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INDIANAPOLIS

Mary Margaret 'Mayme' Ebbeler

Mary Margaret "Mayme" Ebbeler, 87, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007. She was a resident of Indianapolis.

Survivors include a sister, Donna (Bill) McIntire of Indianapolis; and a brother, Ronald "Tuffy" (Doris) Ebbeler of Beech Grove.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward J. and Olga (Lindstrom) Ebbeler.

A service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center, 7602 Madison Ave., Indianapolis. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the mortuary. Burial will be at New Crown Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions may be made to Southside Church of the Nazarene Sunday School, 2515 E. Thompson Road, Indianapolis, IN 46227.

Information: www.singletonmortuary.com

GREENWOOD

Ruth L. Hancock

Ruth L. Hancock, 92, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2007, at St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove. She was a resident of Greenwood.

Survivors include two daughters, Marcia Otto and Janet (Rollie) Nail; two brothers, Delbert and Earl West; a sister, Bettie Bedwell; five grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Tina (Elliott) West; and her husband, David Morton Hancock.

A service will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. Monday at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Road 135. Friends may call from 9:30 a.m. until service time Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be at New Bethel Cemetery in Wanamaker.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Francis Hospice, 1600 Albany St., Beech Grove, IN 46107.

INDIANAPOLIS

Margene H. Norton

Margene H. Norton, 81, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007. She was a resident of Indianapolis.

Survivors include a daughter, Deborah S. (John) Quill of Indianapolis; two sons, Richard "Rick" (Becky) Norton of Noblesville and Robert (Barbara) Norton of Indianapolis; a sister, Dorothy Hyfield of Indianapolis; two brothers, Ray Harlan of Apache Junction, Ariz., and James Harlan of Indianapolis; five grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

There will be no services. Memorial contributions may be made to Southport United Methodist Church, 1947 E. Southport Road, Indianapolis, IN 46227. Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center in Indianapolis is handling arrangements.

Information: www.singletonmortuary.com

GREENWOOD

Eileen (Brooks) Rogers

Eileen (Brooks) Rogers, 83, passed away Friday, Feb. 2, 2007, in Greenwood.

Born May 25, 1923, in Buffalo, Ky., she was the daughter of the late William and Tommie (Hickerson) Brooks.

Survivors include two daughters, Lovelia (Mike) Zenor and Rebecca (Jack) Hume; four grandchildren, Jon and James Zenor and Brooks and Olivia Odle; two great-grandchildren, Sydney and Dylan; and a brother, William T. Brooks.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Hubert Rogers.

A 1944 graduate of Western Kentucky University, she was a homemaker and a substitute teacher and enjoyed needlework.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Road 135, with visitation from noon until service time Monday

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

Memorial contributions may be made to Garfield Park Baptist Church Food Pantry, 1601 E. Southern Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46203.

EDINBURGH

Eva Mae Sconce

Eva Mae Sconce, 101, died at Franklin United Methodist Community on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2006.

She was born Eva Mae Lynch on May 9, 1905, in Danville, Ill. Before entering the United Methodist center, she and her family lived at House on the Hill in Edinburgh for more than 50 years.

Mrs. Sconce graduated with honors from Danville High School in Danville, Ill. She was third in her class of more than 300. She earned a bachelor's degree magna cum laude in mathematics, Latin and music from Indiana Central College; a master's in mathematical analysis and projective geometry from University of Illinois; and did graduate work at Indiana University, Purdue University, and University of Southern California.

Mrs. Sconce taught mathematics, Latin and accounting at Shortridge High School in Indianapolis. She also taught at Edinburgh Community High School during the 1971-72 school year. She was a professor at Purdue University in Indianapolis in engineering mathematics, where she taught algebra, trigonometry, calculus, and computer science for engineers and scientists. She retired in 1970 as professor emeritus.

Mrs. Sconce served on the Indiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics and American Association of University Professors. She designed mathematics programs for the Indiana Youth Camp. She was the first woman to serve on the Edinburgh School Board and served as its president. She was regional director for the Indianapolis District for the Indiana School Boards Association. She also co-authored "Rest Haven 150 Years."

Mrs. Sconce was a member of the American Mathematical Society, Indiana State Teachers of Mathematics, American Association of University Professors and Purdue University Faculty Association. She was a life member of the University of Illinois Alumni Association and Edinburgh Alumni Association.

Mrs. Sconce served as national first vice president and as national parliamentarian for the Pi Omicron National Sorority of business women, was a collegiate honorary member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, held a national scientific honorary from Sigma Xi, Scientific Research Society, and was listed in Who's Who of American Business Women and Women of Science.

Eva Mae Lynch married J. Byce Sconce at Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis on Feb. 15, 1941. With her partner and husband, Mrs. Sconce ran a chain of seven Sconce Theatres, including the Pixie in Edinburgh and four theaters in Indianapolis. Both were members of the Indianapolis Athletic Club for many years. She was an active

supporter of libraries and especially loved the Edinburgh Wright-Hageman Public Library and the Columbus Public Library.

During World War II, the Sconces opened their House on the Hill to Lt. Col. John Gammell and his wife from Camp Atterbury and offered generous support to the troops and the prisoners of war held there.

Her husband died Jan. 15, 2000.

She is survived by a son, William Joseph (Janet Levy) Sconce of New Hampshire; a brother, William (Betty) Lynch of Wabash; a sister, Rose (J.) Abbott of Arkansas; two grandchildren, Wendy (Richard) Pile of Edinburgh and Cathy Sconce of Columbus; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Esther Harmon; and a son, David Reid Sconce.

There was a private interment at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburgh. Eva Mae Sconce will be honored at a memorial service conducted at 1 p.m. Feb. 24 at the Blue River Theatre in Edinburgh, which Mae and Byce previously owned and operated.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be sent to a memorial fund for the Edinburgh Wright-Hageman Public Library, 119 W. Main Cross St. Edinburgh, IN 46124.

The family thanks the staff of Franklin United Methodist Community, Dr. William Province and Lenard McKnight for their care and support.

LIBERTY

Ruby E. Smock

Ruby E. Smock, 82, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007, at Brookville Healthcare Center in Brookville. She was a resident of Liberty and a former resident of Greenwood.

Survivors include a son, James (Shannon) Smock of Greenwood; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James C. and Lodena (Hurt) Fouty.

A private family service will be conducted. Showalter Blackwell Long Funeral Home, Fosdick Chapel, in Liberty is handling arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 9135 N. Meridian St., Suite B4, Indianapolis, IN 46260-1878.

Information: www.showalterblackwelllong.com

GREENWOOD

Robert Byrel Ulrey

Robert Byrel Ulrey, 73, Greenwood, passed away Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007.

He was born June 22, 1933, in Indianapolis to the late Howard Ulrey Sr. and Rowena (Yant) Ulrey. He married Jody (Haines) Ulrey, who preceded him in death in 1960. He later married Marilyn (Frost) Ulrey, who preceded him in death in 1990.

Robert's memberships included Southport Masonic Lodge 270 F&M, American Legion Greenwood Post 252, Veterans of Foreign Wars Greenwood Post 5864 and Mount Pleasant Christian Church.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He was employed by Indiana Bell for 42 years, retiring in 1993 as a cable repairman.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Mount Pleasant Christian Church. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday in Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center, 7602 Madison Ave. in Indianapolis.

Survivors include his beloved friend and companion, Sandra J. Gopp of Greenwood; a son, Mark (Jamie) Ulrey of Greenwood; three daughters, Kathryn (Royce) Rhea of Franklin, Tenn., Lisa (Steve) Edwards of Greenwood and Lori Ulrey of Phoenix; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Howard Ulrey Jr.

Memorial contributions have been suggested to the American Cancer Society, 6030 W. 62nd St., Indianapolis, IN 46278.

Information: www.singletonmortuary.com

EDINBURGH

Doris K. Williams

Doris K. Williams, 68, of Edinburgh, died at 4:35 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 1, 2007, at St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove.

Mrs. Williams was a homemaker and a former employee at Wal-Mart. She attended Bethel Holiness Church and Ohio Street Wesleyan Church and enjoyed working in her flowers and sewing for her children and grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Barks, Weaver & Glick Funeral Home, 1029 Washington St. in Columbus, with the Rev. Jerry Vandervort officiating. Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday and from 9:30 a.m. until service time Monday. Burial will be at Flatrock Baptist Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214; or the donor's choice of charities.

Online condolences may be sent to the Williams family at www.barkesweaverandglick.com.

Born in Bartholomew County on Sept. 27, 1938, Doris was the daughter of Virgil and Sylvia (Whittington) Moore. She married Richard E. Williams on Oct. 25, 1959, in Franklin.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Randy G. (Cathy) Williams of Edinburgh, Terry L. (Karen) Williams of Hope and Michael R. (Cindy) Williams of North Vernon; seven grandchildren, Scott (Lynette) Williams of Cincinnati, Amanda, Joshua, Elisabeth and Jacob Williams, all of Hope, Justin Williams of North Vernon and Sarah Williams of Edinburgh; a great-granddaughter, Meaghan Williams; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Williams was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Richard E. Williams Jr.; and four brothers, Doyle, Bernard, Morris and Wayne Moore.

BRIEFS

STATE

INDIANAPOLIS

House panel OKs five-day firework limit

A House committee approved a bill that would limit fireworks to just five days a year, but lawmakers said they wanted to change the legislation so that local governments could permit fireworks more often if they chose.

The House Local Government Committee on Thursday passed the proposal, which would allow fireworks only on Dec. 31, Jan. 1 and July 3-5.

Rep. Win Moses, D-Fort Wayne, said he expects an amendment to the proposal that would allow local governments to permit fireworks more often if they choose.

The Senate, meanwhile, is considering a bill that would allow counties, cities and towns to restrict or outright ban the use of fireworks except on July 3, July 4 and Dec. 31.

If either bill passes the General Assembly, it would be a major change to a law enacted last year. That law permits the use of fireworks every day from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., with an extension to midnight on state holidays such as the Fourth of July and New Year's. It requires they be shot off on the user's property or another's with the owner's permission and imposes a fee on fireworks purchases that pays for firefighter training.

BLOOMINGTON

Bill could help preserve historic structures

Indiana University's demolition of a dilapidated fraternity house where composer Hoagy Carmichael performed in the 1930s prompted a lawmaker to sponsor a bill aimed at giving preservationists greater power to try to save such structures.

A bill sponsored by state Rep. Matt Pierce, D-Bloomington, would give local preservation commissions the power to slow down the planned destruction of historic structures owned or leased by state colleges and universities.

It would create a six-month cooling down period during which a school could not demolish the structure in question. Public hearings would then be conducted on the structure's value to the community and whether it can be saved.

"If it's a building the community feels is worth preserving, the six-month period will give them

an opportunity to explore all the options, to make sure they really work hard to avoid a demolition," Pierce said.

FREMONT

State allows memorial for car crash victims

Relatives of six people killed in a car crash last summer have persuaded the state to allow them to keep a roadside memorial at the site of the crash.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources had announced it planned to take down the memorial about 45 miles northeast of Fort Wayne, saying removing such displays from state-owned land is a common policy. But family members circulated a petition and obtained more than 300 signatures urging the DNR to allow the memorial to remain.

Jennifer Vanderpool, sister of 20-year-old Jeramie Fulton, who was killed in the July 25, 2006, accident, said Mike Holcomb, Pigeon River Fish and Wildlife assistant property manager, told her Tuesday that the memorial could stay but with stipulations.

"We have to keep it cleaned up. There can't be stuff laying around," she said.

INDIANAPOLIS

Buckle up during state seat-belt campaign

Indiana State Police and local departments throughout the state plan to kick off a statewide blitz Sunday on safety belt enforcement and child restraint violations.

Police will be on the lookout for drivers violating Indiana's laws during the campaign that runs through Feb. 17. State troopers will be working overtime during the campaign.

State police will have a "zero tolerance" for child restraints and seat belt violations, with those breaking the law issued tickets, police said.

"It's critical we take the time to ensure our children are seated and correctly restrained in our vehicles," Lt. Larry Keiser, commander of the state police post in Lowell. "Please buckle up and set an example for your children to follow."

State police say traffic crashes are still the leading cause of death among children. Last year in Indiana, 35 children under the age of 12 were killed in crashes. In 2005, 16 children under the age of 12 were killed in crashes.

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