

**Obituaries**

**Charles D. Paddock**



Charles D. Paddock, 94, a long time Hagerstown resident, died at his home, near Greenfield, on Monday, October 17, 2016.

He was born near Millville on March 9, 1922 to Charles M. and Lydia O. (Stonecipher) Paddock and lived most of his life in the Hagerstown area. He had resided in the Greenfield area for the past 10 years.

He was a 1940 graduate of Hagerstown High School. Charles served with the US Army during WW II and was stationed in London and Weisbaden, Germany. During that time he was active with United Nation Forces Witness Team.

An accountant, he retired from Perfect Circle / Dana Corp. after 35 years of service. Following his retirement, he was employed by the Hagerstown Exponent, Perfect Circle Credit Union and Lydia's Restaurant. He was an income tax preparer for 27 years.

He was a 55 year member of Hagerstown Optimist Club and a member of Henry County Historical Society.

Survivors include 2 children, Carol (Stephen Peck) Paddock of Indianapolis and Stephen C. Paddock of Columbia, SC; 2 grandsons, David Peck and Daniel Peck, both of Indianapolis and a sister, Mary Louise Paddock Slaughterbeck, of West Milgrove, OH.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Velma (Overman) Paddock; a daughter, Janet Sue Paddock and 4 sisters, Doris Paddock Riley, Vera Paddock Wilson Taylor, Marian Paddock Colvin and Blanche Paddock Petty.

Services were Monday, October 24, at Nettle Creek Church of the Brethren. Pastor Brian Mackie officiated with burial in Brick Cemetery.

Special thanks to the loving, caring Building Memories staff, especially the Schwering/Keele family.

Memorials may be made to Nettle Creek Church of the Brethren, P.O. Box 225, Hagerstown, IN 47346 or to Hagerstown Optimist Club, P.O. Box 137, Hagerstown, IN 47346.

Online condolences may be left at [www.culbersonfh.com](http://www.culbersonfh.com)

**Mary Edith Brown**



Mary Edith Brown, 90, a long time Hagerstown resident, died at her home in Richmond on Saturday, October 22, 2016.

She was born in Flatrock, Indiana, in Shelby County on June 2, 1926 to John and Addie Sweat. Following graduation from Kennard High School in 1944, she worked at Reiner's Grocery and Sears in New Castle. She later worked at the Delco Remy plant in Anderson and then for 27 years at Dana in Hagerstown where she was in Quality Control.

Mary married Roy W. Brown on April 30, 1949 and they were married until his death in February of 2015. Together, Mary & Roy were active for many years in politics, working hard to support candidates they believed in such as Congressman David MacIntosh. Mary was proud to have met many prominent Republicans including former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and Ohio governor John Kasich.

A born homemaker, Mary loved to sew and created many beautiful dresses for her daughter when she was a little girl and also made curtains in practically every house she lived in over the years. Mary also loved to bake and her kids remember that the large brown ceramic cookie jar in their kitchen was always filled with their mother's oatmeal, peanut butter or chocolate chip cookies for after school treats. In addition, Mary's pies were legendary, especially her amazing apple pie. She would happily share her recipes, but no one seemed to be able to make the pies half as well as Mary did. Mary also made fabulous soups, and her split pea soup and beef vegetable soup were enjoyed countless times by family and friends. At Christmas she always made Bourbon Balls, and those who

were fortunate enough to get some as a gift asked for more next Christmas. Before anyone had ever heard of Martha Stewart, Mary often purchased what seemed to be old, ruined furniture at garage sales, and through much hard work would turn used items into beautiful antiques that were admired by all who visited her home. An expert wallpaperer, Mary not only adorned walls in her own homes but was always willing to help out friends and family members by working alongside them in hanging wallpaper.

Mary took up oil painting in the early 1960s and went on to produce many paintings over the years, even selling some to friends and strangers. She loved vibrant colors, and her favorite subjects were sunflowers and farm scenes that reminded her of her childhood days.

Travel was another one of Mary's favorite things to do. Her favorite place to visit was Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, where she was always up before everyone else to walk in solitude on the beach. She also enjoyed visits to Disney World, Washington DC, New York City, New Jersey, Savannah and Baltimore with her family.

Mary also loved to play Euchre and was an avid reader until her eyesight failed her in her mid 80s.

Mary was pre-deceased by her parents, her sisters, Betty Anderson and Roberta Jay, and her husband. She is survived by her son George (Lois) of Richmond, daughter Marilyn Clark (Tom) of Cincinnati, granddaughter Julie Stewart (Jeff) of Cincinnati, grandson Brian Clark (Linda) of Cincinnati and great-grandsons Thomas, John, Daniel and Jacob Stewart. She is also survived by a step-grandson Doug Owens (Brooke) and step-great granddaughter Sydney Owens of Richmond. Mary was a firm believer in God and Jesus Christ with whom she will spend eternity.

Visitation will be 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 26, at Culberson Funeral Home, Hagerstown. Services will follow at 3:30 PM. Pastor Bob Clark will officiate. Burial will be in West Lawn Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Wounded Warrior Project.

Online condolences may be left at [www.culbersonffh.com](http://www.culbersonffh.com)

**Earl Fredrick "Fred" Johnson**

Earl Fredrick "Fred" Johnson 77 of Richmond passed away October 16, 2016 at his home after a long illness. He was born November 16, 1938 in Preble Co. Ohio, to William O. and Edna Hayslett Johnson and lived here all of his life.

He retired after 34 years from RP&L.

He served as a corporal in the Marine Corps.

He was a member of the Whitewater Valley Harley Davidson Chapter, National "HOG" Members, Richmond Lodge #196 F&AM, Scottish Right Indianapolis Valley.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years Gloria; one son Fredrick Allen (Michelle) Johnson, one daughter Christine Marie (Jeff) Ballenger, one step- daughter Tammy (Mike) Sullenbarger, three step-sons Brian Howard (Lori) Powell, James Ray (Samantha) Powell, Jerry Scott (Carla) Powell, fourteen grandchildren Catelin Aucoin, Jeffrey Ballenger, Dalton Johnson, Danielle Ames, Mason, Chloe Sullenbarger, Brant, Amanda, Jordan Powell, Jerrad Dennis, Abbie, Madyson Powell, Jamie, Christee Powell, three great grandchildren, one sister Rhea (Ed) Adams of Fountain City, three brothers William (Judy) Johnson of Richmond, David (Jessie) Johnson of Williamsburg, Edward (Leslie) Johnson of Lewisville, Texas, several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

Services were Wednesday October 19, 2016 at Stegall-Berheide-Orr Funeral Home with his friend Mike Mullins and sister in law Janice Guyette speaking. Burial will be at the convenience of the family.

Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting [www.stegallberheideorr.com](http://www.stegallberheideorr.com).

**Eldon Holcomb**

Eldon Ray Holcomb, 84, a resident of Hagerstown passed away Sunday morning, October 16, 2016 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born January 30, 1932 in Rogersville to the late Robert Glen and Bernetha L. (Houser) Holcomb.



Eldon attended Blountsville and Mooreland High Schools and was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean War. He retired from Dana Corp., Hagerstown in 1983 after 30 years of service. Eldon had also worked as a tour guide at the Wilbur Wright Birthplace for many years. An avid hunter and outdoorsman, Eldon enjoyed gardening, reading and story telling. A loving and compassionate man, he never met a stranger and especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include six children: Steve Holcomb of Hagerstown, Ed (Mary) Holcomb of New Castle, Brenda (Bruce) Berg of Mooreland, Rita Holcomb (Richard Woodall) of East Palatka, FL, Monte Holcomb of Mooreland and Mark (Cindy) Holcomb of Fairland; thirteen grandchildren, twenty five great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren; five siblings: Helen Gossage,

Norma Crandall, Dorothy Pope and Larry Holcomb, all of New Castle and Mary Lou Cartwright of Andrews; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

In addition to his parents, Eldon was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years: Barbara Ann Holcomb in 2003; a sister: Betty Fleming; brothers: Robert "Bud" and Dickie Holcomb, and an infant brother, Harold Edward Holcomb.

A memorial service was Sunday, October 23, 2016 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service in New Castle with Pastor Thomas Current officiating. Memorial contributions may be given to the New Castle Henry County Public Library, 376 S. 15th St. New Castle, IN 47362 or the Wilbur Wright Birthplace, 1525 N. County Road 750 E, Hagerstown, IN 47346.

Online condolences and memories of Eldon may be shared at [www.hinsey-brown.com](http://www.hinsey-brown.com).

**Hagerstown Library Hours**

MON: 10:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
 TUE: 10:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
 THU: 10:30 a.m. - 7:00p.m.  
 FRI: 10:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
 WED: 3:00 p.m. - 7:00pm  
 SAT: 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

*The Nettle Creek Gazette passes along our deepest sympathy for those families who have lost a loved one this past week.*

**LEGAL**  
**BOARD OF ZONING HEARING**  
 Notice is hereby given that Rickie Lee and Christine Hilling, owner of the real estate described as PT LOT 4 105.30 FT ELM ST x 72 FT HAGERSTOWN REALITY CO REPLAT, and commonly known as 203 N. Elm St., Hagerstown, Indiana 47346, has made an application to the Hagerstown Board of Zoning Appeals for a variance to build a 40' x 60' pole barn type structure garage, with porch, for personal use on said property. This building does not meet the Town of Hagerstown Zoning and Subdivision Control Ordinance, section 151.410 et seq., R-1 & R-2 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.  
 The application will be presented for Public Hearing before the Hagerstown Board of Zoning Appeals at the Hagerstown Town Hall, 49 E. College St., Hagerstown, Indiana, on Wednesday, November 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.  
 The application and related papers are on file at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer at 49 E. College St., Hagerstown, Indiana.  
 Hagerstown Board of Zoning Appeals  
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