

OBITUARIES/NEWS

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RICHMOND

Betty Ann Anderson

Betty Ann Anderson, 89, died Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006, at Heritage House of Richmond.

Survivors include her sons, Fred W. Anderson of Franklin and David J. Anderson of Chattanooga, Tenn.; a sister, Virginia Witman of Greens Fork; and a brother, Richard W. Niewoehner of Pittsburgh. She was preceded in death by her husband, James E. Anderson; and her parents, William H. and Marie (King) Niewoehner.

The Rev. Herbert Berry will conduct a funeral service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2300 W. Main St. in Richmond. There will be no public visitation.

Doan and Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road in Richmond, is handling arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Hospital for Children, Memorial Foundation, 702 Barnhill Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

FRANKLIN

Betty Jane (Flagle) Clark

Betty Jane (Flagle) Clark, 88, died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at the Indiana Masonic Home Medical Center in Franklin. She was a resident of Franklin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond K. Clark.

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

GREENWOOD

Emily S. Cox

Emily S. Cox, 72, died Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, at her residence in Greenwood. She was a former resident of Greencastle.

Survivors include a son, Fred (Suzanne) Cox of Greencastle; three daughters, Rebekah S. and Janet E. Cox, both of Greenwood and Jennifer C. (Bryant) Benson of Westfield; a sister, Rachel (Charles) Shupe of Williamston, S.C.; a granddaughter, Stephanie (Russ) Ash of Greencastle; two great-grandchildren; and two great-step-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Matthew and Katie (Eskew) Sloan; and her husband, Charles F. Cox Sr.

The Rev. Shan Rutherford will conduct a funeral service at 1 p.m. today at Hopkins-Rector Funeral Home, 703 E. Washington St. in Greencastle. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until service time today at the funeral home. Burial will be at Brick Chapel Cemetery in Greencastle.

FRANKLIN

John Benton Denny Jr.

John Benton Denny Jr., 32, passed away Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, at Community Hospital East in Indianapolis. He was a resident of Franklin.



DENNY

He was born Nov. 30, 1973, in Colorado Springs, Colo. Survivors include his parents, John Denny Sr. and Janet (Baker) Denny of Franklin; three brothers, James (Jennifer) Denny of Columbus, Ga., Joseph (Kari) Denny of Smiths, Ala., and Jevin Denny of Franklin; three nieces, Madisyn, Mackenzie and Savannah; three aunts; three uncles; and many cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Carl and Mildred Baker and Patricia and Walter Denny.

John attended Franklin Community High School and was a member of First Baptist Church in Franklin.

He was employed by Franklin Plastics as a material handler.

The Rev. Amy Bailey will conduct a funeral service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Vandivier-Tudor Chapel, 951 N. Main St. in Franklin. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Franklin.

Online condolences may be sent to the Denny family at www.wilsonstpierre.com.

GREENWOOD

Billy Earl Freeman

Billy Earl Freeman, 60, died Friday, Feb. 10, 2006, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. He was a resident of Greenwood.

Survivors include his wife, Kathi Freeman of Indianapolis; a son, William Freeman of Indianapolis; a daughter, Barbara Ritchie of Kentucky; four sisters, Linda Lane of Liberty, Ky., Tonda Logan of Greenwood, Michele Judy of Columbia, S.C., and Delaine Rinlaw of Gaston, S.C.; two brothers, James Wayne of Greenville, S.C. and Ricky Lovins of Somerset, Ky.; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Cordis and Barbara (Duckworth) Freeman.

Franklin

Betty Jane Clark, 88
John Benton Denny Jr., 32

Greenwood

Emily S. Cox, 72
Billy Earl Freeman, 60
Joseph E. Keller, 75
Indianapolis

Joseph T. Shea, 90

Elsewhere

Betty Ann Anderson, 89
Thoburn B. Orme, 40

A funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Flinn and Maguire Funeral Home, 2898 N. Morton St. in Franklin. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of service Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Greenlawn Cemetery in Franklin.

GREENWOOD

Joseph E. Keller

Joseph E. Keller, 75, died Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006. He was a resident of Greenwood.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara M. (Lonnemann) Keller; children, Jeffrey of Minnesota, Stephen of Colorado, Jacqueline of Colorado, Douglas of Florida and Judith Border of Indiana; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph P. and Edna (Meyer) Keller.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 11 a.m. today at Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic Church, 335 S. Meridian St. in Greenwood. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until service time today at the church. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in the form of Masses; or to the Our Lady of the Greenwood School, 399 S. Meridian St., Greenwood, IN, 46143.

Arrangements are entrusted to Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Greenwood Chapel.

Online condolences may be made to the Keller family at www.wilsonstpierre.com.

BLOOMINGTON

Thoburn B. "Toby" Orme

Thoburn B. "Toby" Orme, 40, of Bloomington died Thursday morning at St. Francis Hospital Mooresville.

Born July 20, 1965, in Long Beach, Calif., he was the son of Thoburn L. "Toby" Orme and Joanne (Sedam) Orme.



ORME

He was a mail carrier for the Martinsville Post Office.

He was a 1983 graduate of Center Grove High School and attended Ivy Tech.

He was very much involved with his son, Toby, in youth sports, particularly baseball, basketball, football and wrestling.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He loved his family very much.

He was a member of the Centennial Christian Church in Martinsville, Bassmasters and the Indiana Bowhunters Association.

Survivors include his wife, Lisa A. (Branum) Orme of Bloomington, one son, Toby J. Orme; one daughter, Rachel Orme; his father and stepmother, Thoburn L. "Toby" Orme and Vicki (Martin) Orme, of Columbus; his mother and stepfather, Joanne (Sedam) and Andrew Totten, of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; two sisters, Adrienne Orme of Indianapolis and Dana Michelle Losh and her husband, Dale, of Monrovia; three step-brothers, Scott Fischvogt of Columbus and Charles and Jonathan Totten, both of Fishers; maternal grandparents, Robert and Mildred (Hensley) Sedam, of Indianapolis; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Lana Rae Robertson Branum and John J. Branum, both of Bloomington; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and many friends. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Hubert and Doris (Hensley) Orme; and one brother-in-law, John Christopher Branum.

The funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. today at Day Funeral Home Chapel, 4150 E. Third St. in Bloomington with the Rev. Norman Abel officiating. Burial will follow in Valhalla Memory Gardens in Bloomington.

The family suggests to friends who wish to make memorial contributions that they be given to the Indiana University Credit Union for a college trust fund to be established for his children.

INDIANAPOLIS

Joseph T. Shea

Joseph T. Shea, 90, died Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006. He was a resident of Indianapolis.

Survivors include his wife, Martha J. Shea; children, Andrea (Bob) Maynard, Linda (Ray) Turner, Margaret (Greg) Kane, William Shea, Martha (Bill) Kuntz, Joseph Shea Jr. and Bertha (Don) Marasky; a sister, Lenore Upton; 26 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Denise Shea.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 11 a.m. today at St. Jude's Catholic Church, 5353 McFarland Road in Indianapolis.

Little and Sons Funeral Home, Stop 11 Chapel is handling arrangements.

Information: 885-0330

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.

Mainline Christian leaders struggle with shifting faith

Religious leaders hope to find common ground

By BRIAN MURPHY
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The forces reshaping Christianity come with many names.

In Nigeria, the Mountain of Fire and Miracles congregation holds huge all-night revivals. Across Asia, the True Jesus Church preaches biblical interpretations that include shunning Christmas as a pagan-tainted holiday. In Brazil, the Universal Church of the Kingdom of God says rewards, spiritual and material, may await those who give to its fast-expanding empire.

Such ways of worship that challenge the dominance of Christianity's mainline denominations on every continent will be high on the agenda this week as envoys from the faith's main branches gather in Brazil for their most ambitious conference in eight years.

The World Council of Churches hopes to leave its assembly in Porto Alegre, starting Tuesday and running through Feb. 23, with a clearer vision of how to address the sharp growth of Pentecostal, charismatic and evangelical churches around the globe.

The head of the council, the Rev. Samuel Kobia, will urge dele-

WHAT'S THE WCC?

The organization: The World Council of Churches comprises 347 Christian churches and other religious fellowships representing more than 500 million followers. The core of the membership is Protestant churches and most Christian Orthodox branches. The Roman Catholic Church is not a full member, but works closely in many areas.

The mission? The WCC promotes cooperation among Christian churches and serves as a forum for dialogue with other faiths.

Who's outside? Many evangelical-style churches and movements, including Pentecostal and charismatic groups, are not WCC members. Opponents of members fear the WCC could impose restrictions on worship and activities.

gates to fully recognize the spiritual shifts and begin serious dialogue with Pentecostal and other groups, who have often regarded the WCC as a threat to their independence, fundraising methods and animated worship style.

"We need a fresh look at global Christianity," Kobia said from the WCC headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

Still, it's the WCC that needs to reach out. The core of its nearly 350-church membership, the mainline Protestant denominations and Orthodox churches, have felt the full force of the rise of Pentecostal and other movements.

More cooperation could energize some old guard denominations and help stem defections to evangelical-style churches, particularly in Africa and Latin America. Failure to find more common ground, however, could reinforce polarizing trends: the traditional churches vs. movements preaching bold messages of salvation and, sometimes, good fortune.

Representatives from more than 50 Pentecostal and charismatic churches are expected at the WCC meeting as observers. But experts say they are unlikely to exert any significant pull.

The gathering will also will be forced to look at troubles within: rifts over same-sex unions and homosexual clergy that threaten the unity of several pillars of the council, including the Anglicans and Lutherans.

Kobia said the specific disputes were not on the agenda, but could be addressed if raised by delegates.

The WCC also is expected to explore methods for contact between Christian groups and moderate Islamic leaders, which has taken on urgency following the widespread violence by Muslims protesting the publication in Denmark and elsewhere of cartoons depicting the Prophet Muhammad.

Other talks at the meeting will seek to move the Vatican and WCC closer on efforts such as interfaith outreach and social issues such as international debt relief.

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