Eleanor Moore, Dec. 21, 1931 - Jan. 20, 2008

Eleanor Moore, 76, of Grayville died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2008, at New Harmony Healthcare in New Harmony, IN. The body will be cremated and graveside service will be at a later date. Ingram Funeral Home of Albion is in charge of all arrangements. She was born Dec. 21, 1931, in Wayne County, the daughter of Lee and Margaret (Pell) Hicks. She married Alan Moore in Henderson, KY, and he survives. She was a homemaker and a member of the Bethel United Methodist Church in Ellery.

Survivors include her husband, Alan, of Grayville; one daughter, Suellyn Cowles, of Grayville; three sons, Stanley R. Moore of Golden Gate, Kevin R. Moore of Grayville, and David K. "Pete" Moore of Carmi; one sister, Robyn (John) Davenport, of Buckhannon, WV; ten grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Alan Lee Moore; and one brother, Charles P. Hicks. In lieu of flowers, donations "in memory of Eleanor" may be made to Bethel United Methodist Church in Ellery.

Evelyn Louise Marriott, Apr. 11, 1911 - Jan. 30, 2008

Evelyn Louise Marriott, 96, of Grayville, died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008, at Wabash Christian Retirement Center in Carmi. Funeral services were held Sunday, Feb. 3, 2008, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. She was born Apr. 11, 1911, the daughter of Hunter and Emma (Dicus) Walker. She was married to Thomas Arthur "Artie" Marriott and he preceded her in death in 1977. She was a homemaker and a member of Fortney Methodist Church near Grayville.

Survivors include her daughter, Dorothy Westmoland; and her son, Doyle Marriott, and his wife, Barbara, all of Grayville; daughter-in-law, Barbara Marriott of Woodward, OK; two sisters, Josephine Martine, of Carmi, and Wilma Peach, of Perryton, TX; six grandchildren, Kim Hunter Westmoland, Matt Marriott, Mitch Marriott, Michael Marriott, Mark Marriott, and Stanley Marriott; and several great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Preceding her in death are her husband, Thomas Arthur "Artie" Marriott; son, Robert Marriott; sister, Mildred Zin; brothers, Thomas, Richard, and Donald Walker.

Carmon C. Gillard, July 25, 1923 - Feb. 8, 2008

Carmi C. Gillard, 84, of Grayville, died Friday, Feb. 8, 2008, at Meadowood Nursing Home in Grayville. Funeral services were held Monday, Feb. 11, 2008, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. She was born July 25, 1923, in Grayville, the daughter of George and Lillian (Sullivan) Hawkins. She married George Gillard on Mar. 5, 1946, and he preceded her in death on July 4, 1966. She was a homemaker and member of the Northside Baptist Church in Grayville.

Survivors include a sister, Jeanette Taylor, of Grayville; niece and nephew, Debora Stockner and Mark Franks; six great nieces and nephews, Chris Stockner, Becky Stockner, Lori Beth Stockner, Scott Franks, Elizabeth Franks, and Tommy Franks; and four great-great-nieces and nephews, Isabell Franks, Zoey Zinger, Zachary Hemker, and Hatcher Nordquist. Preceding her in death are her parents, George and Lillian Hawkins; husband, George Gillard; two brothers, Buddy and Jimmy Hawkins; and a sister, Wanda Franks. Memorials may be made to either

Northside Baptist Church or VNA Hospice of Mt. Carmel and will be accepted at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville.

Vera Robinson Venn, Mar. 31, 1925 - Feb. 3, 2008

Vera Venn, 83, of Lake Jackson, TX, formerly of Grayville, died Sunday, Feb. 3 at her residence. Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 at Wesley First United Methodist Church in Clute, with Rev. Janet Blackburn officiating. Visitation was from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9 at the Lakewood Funeral Chapel in Lake Jackson. She was born in Mar. 1925, the daughter of Flossie Ackerman and Ben Robinson, and step-father, Vertis "Doc" Ackerman. She married Bill Venn and they were married 56 years. He preceded her in death in Mar. 2007. She was a retiree, an active church member, and a community volunteer. She was known as a great cook and used her talents to serve her church, the sick, and to create many happy memories with her family.

Survivors include one daughter, Lucinda (Harold) Johnstone; and two grandchildren, Jonathan Johnstone and Allyson (Kirk) Reid, who were recently wed at Vera's bedside. She was also preceded in death by her parents and step-father and one brother, Frank Robinson. (Some information provided by the Brazosport Facts of Brazoria County, TX.)

Buelah Mae Eck, Oct. 31, 1924 - Feb. 28, 2008

Beulah Mae Eck, 83, of Grayville, died Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008, at Deaconess Gateway Hospital in Newburgh, IN. Funeral services were held Saturday, Mar. 1, 2008, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. She was born Oct. 31, 1924, in Olney, the daughter of George and Eva (Goodwin) Christy. On June 16, 1978, she married Willard Eck and he survives. She enjoyed oil painting and was a member of the Light House Independent Holiness Church in Grayville.

Survivors include her husband, Willard Eck, of Grayville; three daughters and their husbands, Billie Mae and Darrell White of Olney, Mickey and Fred Reid of Grayville, and Judith and James Owen of Grayville; three step-sons, Daniel Lee Eck and his wife, Roxanne, of Norris City, Steven Ray Eck of St. Louis, MO, and Joseph Owen Eck and his wife, Deborah, of Virden; step-daughter, Diane Nass, and her husband, Jerome, of Cottonwood; a brother and sister-in-law, Clifford and Shirley Christy of Bicknell, SC; six grandchildren, Beth Hites, Julie Francis, Yvette McGravey, Yvonne Crowell, Yalane Joyce, and Frankie Gill; and 11 great-grandchildren, Reid Crowell, Alexandria McGarvey, Anthony McGarvey, Roxie Hites, Vanessa Short, Zachary Hites, Aston Francis, Trace Francis, Zane Francis, Wyatt Francis, and Weston Francis. Preceding her in death are her parents, George and Eva Christy; three sisters, Roberta Eck, Ruth Risley, and Gladys Edwards; and a brother, Adrian "Bud" Christy. Memorials may be made to the Light House Church Food Pantry and will be accepted at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville.

Gerald D. Fairchild, June 7, 1917 - Mar. 5, 2008

Gerald D. Fairchild, 90, of Grayville, died Wednesday, Mar. 5, 2008, at Wabash General Hospital in Mt. Carmel. Graveside services were held Friday, Mar. 7, 2008, at Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville is in charge of arrangements. He was born June 7, 1917, in Edwards County, the son of Richard A. and Myrtle (Wadkins) Fairchild. He married

Wilhelmina E. Nelson on Feb. 4, 1939, and she survives. He was a retired carpenter and a member of the Grayville United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Wilhelmina Fairchild of Grayville; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Myrtle Fairchild; five brothers, Allen, Harold, Carroll, Hal, and George Fairchild; and two sisters, Dorothy Longest and Wilma Simmons.

Nellie Pearl Matthews, Dec. 1, 1920 - Mar. 21, 2008

Nellie Pearl Matthews, 86, formerly of Crossville, died at 1:20 a.m. on Friday, Mar. 21, 2008, at Pana Community Hospital in Pana. Graveside services were at 10 a.m., Saturday, Mar. 29, 2008, in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. She was born Dec. 1, 1920, in Phillipstown, the daughter of Delbert and Pearl (Hunget) Smith. On Dec. 1, 1944, she married Alvin (Jack) Matthews, and he preceded her in death in 1980. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include two daughters, Cathy Vosick and friend, Darrell Troyer, of New Philadelphia, OH, and Linda Jordan (husband, Jerry) of rural Pana; four grandchildren, Martin Hyatt, Scott Hyatt, Amy Duduit, and Joshua Vosick; and three great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and a daughter, Delores Hyatt (husband, Martin), of Grayville. Cook Funeral Chapel of Grayville was in charge of arrangements.

Wilhelmina E. Fairchild, Feb. 5, 1921 - Mar. 23, 2008

Wilhelmina E. Fairchild, 87, of Grayville, died Saturday, Mar. 23, 2008, at the Meadowood Nursing Home in Grayville. She was born Feb. 5, 1921, in White County, the daughter of Lewis and Ottlie Bosecker Nelson. She was called by her family and friends as Willie, Sis, or Aunt Mina. On Feb. 4, 1939, she married Gerlad (Jerry) Fairchild, he preceded her in death on Mar. 5, 2008, and was buried Mar. 7, 2008 - just 23 days later, Willie passed away. She worked on the farm, grocery store, nursing home, and traveled to Wyoming with her husband, Jerry, to work in the oil fields. She was an excellent food canner and quilt maker and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Grayville.

Survivors include two sisters, Mary Nelson Anthony of Houston, TX, and Lois Nelson (Dow) Davenport of Dallas, TX; one brother, Vernon (Iva LaRue) Nelson of Algion; and one sister-in-law, Mary Walker Nelson of Troy. She was preceded in death by her parents, Lewis and Ottlie Nelson; husband, Jerry Fairchild; two brothers, Eldon R. Nelson of Tuscan, AZ, and Ronald W. Nelson of Troy; and one sister, Ester Nelson Henry of Dallas, TX. Graveside services were held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Mar. 25, 2008, at Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville was in charge of all arrangements.

Mary Ellen Finch, Oct. 4, 1929 - Apr. 27, 2008

Mary Ellen Finch (Nay) passed away on Apr. 27, 2008, in El Cajon, CA. She was born in Wellsville, NY, on Oct. 4, 1929. She grew up and attended school in Scio, NY, and Grayville. She married Frank Finch of Grayville on Aug. 31, 1949, he preceded her in death in 1998. She was active in her church, singing in the choir, teaching Sunday school, and was a member of various committees. In her spare time, she enjoyed playing bridge, reading, and playing the piano.

Survivors include her two sons, Frank and Jim; one daughter-in-law, Jackie; two granddaughters, Caitlin and Amy; one brother, Charles; as well as aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephew, in-law, friends, and co-workers. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank; one brother, Billy Joe; one sister, Ann and her parents, Enos and Irene Nay. In lieu of flowers, please donate to American Lung Association.

Karen Sue (Schonaman) Edwards, Nov. 25, 2008 - May 5, 2008

Karen Sue (Schonaman) Edwards, 48, of Grayville, IL, died Monday, May 5, 2008, at her home. Visitation is 5-8 p.m. this evening (Wednesday), May 7, 2008, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, May 8, 2008, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. She was born Nov. 25, 1959, in Mt. Carmel, the daughter of Harold and Maris (Deffendall) Schonaman. She was married to Roert Edwards and he survives. Karen was a homemaker.

Survivors include her parents, Harold and Maris Schonaman, of Mt. Carmel; husband, Bob Edwards of Grayville; son, Jacob Price of Alabama; step-son, Robert L. Edwards and his wife, Jessica, of White Hall, IL; three daughters, Jennifer Greathouse and her husband, Mark, of West Salem, IL, Julie Hardy and her husband, Jeremy, of Mt. Carmel, Jerrica Price of Alabama; step-daughter, Bobbie Jo Woolsey and her husband, Bob, of White Hall; three brothers, Harold A. Schonaman, of Mt. Carmel, Donald Schonaman and his wife, Cindy, of Browns, IL; three sisters, Cindy L. Buchanan and her husband, Greg, of Mt. Carmel, Teresa Schrodt and her husband, Phil, of Browns, Amy Pearson of Mt. Carmel; two grandchildren, Alexus and Kassie Edwards; and six step-grandchildren, Robert and Kassie Edwards and Austin, Kaylea, Kourtney, and Kariss Woolsey. She is preceded in death by her grandparents.

Mike A. Moutray, Nov. 2, 1960 - May 13, 2008

Mike A. Moutray, 47, of rural Albion passes away at 2:50 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at the home of his cousin, Doris Collins of Albion. Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Friday, May 16, at Ingram Funeral Home in Albion, with burial in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. Visitation was held Friday, May 16, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Ingram Funeral Home in Albion. He was born Nov. 2, 1960, in Carmi, the son of Ruth Cox. He worked in the oil fields and was a mechanic for Rick Conner in Grayville. He was a member of the Northside Baptist Church in Grayville.

Survivors include a special friend, Lisa Cooper; four daughters, Marry Moutray, Diana Marie Moutray, Felicia Moutray, and Dorian Moutray; one son, Mike Allen Moutray, Fr.; half-brother, Roy Cowles; and best friends, Rick Conner and Terry Cox. He was preceded in death by his mother, Ruth; one sister, Donna Moutray; and two half-brothers, Gary Bullard and Larry Bullard.

Edith “Peg” Bulkley, Oct. 28, 1917 - May 27, 2008

Edith “Peg” Bulkley, 90, of Evansville, IN, formerly of Griffin, IN, died at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, 2008, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, May 30, 2008, at Boone Funeral Home East Chapel in Evansville. Private burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. She was born Oct. 28, 1917, in Linton, IN, to Francis Joseph and Iva Alice (Miller) Leveque. She worked at Welborn Baptist Hospital for 16 years as a nurse.

She is survived by a daughter, Judy Letsinger-Hopper (Joe) of Westminster, SC; two sons, Bob Bulkley and Liz of Evansville, IN, and Den Bulkley of Davenport, IA; two sisters, Bert Salamina and Al of Venice, FL, and Madlyn Phillips of Springfield, IL; a brother, Bob Leveque and Wanda of Napa Valley, CA; five grandchildren, Susan Wages, Bryan Bulkley, Jodi Pranschke, Derrick Bulkley and Heather Teets; 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 44 years, Joel Bulkley in 1980; three sisters, Joyce Judge, Francis Taylor, and Elizabeth Bell; two brothers, Fred and Ted Leveque; and a granddaughter, Lorna Snow. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TX 38105-1942 or the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 4424 Vogel Rd., Suite 205, Evansville, IN 47715. Condolences may be made to the family online at courierpress.com.

Linda Lea Mendenhall, Sept. 26, 1950 - May 28, 2008

Linda Lea Mendenhall, 57, of Albion, passed away at 11:37 a.m. on Wednesday, May 28, 2008, at her residence in Albion. Funeral services were held Sunday, June 1 at 3 p.m. at the Ingram Funeral Home in Albion with burial at Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. Visitation was Sunday, June 1 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Ingram Funeral Home in Albion. She was born Sept. 26, 1950, in Edwards County, the daughter of Eugene and Maude (Hodgson) Hortin. She married Bruce Mendenhall in Aug. of 1981 and he survives. She had been employed at Road Master in Olney for many years. She was a member of Browns Chapel Methodist Church south of Albion.

Survivors include two daughters, Bethany and Bryna, both of Albion; one step-son, Ryan Mendenhall, of Indianapolis, IN; her mother, Maude Hortin, of Albion; three sisters, Phyllis Jean (Ronald) Foley and Judy Diane (David) Koehler, both of Carmi, and Sharon Marie (Tim) Schroeder of Mt. Carmel; one brother, Larry Wayne (Shirley) Hortin, of West Salem; one grandson, Caleb of Indianapolis, IN; and several niece and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father; one infant son, Brandon; mother and father-in-law, Ruth and Earl Mendenhall; two sisters-in-law; and one brother-in-law. Memorials may be made to Bryna and Bethany Mendenhall Fund.

Kenneth A. Skiles, Nov. 16, 1912 - June 15, 2008

Kenneth A. Skiles, 95, of Grayville, died Sunday, June 15, 2008, at Wabash Memorial Hospital in Mt. Carmel. Visitation and funeral services will be Monday, June 23, 2008, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Visitation is at 1 p.m. and continues until funeral time at 3 p.m. Burial with military rites will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. He was born Nov. 16, 1912, in Grayville, the son of William L. and Anna Estelle (Wood) Skiles. He was married to Marjorie Harmon and she preceded him in death. He later married Virginia Marklin, and she also preceded him in death. He was a retired retailer and a WWII Navy veteran. He was a member of the First Christian Church in Grayville and held memberships in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Moose Lodge, American Legion, VFW, White County Historical Society, and teh Grayville Community Arts Association.

Survivors include a son, Kenneth A Skiles, Jr., and his wife, Valerie, of The Woodlands, TX; step-son, Terry Jones and his wife, Faye, of Haubstadt, IN; two daughters, Janet Pritchett of Grayville, and Martha Trotter of LaGrange, KY; step-daughter, Susan Quinn of Evansville, IN; 10

grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents; both of his wives, Marjorie and Virginia “Jennie” Skiles; brother, Earl W. Skiles; and sister, Frances L. Skiles. Memorials may be made to the Visiting Nurse Association and will be accepted at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville.

Opal Irene Jones, Apr. 18, 1939 - June 19, 2008

Opal Irene Jones, 69, of Grayville, IL, died Thursday, June 19, 2008, at Meadowood Nursing Home in Grayville. Funeral services were held Saturday, June 21, 2008, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. She was born Apr. 18, 1939, in Grayville, the daughter of Bessie Jones. She worked for many years as a certified nursing assistant at Meadowood.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Tammy and Billy Reese, and Sherry and Sid Gross, all of Grayville; a brother, Jim Jones and his wife, Sharon, of Byesville, OH; a sister, Beulah “Booty” Mobley of Grayville; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her mother, Bessie Jones; a son, Lyle “Pee Wee” Jones; and a brother, Luther Jones. Memorial contributions may be made to the Meadowood Nursing Home Activity Fund and will be accepted at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville.

Clifton “Bill” Jones, Dec. 8, 1933 - June 30, 2008

Clifton “Bill” Jones, 74, of Grayville, died Monday, June 30, 2008, at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, IN. His remains were cremated and a memorial service will be held at a later date. He was born Dec. 8, 1933, in Albion, the son of Clifton and Urschley (Hallam) Jones. One Dec. 26, 1972, he married Brenda Miser and she survives. He was an oil well driller, US Navy Veteran, and member of the VFW and American Legion. He enjoyed fishing, family, and his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Jones of Grayville; two sons, Christopher Jones of Grayville, and Derrick Jones of Carmi; five daughters, Kathy Thompson of Albany, GA, Sue Hughes of Albion, Christine Nettleton and her husband, Gordon, of Mt Erie, and Billie Turner and her husband, Tony, Starla Dinwiddie and her husband, James, all of Carmi; two sisters, Lois Mills of Grayville and Tiny Lankford of Hobbs, NM; 15 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and two special friends, Joe and Nadine Hyatt of Crossville. Preceding him in death are his parents, Clifton and Urscley Jones; an infant son, Shawn Jones; and a sister, Mary Grimwood.

Wilma M. Ramsey, Mar. 20, 1916 - July 6, 2008

Wilma M. Ramsey, 92, formerly of Grayville, died Sunday, July 6, 2008, at Leesburg Regional Medical Center in Leesburg, FL. Funeral services were held Friday, July 11, 2008, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. She was born Mar. 20, 1916, in Grayville, the daughter of William and Julia (Metzger) Kiehl. She graduated from Grayville High School in 1934. On Feb. 22, 1953, she married Norman B. “Cotton” Ramsey, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 1, 1964. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Grayville. She was the site coordinator at the Grayville Senior Citizens Center from 1978 to 2004, and was named Grayville Citizen of the Year in 1996.

Survivors include a brother, Herman Kiehl of Novi, MI; and eight nieces and nephews, Mary Ann Kiehl, Kenneth Kiehl, Elizabeth Barnaby, William Joseph Kiehl, Thomas Kiehl, Martha Little, William B. Kiehl, and Mary Jo Gribben. Preceding Wilma in death are her parents, William and Julia Kiehl; husband, Norman "Cotton" Ramsey; three brothers, Raymond, Ralph, and William; two sisters, Isabel and Margaret. Memorials may be made to the Grayville United Methodist Church, Grayville Senior Citizens Center, or the Grayville Scholarship Trust Fund and will be accepted at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville.

Joseph L. Browning, Jan. 13, 1974 - July 26, 2008

Joseph L. Browning, 34, of Grayville, died Saturday, July 26, 2008, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident near Grayville. Funeral services are set for 10 a.m. today, Wednesday, July 30, 2008, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. Visitation was held Tuesday evening at the funeral home. He was born Jan. 13, 1974, in Carmi, the son of Hiram Joseph "Joe" and Sharon (Parker) Browning. He was married to Donna (Tuttle) Browning and she survives. He was a member of the New Life Center Church in Grayville. He worked as a warehouseman at the Wal-Mart distribution center in Olney.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Browning and daughter, Kimberly Browning, both of Olney; and parents, Joe and Sharon Browning; two sisters, Judy Graham and her husband, John, and Elizabeth Browning, all of Grayville.

Virginia Louise Elliott, Aug. 1, 1917 - July 29, 2008

Virginia Louise Elliott, 90, of Albion, died Tuesday, July 29, 2008, at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, IN. Visitation is 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, July 31, 2008, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Funeral services are at 10 a.m., Friday, Aug. 1, 2008, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville.

She was born Aug. 1, 1917, the daughter of James Franklin and Viola (Garris) Spruell. She married John Vern Martin and he preceded her in death on Dec. 23, 1980. Later, she married Floyd Evert Elliott and he also preceded her in death on Oct. 26, 2003. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Grayville, since the 1940's, and she taught Sunday school there for many years. She worked as a secretary and bookkeeper for various businesses in the White County area, including WPA, Bucyrus-Erie (where she was also a welder), Whit Bowles Oilfield Repair, Skiles Firestone & Buick Dealership, R.B. Martin Accounting Office, Geo. N. Mitchell Drilling Co., Inc, Lee Crowder Well Service, Joe Simpkins Production Company, Two Tony's Smorgasbord, and Wal-Mart. For many years, she was the caretaker of the Elm Street Laundry in Albion.

Survivors include a son, Leroy Martin and his wife, Eldora Irene; a daughter, Martha Eyer and her husband, Daniel, all of Calvin; five brothers, Howard Marvin Daniels of Evansville, Smitty Spruell of Las Vegas, NV, Norbert Spruell, Elbert Spruell of Effingham, Doyle Spruell of Albion; five grandchildren, Debbie Bradham, Timothy Leroy Martin, Kenneth Martin, Mark Martin, Danielle Lea Eyer; ten great-grandchildren, Darrin Bradham, Dustin Bradham, Derek Bradham, Aaron "Lee" Martin, Adam Martin, Nathan Martin, Addie Martin, Madison Rose Martin, Alena Marie Martin, Kesle Tyne Martin; six great-great-grandchildren, Blake Bradham, Jaycee Lynn Bradham, Wyatt Bradham, Derek Michael Bradham, Karia Lee Martin, and Judd

Lee Martin. She is preceded in death by her parents, James and Viola Daniels; husbands, John Vern Martin and Floyd Evert Elliott; great-grandson, Logan Martin; five sisters, Mary Ruth Daniels, Mary Katherine Spruell, Vera Macer, Ersa Mae Joseph, Frieda Grace Conner; three brothers, Bill Spruell, Earl Daniels, and Loyd Daniels.

Mary E. Welsch, Sept. 2, 1922 - July 29, 2008

Wabash County native Mary E. Welsch, 85, died at 8:25 p.m. July 29 in Terrell, TX. Burial was held Aug. 4 at Lakeside Cemetery in Quinlan, TX. Arrangements were handled by Quinlan Funeral Home. She was born Sept. 2, 1922, in Albion to Theodore and Millie Brines. She was married June 26, 1945, in Albion to George W. Welsch, who survives.

Also surviving are children and their spouses, Jane and Billy Hunt of Irving, TX, Kitty and Edward Trimm of Terrell, Steve and Donna Welsch of Grayville, Brenda and John Pruitt of Terrell, and Linda and Larry Roseberry of Terrell; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters and their husbands, Nellie and Albert Clodfelter and Iva and Lawrence Evans; two brothers and their wives, Claris and Gladys Brines and Charles and Maudie Brines; a daughter, Sandra Dee Welsch; and a granddaughter, Danielle Denise Rodriguez.

Robert M. Horste, July 14, 1920 - Aug. 13, 2008

Robert M. Horste, age 88, of Belleville, MI, died at his home on Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2008. Cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements were handled by the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville.

He was born July 14, 1920, in Detroit, MI, son of the late Joseph Earl and Mona Marjorie (Pearson) Horste. At 16, he graduated salutatorian of the Class of 1937 from Grayville High School in Illinois. He attended Tri-State University (Angola, IN) and Purdue University before joining the US Army Air Corps in WWII. He flew 24 combat missions as a ball-turret gunner on a B-17, and was awarded the Air Medal with three oak-leaf clusters. A technician and mechanical engineer throughout his life, he enjoyed science, mathematics, Latin, and technical drawing. He earned spending money at Purdue inking drawings for other students who envied his sharp eye and steady hand. He also enjoyed numbers and puzzles. He was an exceptional (and prize-winning) pianist in a wide range of styles from classical to jazz to dance music of the 30's and 40's. An avid and skilled golfer, Bob was well-known and respected on the local tournament scene. Always a straight-hitter, he also took great pleasure in out-driving big, strapping youngsters who did not expect such power from his light build. His skills brought him 12 holes-in-one and more "skins" than anyone could count, even well into his eighties. He married his high school sweetheart, Florence Louise Hanle, on Apr. 24, 1944.

She survives him, as well as a daughter, Mona Kathryn Horste, of Chelsea, MI; son, Kenneth Lee (Cheryl Ann) Horste of Highland; one granddaughter, Angelle Martha Louise (Brian) Chandler; two grandsons, Benjamin Jacob (Louise) Horste and Ian Andrew (Jessica) Horste; two half sisters, Marilyn Copp of Belleville, MI, and Barbara Fawcett of Howell, MI; a half-brother, David Horste, of Belleville, MI; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Robert Joseph Horste in 2003; two brothers, Richard Earl Horste and Omar St. Clair "Buddy" Horste; also a sister-in-law, Frances Kathryn Hooks. The

family has requested memorial contributions to the Michigan Humane Society or St. Judge Children's Hospital. Please sign his guest book or send your private condolences for them to keep at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

Marjorie M. Salisbury, Oct. 4, 1924 - Sept. 25, 2008

Marjorie M. Salisbury, 83, of Grayville, died Thursday, Sept. 25, 2008, at Fairfield Memorial Hospital in Fairfield. Her remains were cremated and a graveside service was held Monday, Sept. 29, 2008, at Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville is in charge of all arrangements. She was born Oct. 4, 1924, in East St. Louis, IL, the daughter of Vern and Leona (Stanley) Martin. She was married to Cecil Salisbury, and he survives. She was retired from Meadowood Nursing Home in Grayville where she served as the activity director. She was a member of the St. John's Episcopal Church in Albion.

Survivors include her husband, Cecil Salisbury, of Grayville; daughter, Diana Miller and her husband, Rodney, of Albion; brother, Ray Martin and his wife, Carolyn, of Fairfield; two sisters, Joanne Gregory of Fairfield and Vera Hoskins and her husband, Guy, of Geff; grandson, Andrew Fryman; and great-grandson, Gabriel Fryman. She was preceded in death by her parents, Vern and Leona Martin.

Norma Wayve Parson, Dec. 18, 1929 - Oct. 16, 2008

Norma Wayve Parson, 78, of Crossville, died Thursday, Oct. 16, 2008, at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, IN. Funeral services were held Monday morning Oct. 20, 2008, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Crossville, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. She was born Dec. 18, 1929, in Crossville, the daughter of Michael A. and Gladys C. (Meacham) Combs. She was married to John E. Parson and he preceded her in death on Jan. 1, 2001. She was a homemaker and a member of the Crossville United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her son, John Mike Parson and his wife, Claudie, of Crossville; four daughters, Judy Parson of Carmi, Janice Wagner of St. Cloud, FL, Cindy Deitz and her husband, Dean, of Carmi, and Patty Hoffman and her husband, Greg, of Bellmont; a brother, James Combs and his wife, Valeria, of Crossville; seven grandchildren, Stacy Lake, Cory HOffman, Kyle Hoffman, Kellie Shelton, Wendy Mercer, Wayne Smith, and Cassie Parson; and 13 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, Michael and Gladys Combs; her husband, John E. Parson; two brothers, Ray Combs and Mike Combs; granddaughter, Jennifer Tolley; and son-in-law, "Lucky" Wagner.

James M. Sullivan, Nov. 19, 1924 - Oct. 16, 2008

James M. Sullivan, 83, of Grayville, died Thursday, Oct. 16, 2008, at Kennewick General Hospital in Kennewick, WA. Visitation and funeral services will be today, Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2008, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Visitation is at 10 a.m. and continues until funeral services at 11 a.m. Burial with military rites will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. He was born Nov. 19, 1924, in Griffin, IN, the son of James and Agnes Sullivan. He was married to Yuvetta L. Bullard and she precedes him in death. He retired from General Electric as a maintenance worker. Prior to that, he worked in the oilfields in the Grayville area. He was a WWII Navy veteran and a member of the VFW and American Legion.

Survivors include a son, Arnett Sullivan and his wife, Joni, of Kennewick; two daughters, Doretta Cohen of Henderson, KY, and Audrey Sullivan of Grayville; a brother, Ronnie Sullivan and his wife, Darlene, of Olney; a sister, Fern, of Longview, TX; and five grandchildren, Josh Sullivan, Casey Sullivan, Saul Cohen, Grant Cohen, and Charlie Jane Sullivan. He is preceded in death by his parents, James and Agnes Sullivan; his wife, Yuvetta L. Sullivan; and a sister, Doris Bullock.

Delmar Lile Wilson, Sept. 20, 1920 - Oct. 28, 2008

Delmar Lile Wilson, 88, of Grayville, died Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2008, at Meadowood Nursing Home in Grayville. Visitation and funeral services are set for Friday, Oct. 31, 2008, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Visitation is at noon and continues until funeral time at 1 p.m. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. He was born Sept. 20, 1920, in Parkersburg, the son of David Henry and Flossie Marie (Sawyer) Wilson. He was married to Emma Lee Rudisill, and she preceded him in death on Dec. 5, 1963. He was a retired oil well pumper.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Roger Dale and Jane Wilson of Carmichaels, PA, and Michael Ray and Darla Wilson of Albion; one brother, Bobby Warren Wilson, of Vincennes, IN; two sisters, Evelyn Bernadine Wells of Grayville and Mary Louise Culliver of Albion; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Preceding him in death are his parents, David and Flossie Wilson; wife, Emma Lee Wilson; son, Gary Eugene Wilson; sisters, Delcie Sharp and Erma Lee Bunting; sister, Eva Bailey; and brother, Royal Herbert Wilson.

Hollis Webb, Feb. 6, 1923 - Oct. 24, 2008

Former Grayville resident Hollis Webb, 85, of Canton, OH, died at 6:50 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, 2008, at Altman Hospital in Canton. Services were held Oct. 28, at the Campbell Funeral Home in Carmi with Steve McClure officiating. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. Pallbearers were Bill Bridgeman, Jeff Bridgeman, Jeff Carmen, Dennis Bridgeman, Rick Bridgeman, and Tim Wells. She was born Feb. 6, 1923, in Monticello, KY, the daughter of John Ways and Josie Belle (Harmon) Bridgeman. She married Floyd Eddison Wells, and he preceded her in death. She then married Forrest Homer Webb on Sept. 19, 1982, and he died June 6, 1999. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Christian Church of Carmi.

Surviving are three sons, Larry Wells, Bob Wells and friend, Terri Rohr, and Jerry and wife, Julia, Wells, all of Canton, OH; a daughter-in-law and caregiver, Pam Wells, of Canton; a sister, Lois Noland, of Indianapolis, IN; three brothers, JR Bridgeman of Carmi, OD Bridgeman of Grayville, and George Bridgeman of Indianapolis; two grandchildren, Monica and husband, Jeff, Carman, and Tim and wife, Christina, Wells; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Gary Wells; a sister, Artie; and five brothers, Robert, John, Glenn, Chester, and Kelly Bridgeman.

Samuel L. Fieber, Aug. 30, 1959 - Oct. 29, 2008

Samuel L. Fieber, 49, Grayville, died at 10:55 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2008, from injuries sustained in an oilfield accident near Crossville. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Grayville High School gymnasium, Michael Brands officiating. Friends may call from 1 p.m. until the service time Saturday at the school. He was born Aug. 30, 1959, in Evansville, IN, the son of Virgil Louis and Marilyn (Wiseman) Fieber. He married Lisa K. Taylor

on Oct. 5, 1992. He was an attorney and owner of French Creek Oil Co. of Grayville, IL, First Mortgage, Eldorado, Inc., Tri-State Supply, Lee Land Inc., and Lake View Farms. He was a member of First Christian Church of Grayville.

Surviving are his wife of 16 years, Lisa Fieber, of Grayville; a son, Max Fieber; and a daughter, Grace Fieber, both at home; a son, Lee Fieber; and a daughter, Alexandra Fieber, both of San Francisco, CA; his parents, Louie and Marilyn Fieber of Grayville; a brother and sister-in-law, Lawrence and Sonia Fieber, of Chicago; and a sister and brother-in-law, Audrey and Gary Roberts of Overland Park, KS. Campbell Funeral Home of Carmi is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Max and Grace Fieber College Fund at First Bank or will be accepted at the funeral home.

Ronald J. Aldredge, May 28, 1956 - Oct. 29, 2008

Ronald J. Aldredge, 52, of West Salem, died Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2008, from injuries sustained in an oil well fire west of Crossville. A memorial service was held Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008, at the First Christian Church in Grayville. Burial with military rites was in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. He was born May 28, 1956, in Fairfield, the son of Jackie Joe and Bonnie (Chalcraft) Aldredge. He was employed by Bulldog Well Service. He was a US Army Veteran, member of the American Legion, and an avid fisherman and baseball fan.

Survivors include his companion, Linda Giese, of West Salem; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronnie and Jennifer Aldredge of Oklahoma City, OK, and Kevin and Lacey Aldredge of Grayville; a sister and brother-in-law, Joni and Warren Amos of Grayville; 15 grandchildren, Garrett, Ronnie, Rhett, Braden, and Grace Aldredge, Chase Kramer, Tanner, Tyli, and Shali Greathouse, Dugan, Elias, Hysler, and Taleya McVaigh, Tony Chapman, and Lindi Carlson; and one great-grandchild, Mason Carlson. He is preceded in death by his parents, Jackie and Bonnie Aldredge; sister, Cindy Aldredge; and two brothers, Jackie and Tommy Aldredge.

John Douglas Browne II, July 29, 1966 - Nov. 2, 2008

John Douglas Browne II, 42, died on Nov. 2, 2008, in Santa Cruz, CA. Douglas was the co-founder and co-owner of The Grenada Chocolate Company, which is located on the Caribbean Island of Grenada. He was involved with the Gray Family businesses located in the Tri-State area.

He is survived by his father, Dr. Harry G. Browne; his mother, Mrs. Jean Kerstetter Browne; his sisters, Mrs. Susan Browne (Mr. Evan R. Robinson), Mrs. Linda Browne (Mr. James E. Snook), Mrs. Katherine Browne (Mr. Thomas H. Marsden), and Ms. Jennifer T. Browne; his brother, Mr. Harry T. Browne (Mrs. Petra Clippinger); and nieces and nephews. A celebratory funeral Mass was held in Douglas' honor on Saturday, Nov. 22, 2008, at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Evansville, IN, with Father Stephen Lintzenich officiating. Interment will follow at the Gray Family Cemetery in Grayville. Ziemer Funeral Home is handling the funeral arrangements. Memorials for Douglas may be sent to the Stanford Cancer Center, Stanford, CA (cancer.stanford.edu).

Benjamin Frank Ely, Feb. 9, 1945 - Dec. 5, 2008

Benjamin Frank Ely, 63, of Carmi, died Friday, Dec. 5, 2008, at St. Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon, IL. Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 8, 2008, at Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. He was born Feb. 9, 1945, in Fairfield, the son of Howard and Lucille (Metcalf) Ely. He was married to Barbara Taylor and she survives. He was a farmer.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Ely, of Albion; a daughter, Shawna Irvine and her husband, Scott, of Grayville; and two grandchildren, Travis and Taylor Irvine. Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville is in charge of all arrangements.

Amel F. Reid, Apr. 9, 1915 - Dec. 9, 2008

Amel F. Reid, 93, of Grayville, died Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008, at New Harmonie Healthcare in New Harmony, IN. Visitation and funeral services will be Thursday, Dec. 11, 2008, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville. Visitation is at 11 a.m. and continues until funeral time at 1 p.m. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. He was born Apr. 9, 1915, in Albion, the son of Victor B. and Maggie P. (Seigert) Reid. In 1934 he married Mary R. Jacques and she preceded him in death in 1979. He was a retired farmer and member of the First Christian Church in Grayville.

Survivors include his son, Fred Reid and his wife, Mickey, of Grayville; two daughters, Mary Kay Wood and her husband, Richard, of Grayville, and Linda Rae Elliott of Carmi; nine grandchildren, Yvette McGarvey, Yvonne Crowell, Yalane Joyce, Brenda Ridenour, Vicky Botsch, David Lee Elliott, Jeff Elliott, Rick Wood, and Randy Wood; 16 great-grandchildren, Alex McGarvey, Anthony McGarvey, Reed Crowell, Riley Crowell, Ryan Botsch, Katie Botsch, Mattie Botsch, Gail Elliott, Landis Elliott, Wes Elliott, Kyle Wood, Stevie Wood, Alisha Wood, Marise Wood, Steve Anderson, and Dustin Larkin; and one great-great grandchild, Lila Wood. He is preceded in death by his parents, Victor and Maggie Reid; three brothers, Walter L. Seiger, and Albert Reid; and a son-in-law, David Elliott. Memorials may be made to the Lighthouse Food Pantry and will be accepted at Cook Funeral Chapel in Grayville.

Frances Marie Aldridge, Feb. 26, 1947 - Dec. 9, 2008

Frances Marie Aldridge, 61, of Bellmont, died Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008, at Wabash General Hospital in Mt. Carmel. Funeral services were held Saturday at Short Funeral Home in Mt. Carmel. Burial was in Oak Grove Cemetery at Grayville. She was born on Feb. 26, 1947, in Cowling, IL, the daughter of Ivan and Ecie (Funkhouser) Goldman. She worked for Amax Coal Mine in Keensburg for 15 years. She was a member of the VFW Women's Auxiliary in Mt. Carmel.

She is survived by two sons, James Mike Morgan, of Bellmont, and Bradley Leslie Thompson, of Bone Gap; one daughter, Lisa Marie Fannin, of Keensburg; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two step-grandchildren; two brothers, Ralph Goldman of Grayville and Robert Goldman of Keensburg; and three sisters, Helen Smith of Mt. Carmel, Wilma Horton of Grayville, and Jane Harvey of Mt. Carmel. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Dorothy J. Meritt, Mar. 19, 1934 - Dec. 12, 2008

Dorothy J. Meritt, 74, of Carmi, died Friday, Dec. 12, 2008, at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, IN. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2008, at Cook Funeral Chapel in Carmi, with burial in Oak Grove Cemetery in Grayville. She was born Mar. 19, 1934, in Springfield, MS, the

daughter of Charles Harmon “Dick” and Velma (Sappington) Frye. On Jan. 25, 1952, she married Curtis G. Meritt, and he survives. She was a homemaker and member of the First Christian Church in Carmi. She was an avid reader and enjoyed cross stitching, needlework, and especially her family.

Survivors include her husband, Gene; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie and Jim Hall, and Kathy and Jim Whetstone, all of Carmi; and two grandsons, Brian Hall and Matt Whetstone. She is preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Velma Frye; two daughters, Sharon and Karen Meritt; and a sister, Margarette Frye. Memorials may be made to the Carmi Public Library and will be accepted at Cook Funeral Chapel in Carmi.