

Patricia Mae Wagner

Patricia Mae "Pat" Wagner, 66, of 918 W. Grove St., Rensselaer died at 4:55 a.m. Nov. 9 at the Rensselaer Care Center. She had been ill for two months.

She was born May 17, 1923, in Morocco to George C. "Carl" Williams and Emma (Webber) Williams, who are both deceased.

She had been a resident of Rensselaer since 1950, coming here from Morocco.

On Sept. 25, 1941 she married Harold L. "Bud" Wagner and he survives. She was a 1941 graduate of Morocco High School.

Wagner had been a secretary for the Rensselaer School Corporation for 14 years and had also been a clerk for the Bureau of Motor Vehicles License Branch in

Rensselaer for over 12 years.

She was affiliated with the First Presbyterian Church of Rensselaer and had served as secretary of the church for many years. She was a member of the Eastern Star of Rensselaer, the bridge club and was very active in the Republican Party.

Surviving are two sons, Delbert H. Wagner of Oakwood Hills, Ill. and Ronald C. Wagner of Rensselaer; one brother Delbert E. Williams of Rensselaer; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Nov. 11 at the First Presbyterian Church of Rensselaer with Rev. Kenneth J. Watt officiating.

Burial followed in Memory Gardens.

Died: November 9, 1989
Issue: November 14, 1989

Dorothy Watson

Dorothy Ruth Watson, 62, of Thayer, died at 7:15 a.m. on Saturday, July 8, 1989 at Saint Anthony Skilled Care Center in Crown Point.

Born March 20, 1927 in Butler, Pa., she was the daughter of Clifford Minehart and Emma (Fishel) Minehart.

She had been a resident of Roselawn Woods in Roselawn for five years, having previously lived in Thayer. She was educated in Butler, Pa. Public Schools and was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Butler, Pa.

Survivors include her husband, Charles; one daughter, Kim (Dave) Atkinson of Thayer; three sons,

Robert (Connie) Watson of Fort Hood, Tx., Barry (Debbie) Watson of Thayer and Daniel (Donna) Watson of Roselawn; three sisters, Eleanor Snodgrass, Luella Killion and Annabel Minehart, all of Butler, Pa.; one brother, Harry Cliff Minehart of Butler, Pa.; five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 11 at the Todd-Cooprider Funeral Home in DeMotte. Burial followed in the Roselawn Cemetery at Roselawn.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

Died: July 8, 1989
Issue: July 18, 1989

H. Helen Whaley

H. Helen Whaley, 82, a native and lifelong resident of Brook, died at 3:35 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 1989 at the Home Hospital in Lafayette. She had been ill for five and a half months.

She was born January 21, 1907 and graduated from Brook High School in 1926.

She was married in Brook to Luther W. Whaley who died on November 26, 1977.

She was a member of the Brook United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Ade Neighbors Club, Grandmothers Club, Breakfast Club, Widows Club, the Washington Township Home Demonstration Club and the Washington Township Quilting Bee.

Surviving are four daughters,

Catherine Carrol, Thelma "Cork" Carrol and Phyllis Weston, all of Brook and Bonnie Watts of Lafayette; two brothers, Barton Hamacher of Rensselaer and Orville Hamacher of Brook; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

A sister preceded her in death.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 30 at the United Methodist Church in Brook with the Rev. Louis Hathaway officiating. Burial followed in the Riverside Cemetery.

Weston-Gerts Funeral Home at Brook were in charge of the arrangements.

Those desiring may contribute in memoriam to Brook United Methodist Church building fund or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Died: June 27, 1989
Issue: July 4, 1989

John J. White

John J. White, 73, of Lincoln Township passed away on Saturday, Oct. 21, 1989, at Broadway Methodist Hospital in Merrillville.

Mr. White was a retired construction worker and a member of Local No. 81 of the Laborers Union. He was a former leader of the Roselawn Methodist Church and was a conference lay leader for the Northern District of the United Methodist Churches. He was a lay speaker and lay delegate of the Roselawn Methodist Church and had been active in Newton County 4-H and Roselawn Littler League.

He is survived by his wife Myrtle White; four sons, John Charles White of Chicago; Phillip Angelo White of Lafayette, Aaron Gilbert White of Indianapolis, and Edgar Lee White of Thayer; one daughter, Muriel Elizabeth White of Lincoln Township; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted at the Sheets Funeral Home in Lowell with the Rev. Lamar Claypool and the Rev. Charles Hunt officiating. Burial followed at the Roselawn Cemetery in Roselawn.

Died: October 21, 1989
Issue: November 7, 1989

Kenneth White

Kenneth White, 78, of Rt. 1, Box 121, Kentland passed away at his home on Nov. 1 at 11:55 p.m.

He was born on April 4, 1911 in Kentland. The son of John White and Mary Sell, he had been a lifetime resident of the area.

He married Crystal Herath who preceded him in death on Jan. 19, 1969.

He married Lois (Stufflebeam-Tudor) on Feb. 19, 1972 who survives.

He retired from farming in 1974 and had been a Newton County Councilman for 25 years.

He was a member of the Newton Masonic Lodge and the Over 50 Club.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Janet Ford of

Fort Wayne, two step-daughters, Irene Tudor of San Fransisco, and Susan Kline of South Elgin, Ill., one brother, John White of Kentland, one sister, Bonita Whaley of Brook, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by one brother.

Funeral services were conducted by the McMullan-Stitz Funeral Home in Kentland. Visitation was held Nov. 3 at the Covenant Federeated Church in Kentland. Funeral services were held at the McMullan-Stitz Funeral Home on Nov. 4. Dr. Richard Moore officiated. Burial at the Fairlawn Cemetery followed the funeral service.

Died: November 1, 1989
Issue: November 7, 1989

John "Bob" Wildrick

John R. "Bob" Wildrick, 71, of Surprise, Ariz., died Oct. 6 at 6 a.m. at Sun City West, Ariz.

Born in Mt. Ayr on May 8, 1918, he was the son of Joseph Wildrick and Grace Carter, who are both deceased.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and had served in the 818th Engineers in World War II and also was a member of the American Legion Post 29 and the Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 1279.

He had lived in Surprise for the last 11 years and had also lived in Rensselaer, Crown Point, and Fair Oaks.

He married Hilda R. Taylor on

March 12, 1946 and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Allen W. Wildrick and Joseph R. Wildrick, both of Valparaiso; one daughter Mrs. David (Susan) Shook of Leesburg, Ind; one sister, Mrs. Phillip (Leone) Schermerhorn of South Bend; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one sister and one brother.

Friends may call after 6 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Jackson Funeral Chapel. Graveside funeral services and military services will be held at 2 p.m. Oct. 14 at the North Star Cemetery with the Rev. Donald Ruhl officiating.

Died: October 6, 1989
Issue: October 17, 1989

Shanon Kay Willems

Shanon Kay Willems, 15, of 426 E. Washington St., Rensselaer, died Sept. 26 at 6:13 p.m. due to the results of injuries sustained in a car-truck accident.

The daughter of Roger Dale Downs and Tina Marie Willems, she was born in Rensselaer on June 1, 1974 and was a lifelong resident.

She was a freshman at Rensselaer Central High School.

She was affiliated with the Baptist Church and while in middle school was a member of girls volleyball and basketball teams.

Surviving in addition to her parents are four sisters all at home,

Amy Sue Downs, Julie Michelle Downs, Kristi Lynn Downs, and Amanda Nichole Downs; paternal grandfather, Frank C. Downs of Rensselaer; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Willems, of Rensselaer; paternal great-grandmother Bethel Vanderipe, Morocco; and maternal great-grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Willard Neeley, of Rensselaer.

Funeral services were held at Jackson's Funeral Home on Sept. 30, 1989, with the Rev. Gary Roberts officiating.

Burial followed at Weston Cemetery.

Died: September 26, 1989
Issue: October 3, 1989

William Wolfe

William Wolfe Sr., 57, of Beaver-ville, Ill. died Monday, Oct. 2, 1989 at the Riverside Hospital in Kankakee following a lengthy illness.

Born Dec. 8, 1931 in Kankakee, he was the son of the late Emma and William C. Wolfe.

On Oct. 27, 1951, he married Evelyn Odette and she survives.

He was a truck driver for the Kankakee Roper Company for 25 years prior to his retirement and he was a member of the Donovan Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, William Jr. Wolfe of Bourbonnais and James Wolfe of Morocco; two grandchildren, Amber and Britney Wolfe and two sisters, Lucille Olympic of Tuscon, Az. and Elma Meyers of Kankakee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister and a brother.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 5 at the Hertz-Toma Chapel in Kankakee. Burial followed in Mound Groves Gardens in Kankakee.

Died: October 2, 1989
Issue: October 24, 1989

Jean Woodworth

Jean Ellen Woodworth, 60, died at her home at 1105 Brighton Drive in Urbana, Ill., at 11:05 a.m. on Sunday, August 6, 1989.

Born December 29, 1928 at Tangier, Ind., she was the daughter of Herman and Anna M. Swaim Pratt.

She was married to L. Leon Woodworth at Champaign, Ill. on November 7, 1948.

She was a graduate of Morocco High School in Morocco, Ind. and was a member of the University Place Christian Church.

Survivors include her husband; three daughters, Chris (Joe) Dubson

of Urbana, Lou (Jim) Huff of Indio, Calif. and Lisa Woodworth Williams of Urbana; one son, Karl Woodworth of Urbana; one sister, June (Howard) Porter of Morocco and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, one sister and two granddaughters.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 10 at the Renner-Wikoff Chapel in Urbana with the Rev. Roger Jenks officiating. Burial followed in the Bailey Cemetery at Tolono.

Memorial contributions were made to the Mercy Hospice.

Died: August 6, 1989
Issue: August 15, 1989