

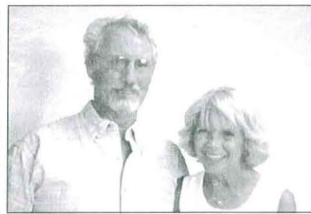
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Kenneth L. 'Pete' Williams & E. Louise 'Lou' WilliamsOct. 19, 1939 - Jan. 6, 2025
Nov. 1, 1939 - Jan. 15, 2025

Kenneth L. "Pete" Williams, 85, and his beloved wife of 63 years, E. Louise "Lou" Williams, 85, passed away just nine days apart from unrelated illnesses. Pete passed on Monday, January 6, 2025, and Lou followed on Wednesday, January 15, 2025. A final blessing, they never had to experience what it felt like to lose their life-long partner. Together, they are now walking hand in hand in heaven, reunited in eternal peace.

Pete was born on October 19, 1939, and grew up in Gas City, Indiana. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy, enlisting as soon as he was able and dedicating four years to his country. After his service, Pete worked at Owens-Illinois, now PCA, as a manufacturer. He was a man who cherished the simple pleasures of life - enjoying fishing, camping, and riding motorcycles. Anyone who visited the Williams home could almost certainly find Pete watching a classic Western, lost in the stories of the Old West.

Lou was born on November 1, 1939, and graduated from Jefferson High School. She later worked as a teacher's aide for Eastbrook Community Schools, where she touched many lives with her kindness and dedication. Lou was passionate about gardening, taking great joy in cultivating the beauty of nature. She was deeply involved in her church and cherished the relationships she had with her church and neighborhood families. A self-proclaimed professional shopper, Lou had a knack



for finding the best deals, always with an eye for quality and value.

Together, Pete and Lou were faithful members of the Jefferson Christian Church Parish Ministry. They enjoyed the simple joys of life, from birdwatching to spending quality time with their grandchildren. Their shared love for family and community was evident in all that they did.

They are survived by their daughters, Karey Williams, Dalton, Georgia, and Cindy (Steve) Jones, Warren, grandchildren, Mandi (Aric) Poe, Blake (Skylar) Zoda, and Brooke Zoda; step-grandchildren, Steven (Christen) Jones, and Kayleigh Jones; great-grandchildren, Connor, Colton, and Kyra Poe; and Uriah Jones; son-in-law, Mike Loveless, Eufala, Oklahoma; special friend, Darline Richards, Dalton, Georgia; Pete's brother, Harold (Imy) Williams, Marion; cousin, Carol (Don) Eaton; nieces, Sherol (Dennis) Cochran, Tracey (Andy) Kleber, Teri Lowery, and Penny Gibbs; and many extended treasured family members.

They were preceded in death by Pete's parents, Raymond and Helen Williams; Lou's parents, Albert and Bonnie Moody; their daughter, Kristy Loveless; Lou's siblings, Yvonne Sowards, Donna Abdullah, Patricia Thompson, Delbert Moody, and two infants; niece, Sheri Dennis; and nephew Jon Pfeiffer. Arrangements for Pete and Lou were entrusted to the Jones-Smith Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 259 North Main Street, Upland, Indiana 46989. A memorial service to honor their lives will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Jefferson Christian Church Parish Ministry, 5220 South 800 East, Upland, Indiana 46989, a cause close to Pete and Lou's hearts.

Pete and Lou leave behind a legacy of love, devotion, and a life well-lived. Together in life, together in death, they will forever be remembered for their unwavering love for each other, their family, and their community.

Thelma Irene 'Rene' ShROUT

Jan. 2, 1938 - Jan. 16, 2024

Thelma Irene "Rene" ShROUT, 87, of Matthews, Indiana, passed away on January 16, 2024, at Summit Health and Living in Summitville, Indiana. Born on January 2, 1938, in Bath County, Kentucky, she was the daughter of James and Nannie Mae (Bashaw) Goldie.

Rene was a devoted homemaker known for her exceptional cooking and meticulous housekeeping. She had a passion for gardening and reading, with her children and grand-



children being the greatest joys in her life. She was a member of the Prairie Grove Christian Church.

On July 14, 1958, she married Luther ShROUT, who survives her. She is also survived by her children: Luther (Debbie) ShROUT, Lisa Hough, L. Shannon (Steve) Babbitt, Ricks, Lorne ShROUT, and Donna (Steve) Combs, along with 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, grandson Luke ShROUT and siblings Jack, Ray, Gary, Herman, Ed, Leana, Dorothy, and Betty. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Fairmont Chapel of Armes-Hunt Life Celebration Funeral Home and Cremation Services, located at 415 S. Main St., Fairmont, IN 46928. There will be a private family viewing at the Fairmont Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Memories and condolences can be shared at www.arneshuntfuneralhome.com.

Charles D. Koontz

July 2, 1957 - Nov. 8, 2024

Charles D. Koontz, 67, of Marion, IN, passed away at 5:49 PM on Friday, November 8, 2024 at Appelon Care in Marion, IN. He was born on Tuesday,



July 2, 1957, in Marion, IN. Charles married Vicki D. (Downey) Koontz on Saturday, May 23, 1987 in Marion, IN. Charles was a 1975 graduate of Marion High School. He had worked at Sunoco Products in Marion, Dean Foods, Prairie Farms, and retired from Huhtamaki Inc. in Marion. Charles enjoyed watching NASCAR and Indy car racing. He liked to

fish and liked being a cat dad. Charles was a good father, provider, and good friend. He will be sadly missed by his wife - Vicki D. (Downey) Koontz, Marion, IN. Daughters - Stacey Koontz, St. Louis, Cassandra (Will) Morton, St. Louis, Brother - Stanley (Lisa) Koontz, FL. Brother-in-law - Don Lidy, several Nieces & Nephews, Sister-in-Laws - Connie Columbus, Marion, IN, Sandy (Richard) Miller, Marion, IN, and Best Friend for many years - Chris Blackburn.

A Celebration of Life will take place at the Harrisburg Event Center located at 409 N. 1st St. Gas City, IN, on Saturday, January 18, 2025 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Arrangements are being handled by Walker & Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier. Online condolences may be made at www.glancyfuneralhomes.com.

Carol Jean Rossicoe

Dec. 27, 1960 - Dec. 30, 2024

Carol Jean Rossicoe, 64, Marion, passed away at 9:34 pm on Monday, December 30, 2024, at Stillwater Hospice in Fort Wayne. She was born on Tuesday, December 27, 1960.

A graveside service to celebrate Carol's life will begin at 10:00 am on Monday, January 20, 2025, at Grant Memorial Park Mausoleum Chapel, 1606 W. 26th St., Marion, IN. Pastor Mick Simpkins will be officiating with burial following.

Arrangements are entrusted to Needham-Storrey-Wampler Funeral & Cremation Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, IN. Memorials may be shared online at www.nwcares.com.

Monroe Township board starts 2025

Township residents can get Upland Library cards

By BRIANNA COFFING
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MARION - Members of the Monroe Township Trustee met Wednesday to discuss end-of-the-year reports.

Township governments are responsible for providing resources to people in the township who are fallen into financial hardship. Township trustees are also responsible for taking care of local cemeteries and helping to finance a fire department within their district.

The year-end report stated that the Monroe Township Trustee Board ended with the balance of \$105,168.

Jeff Bernaux, president of the Monroe Township

Board, started the meeting with introductions, and then began the Motions of what was going to be the chairman and secretary of the board of finance.

Jeffrey Duckwall was elected as the chairman of the board of finance, and Ashley Lening will be remaining as the secretary. As chairman of the board of finance, Duckwall will be the one who signs the checks, and will be the one who deal within the internal control procedures.

As the board continued the meeting, they discussed different forms that was required for them to sign.

During the meeting, the board discussed what would be the new budget for the fire department that they have in their service. Jefferson Township will be receiving \$3,300 for the use of their fire department. This money

will be going into funding things such as equipment, batteries, axes face masks and others.

The board then reviewed their library contract. The Monroe Township uses the Upland Library and pays them annually. Anyone that lives within the Monroe Township will be able to receive a free library card at the Upland Library. The Upland Library is part of the Indiana Evergreen consortium, meaning Upland Library cardholders can request books from different libraries for rent, as long as they have their library card.

The next Monroe Township Trustee meeting will be held in August 2025.

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Events at Salamonie Lake, disc golf and stained glass

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Salamonie Lake's newest events will be located at Upper Wabash Interpretive Services, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews.

Visitors can visit their website at <https://on.IN.gov/salamonie-lake> for more information about these events.

On Jan. 22nd and 29th, from 5-8 p.m., join local stained glass artist Katy Gray as she gives a lesson on how to create a mushroom and lady bug from stained glass. The workshop cost is \$45 a person, and advance registration is required 10 days before the event. The payment can be made on the day of as well.

On Feb. 1, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., join Salamonie Lake as they hold their disc golf tournament for all ages. The tournament serves as a fundraiser to raise money upgrading the baskets on the disc golf course. For 25 holes, registration is available on Disc Golf Scene's website: www.discgolfszene.com. Fees range from \$10-\$50.

Stained-glass workshops

Glass-on-glass
A framed glass-on-glass mosaic stained-glass workshop will be held with Katy Gray. Participants can choose three choices: an eagle, butterfly or cardinal. Participants must attend all five sessions at the Salamonie Lake Interpretive Center.

Class schedule:
■ Feb. 26: 5-7:30 p.m.
■ Feb. 27: 5-7:30 p.m.
■ Feb. 28: 5-7:30 p.m.
■ March 6: 5-7:30 p.m.
■ March 7: 5-7:30 p.m.
The workshop is \$75 per person, and advance registration is required 10 days before the event.

Dragonfly Nightlight
Gray will also host a program making dragonfly nightlights. Participants will choose one two-day class session: Feb. 5 and 6, from 5-8 p.m. or Feb. 15 and 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Advance registration is required and the cost is \$65 per person.

Luna moth
Gray will be hosting a stained-glass workshop where participants will be

making a luna moth. The event will be from March 8-9th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants are asked to have prior experience, and must attend both days. The cost is \$60, and registration is required ahead of time.

Mosaic stained-glass
Join Gray for a mosaic stained-glass workshop where people could make a dragonfly, woodpecker or squirrel. Participants must attend all five sessions at Salamonie Lake to participate.

Class schedule:
■ Jan. 25: 1-4 p.m.
■ Jan. 26: 3 hours within 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (work unsupervised)
■ Feb. 1: 1-4 p.m.
■ Feb. 15: 2-4 p.m.
■ Feb. 16: 2-4 p.m.
The workshop is \$75 and advance registration is required 10 days prior to the event.

To register for all of these events, participants can call (260) 468-2127 to register ahead of time.

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United States Attorney Clifford D. Johnson announces departure

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HAMMOND - United States Attorney Clifford D. Johnson publicly announced this week that, effective at 11:59 p.m. on Jan. 17, he will be stepping down as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana. United States Attorney Johnson tendered resignation letters to President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. and United States Attorney General Merrick Garland on Dec. 16, 2024.

Johnson said, "It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana. I wish to thank President Biden, Attorney General Garland and Senator Young and former Senator Braun for the opportunity to serve the citizens of the United States and the District's U.S. Attorney. Serving as the Northern

District's U.S. Attorney is the capstone of my career in public service."

U.S. Attorney Johnson was nominated by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. on July 26, 2021 and unanimously confirmed by the Senate on September 30, 2021 for the Northern District of Indiana. United States Attorney position. He previously was an Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of Indiana from 1986 to August 2020.

During his tenure with the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Northern District of Indiana, Johnson held numerous supervisory/management positions, including Chief of the Civil Division from 1997 to 2010 and twice serving as the First Assistant U.S. Attorney from (June 2010 to March 2017) and October 2017 to August 2020), following U.S. Attorney Johnson's departure.

Vacancy Reform Act, served as the District's Acting U.S. Attorney from March 2017 to October 2017.

Before joining the United States Attorney's Office in January 1986, Johnson was a Trial Attorney in the Employment Litigation Division of the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division in Washington, D.C. from August 1980 to December 1985.

Mr. Johnson, a Gary, Indiana native, received his J.D. from Valparaiso University Law School in 1980 and his B.A. from Valparaiso University in 1976.

Under the Vacancy Reform Act, First Assistant U.S. Attorney Tina L. Nonmay, who has been with the Department of Justice for over 30 years, will assume the role of Acting U.S. Attorney following U.S. Attorney Johnson's departure.

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**EPA Begins Five-Year Review of Marion (Bragg) Dump Superfund Site**

Marion, Indiana

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is conducting its sixth five-year review of the Marion (Bragg) Dump Superfund Site. The Superfund law requires regular checkups of sites that have been cleaned up - with waste managed on-site - to make sure the cleanup continues to protect people and the environment. A summary of the cleanup activities and an evaluation of the protectiveness of the implemented cleanup remedies will be included in the five-year review report.

EPA's cleanup actions at the site include capping a landfill, stabilizing a riverbank, and fencing in the property. EPA continues to monitor groundwater, pond, and river water. Deed restrictions at the site prevent groundwater access.

During the five-year review EPA will be conducting a site inspection, reviewing the status of the cleanup, and conducting a review of the current data. The review is expected to be completed in September 2025.

Site information is available at www.epa.gov/superfund/marion-bragg-dump.

You may comment on the site conditions and any concerns you have. Submit comments by July 1, 2025 to: Mitchell Latta, EPA Remedial Project Manager, at latta.mitchell@epa.gov or 312-886-4783; or Amelia Holcomb, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, at holcomb.amelia@epa.gov or 312-886-6242.