

Obituaries

Geneva Burt Spencer McQuigg

BLOOMINGTON — “Gracious hostess,” “creative teacher,” “enthusiastic traveler and Florida snowbird,” “avid collector of antique dolls,” “life-long Hoosier,” “classy lady and loyal friend,” “so much fun.” The flame from this petite woman with the out-sized personality will endure among those who loved her long after her death.



She died Feb. 5, 2018, in Bloomington.

Geneva was born in Kosciusko County in northern Indiana to William Kyle and Emma Bernice Rogers Gibson. She attended high school in Mentone, college at Manchester College in North Manchester and graduated school at the Indiana University Bloomington campus.

Her career as an elementary school teacher unfolded primarily at the University School in Bloomington, where countless former students fondly recall her energy and enthusiasm. Their stories include remembrances of the above-and-beyond programs and plays that she orchestrated and the farm animals that she spirited into the classroom through the back door. Think of a diapered baby lamb. Shhh!

In spite of, or maybe because of her notion that farm animals in the schoolroom would be a good idea, Geneva became a member of Pi Lambda Theta sorority, “one of the nation’s most prestigious education honor societies. Membership signifies a strong commitment to academic excellence and the teaching profession. ... Educators who join Pi Lambda Theta are recognized for their exemplary achievement.”

She celebrated three wonderful marriages to Doctor Lorin A. Burt, Beaufort “Bud” Spencer and Bruce McQuigg. Her devoted husbands each preceded her in death.

She is survived by children Marianne Burt, Bloomington and Carl W. Burt, Warsaw; stepchildren Ellen (Jim) Strasmir, Irvine, Calif.; Barbara Edmonds, Bloomington; Maribet Spencer, Seattle, Wash.; Ted Spencer, Washington, D.C.; Susan (Les) Dixon, Bend, Ore.; and Paul McQuigg, Indianapolis; an numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

With immeasurable gratitude, the family profoundly thanks the caregivers and support staff at Meadowood Health Pavilion and Heart to Heart Hospice for their tireless patience, professionalism and kindness.

Geneva’s memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at St. Mark’s United Methodist Church, 100 Ind. 46 Bloomington, where she was a longtime member, followed immediately by a reception in the fellowship hall.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Internment will take place in Kosciusko County.

Memorials to the Carl W. and Lorin A. Burt Memorial Fund at Manchester University, 604 E. College Ave., North Manchester, IN 46962 (Geneva’s father-in-law, Carl W. Burt was a well-respected, long-time football coach at Manchester.); or Heart to Heart Hospice, 463 S. Landmark Ave., Bloomington, IN 47403.

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Feb 8, 2018

Geneva Burt Spencer McQuigg

MENTONE — Geneva Burt Spencer McQuigg, 90, passed on Feb. 5, 2017, in Bloomington.

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Geneva's graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, April 30, at Wooden Cemetery (Harrison Center, on the corner of CR 100S and CR 800W), Etna Green. She will then have a graveside service at 2:30 p.m. Monday at Stony Point Cemetery, Etna Green (north of Atwood on CR 650N near CR 700W). Pastor Sue Clark will officiate.

Arrangements are entrusted to King Memorial Home, Mentone.

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April 27, 2018

Bennie R. Meade

MENTONE - Bennie R. Meade, 84, of rural Mentone (Palestine Lake) died at 11:38 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018, at his residence.

On May 5, 1934, he was born in Bonanza, Ky., to Adam and Hulda Meade.

He was married Sept. 5, 1953, in Warsaw to Esther Louise Engle, who preceded him on Sept. 11, 2007.

He worked at Archer Foundry in Leesburg for over 40 years. He then retired from Warsaw Foundry in 1996.

In his earlier years he was in a coon hunters club in Claypool. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, his dog Maggie, working on lawnmowers and being outside.

Survivors include a daughter, Brenda (John) Engle, Pierceton; a son, John Meade and fiancé Angie Uhl, Silver Lake; seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Annie; three sons, Bennie, Frank and Timmie; four brothers and four sisters.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at King Memorial Home, 101 N. Tucker St., Mentone. Pastor Glenn Hall will officiate.

Burial will be at Palestine Cemetery, Palestine.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 23, at King Memorial Home.

Memorials to the Animal Welfare League of Kosciusko County, 3489 E CR 100S, Pierceton, IN 46562.

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Martha L. 'Marty' Meade

AKRON — Martha L. "Marty" Meade, 68, Silver Lake, died at 7:25 p.m. Feb. 12, 2017, at Parkview Randallia Hospital, Fort Wayne.

She was born Feb. 20, 1948, in Cass County, to Ernest Dover and Mary Ann Bowyer Richardson. On March 26, 1982, in Ohio, she married Fred Meade; he survives.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, with calling two hours prior, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Burial will be in Walton Cemetery.

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