

OBITUARIES/NEWS

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FRANKLIN

Stanley E. Barker

Stanley E. Barker, 90, died Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006, at Todd-Aikens Health Center in Franklin. He was a resident of Franklin.

He was born Jan. 27, 1915, in Johnson County to the late Everett E. and Lydia (Drake) Barker. He married Ada (Ward) Barker on Jan. 28, 1940. She preceded him in death Nov. 1, 2003.

Survivors include two sons, Gordon (LuAnn) Barker of Edinburg and Terry Barker of Columbus; two sisters, Eleanor Lucille (Neal) Records and Marcia Rosemary Eades Beard, both of Franklin; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by a brother, George E. Barker.

He was a longtime Johnson County farmer. He was a school bus driver for Edinburg school system for more than 40 years and was a custodian for Eastside Elementary School in Edinburg.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He attended Franklin Church of Nazarene.

The Rev. Max Downs will conduct a service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Eskew-Eaton Funeral Home, 302 E. Main Cross St. in Edinburg. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Heart Association, 6100 W. 96th St., Indianapolis, IN 46278; or Franklin Church of Nazarene, 140 W. Branigan Road, Franklin, IN 46131.

INDIANAPOLIS

Nola Jean (Tolle) Brown

Nola Jean (Tolle) Brown, 73, died Friday, Jan. 13, 2006. She was a resident of Indianapolis and a former resident of New Whiteland.

Survivors include daughters, Terry (Brian) Russell and Jill Marie (Joe) Mendoza; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Theodore and Ada Mae (Lucas) Tolle; and her husband, Ted M. Brown.

Services will be conducted at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Road 135 and at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Mark Catholic Church in Indianapolis. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be at Nineveh Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mark Catholic Church, 535 E. Edgewood Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227; or Mental Health Association of Indiana, 1431 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, IN 46202.

INDIANAPOLIS

Mary Elizabeth 'Betty' Harrison

Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Harrison, 77, died Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006, at her residence in Indianapolis.

Survivors include her husband, D.C. "Jack" Harrison; a son, Doyle (Bonnie) Harrison of New Palestine; a daughter, Janice Morris of Indianapolis; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Alfred and Bertha (Woolwine) Stuard.

A service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 1977 S. State Road 135 in Greenwood. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Greenwood.

Information: 535-9003

GREENWOOD

Estelle E. Murray

Estelle E. Murray, 94, died Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006. She was a resident of Greenwood.

She was born June 3, 1911, in Washington to the late Edward and Mary (Fanning) O'Connor. She married Nelson Earl Murray on April 29, 1935. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include her daughter, Barbara (Murray) Sipes of Greenwood; one sister, Jeanne Dillon; three grandchildren, Jennifer (Terry) Hallett of Greencastle, Jeffery (Lisa) Sipes of Knoxville, Tenn., and James (Stacey) Sipes of Greenwood; and three great-grandchildren, Ryan Pettijohn, Tyler Sipes and Katelyn Sipes. She was preceded in death by three brothers and four sisters.

She was a member of Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic Church.

A Mass of Christian burial will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednes-

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day at Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic Church. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service and Crematory, Greenwood Chapel, 481 W. Main St. Burial will be private.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic Church, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood, IN 46143.

MORGANTOWN

Dean M. Ransburg II

Dean M. Ransburg II, 73, passed away Tuesday evening, Jan. 10, 2006, at Hospice of South Central in Columbus. He was a resident of Morgantown and a former resident of Brown County. He wintered in Bonita Springs, Fla.



RANSBURG II

He was born Oct. 14, 1932, in Auburn to Dean J. and Ramona K. (Hyer) Ransburg. He married Nancy J. Tiano on July 5, 1958, in Santa Fe, N.M. She survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Sharon J. Winings of Albuquerque, N.M.; a son, Stephen M. (Andrea) Ransburg of Lenexa, Kan.; two brothers, Dr. Robert "Bob" Ransburg of Zionsville and John W. Ransburg of Homecroft; and three grandchildren, Triana Marie Winings of Albuquerque, N.M., and Stephen Troy and Mitchel E. Ransburg of Lenexa, Kan. He was preceded in death by his parents.

He was a graduate in the 1950 class of Fort Wayne Northside High School. He graduated from Indiana Central College in 1954. While at Indiana Central College, he played football on the undefeated Greyhound team in 1953 and still holds the record for most interceptions returned for a touchdown in one game. He also served as a student manager for the undefeated 1953 Greyhound baseball team. Both teams were Hoosier College Conference Champions.

He served as a specialist 3 with the U.S. Army Security Agency during the Korean War from 1954-56, stationed in Okinawa, Japan. He supported the intelligence operations with critical nuclear weapons design information clearance.

He started the first radio station, WICR, at Indiana Central College. From 1958-63, he was assistant director of the evening division of admissions at the University of Indianapolis. From 1963-71, he was director of alumni relations at the University of Indianapolis. He also worked as the public address announcer of University of Indianapolis basketball and football games. In 1971, he was recognized by University of Indianapolis as an honorary alumnus.

From 1971-78, he was statewide director of student services for Ivy Tech College. During that time he was named Colonel of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, honorable order of the Kentucky Colonels.

He retired in 1992 from Heritage Printing and Stephens Office Supplies in Brown County after 15 years as owner and operator.

He was a member of Morgantown United Methodist Church, where he served as a past Sunday school teacher, treasurer and founder of the church's endowment program. He was past treasurer for the Southport Jay C's and official scorer for the Bonita Springs, Fla., Over 50 co-ed softball league. He was inducted into the University of Indianapolis Athletics Hall of Fame in 2001.

He believed in helping others and enjoyed playing tennis, reading historical novels, boating and water skiing.

The Rev. Cheryl Garbe will conduct a celebration of life service at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Morgantown United Methodist Church, 20 E. Washington St. in

Morgantown. A gathering of friends and family will follow in the church's fellowship hall immediately after service.

Meredith-Clark Funeral Home, Creamtion and Personalization Center in Morgantown is handling the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Morgantown United Methodist Church Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 226, Morgantown, IN 46160.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.meredith-clark.com.

MORGANTOWN

Romilda 'Ronnie' Wilkening

Romilda "Ronnie" (Torres) Wilkening, 51, died Friday, Jan. 13, 2006, at Select Hospital of Beech Grove. She was a resident of Morgantown.



WILKENING

She was born May 26, 1954, in Newark, N.J., to the late Thomas Sanchez and Louise Torres. She married Neil N. Wilkening on Sept. 16, 1998, in Gatlinburg, Tenn. He survives. Other survivors include a son, Christopher Cabrera of New York; three sisters, Sister Helen Sanchez, M.P.F. of Morristown, N.J., Laura Dewes of Indianapolis and Nancy Marie Gonzalez of Spring, Texas; one niece; four nephews; and caregivers, Jody and Lane Law and Donna King, all of Morgantown.

She was a 1972 graduate of Villa Walsh Academy in Morristown, N.J. She retired as a mail clerk after 20 years of service with the U.S. Postal Service, serving nine years in Philadelphia and 11 years in Indianapolis, retiring in 2002.

She attended St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church in Martinsville.

She was a member of the Morgan County Humane Society, Martinsville American Legion Auxiliary Post No. 230, and she participated in the Civil Air Patrol in New Jersey from 1968-72.

She had a great love for pygmy goats, which she raised and let children of the Johnson and Morgan County 4-H Clubs use to show at the local fairs. Her pygmy goats have won awards in Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Kentucky and Ohio.

She was a fan of the Chicago Cubs and enjoyed working crossword puzzles.

The Rev. John Hall will conduct a service at 10:30 a.m. at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, 1709 E. Harrison St. in Martinsville. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Meredith-Clark Funeral Home, Cremation and Personalization Center, 179 E. Mulberry St. in Morgantown. A rosary service will be conducted at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at East Hill Cemetery in Morgantown.

Memorial contributions may be made to National Kidney Foundation, 911 E. 86th St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46204-11840.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.meredith-clark.com.

Information: (812) 597-5470

Obituary policy

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

The custom obituaries on this page have been paid for.

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.

State crafts bird flu plan

Health officials hurry to devise strategy for possibility of outbreak

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS

State health officials and Indiana hospitals are working to finish up their plans for isolating and treating flu victims in case a deadly strain of bird flu that's spread from Asia to Turkey causes a global outbreak.

Indiana hospitals must complete their plans for combatting a flu pandemic, or global outbreak, by August, but state health officials hope to see something from them by March.

The Indiana Department of Health is planning a flu pandemic summit in April, although no date or location has been set, spokeswoman Jennifer Dunlap said.

As they work on their preparations, officials are mindful of the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic, which killed about 11,000 Hoosiers, 500,000 Americans and 50 million people worldwide.

If the current avian flu leads to a global outbreak, state officials estimate nearly 6,000 Hoosiers would die if the virus were to spread to 35 percent of the population. Federal officials have estimated that 1.8 million Americans could die.

"All we can do is be better prepared today than yesterday and better prepared tomorrow than today," said James Howell, a veterinary epidemiologist and co-chairman of the state committee developing the flu pandemic plan.

State health officials have been working for months on details of Indiana's plan, which, among other issues, will determine at what point to order the cancellation of public events and how best to isolate the sick.

It would also ensure that lines

of communication remain open between health care officials and the public, and determine who gets vaccinations or medications if supplies are limited.

Hospitals, meanwhile, are still figuring out where they would put a surge of sick patients, and how they would care for patients if nurses became sick. They're also looking at whether they would have enough medicine, respirators and gowns for an outbreak.

"I think we realize this is likely to happen in the next several years, so now's the time to get this planned," said Dr. Douglas Webb, medical director for infection control at Methodist and Indiana University hospitals in Indianapolis.

During the 1918 flu outbreak, entire families died and Indiana cities and towns were forced to cancel all public gatherings, schools and religious services for weeks at a time to control the outbreak.

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