games.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Surviving with his parents are a brother, Dalton S. Ingram of Monticello; grandparents, Carol Ingram and Carl Bolen of Winamac and Barbara A. Foster and Charles "Pops" Herman of Delphi; aunts and uncles, Charles Ingram (wife: Melissa) of Buffalo, Kevin Ingram (wife: Alana) of Monticello, Jacob Foster of Booneville, Ark., David Boswinkle (wife: Angela) of Hammond, Heather Dix,

Carla Estes and Barbara Calvert, all of Winamac, Susan Ames (husband: Cory) of Francesville, Jill Foster and Thomas Luttrell of Monticello, Joscelyn Cowles (husband: Ryan) of Peru, Jolie Campbell and Donnie Bogue of Dublin and Jalene Foster of New York. Trevor is also survived by many cousins.

Preceding him in death were his paternal grandfather, Richard Dean Ingram and maternal grandfather, David Ellis Foster.

Services will be today, Wednesday, at 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Kewanna. Pastor Mark Pilger will officiate. Burial will follow at Barnett Cemetery in Kewanna.

Memorials may be made to the family in care of the funeral home.

Online condolences can be sent to the Ingram family at [www.harrisonmetzger.com](http://www.harrisonmetzger.com).

Harrison-Metzger & Rans Funeral Homes, Kewanna, were in charge of arrangements.

## Reddy

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Several members of the Laffy-ette chapter, as well as many community members, wrote recommendation letters for Conner. Letters were also submitted from Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis where Conner clowns in the adolescent psychiatric ward and St. Elizabeth Hospital in Lafayette. The nominee clown was required to submit two photographs of herself in costume and makeup.

Conner's volunteer clowning activities include working in nursing homes, hospitals and participating in walks for many causes and schools. She also visits a maximum security women's prison in Indianapolis. Smiles began a chapter inside the prison. Reddy enjoys performing balloon art, painting faces and just walking around greeting people and entertaining them with stickers and gags.

Conner said she always wanted to be a clown. She heard about Smiles in 1998 when she was a volunteer at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Center in Delphi. She discovered activities director Diane Hinkle was a clown. Conner began to attend clown classes in Cass County.

Conner credits the founder of Smiles Don "Ski" Berkoski and husband Bob for supporting her.

"I would not be here without him (Berkoski)," she said. "And my husband Bob is the wind beneath my wings."

Conner said she continues to volunteer her time because not only is it enjoyable, but it helps other people see a brighter side to their situations.

"When you make others happy you make yourself happy," she said.

Conner related one story of a hospital visit when she was stopped in the hallway by a woman's daughter who told her that her mother had been having a bad day. She said since Reddy visited the woman was smiling and laughing.

"The Good Lord must have sent you tonight," the daughter said.

A badge Reddy wears on her clown costumes sums up her dedication to her calling, but also pokes a little fun. It reads, "Always Reddy, but not always on time."

## Shut-in Notes

Fred Sorrells is now residing at the Indiana Veterans Home. His address is: Indiana Veterans Home, MacArthur 2 Unit 204-1, 3851 N. River Rd., West Lafayette, IN 47906-3762.

## Helen M. Leftwich



Helen M. Maples Leftwich, 86, of Delphi, died at 4:55 p.m., Monday, Sept. 29, 2008, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Lafayette. She had been in failing health and a patient there since Sept. 21.

Born July 28, 1922, in Cleveland, Tenn., she was the daughter of the late Carroll and Edna Johnson Maples. Her marriage was in the summer of 1959 in Bristol, Tenn., to Glenn Leftwich, who preceded her in death Aug. 31, 1980.

Mrs. Leftwich attended school in Cleveland and was a member of the Delphi United Methodist Church.

She worked in the restaurant industry for over 20 years and was a homemaker.

Mrs. Leftwich moved from Cleveland to Delphi in 2000 to live with her daughter. She enjoyed crocheting, cooking, sharing her recipes, church activities and singing.

Surviving are two daughters, Pat Vincent (husband: Terrence "Vince") of Lafayette and Sharon Heron (husband: Frank) of Delphi; a son, Paul DeVries (wife: Lois) of Lafayette; nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death was a great-granddaughter, Megan.

Visitation is Thursday, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi.

Services will be Oct. 3 at 11 a.m. at the Delphi United Methodist Church. The Rev. Todd Ladd will officiate. Burial will follow at Masonic Cemetery in Delphi.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association or the Delphi United Methodist Church building fund. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Online condolences can be sent to [abbottfuneralhome@verizon.net](mailto:abbottfuneralhome@verizon.net).

## Births

Rustin and Kayla Kistler Tinsman of Flora are parents of an 8-pound, 2-ounce daughter, Brooklyn Marie, born Sept. 25 at Lafayette Home Hospital. Grandparents are Jay and Sandy Kistler and Bill and Joretta Tinsman, all of Flora. Maternal great-grandparents are Harold and Helen Fowler of Lucerne and Joan Kistler of Warren. Paternal great-grandparents are C.J. and Lola Mae Harmon of Flora.

Robert and Stephanie Johnson Gibson of Cutler are parents of an 8-pound daughter, Kyra Shea, born Aug. 15 at St. Joseph Hospital, Kokomo. Maternal grandparents are Anita and the late Jack Johnson of Flora. Paternal grandparents are Joretta and Thomas Fuller of Sierra Vista, Ariz., and Rob Gibson of Delphi. Maternal great-grandparents are Ottie Dyer of Burlington and Phyllis Dutton of Flora. Paternal great-grandmother is Phyllis Mummert of Cutler.

John and Natalie (Sayers) Pettit of Indianapolis are parents of an 8-pound, 8-ounce son, Luke Owen, born Sept. 4 at Community North Hospital, Indianapolis. Maternal grandparents are John and Sharon Sayers of Bringham. Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Skillen of Peru.

Jesse and Rebecca Walker Heise are parents of a 7-pound, 15-ounce son, Jaxson Lane, born Sept. 14 at Lafayette Home Hospital. Grandparents are Lori Carte of Delphi, Doug and Vicky Walker of Lafayette, and Sam and Jean Heise of Rockfield. Maternal great-grandparents are John and Judy Carte and Gene and Mary Walker, all of Lafayette. Paternal great-grandparents are Lilly Turner of Rockfield and Wayne and Betty Heise of Burrows.

## Burl A. Wiles



Services for Burl A. Wiles, 78, of Flora, were held Saturday at Reinke Funeral Home, Flora. Burial, with full military honors, followed at Maple Lawn Cemetery, Flora.

He passed away at 10:50 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2008, at his residence.

He was born Jan. 21, 1930, in Radnor, to Thurman and Zeldia Clawson Wiles. He attended Flora High School. He married Dorothy Moore on Sept. 18, 1954, in Delphi, and she survives.

Mr. Wiles had been an inspector at Chrysler Corp. for 33 years, retiring in 1990.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was a member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Flora, the American Legion, Clarence Wiles Post of Flora, and UAW Local 685.

Surviving with his wife are three sons, Rick Wiles (wife: Terrie) of Indianapolis, Ronnie Wiles (wife: Suzie) of Flora, and Robert Wiles (wife: Shelly) of Burlington; one sister, Laverne Von Ahrens (husband: Dick) of Flora; and one brother, John Wiles (wife: Donna) of Warsaw; seven grandchildren, David Wiles of Lafayette, Brandy Thompson of Flora, Dustin Wiles, and Chasity Cowell of Flora, Blake and Haleigh Wiles of Indianapolis, and Brady Wiles of Burlington; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Danny Wiles, and four brothers.

## Susan Lucas

Susan Lucas, 56, of Delphi, died Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2008, at St. Vincent Heart Center in Indianapolis.

Born Aug. 6, 1952, in Lafayette, she was the daughter of the late Harley E. and Charlotte Stead Spurgeon.

Surviving are two sons, Michael A. Lucas and Jacob R. Lucas, both of Delphi; a brother, Bob Spurgeon and a sister, Pam Scott (husband: Dan), both of Lafayette.

A private graveside service was held Sept. 6 at the I.O.O.F. Memorial Gardens in Pittsburg.

Memorials may be sent to the American Heart Association.

## Kevin Jay Peterson

Kevin Jay Peterson, 56, of Fishers, died Thursday, Sept. 25, 2008.

He was born Nov. 21, 1951, in Indianapolis, to Morris and Roma (Whippo) Peterson.

Kevin was a gifted mechanic and could repair or make anything with engines or moving parts. After working at Reynolds Farm Equipment and Builders Concrete, he started his own business, Peterson's Garage, in 1991, which he continued to own and operate until his death.

Kevin graduated from Hamilton Southeastern High School in 1969. He was a 33-year member of Hamilton Masonic Lodge #533, served as Worshipful Master in 2004 and continued to be active in Freemasonry until his death. He was an honorary member of Mystic Circle Lodge #685 and Keystone Lodge #251, and a member of the Fishers United Methodist Church.

Kevin is survived by his wife of 32 years, Caroline (Webster-Lawson) Peterson; mother, Roma Peterson; sons, Tony Peterson (wife, Monica) and Tim Lawson; daughter, Pat Schaefer (husband, Ken); grandsons, Christopher Peterson and Johnathon Persinger; brother, Michael Peterson (wife, Paula); and nephews, Mark and Nicholas Peterson.

His father, Morris Peterson, preceded him in death. Funeral services were held Monday at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, with burial following at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Indiana Masonic Home, 690 State St., Franklin, IN 46131.

## William A. Hendress



William Albert Hendress, 83, of Wolcott, died Thursday, Sept. 25, 2008, in Jasper County Hospital.

Born Jan. 11, 1925, in Sheldon, Ill., he was the son of the late George and Pearl White Hendress. His marriage was on June 2, 1946, in Reynolds to Lois M. Ruemier, who preceded him in death on May 27, 1991.

Mr. Hendress and his wife started Hoosier Knoll Farms in 1946 where they farmed and raised Registered Brown Swiss cattle.

He was a member of the Wolcott Christian Church.

Surviving are four sons, Jerry Hendress (wife: Mara) of Camden, James Hendress (wife: Marcy) of Edwardsburg, Mich., Steve Hendress (wife: Lydia) and Jeff Hendress (wife: Deanna) both of Wolcott; a brother, Wendell Hendress (wife: Maxine) of Reynolds; seven grandchildren, four step-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were held Sept. 29 at the Wolcott Christian Church. Burial followed at Tippecanoe Memory Gardens Cemetery, West Lafayette.

Memorials can be sent to the Wolcott Christian Church or Jasper County Hospital Alternacare Patient Services.

## Freda M. Hunt



Freda Mae Scott Hunt, 82, of Brookston, died at 5:50 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2008, at her residence.

She had been seriously ill the past three months.

Born Sept. 30, 1925, in Lafayette, she was the daughter of the late Foster and Sarah Bell Atnip Scott. Her marriage was on Nov. 11, 1944, to Kenneth Dale Hunt in Delphi, who preceded her in death Aug. 17, 1989.

Mrs. Hunt, who graduated from Jefferson High School in 1943, was a homemaker.

She enjoyed boating, fishing, sewing, jewelry making and her home on the Tippecanoe River.

Mrs. Hunt was proud of her Cherokee Indian heritage.

Surviving are four daughters, Carol Daniels (husband: Richard) of Delphi, Teri Funk (husband: Ronald) of Normal, Ill., Sheri L. Minnicus of Williamsport and Robin Flanagan (husband: Mark) of Brookston; a sister, Fostetta Yates of Brookston; six grandchildren, Rick and Jason Daniels, Scott McGinnis, Stephan and Nicole Johnston, Carrie and Rich Gardiner, and Blake Minnicus; two great-grandchildren, Dakota Daniels and Kalin Gardiner.

Preceding her in death were a son, Kenneth Dale Jr., two grandchildren, one brother and two sisters. Services were held Sept. 27 at Abbott Funeral Home in Delphi. Pastor Wahneta Schley officiated. Burial followed at I.O.O.F. Memorial Gardens in Pittsburg.

Memorials may be sent to the American Red Cross. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. Online condolences can be sent to [abbottfuneralhome@verizon.net](mailto:abbottfuneralhome@verizon.net).

## Charles Albert Widner



Charles Albert Widner died Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008, at Hernando-Pasco Hospice, Dade City, Fla., after a short illness.

Born Nov. 7, 1932, in Delphi, Indiana, he was the son of James and Alena Venita Gallimore Widner. His marriage was to Patricia Ann Haas on May 29, 1950, who preceded him in death in 2003.

Mr. Widner served in the United States Air Force in the 3664th Training Squadron of the 3660th Basic Military Training Group at Geneva, New York, for four years through August 1951.

He was a long-time member of the Delphi American Legion Post.

He attended Delphi schools and was employed as a machinist at Globe Valve Corporation in Delphi and at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, from where he retired.

He was a life-long resident of Delphi, Indiana, and retired with his wife to Zephyrhills, Fla., in 1994.

Mr. Widner enjoyed reading and was a great debater of politics and history. He also enjoyed collecting and studying historical firearms.

He was also a boxer when he was young and loved to dance.

Surviving are two daughters Marlyn Widner Roland (husband: Barry) of San Angelo, Texas, and Juna Widner Brown (husband: Orlander) of Pinellas Park, Fla.; four grandsons, Rick Barry Roland of San Antonio, Texas, 1st Sgt. Randall Eugene Roland of Fort Hood, Texas, Christopher Dunlap of Temple, Texas, and Brandon Dunlap; and two great-grandchildren, Naomi Brook Roland and Cody Michael Roland, both of San Antonio. Many nieces and nephews and friends also will grieve his loss.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, a grandson, Jeffrey Dunlap of Plymouth, Indiana, and three siblings, Juanita Louise Widner Jervis Goeden, Jake Widner, and Harry E. Widner.

*God bless you Dad, and may you be with Mom now. We all love you and will miss you.*

## Rex E. Mays



Services for Rex E. Mays, 71, of Peru, were held Sept. 23 at Parkview United Methodist Church, Peru. Burial followed in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

He died at 11:45 a.m. Friday, Sept. 19, 2008, at his residence.

Born July 11, 1937, in Miami County, he was the son of Lawrence and Pearl Coleman Mays. On Oct. 18, 1959, in Miami County, he married Juanita G. Summers, who survives.

A U.S. Army veteran, he served from 1960 to 1962.

In April 1995, Mr. Mays retired from First Federal Savings and Loan Association, Peru, where he was vice president and treasurer. He also farmed.

Also surviving are a daughter, Marcia Minard (husband: Greg) of Peru; two sons, Curtis Mays (wife: Anna) of Kingston, Wash., and Doug Mays (wife: Karen) of Wabash; a brother, Carl Mays of Delphi; a sister, Marlene Ramsey (husband: Don) of Lebanon; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Miami County Community Foundation, 13 E. Main St., Peru, IN 46970.

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