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## Anne Roelli

Sometimes we are lucky enough to be touched by a very special person. That person was Anne Elizabeth Roelli, 88, Darlington, who passed away Nov. 6, 2007 at Lafayette Manor Darlington.

She was born in the southern Indiana town of Orleans on May 3, 1919, the daughter of Lee and Mary (Endwright) Johnson. After her father passed away, Anne had the opportunity to live with her wonderful grandparents, Maurice and Minnie Endwright; her brothers, Maurice Johnson and John Endwright; and her aunts, Edith, Grace and Jane Endwright.

After graduating from Orleans High School, Anne went to college at Indiana University, Bloomington, where she received bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing. Nurses were required to work for the war effort during World War II, and she traveled to Los Alamos, N.M., to work in the hospital.

While living there she attended a church meeting and met Edwin Roelli, the love of her life for over 60 years. They were married on March 26, 1946 in Morrison, Ill., and devoted their lives to each other.

They then moved to the Wright Farm in rural Shullsburg to work as tenant farmers until 1961, when they purchased their home farm in rural Darlington.

Anne raised four children in a very happy home and was an exceptional wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, mother-in-law, neighbor and friend. She taught us the value of being a Christian and devoted time to teach lessons of the Bible to young and old alike, touching many hearts in the community. Her kindness and gentleness will never be forgotten by those who were lucky enough to know her.



Her family loved her delicious food, Christmas Eve celebrations, family gatherings, stories, games of crazy eights, Easter Egg Hunts and cider making. Thanks, Mother Dear and Grandma.

Anne also worked as an accountant for the family farm, Roelli Reliable Realty and Roelli Fertilizer and Chemical Business. Anne and Edwin traveled to many foreign countries and had the opportunity to meet Mother Theresa twice.

Anne was a member of the Shullsburg Order of the Eastern Star Lodge, a confirmation teacher and former member of the United Church of Christ and a member of the First Baptist Church of Darlington.

She is survived by her children: Steve (Kathy) Roelli, Platteville; Greg (Mary Ann) Roelli and Richard (Dawn) Roelli, both of rural Darlington; Debra Hampton, Jacksonville, Fla.; eight grandchildren: Jane (David) Fetty, John (Rhonda) Roelli, Emily (Werner) Britz, Alex (Alyssa) Roelli, Sarah Roelli, Matthew (fiancé Eryn Sawyer) Roelli, PFC Jakob Roelli and Nicole Hampton; and a great-granddaughter, Mary Jane Elizabeth Britz. Anne was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin, on Oct. 26, 2006; a daughter at birth; her parents, grandparents, brothers, aunts and a special father-in-law and mother-in-law, Adolf and Hulda Roelli.

A celebration of Anne's life was held Nov. 10, 2007 at the First Baptist Church, Darlington. The Rev. Nate Whiteside officiated. Burial was at Union Grove Cemetery, Darlington. For those who prefer, memorials may be given to the Lafayette Manor Auxiliary. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.ericksonfuneralhome.com](http://www.ericksonfuneralhome.com).

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## Lenice Bell

Lenice F. Bell, 74, Darlington, died on Saturday, March 4, 1989, at the Finley Hospital, Dubuque, Iowa.

The former Lenice Freda Schult was born in Kendall Township on June 2, 1914, the daughter of Fred and Christine (Berneman) Schult. She had been employed by the Darlington Hotel, Galle Restaurant in Mineral Point, and Borg Manufacturing, formerly of Darlington.

She was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Darlington, the Darlington Country Club, the Memorial Hospital Guild of Lafayette County, and the Council of Catholic Women.

Lenice married Leo Doyle in 1932. Their children include: Melvin (Sandy) Doyle, Fort Worth, Texas, Mary (Roland) Miller, Floodwood, Minn., Lester E. (Dot) Doyle, Bristol, Ind., and Margaret (Robert) Purkapile, Evansville.

She married Walter "Shorty" Bell in 1957. They had a daughter, Beverly (John) Dunbar, Tomah. She is also survived by a step-son, Bernard (Jan) Bell, Evergreen, Colo.; twenty-five grandchildren; and fifteen great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 7, at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Darlington. Father Clarence Koch officiated. Burial was at Union Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Shane Miller, Timothy Doyle, Kenneth Miller, Patrick Doyle, Richard Purkapile, and Robert Purkapile, Jr.

The Steil-Camacho Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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## Burnette Olmstead

Burnette A. Olmstead, 63, Shullsburg, died Oct. 30, 2007 at Memorial Hospital of Kiffo. Burnette later married Roseann Boyles on Aug. 28, 1981 at Apple River United Methodist Church.

He farmed for a number of years. Burnette worked in Monroe at Moore Business Forms,

He is survived by his wife, Roseann; four children: Leonard Olmstead, Jacksonville, Point; and Lavon (Orville "Fitz") Fitzgerald, Columbia, S.C. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Ardith Witches.

Funeral services were held Nov. 2, 2007 at the O'Flaherty-Erickson Funeral Home,

and then at Dove Paper Company. The Rev. Nate Whiteside officiated. Burial was at Union Grove Cemetery, Darlington. For those who prefer, memorials may be given to the Lafayette Manor Auxiliary. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.ericksonfuneralhome.com](http://www.ericksonfuneralhome.com).

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Burnette was a volunteer escort driver for Lafayette County. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Shullsburg. The Rev. Brenda Whitford of Centenary United Methodist Church Shullsburg, officiated.

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