

# OBITUARIES/NEWS

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## MARTINSVILLE

### Maurice Kyle Baker

Maurice Kyle Baker, 67, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007, at Kindred Hospital South in Greenwood. He was a resident of Martinsville.

He was born March 26, 1939, in Pineville, Ky. His father was Matt Baker. His mother is Lucie (Saylor) Baker. He married Nannie Jean Bowling. She survives.

Other survivors include a son, the Rev. Jerome Baker; a daughter, Sonya Baker-Hallett; a brother, Dwight Baker; two sisters, Norma Jean Bray and Joyce George; three grandchildren, Brooke and Brandon Baker and Meredith Hallett; and a great-granddaughter, Hayli Baker.

He was preceded in death by a son, Julius Baker.

Mr. Baker worked for J.D. Gould Co. as a machinist for 14 years, having recently retired.

He was a member of Trinity Holiness Tabernacle Church in Franklin, where he taught Sunday school. He was a member of Mallory Conservation Club and Christian Harness Horsemen's Association.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Holiness Tabernacle Church, 2364 E. State Road 252 in Franklin. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service and Crematory, Greenwood Chapel, 481 W. Main St., and from 10:30 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church.

Entombment will be at Washington Park East Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Memorial contributions can be made to the church.

## GREENWOOD

### William D. 'Bill' Bowman

William D. "Bill" Bowman, 83, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2007. He was a resident of Greenwood.

Survivors include his wife, Maudie (Karnes) Bowman; two stepdaughters, Nellie (James) Werk of Bloomington and Ida Gosben of Indianapolis; two sisters, Lorraine Heston and Ruth Hodges, both of Tompkinsville, Ky.; a brother, Eugene Bowman of Tompkinsville, Ky.; six step-grandchildren; and several great-step-grandchildren and great-great-step-grandchildren.

A service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center, 7602 Madison Ave. in Indianapolis. Friends may call from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Greenwood.

Information: www.singletonmortuary.com

## INDIANAPOLIS

### Dorrel E. Byers

Dorrel E. Byers, 73, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2007. He was a resident of Indianapolis.

Survivors include his wife, Janice L. (Clark) Byers; a

## Franklin

Illah June Wright, 89

## Greenwood

William D. "Bill" Bowman, 83

Lela M. Moran, 93

## Indianapolis

Dorrel E. Byers, 73

Randy E. Collier Sr., 52

Harold R. Jackson, 83

## Elsewhere

Maurice Kyle Baker, 67



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daughter, Melinda (Lyndall) Johnson of Greenwood; a son, Kerry (Shelly) Byers of Yukon, Okla.; a daughter-in-law, Ginger Byers of Delta, Colo.; two brothers, Bob and Harold Byers; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Terry Byers; and his parents, Benjamin A. and Nina M. (Purcell) Byers.

A service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday at Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center, 7602 Madison Ave. in Indianapolis. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary. Burial will be at New Crown Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Information: www.singletonmortuary.com

## INDIANAPOLIS

### Randy E. Collier Sr.

Randy E. Collier Sr., 52, died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2007. He was a resident of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Adren Mitchner and Phyllis Collier.

Survivors include two sons, Randy (Jennifer) Collier II and Robert Collier; two daughters, Angela (Randle) Shaffer and Julie Martin; a sister, Betty Stranger; six grandchildren; and the mother of his children, Diana Collier.

A service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 1977 S. State Road 135 in Greenwood. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 11 a.m. until service time Friday at the funeral home.

## INDIANAPOLIS

### Harold R. Jackson

Harold R. Jackson, 83, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2007. He was a resident of Indianapolis.

Arrangements are pending at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service and Crematory, Greenwood Chapel.

## GREENWOOD

### Lela M. (Burton) Moran

Lela M. (Burton) Moran, 93, died Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007. She was a resident of Greenwood.

Survivors include two sons, Junice (Ruby) Moran and Dale (Patsy) Moran, all of Greenwood; a daughter, Charlene (Larry) Bensheimer of Greenwood; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jones and Mary (Roy) Burton; her husband, Marion Moran; and a son, Arnold (Patty) Moran.

The Rev. Mike Smith will conduct a service at 11 a.m. Friday at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service and Crematory, Greenwood Chapel, 481 W. Main St. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 6030 W. 62nd St., Indianapolis, IN 46278.

Information: www.wilsonstpierre.com

## FRANKLIN

### Illah June (O'Donnell) Wright

Illah June (O'Donnell) Wright, 89, was taken into the arms of the Lord our Savior on Monday, Feb. 5, 2007.

She was a long-time resident of Whiteland and for the past year was a resident of Homeview Healthcare Center in Franklin.

June was born Nov. 24, 1917, in Portland to Ray and Blanche O'Donnell. They preceded her in death. She married Henry Christ in February 1942. He preceded her in death in 1950. She then married Orval "Jack" Wright, who preceded her in death in 1976.

June is survived by three children, Connie (Mike) Quakenbush, Cheri (Ken) Webber and Kevin (Cathy) Wright; nine grandchildren, Ken (Jenny) Druding, Holly (Tony) Harlow, Kelly (Al) Gough, Eric (Cliff) Pass, Shawn (Cathy) Pass, Devin (Kim) Hale, Kerrian (James) Chapella, Chad Wright and Cory Wright; 11 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Patti (Dick) Gelzleichter of Lafayette. She is also survived by her many dear and cherished friends, especially Waunetta Magennis, Judy Ward, Marie Elkins and Jeannie Moriarty.

June received a degree in elementary education from Huntington College in 1939. She began her teaching career in 1940 in Fowler. After several years off to raise her family, she returned to teaching first grade at Glens Valley Elementary School in 1954.

She later moved to Abraham Lincoln Elementary School, where she continued until retiring in 1984. She furthered her education, earning a bachelor of arts degree from Butler University and a master's degree from Indiana University.

Her creative and innovative ideas in teaching enriched the lives of hundreds of children in her 30 years of teaching first grade. Every child was special to her; there were no "lost causes" in her classroom.

After her retirement, June enjoyed traveling with friends and family, having traveled to Europe twice, Hawaii three times and many, many other excursions within the United States. She was a charter member of the Whiteland 50s Plus Senior Club, where she enjoyed euchre, pitch-ins and bingo.



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She was an avid sports fan, enjoying Indiana University basketball, the Indiana Pacers and her beloved Indianapolis Colts. She also prided herself on being one of the few staunch Democrats in Whiteland.

She was a 50-year member of Whiteland United Methodist Church, where for many years she gave the children's sermon on Sunday mornings.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Jessen Funeral Home, 729 U.S. 31 North in Whiteland. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery.

If you taught with June, she was your first-grade teacher or she touched your life in some way, please share a memory of her at cherylwebers8@earthlink.net.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Indianapolis Affiliate, P.O. Box 6069, Dept. 95, Indianapolis, IN 46206-6069.

## CLARIFICATION

Visitation for Sgt. Ethan C. Hertler will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Flinn and Maguire Funeral Home, 2898 N. Morton St., in Franklin. A celebration of life service will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday at Abundant Grace Lutheran Church, 2425 S. Emerson Ave., in Greenwood.

## 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.

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.

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.

# Stopping state's brain drain woes

## Governor proposing scholarships

By DEANNA MARTIN  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## INDIANAPOLIS

Indiana wants its best students to stick around for college and afterward, and Gov. Mitch Daniels proposes paying them to do so, with \$20,000 scholarships over four years.

But there's a catch: leave the state less than three years after graduation and be required to repay the money.

At least 17 states offer general merit-based scholarships, according to the Education Commission of the States. Many pair industry and higher education to create clusters of jobs in specific fields, said the commission's Bruce Vandal.

But none of the scholarship plans have post-graduation strings attached as Indiana proposes.

Daniels says the "Hoosier Hope Scholarships" would help move Indiana's job-strapped manufacturing economy to one strong in life sciences, staffed with home-grown talent.

"Let's make the dreary term 'brain drain' a forgotten phrase," he urged lawmakers in his Jan. 16 State of the State speech.

Skeptics of the plan say the state first should create jobs that are attractive to young people.

"The real issue is providing opportunities that young people want," said retired Indiana University economist Morton Marcus.

Others are leery of Daniels' plan to fund the program by outsourcing the state's lottery for 30 years, in exchange for an estimated upfront payment of \$1 billion and annual payments thereafter.

Under a bill filed by state Sen. James Merritt, R-Indianapolis, 60 percent of the upfront money would go into a fund for the scholarships and 40 percent would be used to attract top faculty to state

## PLUGGING THE DRAIN

**Big challenge:** More than one in three Indiana natives who stay in state for school leave after graduation, and nearly 90 percent of students who leave Indiana for college never return.

**Proposed solution:** Gov. Mitch Daniels has proposed "Hoosier Hope" scholarships that would offer students \$20,000 over four years if they attend an Indiana school. Those who work in the state for three years after graduation would not have to repay the money.

**Sticking point:** Daniels wants to finance the scholarships by outsourcing the Hoosier Lottery, a proposition House Speaker Pat Bauer, D-South Bend, calls "fool's gold."

universities and colleges.

Indiana House Speaker Pat Bauer, D-South Bend, has called the lottery outsourcing proposal "fool's gold." No state outsources its lottery, although several, including Illinois and Michigan, are considering it.

"I wouldn't place any bets on it getting through," he said after Daniels announced the proposal.

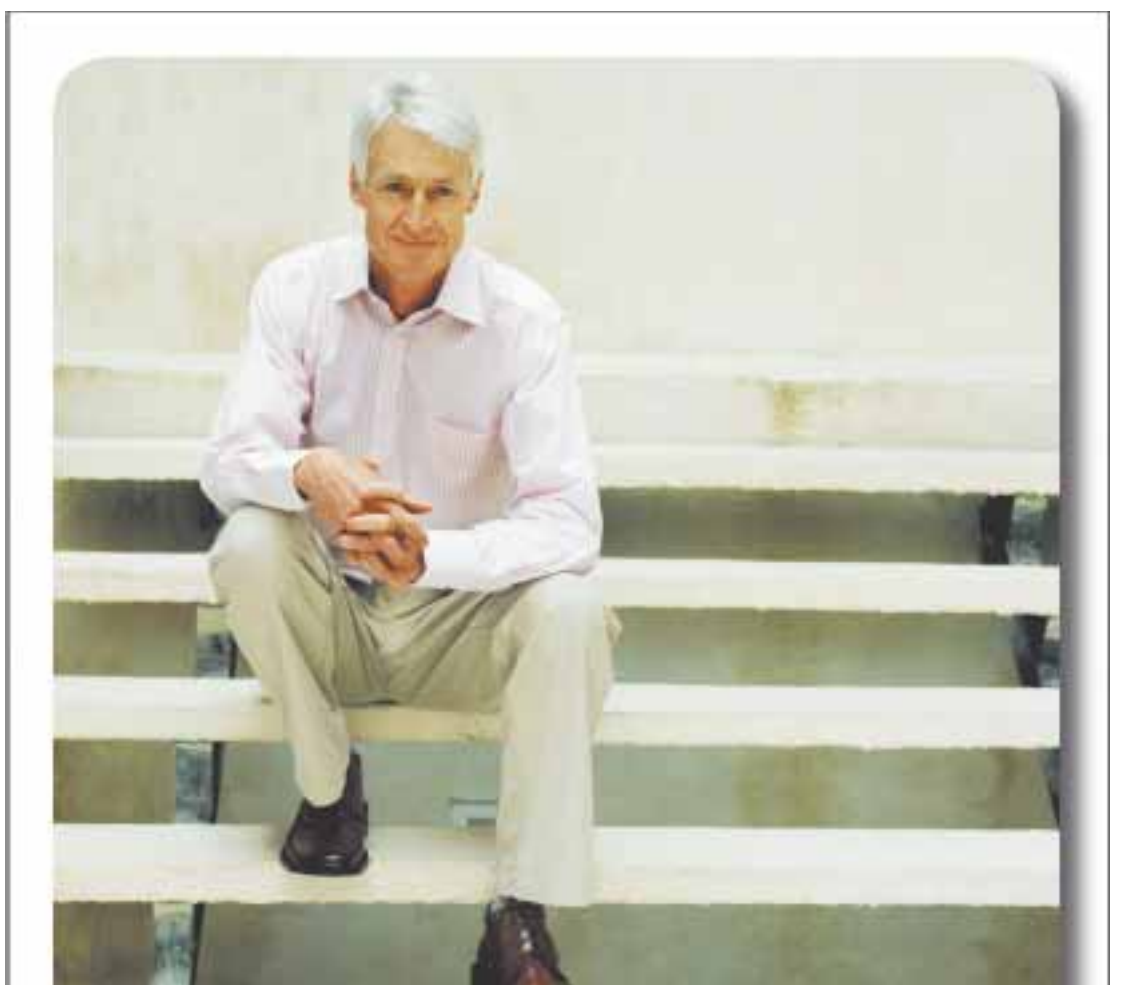
Indiana education leaders insist they have to do something.

More than one in three Indiana natives who stay in state for school leave after graduation, according to a 1999 study by the Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute, a governmental research organization. And 90 percent of those who leave the state for college never return, said Stan Jones, Indiana's higher education commissioner.

"The brain drain is one of the top three or four issues facing the state," Jones said.

Details of the scholarships, including how the state would track down recipients who don't stay in Indiana afterward, are still being worked out.

But education officials say they could help keep about 1,700 students a year in state.



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