

# OBITUARIES/NEWS

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## GREENWOOD

### Ruth J. (Harrell) Chase

Ruth J. (Harrell) Chase, 89, of Greenwood and formerly of Mooresville, died Saturday, March 4, 2006, at Community Hospital South in Indianapolis.

She was born June 12, 1916, in Monroe County to the late John M. and Sallie E. (Gore) Harrell. She was the widow of Leonard E. Chase, to whom she was married on Oct. 8, 1933, and who died May 10, 1988.

Survivors include a daughter, Norma J. Anderson of Greenwood; a companion, Frank Crismore; five grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her son, Keith L. Chase; a daughter, Patsy J. Burford; two grandsons, Donald and Casey Chase; and a brother, Kermit P. Harrell.

She was a homemaker most of her life but had worked for Farm Bureau, Producers Livestock Marketing and the Marion County Prosecutor's Office.

She was a member of Mooresville First Christian Church.

She credited herself with no outstanding accomplishments except a wonderful family and a collection of treasured friends.

The Revs. Kelly Tandy and Dane Sinn will conduct a funeral service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Carlisle and Son Funeral Chapel, 39 E. High St. in Mooresville. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be at Mooresville Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hemophilia of Indiana, 4905 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, IN 46220.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.carlisleandson.com](http://www.carlisleandson.com).

## CASSOPOLIS, Mich.

### Lamarr 'Bud' Davis

Lamarr "Bud" Davis, 85, Leigh Avenue, Cassopolis, Mich., passed away Friday, March 3, 2006, at the Cass County Medical Care Facility in Cassopolis, Mich., following an illness.

Bud was born on Jan. 5, 1921, in Three Rivers, Mich., to the late Delbert and Muriel (Ferguson) Davis.

On May 9, 1941, Bud married Eloise Parker at a ceremony in Pokagon, Mich.

Bud was a veteran of World War II, serving the country proudly in the U.S. Army Air Forces.

He was a customer service manager for Kawneer for many

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years before his retirement in 1983.

His hobbies included golfing, fishing, bowling, playing cards and spending time with his family.

He was a member of the Niles Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 26 and the Pokagon Masonic Lodge.

Bud is survived by his wife, Eloise Davis of Cassopolis, Mich.; two sons, Stephen (Gloria) Davis of Franklin and John (Darlene) Davis of Granger; and two daughters, Toisa "Toy" (Bob) Young of Niles, Mich., and Terry (Glenn) Krueger of Cassopolis, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two brothers, Jack (Frances) Davis of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Lyle (Nancy) Davis of Edwardsburg, Mich.; and two sisters, Gertrude Wade of Cassopolis, Mich., and Lugene Fein of Niles, Mich.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m. today at Mission Hills Memorial Chapel, 61453 State Road 51 North in Niles, Mich., with visitation one hour before the service.

Memorial contributions can be made in Bud's memory to the Old Rugged Cross Foundation, P.O. Box 41, Niles, MI 49120; or American Heart Association, 3816 Pay-sphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home in Niles, Mich., and Mission Hills Memorial Chapel in Niles, Mich.

## FRANKLIN

### Albert Flake

Albert Flake, 82, died Friday, March 3, 2006. He was a resident of Franklin.

Arrangements are pending at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service and Crematory, Vandivier-Tudor Chapel, in Franklin.

## FRANKLIN

### Todd James Hickman

Todd James Hickman, 38, died Friday, March 3, 2006, at his residence in Franklin. He was a former resident of Texas.

Survivors include his father, Harold Hickman of Shelbyville; his mother, Judy L. (Partenheimer) Cummings of Franklin; his wife, Kelly J. Emerson of Humble, Texas; a daughter, Jessica L. Hickman of Humble, Texas; his stepmother, Maria Hickman of Shelbyville; his stepfather, Dan A. Cummings of Franklin; two stepsons, Julian and Ashton Emerson of Texas; a sister, Darcy Ann (Chuck) Harris of Greenville, S.C.; and a stepbrother, Scott A. Cummings of Franklin.

A funeral service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Flinn and Maguire Funeral Home, 2898 N. Morton St. in Franklin. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be at Forest Hill Cemetery in Shelbyville.

## MORGANTOWN

### Donald J. Kempf

Donald J. Kempf, 72, died Saturday, March 4, 2006, at his residence in Morgantown.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda K. Kempf.

Arrangements are pending at Meredith-Clark Funeral Home, Cremation and Personalization Center in Morgantown.

## INDIANAPOLIS

### Lorraine Nicholas

Lorraine Nicholas went to be with her Lord and savior, Jesus Christ, on Friday, March 3, 2006.



NICHOLAS

She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, Paul S. Nicholas; and a daughter, Anita D. Turner. Surviving her are two daughters, Shirley A. Nicholas and Polly (Buck) Roberts of Franklin; four grandchildren, Jeff (Suzie) Davis of Indianapolis, Mark Davis, Tarrie (Rich) Ledford of Louisville, Ky., and Todd (Angie) Roberts of Florence, Ky. She has 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church, 1000 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Burial will be at Forest Hill Cemetery in Shelbyville. Information: [www.singletonmortuary.com](http://www.singletonmortuary.com)

Lorraine was a member of Otterbein United Methodist Church for more than 50 years.

She retired from Link Belt, was active in her church choir, women's mission board, and Parent-Teacher Association. She was a Red Cross volunteer, a driver for cancer patients and an avid bowler.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. today at Feeney-Hornak Shadeland Mortuary, 1307 N. Shadeland Ave. in Indianapolis. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. today. Entombment will be at Washington Park East Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions can be made to Otterbein United Methodist Church, 5009 E. 21st St., Indianapolis, IN 46218-4717.

## BROWNSBURG

### James Robert 'Bob' Nix

James Robert "Bob" Nix, 81, died Friday, March 3, 2006. He was a resident of Brownsburg and a former resident of Indianapolis.

Survivors include a daughter, Janet (Mike) Padgett of Cicero; a son, Robert Patrick (Susan) Nix of Spring Valley, Minn.; two grandchildren; a sister, Dixie (Winton) Armstrong of Greenwood; and a brother, Patrick (Donna) Nix of Greenwood. He was preceded in death by his wives, Dorothy (Stoner) Nix and Joan M. (Harsh) Nix; and parents, Myers H. and Anna Mae (Hall) Nix.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. today at Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center, 7602 Madison Ave. in Indianapolis. Burial will be at Washington Park East Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 9135 N. Meridian Street, Suite B4, Indianapolis, IN 46209-7109.

Information: [www.singletonmortuary.com](http://www.singletonmortuary.com)

## BARGERSVILLE

### Yvonne Marie Reist

Yvonne Marie (Joanis) Reist, 65, beloved wife, mother, sister and grandmother, passed away Saturday afternoon, March 4, 2006, at Community Hospital South in Indianapolis. She was a resident of Bargersville.

She was born Feb. 2, 1941, to Eleanor Dorothy (Mills) Joanis and Charles Arthur Joanis. She married Donald Reist on Oct. 1, 1960, in Niles, Mich. He survives.

Other survivors include her daughter, Rachel (Gary) Bell of Morgantown; one son, Adam (Allison) Reist of Trafalgar; one sister, Dehlia Shorts of Niles, Mich.; four brothers, Charles A. Joanis Jr., Dwain Joanis and James Joanis, all of Niles, Mich., and Ronald Joanis of Dowagiac, Mich.; and two special grandchildren, Ashley Reist and Brenna Shingleton.

She loved antiques, gardening and cooking.

A funeral service will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service and Crematory, Vandivier-Tudor Chapel, 103 Main St. in Bargersville. Calling will take place from 5 p.m. until service time Wednesday.

Online condolences may be sent to the Reist family at [www.wilsonstpierre.com](http://www.wilsonstpierre.com).

## INDIANAPOLIS

### William Leon Roddy

William Leon Roddy, 84, died Thursday, March 2, 2006, at Select Specialty Hospital in Beech Grove. He was a resident of Indianapolis.

Survivors include a daughter, Alice (Roddy) Hensley of Indianapolis; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a brother, Lee K. Roddy of Florida; and four sisters, Emma Hobson of Indianapolis, Maydelle (Les) Maynard, Melissa (John) Richardson of Carmel, Mary (Marvin) Weston of Quincy and Barbara (Charles) Mitchell. He was preceded in death by his parents, John Brandon and Sally (Turner) Roddy; and wife, Faynelle (Walker) Roddy.

The Rev. Carl Riley will conduct a funeral service at 1 p.m.

today at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 1977 S. State Road 135 in Greenwood. Burial with military honors will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Greenwood.

## FRANKLIN

### Demaree Smiley

Demaree Smiley, 75, died Sunday, March 5, 2006, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. He was a resident of Franklin.

Survivors include his wife, Myra (Lucas) Smiley of Franklin; a daughter, Barbara Hoffman of Indianapolis; three sons, Gary Smiley of Sardinia, Ohio, and Mike and Steve Smiley, both of Indianapolis; two brothers, Robert Smiley of Greenwood and Phillip Smiley of Campbellsville, Ky.; three sisters, Marie Stephens of Indianapolis, Mabel Burton and Jean Quinn, both of Columbia, Ky.; two granddaughters; and two great-granddaughters. He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Laura (Alley) Smiley.

The Rev. Larry McAdams will conduct a funeral service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Jessen Funeral Home, 729 U.S. 31 North in Whiteland. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Franklin.

## Obituary policy

The Daily Journal will publish free death notices for Johnson County area residents, former residents and close relatives of area residents.

The deadline for submitting obituaries to the Daily Journal is 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Sundays, the deadline is 1 p.m.

# Farmer, family man dies in accident on 135

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Albert Flake would never trade in his flannel shirts for a suit and tie.

But the 82-year-old Franklin man would fix your car, build your house or talk you through a wiring project on a long-distance phone call. He loved to help people, but never saw it as anything other than being a good neighbor, loved ones said.

Flake was killed in an accident on State Road 135 on Friday afternoon. His vehicle was struck head on by a truck that police say went out of control while trying to stop for a slowing vehicle.

He was a good fishing buddy and a good teacher, despite never finishing high school.

Flake wanted his children and grandchildren to learn by example and tried to teach them something every chance he had.

Always the traditional farmer, Flake was most comfortable in jeans, a flannel shirt and a hat. If he had to wear a dress shirt, he refused to put on a tie, said Steve Smock, his grandson, who now lives in Utah.

He was well-known as a jokester; a bus driver and a man who could fix almost anything.

Albert Flake was the type of man you wanted as your neighbor

because he would help with anything he could, from fixing cars to wiring electricity, his daughter Grace Flake, Franklin, said.

Grace Flake lived next door to her father in a house he built for her.

"He was my buddy and we were together all the time," she said.

She cooked meals for him when her mother and his wife, Dorothy, lost her battle with cancer three years ago.

The two spent everyday together, working on the farm or just talking. Her father had a wealth of knowledge that he loved to share with her, she said.

Part of his knowledge came from his different jobs. Albert Flake worked as a bus driver for Franklin Community Schools for 32 years, a substitute driver for the postal service and in the Farm Bureau Co-Op Extension.

After he retired in 1999, he never sat idle. He'd watch the school bus pass down his street and wish he could drive again.

"He'd say 'It's all I can do not to get on that bus,'" she said.

His positive attitude never changed, even in tough times.

"He never let anything get him down," said his grandson Thomas Flake of Bloomington.

Albert Flake always stayed busy.

He worked on his farm or

helped neighbors fix problems with their house or vehicles, son Lowell Flake said.

While working together on the farm, Lowell Flake remembers the life lessons his father tried to teach him.

Not only did he show his family members how to help others, he also taught them how to live their lives, Lowell Flake said.

Albert Flake steered his children the right way, keeping them out of trouble.

He could be stubborn but so could his children. Though they didn't always see eye to eye, they respected each other, Lowell Flake said.

To his grandchildren, the time they spent with Pap, as they called him, was their summer camp.

He never told them how to act or to follow his lead as a helpful person, he showed them, Smock said.

"He made you want to be a better person just for knowing him," said grandson Norman Flake, who now lives in Kentucky.

Norman Flake always wanted to be like his Pap, even adopting his favorite ice cream and milkshake flavor, black walnut.

Though the flavor was strange at first, Norman Flake had to have it so he could be just like his grandfather, he said.

## Obesity

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Researchers analyzed reports on obesity from 1980 to 2005 and World Health Organization data. They were able to track the growth rate of obesity in school-age populations in 25 countries and in preschoolers in 42 countries.

Researchers concluded that the prevalence of childhood obesity increased in almost all the countries for which data were available, a trend fueled by more sedentary lives and the increasing availability of junk food, among other factors.

The public health consequences of the trend alarm experts, said Dr. Phillip Thomas, a surgeon unconnected to the study who works extensively with obese patients in the northwest England city of Manchester.

Because obese children tend to carry the problem into adulthood, Thomas and other doctors say they will tend to be sicker as they get older, suffering from heart disease, stroke and other ailments stemming from their weight.

"This is going to be the first generation that's going to have a lower life expectancy than their parents," Thomas said.

"It's like the plague is in town

and no one is interested."

Another doctor who examined the journal report was Dr. Brian McCrindle, a childhood obesity expert and professor of pediatrics with a pediatric hospital in Toronto.

He warned that the looming problem must be addressed.

"The wave of heart disease and stroke could totally swamp the public health-care system," he said.

He warned that lawmakers had to take a broader view of the looming problem, and consider doing things such as banning trans fats and legislating against direct advertising of junk food toward children.

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