

OBITUARIES/NEWS

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FRANKLIN

Ralph E. Besancon

Ralph E. Besancon, 72, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at Roudebush VA Medical Center in Indianapolis. He was a resident of Franklin and a former resident of Los Angeles.

Survivors include his wife, Jacklyn E. "Jackie" Besancon; a daughter, Kimberly Ray of California; three sons, Darin E. Coddington of Georgetown, Keavin Coddington of Greenwood, and Anthony Marciano of California; and 10 grandchildren.

A funeral service will be conducted at noon today at Kraft Spring Street Chapel, 708 E. Spring St. in New Albany. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until service time today at the funeral home. Burial with military honors will be at 2 p.m. at Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison.

Information: (812) 945-6321

FRANKLIN

Waldon Duff

Waldon Duff, 66, died Monday, Feb. 6, 2006, in Lebanon. He was a resident of Franklin.

He was born Nov. 20, 1939, in Hazard, Ky., to the late Andrew and Mertie (Freeman) Duff. He married Dealorse (Hensley) Duff, and she survives. Other survivors include three children, John L. Duff of Stanton, Ky., and Tammy R. and Mahala Y. Duff, both of Franklin; two brothers, Ronnie Duff of Wayland, Ky., and Billie Duff of Garrett, Ky.; two sisters, Yvonne Gass of San Antonio, and Jackie Fugate of Hamilton, Ohio; two grandchildren, Mary Kathryn Ann Williams-Duff and John Waldon Duff; brother-in-law, Duke Blair of Hamilton, Ohio; and daughter-in-law, Mary Kay Williams-Duff. He was also preceded in death by a son, Waldon Ray Duff; and a sister, Juanita Blair.

He was a truck driver for Yellow Freight Trucking for 11 years.

He served on the USS DeMotte.

He was a 25-year member of Teamsters Local 135 and was a member of Crestmont Baptist Church in Beattyville, Ky.

He collected guns and antiques. He was an avid bluegrass musician.

He was a past vice chair on Democratic Central Committee for several years.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday at Jessen Funeral Home Whiteland Chapel, 729 U.S. 31 North. Friends may call from 6 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Franklin.

Information: 535-6880

INDIANAPOLIS

Richard N. 'Rick' Glenn

Richard N. "Rick" Glenn, 54, died Monday, Feb. 6, 2006. He was a resident of Indianapolis.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Glenn; his mother, Janice M. (Glenn) Pote; and two brothers, Mike J. Glenn of Greenwood and Bobby Glenn of Zionsville.

A memorial service will be conducted at 7 p.m. Thursday at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Road 135. Friends may call from 5 p.m. until service time Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be given to Indiana Organ Procurement Organization, 429 N. Pennsylvania St., Suite 201, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Information: 787-7211

BREMEN

Harold W. Hudson

Harold W. Hudson, 83, died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, at Bremen Health Care Center. He was a resident of Bremen and a former resident of Whiteland.

Survivors include a son, Gary (Kathy) Hudson of Bremen; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Merle and Audrey (Wade) Hudson; and his wife, Dorinda L. Hudson.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service and Crematory Greenwood Chapel, 481 S. Main St. Friends may call from 9:30 a.m. until

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Waldon Duff, 66

Bargersville

Taison Unogu, infant

Indianapolis

Richard N. Glenn, 54

Jay H. Romack, 75

Elsewhere

Harold W. Hudson, 83

service time Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Greenwood.

Memorial contributions may be made to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 4777, New York, NY 10163.

Mishler Funeral Home in Bremen is handling the local arrangements.

Information: (574) 546-2861

INDIANAPOLIS

Jay H. Romack

Jay H. Romack, 75, died Monday, Feb. 6, 2006. He was a resident of Indianapolis.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Lou (Sperger) Romack; three sons, Steven W. (Renee) Romack, James C. Romack and Robert A. (Libby) Romack; a sister, Linda Sexson; six grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and four great-stepgrandchildren.

A funeral service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Thursday at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Road 135. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Greenwood.

Information: 787-7211

BARGERSVILLE

Taison William Lee Unogu

Taison William Lee Unogu, infant, died Thursday, Feb. 2, 2006, at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Franklin.

Survivors include his parents, Debra (Fluharty) Unogu of Bargersville and Uche Unogu of Indianapolis; brother, Jai Fluharty of Bargersville; and sister, Iayanna Fluharty of Bargersville.

A funeral service will be conducted at noon Saturday at Jessen Funeral Home, Whiteland Chapel, 729 U.S. 31 North. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until time of service at the funeral home.

Information: 535-6880

Obituary policy

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

A free death notice contains basic information, including details about visitation and services, memorial contributions and some survivors.

Families who want to include more information or include a photograph can purchase a custom obituary.

Additional information may include memberships, employment, education and additional survivors.

The custom obituaries on this page have been paid for.

The Daily Journal takes obituary information from funeral homes. All obituaries must be verified with funeral homes before publication.

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.

Civil rights icon laid to rest

'She sang for those who had no earthly reason to sing a song'

By ERRIN HAINES

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LITHONIA, Ga.

Four U.S. presidents joined more than 10,000 mourners Tuesday at the funeral of Coretta Scott King, who was praised by President Bush as "one of the most admired Americans of our time."

"I've come today to offer the sympathy of our entire nation at the passing of a woman who worked to make our nation whole," President Bush told King's four children and the crowd that filled New Birth Missionary Baptist Church for her funeral.

Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin stressed that King spoke out, not just against racism, but about "the senselessness of war and the solutions for poverty."

"She sang for liberation, she sang for those who had no earthly reason to sing a song," with a voice that was heard "from the tinfoil roofs of Soweto to the bomb shelters of Baghdad," Franklin said.

Former President Carter echoed that theme of peace, saying of the Kings, "They overcame one of the greatest challenges of life, which is to be able to wage a fierce struggle for freedom and justice and to do it peacefully."

King, who carried on her husband's dream of equality for nearly 40 years after the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s death, died Jan. 30 at the age of 78 after battling ovarian cancer and the effects of a stroke.

Former President Clinton, poet Maya Angelou and the Kings' children were also among the more than three dozen speakers during the funeral.



AP PHOTO

Mourners attend Coretta Scott King's funeral Tuesday at New Birth Missionary Baptist Church in Lithonia, Ga. King died Jan. 30 at the age of 78. She was honored at her funeral by more than 10,000 visitors.

The eulogy fell to the Kings' youngest child, Bernice, a minister at the megachurch. She was 5 when her father was assassinated in 1968 and is perhaps best remembered for the photographs of her lying in her black-veiled mother's lap during her father's funeral. Stevie Wonder and Michael Bolton performed.

Angelou spoke of King as a sister with whom she shared her pain and laughter.

"Those of us who have gathered here, ... we owe something from this minute on, so this gathering

is not just another footnote on the pages of history," Angelou said.

"I mean to say I want to see a better world. I mean to say I want to see some peace somewhere," she said to roaring applause.

Taking a political turn, the Rev. Joseph Lowery, who co-founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference with Martin Luther King Jr., spoke directly to Bush's foreign and domestic policies.

"For war, billions more, but no more for the poor," Lowery said, in a take-off of a lyric from Stevie Wonder's song "A Time to Love,"

which drew a roaring standing ovation. The comments drew head shakes from Bush and his father as they sat behind the pulpit.

After the funeral, King's body will be placed in a crypt near her husband's tomb at the King Center.

Between the tombs is the eternal flame that was placed there years ago in Martin Luther King Jr.'s honor. On the crypt, inscribed in black, is the Bible passage First Corinthians 13:13, which reads: "And now abide Faith, Hope, Love, These Three; but the greatest of these is Love."

IRS: It doesn't pay to play tricks on taxes

By MARY DALRYMPLE

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON

Sending the Internal Revenue Service a "corrected" wage form reporting zero income won't make your taxes disappear, the tax collectors said Tuesday.

This and other ideas for dodging taxes surface each spring when millions of people start working on tax returns. They are schemes that can mean fines and prison to users, and a few new ones surfaced this year.

Reporting zero wages is a new twist on an old idea, filing a return with zeros written on every line. Trying to eliminate all of the year's income by deducting it all won't work either, the agency said.

The IRS has also noted the misuse of a form that taxpayers can use to request the elimination of a previously assessed tax. This scam, typically used by people who never file tax returns, attempts to erase taxes the IRS assessed for those who don't prepare returns.

"I urge taxpayers not to be taken in by hucksters who promise to lower or eliminate taxes," said IRS Commissioner Mark Everson.

The IRS also urged taxpayers not to fall victim to phishing, a technique identity thieves use to get personal financial data from unsuspecting victims. The thieves may pose as an IRS official and send an e-mail asking for personal financial information. The IRS doesn't contact customers using e-mail.

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