Holton High School Class of 1960 50th Reunion June 26, 2010



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Holton School, 1967



Our School from First Grade through Half Our Freshman Year



Class of 1960 in the Seventh Grade, March 1955



Front Row: Carolyn Cumberworth, Jim McNeelan, Leta Palmer, Merlin Laswell, Virginia Gayer, Don Nealis, Kitty Jones, Gene Franklin, Barbara McMinds. Second Row: Delmar Rea (Teacher), Valona Beach, Jerry Meyer, Margle Patterson, Ronald Barricklow, Barbara Becker, Larry Pickett, Gaytha Grigsby, Arlie Miller (Teacher). Back Row: Bob Ross, Kent Tyler, Charles Gunter, Robert Hopkins, Donnie Shaw, Mearl Laswell, Edwin Sizemore.



The New High School and Gym Opened February 1957

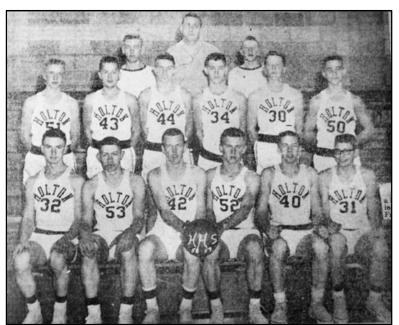
Class of 1960 in the Tenth Grade, 1957-1958



Clockwise from Top Left: Mrs. Opal Garrison (Sponsor), Edwin Sizemore, Betty Roth, Virginia Gayer, Anna Horn, Jerry Meyer, Barbara McMinds, Ronald Barricklow, Bob Ross, Kitty Jones, Gene Franklin, Florence Wilson, Jim McNeelan, Carolyn Cumberworth, Robert Hopkins, Gaytha Grigsby, Merlin Laswell, Margle Patterson, Mearl Laswell, Leta Palmer. In Center: Barbara Becker. Not in Picture: Kay Moreland, Beverly Fugitt. Holton Warhorses, 1957-1958 Ripley County Tournament Champions



The Holton Warhorses are shown above just after they had won the 34th annual Ripley county tournament in Tyson auditorium in Versailles Saturday night by downing the Milan Indians 49 to 40 in the championship contest. The victorious Holton squad is shown above with the championship trophy and Vic, the Lion. Front row, left to right: Virginia Rayburn, John Ross and Carolyn DeGolyer, cheer leaders. Second row: Tom Barricklow, student manager; Roland Jackson, Jim Doan, Hugh Daugherty, Wayne Tieman, Jerry Rayburn, Don Furlow, Gerald Connelley and Alan Flory. Back row: Mearl Laswell, coach Mike Hafenbritle, Odom Angel, Edwin Sizemore, Ronald Barricklow and principal Ira Whitaker. Photo by Tom Kohlmeier



Holton Warhorses, 1958-1959

FRONT ROW - left to right: Guy Cumberworth, Jr., Ronald Barricklow (shown above will not be participating in the sectional tournament this year due to the Holton school bus accident in January. Ronnie is a patient in the Margaret-Mary Hospital in Batesville), Gerald Connelley, Mearl Laswell, Spence Gilmer, and Bob Hopkins. SECOND ROW - Jimmy McNeelan, Tad Lainhart, Merlin Laswell, Edwin Sizemore, Robert Daugherty, and Rollin Jackson. BACK ROW - Ronald Palmer, Student Manager; Mike Hafenbritle, Coach; and David Barricklow, Student Manager.



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Truck Hits School Bus; 14 Children Hospitalized

Ice and Fog Contributing Factors in Holton Crash

Thirty - five Holton school children, on their way to school this morning by school bus, ended their trip in front of the home of Carlo Hacker on U. S. 50, one mile east of Holton, in a serious truck-bus accident that sent fourteen students to hospitals at Milan and Batesville and pinned two high school boys in the wreckage for an hour. The highway was slick with a thin coating of ice and there was a dense fog at the time of the crash.

Danny Fuehrer and Ronnie Barricklow, high school students, were pinned in the rear of the wrecked school bus, both suffering with broken legs and possible internal injuries. They were the last to be removed by police and volunteer workers, who tore seats from the bus in efforts to free the boys.

The accident happened about 8:50 a. m., fast time. The school bus, driven by Leroy Klusman, R. 2, Holton, had just stopped in front of the Hacker residence to pick up children, and had just started to move when the bus was struck from the rear by a semi-trailer truck driven by Donald Masters of Lynden, Ky. The truck was owned by the Hancock Company of Evansville.

One of the first on the scene was another truck driver, Bruce Hatcher, driver for the Smith and Moore Body Company of Richmond, Virginia, who set out warning lights and directed traffic for the next hour and a half.

Ripley county Conservation Officer Cornelius Suttimiller of Batesville, on his way to a meeting at North Vernon, happened onto the accident scene and called County Sheriff Orval Armbrecht, who with the state police called ambulances and doctors to the scene.

Four ambulances answered the emergency call: Bovards, and Reed and Smith from Versailles; Mc-Neelan and Smith, Holton; and Fallis of Osgood.

Among those taken to the hospital for treatment were: Joyce White, Kitty Jones, her sister Una May Jones, Delores Caswell, David Barricklow, Linda Fuehrer, Barhara Morgan, Ronnie Barricklow, Danny Fuehrer, a Furlow boy, a Downey girl and a Jackson boy.

There was so much confusion it was hard to find out the extent of injuries to the children or who were actually involved. Impressions received at the accident scene seemed to show that the two boys mentioned before and Una. May Jones were the most seriously mjured.

One small boy standing shivering in the cold said he was in the back end of the bus at the time of the accident and said he crawled over broken seats to make his way out of the bus. He added with a pale smile that he never wanted to go to school again.

to school again. Dr. N. D. Moran, Versailles 'physician, administered first aid to the boys in the school bus and to Una-May Jones and Barbara Morgan, last to leave the scone by ambulance.

Twelve of the children were taken to the Whitlatch Clinic and Hospital, Milan. Two of the most seriously injured were sent to the Margaret-Mary Hospital, Batesville.

Mrs. Robert Kimball of R. 2, Holton, said her five children had just missed the school bus and the was on her way to school with them when she learned of the accident.

Extent of injuries suffered in the accident and names of all children involved are not known at this time.

The driver of the truck involved in the accident was cited by Ladiana State Police for reckless driving. State Police, who investigated the accident were Trooper John Kixmiller. Corporal Charles Tyrree, and Trooper Ancil Pruet. State Police officers were assisted by Ripley County Sheriff Orvall Armbrecht and Deputy Roland Hooton.

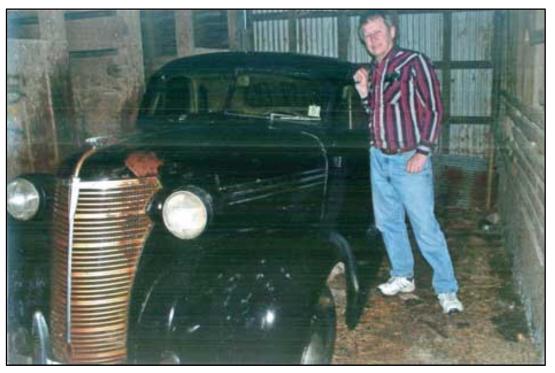
Class Ring



Holton Warhorses, 1959-1960



Front row left to right: Virginia Rayburn, Carole Sparks and Kitty Jones, cheer leaders. Second row: Ira Whitaker, principal; Merlin Laswell, Robert Daugherty, Bob Hopkins, Spence Gilmer, Tad Lainhart, Edwin Sizemore and Jimmie Whitaker, coach. Third row: Ron Palmer, student manager, Duane Franklin, Guy Cumberworth, Gene Franklin, Mearl Laswell, Larry Hopkins, Delno Barrett, David Barricklow, student manager.



Mearl Still Has His 1938 Chevy

Share-the-Fun Festival Winners



Pictured above are the Holton Busy Bees, first place winners in the group division of the Share-the-Fun Festival, held recently at Napoleon. From left to right, front row, are: Darla Brower, Kittie Jones, Barbara McMinds, Saralee Holman, Gaytha Grigsby, Virginia Gayer and Betty McMinds, standing at extreme right, who was the lead in the song, "The Little Red School House". These girls represented the boys who had to wear dunce caps. Back row - Mrs. Opal LaBolt, 4-H leader of Holton Busy Bees; Carole Wagner, Carole Sparks, Una Mae Jones, Margaret Ross, Arlene Miller and Donna Schlotman who were dressed in white blouses and red skirts. Kittie Jones and Gaytha Grigsby took special parts in the song with Betty McMinds. All joined in with the chorus. The above winners will represent Ripley County in the district contest at Madison.



Senior Class Play

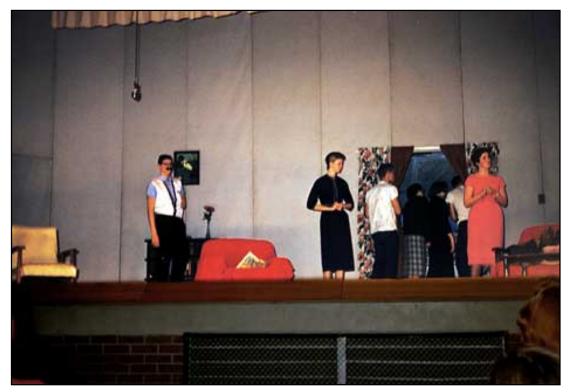
Carolyn Cumberworth.



From Left: Anna Horn (sitting), Jerry Meyer, Kitty Jones, Beverly Fugitt, Leta Palmer, Katherine Moreland (sitting), Robert Hopkins, Barbara Becker, Gaytha Grigsby.



From Left: Robert Hopkins, Bob Ross, Gaytha Grigsby.



From Left: Robert Hopkins, Barbara Becker, Edwin Sizemore, Leta Palmer, Beverly Fugitt, Merlin Laswell, Sharla Beach.

Senior Trip



Front Row: Jerry Meyer, Jim McNeelan, Virginia Gayer, Katherine Moreland, Leta Palmer, Beverly Fugitt, Carolyn Cumberworth, Barbara McMinds. Back Row: Robert Hopkins, Gene Franklin, Merlin Laswell, Mearl Laswell, Edwin Sizemore, Bob Ross, Barbara Becker, Anna Horn, Gaytha Grigsby.



Front Row: Kitty Jones, Virginia Gayer, Betty Roth, Leta Palmer, Katherine Moreland, Beverly Fugitt, Carolyn Cumberworth, Barbara McMinds, Gaytha Grigsby. Back Row: Jim McNeelan, Mearl Laswell, Edwin Sizemore, Merlin Laswell, Don Nealis, Bob Ross, Anna Horn, Barbara Becker, Sharla Beach.

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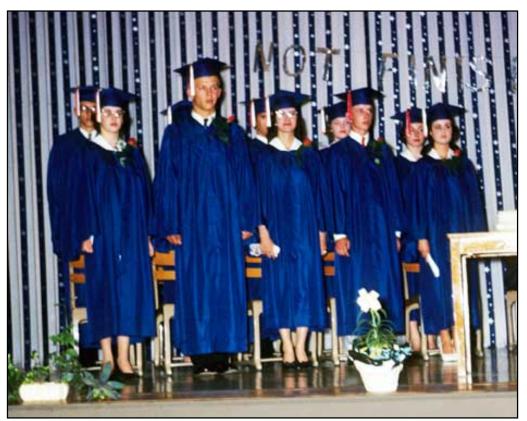
Front Row: U.S. Representative Earl Hogan, Anna Horn, Edwin Sizemore, Kay Moreland, Jim McNeelan, Leta Palmer, Virginia Gayer, Kitty Jones, Barbara McMinds, Beverly Fugitt, Betty Roth, Carolyn Cumberworth, Russell Connelley (Teacher). Back Row: Don Nealis, Gaytha Grigsby, Robert Hopkins, Barbara Becker, Gene Franklin, Sharla Beach, Bob Ross, Jerry Meyer, Mearl Laswell, Merlin Laswell, Mrs. Elsie Connelley.

Top of the RCA Building in New York



Front Row: Gene Franklin, Leta Palmer, Kitty Jones, Beverly Fugitt, Virginia Gayer, Betty Roth, Barbara McMinds, Carolyn Cumberworth. Second Row: Mearl Laswell, Merlin Laswell, Russell Connelley (Teacher), Mrs. Elsie Connelley, Anna Horn, Gaytha Grigsby, Jim McNeelan, Jerry Meyer. Back Row: Katherine Moreland, Edwin Sizemore, Don Nealis, Barbara Becker, Robert Hopkins, Sharla Beach, Bob Ross.

Graduation



Front Row: Virginia Gayer, Mearl Laswell, Carolyn Cumberworth, Jim McNeelan, Betty Roth. Back Row: Robert Hopkins, Florence Wilson or Sharla Beach (hidden), Jerry Meyer, Anna Horn, Kitty Jones.



Front Row: Edwin Sizemore, Barbara McMinds, Merlin Laswell, Beverly Fugitt, Leta Palmer. Back Row: Don Nealis, Katherine Moreland, Gaytha Grigsby, Bob Ross, Barbara Becker, Gene Franklin (hidden).



Front Row: Mearl Laswell, Beverly Fugitt, Leta Palmer, Barbara McMinds, Virginia Gayer, Edwin Sizemore, Merlin Laswell, Gene Franklin. Back Row: Robert Hopkins, Barbara Becker, Gaytha Grigsby, Bob Ross, Kitty Jones, Don Nealis.

Graduation Program

Baccalaureate Program	Class Officers	
Forty-Sixth Annual Baccalaureate and Commencement SUNDAY, MAY 15, 1960—8:00 P.M. (E.S.T.) Processional Mr. Jack Krasner Invocation Rev. Dorthy Hinds "Cherubim Song" Bortniansky- Tchaikovsky Sermon Rev. Robert Fly	Robert Hopkins — President Mearl Laswell — Vice President Carolyn Cumberworth — Secretary Kitty Jones — Treasurer Class of 1960 Sharla Addison Merlin Lasy	vell
"One God" Drake-Shirl-Ringwald Benediction Rev. Dorthy Hinds USHERS Leda Cumberworth — Betty McMinds Edwin T. Lainhart — Robert Daugherty	Barbara Becker Barbara McMir Carolyn Cumberworth James McNee Gene Franklin Jerry Me Beverly Fugitt Katherine M. Morela Virginia Gayer Don Ne Gaytha Grigsby Leta Path Robert Hopkins Jr. John Robert B Anna Horn Betty R Kitty Jones Edwin Sizen Mearl Laswell Florence Wil	elan eyer alis mer loss loth ore
Commencement Program MONDAY, MAY 16, 1960 — 8:00 P.M. ((E. S. T.)	Class Colors Blue and White	
Processional Mrs. Jack Krasner Invocation Rev. Ralph Finchum "Two Chorales" Fred Eager Introduction of Speaker Principal Ira P. Whitaker Address Dr. Hanne J. Hicks (Professor of Education, Indiana University)	Class Flower Rose Class Motto "Not Finished, Just Beginning"	
"Lovely Evennig" Arr. by A. R. Piato Presentation of Awards Principal Ira P. Whitaker Presentation of Diplomas Principal Ira P. Whitaker "All Through The Night" H. Boulton Benediction Rev. Ralph Finchum Recessional Mr. Jack Krasner USHERS Valona Beach — Carolyn Jackson Danny Fuerher — Danny Wagner	Jaculty Ira Whitaker, Principal Russell L. Connelley — Senior Class Sponsor Luther Center Goldy Willik Arriest Harrell Opal White Jack Krasner Rhoda Fran Mary Mullins Velma Lau Wilcie Rea Arlie Mi James H. Whitaker Delmar I Collins J Wildman — County Superintendent Elbridge Hammon — Trustee	aker klin iber iller

22nd Reunion - 1982



Front Row: Leta Palmer, Barbara Becker Konieczny, Virginia Gayer Waddle, Gaytha Grigsby, Kitty Jones Busteed. Back Row: Gene Franklin, Jerry Meyer, Jim McNeelan.

40th Reunion - 2000



Front Row: Virginia Gayer Waddle, Anna Horn Perkinson, Kitty Jones Busteed, Jim McNeelan, Merlin Laswell. Back Row: Jerry Meyer, Gene Franklin, Robert Hopkins.

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Faculty

Arriest Anderson



Arriest Anderson graduated from Napoleon High School (Delaware-Jackson) with the class of 1938. She then enrolled in Ball State Teachers College, choosing majors in English, Latin, and business education and a minor in library science. A state scholarship helped with tuition cost. She graduated in 1942.

She taught and/or was school librarian at the McCordsville, Burney, Cross Plains, Holton, and South Ripley High Schools before retiring after 24 years in the education field.

She had married Wilfred Harrell of Holton in 1951, and he died in 1986. She was later married to Earl Udey, of Neligh, Nebraska, and he died in 1995. Her present husband is Okla Terry, and they live on his small farm on State Road 48 near Lawrenceburg. Okla is a retired refrigeration technician.

Wilcie Rea

Spouse: Neva (deceased - November, 2005), married 52 years

Address: 3876 West Hopewell Road, Holton, IN 47023

Phone: (812) 689-6334

Children: Mearl Laswell, Marilynn Adams, Myrna Cox

Grandchildren: Dana, Kara, Kendra, Katy, Chris, Kassey, and Doug (deceased)

Great Grandchildren: 9

Great Great Grandchildren: 1

Career/date of retirement: Teacher 37 1/2 years, 36 at Holton. Retired May, 1978.

Spouse's career/date of retirement: Housewife

Hobbies/Interests: Farming, had cattle until recent years.

Wilcie Rea attended a two room school at Dabney for years, then

graduated from Holton High School in 1934. He attended Central Normal College in Danville, Indiana 1935-1939, where he received his Bachelor's degree. He was the first business teacher at Holton High, a job for which he purchased 14 used Woodstock typewriters. During his years at Holton School, he was Treasurer of the Activity Funds (ballgames, plays, cafeteria, etc.).

Wilcie Rea has always liked to travel, having been to Mexico, California, the Rockies, the Smoky Mountains, Niagara Falls, New York World's Fair, etc.

He married Neva Laswell, a young widow in 1953. She had a son, Mearl Laswell, making him an instant father! He and Neva also had two daughters, Marilynn and Myrna.

Mr. Rea still lives at the family farm near Dabney where he was born in September, 1916. He was able to drive until the age of 92. He attended South Ripley basketball games until the past season. As a faithful member of the Dabney Baptist Church, he has been a deacon for many years. He served as Church Clerk for over 50 years and served many years as a youth sponsor.

Jimmie Whitaker - Coach

Spouse: Wanda Martin Whitaker

Address: 3968 South Lake Road, Scottsburg, IN 47170

Phone: (812) 752-3058 or cell (812) 595-0488

Email: Jim@WhitakerFundraising.com

Children: Jim, Jodie, Julie, Donnie

Grandchildren: Grant (12), Blayne (9), Lexie (7). Julie is their mother, Johnnie Deaton their father, they live in Lexington, KY.

Great Grandchildren: None

Career/date of retirement: Basketball Coach, 4 years at Holton High School, 9 years at Austin High School. Assistant Principal and Principal at Austin High School for 18 years. Retired 1990.

Spouse's career/date of retirement: County Auditor for many years. She is a substitute teacher now, loves to work with kids.

Memorable Travels: Lots of travel when kids played basketball.

Hobbies/Interests: Still go camping with two brothers, like to fish a lot, very relaxing.

Life has been wonderful.

We love to spend lots of time with our kids. We are really enjoying our grandkids now. We think they are going to be very good athletes. Especially basketball and baseball.

As for health issues, I have been very blessed, felt wonderful all my life.

I still do fundraising with schools, just to stay busy. In fact, I do some at South Ripley High School.

Wanda's health has been pretty good, nothing very serious, at least for many years.

We will try to come to the reunion if possible. Would love to see everyone.

God Bless, Jimmie and Wanda Whitaker

P.S. Have lived in Scott County since 1963.

Classmates

Sharla Jane Beach Hensley

Spouse: Deceased

Address: 850 W. Hopewell Road, Holton, IN 47023

Children: Regina, Jay, Ray, Dave, and Yvonne Sharlene (deceased)

Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren: Several

Career/date of retirement: I retired from Muscatatuck State School where I worked in Food Services.

I really appreciated the teachers and classmates who welcomed me back to finish school and graduate with this class after my first child was born.

Ronald D. Barricklow

Spouse: Kathy Diane Barker Barricklow

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Phone: (865) 228-7577

Email: ronbarricklow@comcast.net

Children: Ronald D. Barricklow II

Rhonda Arlene Barricklow Pennell

Rachael Wray Barricklow Edmonds

Grandchildren: Aili Elizabeth Barricklow, age 10; Gavin Thomas Barricklow, age 6; Maggie Olivia Pennell, age 5; Joseph Thomas Edmonds, age 6. Joe and Gavin are 23 days apart in age and with no planning have the same middle name. Maggie and Ronald share the same birthday, April 14th. Maggie shares her name with Great, Great Grandma Hopkins.

Great Grandchildren: None

Career/date of retirement: Retired in December 2004 after 30 years with NHC Healthcare as Director of Maintenance and Fire and Safety.

Spouse's career/date of retirement: Worked at NHC Healthcare as Dietary Technician. Left in October 1991 to stay at home.

Memorable Travels: Have visited all but 3 states East of the Mississippi River, and all states that border the west side of the river, and Nebraska. Lived in Iowa for two years. I really like the north country of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Maine.

Hobbies/Interests: Bird watching, working in the yard, golf even though I'm unable to play anymore. Learning more about computers.

Ronald and Kelly (his wife) both teach string music in Stafford County, VA schools. Ronald gives private lessons and conducts high school orchestra.

Rhonda runs the day to day needs of her husband's (Jeff) Photography business at Emerald Isle, NC.

Rachael lives in Knoxville with her husband (Jeff) and is employed by Oak Ridge Vision Center as an Optical Assistant and her husband is Supervisor of Data Services with the Oak Ridge School System.

I moved to Tennessee in August 1973 to attend Milligan College. Studies included the Humanities and Bible. After two years I transferred to East Tennessee State University to study Accounting with a minor in Public Speaking.

I managed to stay active playing golf, hunting, tennis, fishing, and even played softball in church league until about eight years ago. The injuries from the school bus accident started taking their toll. A staph infection (osteomyelitis) was contracted at the time of the injuries and has made it risky to have a knee and hip replacement. I use crutches and a power chair to get around and have for about four years.

Bobbi Becker Konieczny

During these past 50 years I have been on a simple, but wonderful journey of life. In 1963 I graduated from Bethesda Hospital, School of Nursing in Cincinnati. I worked as an RN in the fields of Medical & Surgical, Pediatrics, Geriatrics, Hospice, and Rehabilitation over thirty-eight years before I retired in 2000.

I met my husband Bill Konieczny (pronounced "Ka netch nee") during my first year of school and we got married during my senior year in 1962. He was a Mechanical Engineer and worked most of his career with General Motors. He died from complications of Scleroderma in July of 2008. We were a few months shy of celebrating our 46th anniversary. We had a wonderful marriage and I miss him a lot.

I have lived in three locations: Cincinnati Ohio 1960-1963; Milwaukee, Wisconsin 1963-1973; and Goleta, CA 1973 where I still call home. Goleta, a suburb of Santa Barbara is a beautiful city that is nestled between the Ocean and Los Padres National Forest. It is about 80 miles north of LA.

Soon after I passed my nursing state boards we began our family. I have 2 sons, a daughter and 5 grandchildren. Jeffrey and Claudia have Mathew who is 5 and Juliana, who is 3. Jeff teaches middle school in the LA school district. David and Alice have one daughter, Erica who is 20 and is a college sophomore. Dave is a Software Engineer and works for Agilysys. Beth and Mike have Claire who is 11, and Grace who is 9. She has a degree in architecture but is presently a stay at home Mom.

If I am not spending time with grandkids I enjoy mentoring younger women in my church. I have co-led and hosted Bible studies in a Home group setting for most of my adult life. I guess you would say that that's my passion in life. I feel that my next calling is to start a widow's support group. My journey as a widow has taught me several life lessons, which have been profound to me so I want to encourage others who are newer to this experience.

God has been so good to me in the good times and also in the very painful ones like when I lost my husband most recently and also my Mom, and sister, Jan within a year of each other in 1975-76 and my Dad a few years later. God also taught me much when I had a severe depression in 1982 as a result of my losses.

Two scriptures that have meant a lot to me during these hard times are from 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." (God has used the comfort I received during my "suffering" to help and comfort others).

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 says, "Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen, is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." These verses got me through my husband's 11 year illness and recent death.

Life is good and I feel blessed.

Bobbi Becker Konieczny

Carolyn Cumberworth Cunningham

Spouse: Divorced

Address: 610 Weda Avenue, Mayfield, KY 42066 (been here 32 years)

Phone: (270) 970-3380

Email: wedalady@yahoo.com

Children: Mark, married to Kristen, New York, NY

Chad, married to Theresa, Austin, TX

Gwen, married to Mike, Ocean Springs, MS

Grandchildren: Brittany, 23

Reed, 13

Isabella, 11

Juliet, 4

Lost a grandson (Gwen) a year ago

Great Grandchildren: None.

Career/date of retirement: Retired at 62 because of health.

Post retirement employment: Friendly Visitor and adult patient care giver volunteer. Taking care of cancer patients now.

Memorable Travels: France, Austria, Switzerland, Japan, Caribbean

Hobbies/Interests: Helping others. Active in church.

Gene A. Franklin

Spouse: Shirley Franklin

Address: 1977 N County Road 850W, Holton, IN 47023

Phone: (812) 689-6682

Children: Son — Darrell

Daughter — Lisa (deceased April 8, 2004)

Grandchildren: Four

Date of retirement: January 1, 1993

Spouse's date of retirement: May 9, 2008

Post retirement employment: Farm and Cox Livestock

Hobbies/Interests: Hunting

Worked at Cummins Engine in Columbus for 30 years, from January 2, 1963 to January 2, 1993. 4-H Corporation Board Member for 8 years.



Beverly Fugitt Laswell

Spouse: Mearl Laswell

Address: 2338 Wise Hill Road, Billings, MO 65610

Phone: (417) 583-2407

Email: bevandrev@gmail.com

Children: Dana, Kara, Kendra, Katy, and Douglas Mearl (deceased, December, 1982)

Grandchildren: Bill, Doug, Abby, Sami, Cruz and Cole (twins), Everett, and Emery

Great Grandchildren: Lili

Memorable Travels: Hawaii, Mexico, Niagara Falls, Grand Canyon

Hobbies/Interests: Quilting, gardening, reading. Favorite — spending time with family.

Beverly Fugitt was born in Missouri and attended school there until

eceased, ins), Canyon

her senior year when she had the good fortune of attending Holton High. It was there that she made many new friends, including a special one, Mearl, who has now been her husband for 47 years.

She received an Associate degree from Southwest Baptist College. She worked at some secretarial jobs over the years, including as church secretary in two churches for a combined total of 12 years. She also worked as a substitute teacher and teacher's aid in public schools and children's director in one church.

Beverly has had several articles published in Christian magazines. She has done volunteer work in all the churches where Mearl served as pastor — as organist, teacher, missions director, Bible School director, etc.

Her favorite work has always been as wife, mother, and grandmother! The Laswells had four daughters — Dana, Kara, Kendra, and Katy. Their middle child was a son, Douglas Mearl, who was killed at age 13 by a drunk driver. They have five grandsons — Billy, Doug, Cole and Cruz (twins), and Everett. Their granddaughters are Abby, Sami, and Emery. In January of 2010 they welcomed their first great grandchild, Lili.

Beverly enjoys church work, her family, making quilts, gardening, reading, and traveling with Mearl.

Virginia Gayer Waddle

Spouse: Franklin Waddle, married 3/1/1963

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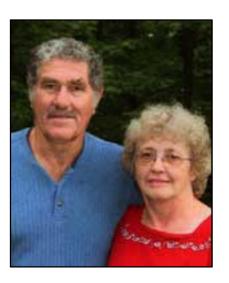
Phone: (812) 866-2685

Email: vwaddle@peoplepc.com

Children: David Franklin Waddle (Della), 2/24/1969, lives in Munford, TN. David is a US Navy Chief and has been in the Navy for 20 years, currently stationed at Millington, TN Naval Center.

> Traci Lynn Waddle Riggle (Brad), 6/8/1976, lives in Wabash, IN. Facility Accreditation Manager/Policy Coordinator at Miami Correctional Facility (IN.DOC)

Teresa Ann Waddle Gotthardt (Jeremy), 6/8/1976, lives in Greenwood, IN. Non-profit fundraising at Shepherd Community Center in Indianapolis, IN, a multi service agency for children and their families



Grandchildren: Meghan Marie Hensley-Waddle, 10/22/1988

Molly Rose Hensley-Waddle, 6/11/1990

Madison Abigail "Abby" Waddle, 7/30/1997

Austin Franklin Waddle, 9/4/1998

Wade Franklin Riggle, 7/18/2005

Lucas Donald Riggle, 7/9/2007

Stephanee Paige Riggle, 1/13/1989

Kyle Riggle, 11/23/1990

Career/date of retirement: I worked 25 ½ years for the former G C Murphy Co in Madison as Merchandise Buyer and Bookkeeper (1960-1985) and worked 20 years for JayC Food Store / Kroger Co. — Cash Office / Cashier Trainer / Cashier / Scan Coordinator. I retired April 2006.

Spouse's career/date of retirement: Frank worked at Naval Ordnance Station in Louisville as CNC Technician, then transferred to Fort Knox, KY and retired from Civil Service in 2001. He then worked for Highland Automation installing Telemetry Systems for municipal utilities and retired April 2006.

Post retirement employment: Since retirement we have participated in the Madison Farmers Market, growing plants — including daylilies, hostas and perennials. It is now located at the Broadway Fountain and has a festival atmosphere. This keeps us active and we enjoy visiting with the customers and other vendors.

Hobbies/Interests: We attend the Kent United Methodist Church and serve on various committees. I am active in my DAR chapter. I enjoy genealogy, reading, scrapbooking, and gardening.

We have been blessed with reasonably good health and a great family.

Gaytha Grigsby

Address: 470 Executive Center Drive, Apartment 4G, West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Phone: (561) 683-6434

Email: gaythagrigsby@juno.com

Children: Carl Jeffrey 1964

Mary Angela 1966

Stacy Lynn 1975

Grandchildren: Matthew, Nicholas, Alan, Cameron

Career: 20 years total working in communications at Humana, Washoe Medical Center, and Good Samaritan Hospitals

Travels: My favorite travels were to the coast of Maine, going gem mining in North Carolina, seeing the pyramids outside Merida, Mexico

Hobbies/Interests: Working for St. Vincent de Paul as a volunteer. Making rosaries and jewelry.

Robert Hopkins

Spouse: Hanna Hopkins

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Phone: (561) 841-3504

Email: rhopkins@earthlink.net

Children: I have a son, Darryl Hopkins, 1969, and a daughter, Cindy Hopkins, 1970, from a previous marriage to Martha Anderson.

Grandchildren: Sophia Hopkins, 2004

Nicholas Hopkins, 2006

Sam Hopkins, 2009

Great Grandchildren: None

Career/date of retirement: I attended Purdue University



1960-1964 and received a BS in Electrical Engineering. I started working for RCA at their research laboratory in Princeton, New Jersey after leaving Purdue. I attended Rutgers University while working at RCA and received the Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1970. I continued working for RCA Laboratories becoming deeply involved in digital video. I was in Florida for 18 months in 1973 and 1974 in a technology transfer program from the laboratories to a product division. In 1976 I transferred to the RCA Broadcast Equipment Division in Camden, New Jersey where I managed various engineering groups. I transferred overseas to RCA Jersey Limited (in the British Channel Islands) in 1982 and was the Managing Director of the company. I left RCA at the end of 1984 and became the Executive Director of the Advanced Television Systems Committee (ATSC) in Washington, DC. While I was there, ATSC developed the technical standard for digital high definition television broadcasting. I left ATSC at the end of 1995 and moved to Los Angeles to become Senior Vice President and General Manager of the Sony Pictures High Definition Center where we converted movies to digital high definition and shot movies in digital high definition. I retired in 2003 and moved to Florida.

Spouse's career/date of retirement: Hanna is a technical translator (German/English) and worked for RCA when we met in 1973 in Florida. She joined me in New Jersey in 1976 and began working for the German company Siemens. In 1982 when we moved to the Island of Jersey, the Island government did not permit Hanna to be employed, so she "retired" at that time. When we returned to the United States, Hanna did not seek new employment, but volunteered her time in various ways, including translating articles for the Smithsonian Institution.

Post retirement employment: I have enjoyed my retirement and have not sought additional employment.

Memorable Travels: During my working career, I had the opportunity to do a lot of travel. My most memorable trip was a month-long trip to China when President Nixon visited China in 1972.

Hobbies/Interests: I am an instrument rated pilot, although I have not piloted a plan in several years. I have a Harley touring motorcycle, and have ridden it throughout the Southwest. In 2008 I rode it from Florida to Chicago to join a group riding old Route 66 from its beginning in Chicago to its end in Los Angeles, then rode it back to Florida. I am planning a ride to the Blue Ridge Parkway and Skyline Drive, then back to Florida for May, 2010. I have had a great interest in photography and have several cameras.

Anna Horn Perkinson

Spouse: Divorced
Address: Box 432, Vernon, IN 47282
Phone: (812) 346-8802 or cell (812) 716-0762
Children: Richard Perkinson (deceased), Randy Perkinson, and Lana Perkinson
Grandchildren: Richard Jr., Ronnie, Shawn, Magean, Cory, Kristen, Jessica, and Zack
Great Grandchildren: Jazlin, Taylor, Makayla (deceased), Kashala, Brice, Collin, and Miah
Career/date of retirement: Work at Lowe's Distribution Center in North Vernon, I can't retire.
Memorable Travels: Family trip to son's Navy graduation, senior trip to Washington DC and New York, trips to Florida.
Hobbies/Interests: Upholster furniture.

Kitty Jones Busteed

Spouse: James E. Busteed. Married January 20, 1961.

Address: 836 Fern Drive, Versailles, IN 47042

Phone: (812) 689-5590

Children: James L. Busteed. December 18, 1961. Lives in Versailles. Entrepreneur. Owns Custom Floors - granite and stone. Rental properties. Flipping houses.

Tammy (Frank) Johnson. May 7, 1964. Frank died February 2001. Tammy lives in Bloomington. Works for Indiana Home Health - Physical Therapy.

Timothy (Jennie) Busteed, MD, Internal Medicine. July 5, 1968. Morehead City, NC.

Grandchildren: Makenzie Johnson. April 20, 1989. He is a Junior at IU.

Grayson Busteed. January 10, 1993.

Katherine A. Busteed. September 22, 1999.

Nolan K. Busteed. June 3, 2001.

Grayson, Katherine, and Nolan are Timothy's children.

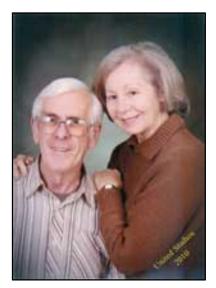
Great Grandchildren: None

Career/date of retirement: I worked at K. S. Bearings for 28 years. Retired in 2004. Plant closed in 2003, only a few employees are working now. I worked in quality control and packing.

Spouse's career/date of retirement: Jim retired from Seagram's Distillery in May 1997 after 38 years.

Post retirement employment: We flipped two houses after I retired.

Memorable Travels: Key Largo, FL. Hawaii. New York City. San Francisco. Many of our national parks. Beach vacations and family. We attend church at Dabney and have actively participated in the renovation projects there. I help with the Good News Club (child evangelism program at South Ripley School). I enjoy reading, walking, sewing, cooking, and helping others. We have been blessed with a good marriage and wonderful children. I've been very healthy. James is a cancer survivor.



Mearl Laswell

Spouse: Beverly Fugitt Laswell

Address: 2338 Wise Hill Road, Billings, MO 65610

Phone: (417) 583-2407

Email: bevandrev@gmail.com

Children: Daughters — Dana, Kara, Kendra, and Katy. Son — Douglas Mearl, died at age 13, killed by a drunk driver.

Grandchildren: Bill, Doug, Abby, Sami, Cole and Cruz (twins), Everett, Emery

Great Grandchildren: Lili Dawn (born January, 2010)

Career/date of retirement: Public school teacher for 10 years. Baptist pastor for 30+ years.

Memorable Travels: Most of U.S. (including Hawaii), Canada, Mexico, Israel

Hobbies/Interests: Gardening, fishing



Mearl was born in the Tanglewood community near Versailles and attended Versailles Elementary for five years. After his mother married Wilcie Rea in 1953, he began sixth grade at Holton School.

He worked at Arvin Industries after high school graduation. He graduated from Southwest Baptist College (now University), Bolivar, Missouri, in 1967 with a BS in Physical Education and Biology. He taught in the Jennings County, Indiana school system for ten years.

He was ordained into the ministry in 1977. He graduated from the Boyce Division of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. Mearl was a pastor in Indiana until 1980 when the family moved to Missouri where he served as pastor of three churches until June, 2007 when he retired from the First Baptist, Sunrise Beach, MO. He and Bev moved to Billings, Missouri, and bought three acres. Less than a year later, he became pastor again at a small country church, Union Ridge Baptist where he still serves.

Mearl started dating Beverly Fugitt in September of 1959 during their senior year. They were married January 20, 1963. They had five children, Dana, Kara, Doug, Kendra, and Katy. Their only son, Douglas Mearl, was killed by a drunk driver at age 13. They have been blessed with eight grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

The couple has enjoyed traveling to most of the states (including Hawaii), Canada, and Mexico. Mearl also enjoyed a trip to Israel in 1985.

The Laswells are still together, still in love, and still have that '38 Chevy!

Merlin Laswell

Spouse: Carolyn Laswell

Address: 1145 Hidden Bluff, Clermont, FL 34711

Phone: (352) 217-5345

Email: mlaswell@cfl.rr.com

Children: Merlin Gene Laswell, Jr. — November 6, 1964 Michael Jerold Laswell — August 12, 1967

Grandchildren: Michael Jerold Laswell, Jr. — October 16, 1992

Rylee Alexander Laswell — July 20, 1997

Colin Lee Laswell — June 8, 1998

Blaine Behn Laswell — February 9, 2000

Chase Matthew — July 21, 1991

Paige Mathew — February 16, 1994



Great Grandchildren: None

Career/date of retirement: Served in US Air Force for 4 years. Retired from Cummins in 1995.

Spouse's career/date of retirement: Banking for 25 years. Retired in 2004.

Post retirement employment: Owned my own business for 5 years, sold it in 2000.

Memorable Travels: Mission trips to Poland.

Hobbies/Interests: Golf, coaching basketball and soccer teams for grandchildren. Also jogging. I have run in the Indianapolis Mini Marathon. I plan to enter this year's race in May, 2010.

In my 30 years at Cummins, I traveled a lot. We lived in Dallas, Atlanta, and Columbus, Indiana. I worked in the marketing department. I was in charge of National Customer Service. Also, I was manager for the Ryder truck account.

We have always been active in church work. We have been to Poland 5 times in the Proem Ministries, Carolyn teaching women and children, Merlin coaching basketball for men and women and boys and girls. Seven nations were represented on the teams. We are so blessed to minister in this way. Everything we do is appreciated so much.

Carolyn loves to play cards and games. We were home schooling Colin and Blaine until we were needed in Ohio to help out with our grandson MJ's battle with brain cancer. He is responding well to the treatments.

We moved to Clermont, Florida in 2004. Carolyn was working at Centra Credit Union in Columbus when she retired.

James (Jim) McNeelan

Spouse: Carolyn Jackson McNeelan Address: 3241 W County Road 100 S, Holton, IN 47023 Phone: (812) 689-6006 Children: David, Marilynn, Mark, and Darlene Grandchildren: 13 Great Grandchildren: 3 Career/date of retirement: Cummins Engine Co., retired 1997. Retired from farming in 1988. Spouse's career/date of retirement: Carolyn's Antiques & Collectables

Katherine Moreland Weismiller

Spouse: John G. Weismiller

Address: 1301 King Arthur Drive, Lafayette, IN 47905-9601
Phone: (765) 838-2565
Email: jkweismiller@gmail.com
Children: Patrick Weismiller (1963)

Matthew (Gus) Weismiller (1964)
Richard Eric Weismiller (1966)
Krisha Greene (1971)

Grandchildren: Lindsay, Katy, Kayla, Zach, Grant, Aubree, Natalie, Madyson, Ethan, and A.J. Great Grandchildren: Amaya
Career/date of retirement: 31 years in various school systems, last six years as math tutor and paraprofessional.
Spouse's career/date of retirement: Farm manager — retired August 2004.
Post retirement employment: John has managed a few farms since 2007.
Memorable Travels: New Mexico, Arizona, Maryland, Florida, Missouri, and New York.
Hobbies/Interests: Reading, flowers, sewing and visiting small shops.

Donald Nealis

Residence: 1 mile west of Holton on 800 W.

Children: Randall (deceased), Rae Jean

Married: Mary Dobbs

Hobbies/Interests: Auctions, Gardening, Equine Events and Antique Clocks. We also have two Tennessee Walkers and two Percheron draft horses.

I am retired after 5 years at Cummins engine, 24 years at L.P. Cavett road contractors and 20 years in monument sales and cemetery restoration.



Our Two Percherons Les and Larry



Leta Palmer

Address: 4860 W US 50, Holton, IN 47023

Phone: (812) 689-5191

Career/date of retirement: 38 years US Shoe Corporation, Osgood, IN. 9 years 11 months GECOM, Greensburg, IN. Retired June 2009.

Hobbies/Interests: Reading, crocheting, active in my church, baby sit.



Margle Patterson Dorsey

Spouse: Larry Dorsey

Address: 772 S. County Road 1100 E, Seymour, IN 47274

Phone: (812) 523-8031

Email: MargleDorsey@verizon.net

Children: Curtis Tyler - Tracy (Tyler) Harvey - Sonja (Tyler) White - Blake Tyler (gone to be with our Lord). Stepchildren: Larry Dorsey II - Thomas Dorsey - Dawn Wasyleski

Grandchildren: John Tyler - Tasha Tyler - Curtis Tyler Jr. - Isaiah Tyler - Dave Tyler - Michelle Ellis - Stacey Harvey - Mackenzie Harvey - Kellie White - Stephanie White - Trey Dorsey - Robert Wasyleski - Christopher Wasyleski

Great Grandchildren: Shay Tyler - Paige Tyler - Holly Tyler - Johnny Tyler - Lacey Tyler - Kristen Ellis - Dristen Gayheart

Career/date of retirement: Certified Nursing Assistant / 1995 from Jackson County Schneck Hospital

Spouse's career/date of retirement: Not retired — worked at Aisin for 20 years and now works for Honda.

Memorable Travels: Alaska. Have been to every state except Hawaii.

Hobbies/Interests: Reading, setting up at antique and flea market shows, animals, my church.

I have seven dogs and one cat that I rescued from abuse, and I have found homes for numerous others.

I walk the protest at Uniontown against the porn store (Lions Den) and have for over four years now.

I'll be married to Larry for 25 years on June 9th, a wonderful husband (he spoils me). My three stepchildren are like mine as are the grandchildren. I raised Dave (Salisman) Tyler from 14 to now.

We've traveled to 49 states in a motor home so we can take our little dogs with us.

Most important — I've been a Christian and have had our Lord in my heart for 25 years. Praise God!

I went through a tornado in a mobile home and survived. I have had two back surgeries and still walk. Praise God!

We built an old log home 20 years ago and that's where we live (primitive). Still a country girl. Still can't spell or write good.

Betty Carolyn (Roth) Gunter

Graduate of Holton High School, 1960.

I married Roy Gunter on March 12, 1961. We will be celebrating our 50th Wedding Anniversary next year, 2011.

We have four children, Tamera, Daniel, Wayne, and Kimberly. We have nine grandchildren, including a set of twins, and two great grandchildren.

I have lived in the Holton area since I graduated.

I worked at Muscatatuck State Hospital for 24 years. I retired in 2001.

I love animals. I have a Chihuahua, poodle, cat, and two canaries.

In my spare time I like to read and embroidery.

My favorite teachers were Mr. Wilcie Rae and Mrs. Harrell.

Edwin Sizemore

Spouse: Lula Sizemore. Married 1962.

Address: 931 W US Hwy 50, Versailles, IN 47042

Phone: (812) 621-1232 or (812) 621-1233

Children: Peggy Ann Fear. 1963. Married in 1985 to James Fear. Peggy is a Principal at Graham Creek Elementary, Jennings County.

Grandchildren: Michael Edward Fear. 1988. Attends Morehead State University, third year, plays Division I baseball.

Career/date of retirement: Farming and Sales. Retired in 2002.

Spouse's career/date of retirement: Realtor, Qualified Medical Assistant at Muscatatuck State Development Center. Retired in 2005.

Memorable Travels: We have been in over 1/2 of the states. Most memorable is the 2 ½ months spent in New York watching our grandson play baseball.

Hobbies/Interests: Antiques, Baseball, Church.

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In Memoriam

Barbara McMinds

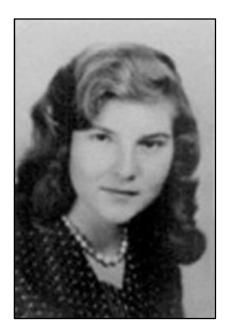


Barbara McMinds was a Beautician. She married Robert Meyer. She had one son, Robert, born October 6, 1963. Barbara died of lupus August 7, 1969.





Florence Wilson Greer



Funeral services will be held today, July 23, 1987 at 2:00 p.m. for Florence S. Greer, 45, Route. 1, North Vernon, at the Versailles Church of Christ with Rev. Larry Pittman officiating. Burial will be in the Cliff Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are being handled by Bovards Funeral home.

Mrs. Greer passed away Monday, July 20, 1987 at Kings's Daughters Hospital in Madison, IN.

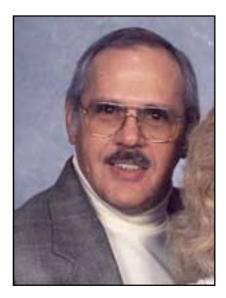
She was born on April 30, 1942 in Cincinnati, OH. She was the daughter of Dan and Laura Wilson.

She is survived by her mother; four daughters, Sonja T. Bauer and Voneda L. Slaughter of Macon, GA, Rhonda Ray and Sherry Farmer of North Vernon; three sons, Blevy Gabbard, Jr. of North Vernon, Andy L. Gabbard of Macon, GA, and Kenneth Dean Heck of North Vernon; five sisters, Gracy Willoughby of CA., Gladys Riehle of Lawrenceburg, Ruby Chatham of OK, Janet House of Hayden and Barbara Sommer of Hanover; three brothers, Edward of Indianapolis, Woodrow of MO, and Clifford of Nebraska, IN, and 6 grandchildren.

She was proceeded in death by her father and a brother, Brownlow.

Mrs. Greer was a member of Mikado Baptist Church of Macon, GA.

Jerry Meyer



Jerry Nelson Meyer, 62, of North Vernon died at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, 2004, at his home. Funeral and military service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Holton Christian Church. The Rev. Robert McCreary will officiate. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Pickett Funeral Home.

Mr. Meyer was retired from Cummins, Inc. A veteran of the U.S. Marines, he was a member of Matt Hester VFW Post 2021, the American Legion of Versailles and the Moose Lodge of North Vernon. He enjoyed fishing and camping.

Born Jan. 10, 1942, at Milan, he was the son of Leonard Meyer of North Vernon and the late Helen Wagner Meyer. He married Sharon Kinman Burton Feb. 13, 1993, in Brown County.

Surviving with his wife are a daughter, Kathy Copley of Butlerville; three sons, Larry Meyer of Versailles, James Meyer and Jerry Meyer of Holton; a stepdaughter, Cindy Ewing of Chesapeake, Va.; two stepsons, William Kinman of Columbus and Mike Littrell of Holton; a brother, Leroy Meyer of Ogleville; a half-brother, James Beach of North Vernon; six grandchildren, 10 step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

John Robert "Bob" Ross



John Robert "Bob" Ross, Sr., 64, of North Vernon died at 9 p.m. Sunday, August 26, 2007, at his home.

Mr. Ross was a 1960 graduate of Holton High School. He had been a security guard at Schneck Medical Center in Seymour for ten years. Prior to that, he was employed at Cummins, Inc. for 30 years, retiring in 1992. He was a supervisor there for 25 years.

He was a member of Rush Branch United Methodist Church, Six Mile Masonic Lodge in Hayden and Seymour Elks Club. He enjoyed golf, fishing, playing cards and was an avid Indiana University sports fan.

The funeral will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, August 29, at Dove-Sharp & Rudicel Funeral Home with the Revs. Marvin Wright and Dale Boyd officiating. Calling is from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will be at Rush Branch Cemetery.

Memorials may be made through the funeral home to Hospice of Jennings County or Rush Branch United Methodist Church.

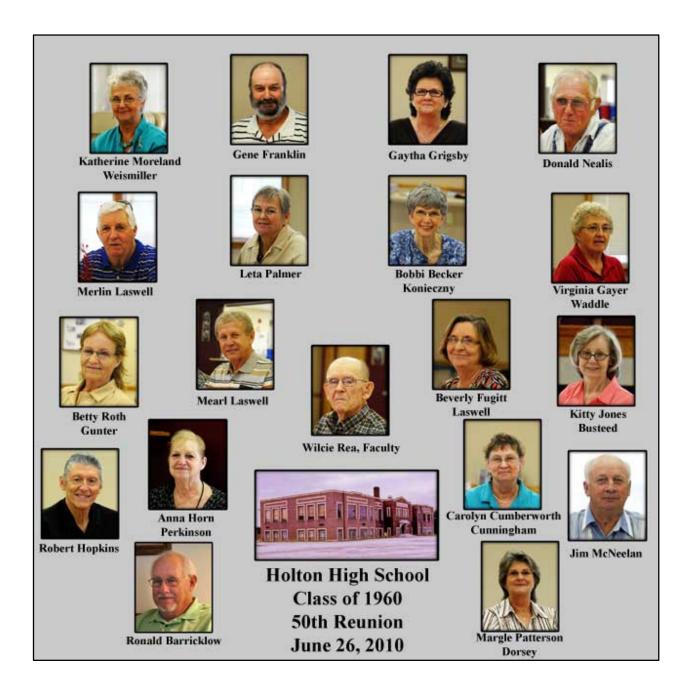
Born November 12, 1942, in Ripley County, Mr. Ross was the son of Myron and Laura Pratt Ross. He married Linda Monday on March 9, 1965, in Columbus.

Surviving with his wife are a son, John R. Ross, Jr. of North Vernon; a daughter, Susan (Mike) Piirto of North Vernon; five brothers, Sam Ross, Dan Ross and Jim Ross, all of North Vernon, Tim Ross of Butlerville and George Ross of North Carolina; six sisters, Rita Bramkamp of Cincinnati, Ohio, Pat Amis of Vevay, Lillian Jordan of Hartsville, Nancy Beeman of Butlerville and Carin Newman and Mamie Williams, both of Columbus; and six grandchilren, Peyton Ross and Hope Ross, both of Holton, and Kache Ross, Keegan Ross, Courtney Piirto and Cody Piirto, all of North Vernon.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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Photos from the 50th Reunion



The Holton High School Class of 1960 held their 50th Reunion at the Holton Community Center, Holton, Indiana on Saturday, June 26, 2010. Seventeen classmates and one faculty member attended.

Sharla Beach Hensley, Edwin Sizemore, and Ronald Barricklow were unable to attend. A picture of Ronald, taken the previous day at his home in Tennessee, is included in the collage above.

A group picture, taken at the Holton Community Center, follows.

Photos from the 50th Reunion



Front row from left, Katherine Moreland Weismiller, Leta Palmer, Carolyn Cumberworth Cunningham, Virginia Gayer Waddle, Beverly Fugitt Laswell, Betty Roth Gunter, and Kitty Jones Busteed. Back row from left, Merlin Laswell, Jim McNeelan, Donald Nealis, Gaytha Grigsby, Mearl Laswell, Bobbi Becker Konieczny, Margle Patterson Dorsey, Gene Franklin, Robert Hopkins, and Anna Horn Perkinson. [Inside Rear Cover]

Holton School, 1967



The 50th Reunion Holton High School Class of 1960 Brochure was designed and produced by Robert Hopkins with guidance and assistance by Kitty Busteed and Virginia Waddle. Pictures graciously provided by the Ripley County Historical Society, the estate of Robert Hopkins Sr., faculty, and classmates. Special thanks to faculty and classmates for providing information for the brochure.

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