

# Obituaries



## Lois Ruth (Marshall) Stuckey

January 31, 1926 ~ January 26, 2026

Lois Ruth Stuckey, 99, of Odon, Indiana, went to Heaven on Monday, January 26, 2026, at Ketcham Memorial Center in Odon. She was born on January 31, 1926, in Santa Ana, California to Joseph I. and Lillie L. (Inman) Marshall. Lois married her first husband, Harold Arney, on January 17, 1943. He was killed in action on August 27, 1944. Lois married her second husband, Claude 'Sam' Stuckey on May 11, 1946, he passed on September 15, 2014.

Lois was a member of the Odon Christian Church and the Odon Eastern Star. She was a homemaker and loved taking care of her home and family.

Family left to cherish the memory of Lois include one son, Terry (Carolyn) Stuckey; one daughter, Cheryl (Bill Fortune) Stuckey; grandchildren, Kara (Jeff) Wilkinson and Susan (Troy) Slaughter; four great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Lois and her husband Sam occasionally attended square dances with their daughter Cheryl

Lois was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Harold Arney; her second husband, Sam Stuckey; great-great-grandson, Kaden Krupa, and one brother, Robert Marshall.

Funeral services to honor the life of Lois was on Friday, January 30, 2026, at Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon with DJ Healy officiating. Lois will be laid to rest in Walnut Hill Cemetery in Odon.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Ketcham Memorial Center or a charity of your choice.



## Steve Lucius Addendum

Steve went down to Texas to live with his brother and family. Steve's brother died 10 days after Steve came down to live with him! Then 5 weeks later Steve died from complications due to his longstanding cancer fight. Kenny Farris and Bruce Mitchell had talked to Steve two days before he passed away.



## James R Moore Jr, MD

May 16, 1936 – January 4, 2026

James Reardon Moore, Jr., M.D., 89, passed away peacefully on January 4, 2026. He is survived by his wife, Madeleine, to whom he was married for over 65 years, his brother, William, his sons, Kenneth and Richard, and two granddaughters, Pamela and Catherine.

Jim was born on May 16, 1936, in Long Branch, NJ, to Addie Maye (“Adeline”) Cornish Moore and James Reardon Moore, Sr. He attended a one-room schoolhouse in New Jersey and spent summers with his mother’s family on a farm in Kentucky, where his favorite adventure was fossil hunting. The family moved to Arlington, VA, and famously built a 30-ton, 56-foot steel sailboat in their front yard. The completed boat was towed with police escort through the streets of DC and launched by cranes at the Naval Gun Factory. Jim graduated from Washington & Lee High School

in Arlington and attended George Washington University, where he met Madeleine. They were married in 1960. He graduated from George Washington University Medical School in 1961 and they started a family.

Jim served in the U.S. Army as a Captain, and in 1965 the family of four was stationed at the 14th Army Field Hospital in Bad Kreuznach, West Germany. While there, he and Madeleine traveled across Europe and North Africa, camping in a VW van. He developed a particular interest in pipe organs and attended organ recitals at churches across Europe. In 1968, they returned to the US, and Jim opened a private internal medicine practice in Gaithersburg, MD, near Asbury Methodist Village. As Jim’s practice grew and aged, so did his patients. He ultimately had a gerontology practice and a “guest” office at Asbury for the convenience of his many Asbury patients. After retirement in 1996, he remained connected to the medical community through activities at Shady Grove Medical Center.

Jim had lifelong passions for history, cultural anthropology, nature, geology, paleontology, and camping. He converted a Ford Econoline 150 van into a pop-top camper and drove the family on countless camping trips throughout the states, to Mexico and Central America, to the Panama Canal Zone, and to the northern terminus of the Alaska Highway. Along the way, he summited Half Dome in Yosemite, hiked into the depths of the Grand Canyon, gazed at the midnight sun from a beach on the Arctic Ocean, witnessed the great Serengeti migration, walked on the Great Wall of China, marveled at the Taj Mahal in India, cross-country skied around Old Faithful Geyser in Yellowstone, and much more.

Jim and Madeleine were members of DC area square dance clubs, including the Ferris Wheelers, and they enjoyed square dance camping. They participated in group bicycling tours in the US and Europe. They also extensively researched their respective family genealogical histories from as far back as the Norman Conquest to the present. Jim self-published several thoroughly researched dissertations chronicling the Cornish, Demaree, and Moore families. Throughout his life, Jim was the consummate amateur engineer. He tinkered with every facet of his automobiles, and he rebuilt farm tractors. He designed and constructed a pipe organ in his basement with over 1000 pipes, and built string and wind musical instruments for Madeleine.

Jim will be remembered as a devoted family man with tremendous insight, brilliant ingenuity, a passion for caring for others, and the vigor to explore life’s abundant opportunities.

A Celebration of Life for Jim is planned for May 16, 2026. For more details, please email [celebrationoflife516@gmail.com](mailto:celebrationoflife516@gmail.com). Please consider donating to Jim’s favorite organizations: [organhistoricalsociety.org](http://organhistoricalsociety.org) and [railstotrails.org](http://railstotrails.org).



## Yvonne Francine Bleistein (King)

March 23, 1934 - July 10, 2024

Yvonne F. Ansick Bleistein, loving wife, mother grandmother and great grandmother, 90, of Burke, VA, died Wednesday, July 10, 2024. She was born March 23, 1934 in Philadelphia, and later adopted at the age of 14 by William and Georgeanna King of Temple, PA. She graduated from high school and joined the Navy in June 1952 where she was stationed at Quonset Point, RI and worked on the clerical staff. She always commented on how she really loved the Navy and would have made a career of it had she not met her first husband, Fred R Ansick, Sr, also in the Navy. They married January 8, 1955, and then honorably discharged from the Navy on February 21, 1955. Waves (as they were called back then) were not allowed to be married while serving their country.

They moved to western Pennsylvania where they raised four children. Yvonne turned her love for dogs into a business. First it was Sandelwood Shelties where she bred, trained, groomed, and boarded dogs. Then when Fred Sr passed away in 1986, Yvonne made her way to the west coast and continued her passion for dogs. There she met Faye Brophy who owned a veterinary business. She went to work for Faye as the lead groomer, but this employer/employee relationship soon became a life-long friendship. Yvonne moved back to Pennsylvania in 1996 where she purchased a declining grooming/boarding business in Freeburg, PA. She quickly built this business into a flourishing business that included retail, training, and breeding (Shetland Sheepdogs).

In 2003, her sons finally convinced her to retire from the grueling business and move to Manassas, VA but Yvonne could not get her love for dogs out of her system. She turned her home into a makeshift kennel and continued to board, groom, train, and breed (Shelties of course) dogs and continued this part-time business well into her eighties.

In September 2005 she married Harry E. Bleistein, who both had a passion for square dancing. Harry was not a dog person, but he soon became one. He had no choice if he was to live with Yvonne. They had several Shelties, many at the same time, along with all the numerous boarders that they would tend to for their clients. Yvonne was well-known in the area for her absolute love of animals.

She was preceded in death by both her husbands, Fred Ansick, Sr and Harry E. Bleistein, infant son Jeffrey Michael Ansick, and her daughter, Georgeanna Louise Ferry. She is survived by 3 sons, Fred and Elaine Ansick (Clifton VA), Doug and Lori Ansick (Greensburg) and Chris Ansick (Del Rio TX), stepdaughter Sue Bleistein (Springfield VA), 6 grandchildren, Chad Frye (New York), Tina Frye (Latrobe), Michaela Ferry (Latrobe), Doug Raymond Ansick (Greensburg), Cori Ansick (Port Saint Lucie FL), Michelle Ansick (Uvalde TX), 4 great-grandchildren, Jasmin Farabaugh (Latrobe), Jillian Wisneski (Latrobe) and Weston and Isla Rae Ansick (Greensburg).

Yvonne and the family requested donations be made to The Humane Society of Westmoreland County, PO Box 1552, Greensburg PA 15601 (<http://www.westmorelandhumanesociety.com/support-us/>), Action for Animals, PO Box 814 Latrobe PA 15650 (<http://www.afashelter.org/donate/memory-honor/>) or Paws Across Pittsburgh 346 Orchard Street, Springdale, Pa. 15144 (<https://www.pawsacrosspittsburgh.com/donate>). All three are 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations for the benefit of animals. May she forever rest in peace, and I am sure there are many dogs in heaven that are happy to see her again!



## Roger S. Hicks

February 21, 1938 - January 9, 2026

Roger S. Hicks, 87, of Eldersburg passed away on Friday, January 9, 2026 at BridgingLife Dove House.

Born February 21, 1938 in Jersey City, New Jersey he was the son of the late William and Alice (Stevenson) Hicks. He was the loving husband of Patricia Ann Hicks, his wife of 68 years.

Roger was employed for the Social Security Administration, where he worked as an actuary for 39 years, until retiring in 2000. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed bowling and playing card games with friends.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter Lyla Lorraine Taylor and husband Brian Whalley; niece Renee O'Connell; and several other nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by daughter Dawn Marie Hicks, and was the last surviving of his immediate family.

Roger and Pat Hicks were long time members of Four County Squares and acted in many roles. More recently you will remember Pat as taking the money at their dances and classes.

It was only last August they stopped dancing.

"I remember Roger as the smiling welcoming face at Four Counties Square Dancing club. He was always there to greet us at the door with a smile and a hug. He was also a superb Squaredancer." Laura Vykol and Matt Steinbach.

