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## 2011 Indiana Broadcast Pioneers Hall of Fame



The Richard M. Fairbanks Indiana Broadcast Pioneers Hall of Fame inducted nine new members to its Honor Roll of distinguished broadcasters on October 3, 2011 at the Fountains in Carmel, Indiana. The annual award honors the outstanding



Pres. Dick Florea

The executive committee of the Pioneer organization and the Indiana Broadcasters Association selected eight broadcasters to be the 2011 honorees. The IBA also honored Jeff Smulyan with the "Lifetime Achievement Award. Pioneer President Dick Florea moderated the event and video clips, produced by "DreamVision", highlighted the career and achievements of

**Joe Angotti**, Gary Indiana, worked at his dad's bakery delivering the pastry to the local steel mills. While attending IU, he was the first student news director of WFIU and earned the first graduate degree ever awarded at IU in radio and television. After stints at Louisville's WHAS and Chicago's WMAQ, he was promoted to New York where he was named Senior V.P. of the NBC News division and Executive Producer of NBC Nightly News. From 1993-1998, he taught broadcast journalism at the University of Miami School of Communication. In 1999, he was named professor and chair of the broadcast program at the School of Journalism at Northwestern University and is now Visiting Distinguished Professor in Communication at Monmouth University.



**Ken Beckley** was a broadcast journalist for 14 years with stints at Terre Haute's WTHI-TV, Asheville, North Carolina's WLOS-TV and Indianapolis' WRTV-TV. It was at WRTV in 1970 when he and Howard Caldwell were pioneers, as one of Indiana's first dual-anchor teams. He became the station's first executive news producer in 1976. From 1977 - 1983, he served as IUPUI's first Director of University Relations. During an 18-year career with H.H. Gregg, he served as Executive Vice President and was the public face and voice on all the firm's broadcast commercials. From 2002 - 2007, he was President and CEO of the Indiana University Alumni Association. He served as vice-president of the Indianapolis Press Club and president of the Indiana Broadcast Pioneers.

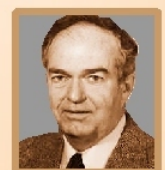


**Rick Cummings**, from Cloverdale, became Emmis Broadcasting's first program director in 1981, at WENS-FM, 97.1.

In 1984, he was named Emmis' National Program Director, launching KPWR in Los Angeles, followed by WQHT in New York, and then the country's first all-sports station, WFAN in New York. In 2002, he became President of the Radio Division of Emmis Communications, overseeing more than 20 radio stations. In 2008, he became President of Programming for Emmis' domestic radio group.



**John DeCamp**, from Kendallville, earned his electrical engineering degree at Purdue University, and was a student announcer at Purdue's radio station WBAA and later became its Program Director in 1946, then Station Manager from 1960-75. From there he became Director of Sports Promotions, for Purdue's Athletic Department. He retired from that position in 1986 after a 43 year career as the "Voice of Purdue". In 1964, he was hired as Chief Statistician for the Indy 500 Radio Network and held that position for thirty two years. DeCamp died December 5, 2003.





**Bob “Swoop” McLain**, from Chicago and as a kid, watched his hero Harry Volkman on television. Volkman is known for being the first weatherman to issue a tornado warning. McLain majored in meteorology and minored in Radio/TV at the University of Wisconsin in Madison where he did a weekly weather program on the campus TV station. In 1967, he became a weather officer in the Navy. His first commercial TV weather job was at WKZO, Kalamazoo, Michigan. And in May, 1972, he became a TV meteorologist at WFBM-TV, (WRTV), staying until 2002.



At the University of Arkansas in Little Rock, **Don Payne** worked at radio stations KAAY and KLPO. While attending Purdue University's School of Engineering, he worked at WZUS and WAZY in Lafayette. He was a trained engineer but was also an on-air personality on WZPL in Indianapolis and WAZY in Lafayette simultaneously. After working as Director of Engineering for WKRQ in Cincinnati, he returned to Indianapolis to be Chief Engineer for Radio One's one television and four radio stations. Payne died on December 12, 2010.



Born and raised on Indianapolis' Eastside, **Joe Piggott (Pickett)** began his broadcasting career in Logansport in 1951. His four decade long career had stops in New Albany, Columbus, St. Louis, Cincinnati and West Palm Beach, Florida. In Indianapolis, he was on the air at WXLW, WIBC and WFBM. In the early 60's, he teamed with Glenn Webber of WFBM for the "Pickett-Webber Thing," a top-rated morning program which was one of the city's all-time best talk radio programs.



**Chuck Workman** grew up in Indianapolis and as a teen, he frequented the legendary jazz clubs along Indiana Avenue. In 1967 he went to work as the Music Director for WTLC FM. He officially became a broadcaster when he worked at the WTLC in the Dearborn Hotel. In 1969 he joined WTTV as a sportscaster, and in 1974 he became the first African American Sports Director in the state. In 1980 he became Director of Public Affairs at the station and also began hosting a jazz program at WIAN FM. Over the years he has hosted jazz programs on WFYI FM and WTPI FM. He is currently on WICR FM, where he hosts a weekly jazz program.



## Indiana Broadcasters Association Lifetime Achievement Award.

This annual award, created in 2006, recognizes individuals for especially meritorious service, contributions to or achievements in the field of broadcasting in Indiana over the course of a career. This is the Indiana Broadcasters Association highest honor and is presented to an Indiana broadcaster whose work is unusually beneficial and of superior value to their community and to the Association.

**Jeff Smulyan**, Chairman and CEO of Emmis Communications, has been a radio industry leader for decades, through the Indiana Broadcasters Association and the National Association of Broadcasters in Washington. Smulyan, the founder of Indianapolis based Emmis Communications, has grown the company from one station in Shelbyville, Indiana, to one of the top radio operators in the country, with a portfolio of 21 radio stations from L.A. to Chicago. Emmis is the 8th largest publicly traded radio group in the U.S. based on total listeners.







# First Ladies of Broadcasting



Faith Levitt

Kay Field

Kit Kreuger

Ann Wagner Harper

If you missed this one you missed a lot of broadcast history and a lot of laughs. All four participants shared their memories of the early years of broadcasting with stories of inexperience, comical incidents and low pay. Angela Cain, WTHR, led the group through a discussion of their memories of a time when the business was new and the women were few. The credentials of these pioneers speak for themselves.

**Ann Wagner Harper** worked on radio at WHAS in Louisville while she was still a student at the University of Louisville in 1944. She later moved to Indianapolis and WFBM-TV and in 1949 became the first woman to sing on television in Indiana. (Circle B Ranch show.) In 1951 she became the first woman disc jockey in Indiana (Make Music Mine program) on WFBM. When she left Broadcasting she finished her degrees and taught at Butler University in the Radio-TV Department. She became the Chair of the Department before her retirement.

**Kay Field** was a vocalist with Big Bands...she got a job on Channel 6, WFBM, by calling and asking if they needed a singer. They did. She performed on the program "Harmony Hotel". In 1954 Kay moved to WISH TV as the first "weather girl". She had no experience but took the job. She worked there from 1954 to 1967.

**Faith Levitt** studied TV at Western Reserve University in Cleveland before there was even TV available over the air there. She graduated in 1949 and did commercials on the first Cleveland station to go on the air. In Indianapolis, she went to work at WISH as women's director from 1963 to 1971. She was told to keep to women's topics...sewing and cooking...she didn't. She included topics such as teen pregnancy and birth control and along the way interviewed many stars of movies, TV and stage.

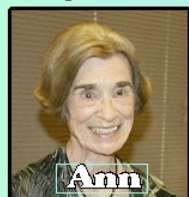
**Kit Kreuger**, Kay's daughter, was Miss Indiana in 1968 and 4th runnerup in the Miss America Pageant. She followed in her mother's footsteps in the mid 1970's when she became the host of the afternoon movies on WISH TV. She then added the job of weekend weather. She also appeared in commercials and hosted public service programs for the station.



L to R, Panelists Kit Kreuger, Ann Wagner Harper and moderator Angela Cain



Linda Lupear, who produced the event shares a laugh with Pioneer President Dick Florea



Ann

Attended early national D.J. convention of 1600 people. She was the only female.



Faith

Introduced controversial topics. Hired after asking why there were no women in News.



Kay

First weather person for WISH TV. At one point wrote temperatures backwards from behind a glass map



Kit

Offered weekend weather position for \$20.00 a show. Said, "I'll do it for \$25.00!"



## HOF Pioneer Morry Mannies to Retire

It was September 1956 and Elvis Presley appeared on the "Ed Sullivan Show" that month, but it also marked the beginning of Morry Mannies' career of broadcasting Ball State athletics. And now, after 55 years on the job, the "Voice of the Cardinals" announced Thursday he will retire after the 2011-12 Ball State basketball season.



Morry Mannies

Mannies came to Muncie in the fall of 1956 as a freshman out of Peru High School. He had a love of radio and a love of sports. The two passions merged in Muncie and he never left his alma mater.

He graduated from Ball State in 1960 and earned a master's degree in 1964 from the university. He began a teaching career with Muncie Community Schools in the early 1960s, but eventually found his niche in the insurance business. He continued to broadcast Ball State and Muncie-area high school games and is regarded as an institution in east-central Indiana.

Throughout his broadcasting career, Mannies broadcast more than 5,500 Ball State and high school football and basketball games and logged more than 30,000 hours behind the microphone for WLBC/WXFN Radio.

Mannies is a three-time winner of the Indiana Sportscaster of the Year Award and a three-time recipient of the Mid-American Conference Sportscaster of the Year honor.

Mannies has been inducted into these Hall of Fames — Indiana Broadcast Pioneers, MAC, Ball State Athletics, Indiana Basketball, Indiana Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association and Delaware County. A recipient of the Ball State Alumni Association's Beneficence Award in 1985, Mannies was awarded the Alumni Association's highest honor when he received a Distinguished Alumni Award in 2005.

"Morry is a legend in the world of broadcasting," former Ball State football coach Bill Lynch said. "He is the consummate professional and was a joy to work with in my time at Ball State. Nobody can do what he has done for that long of a period of time without dedication and a love for the university. When you talk about Ball State athletics, there is no person more synonymous with its history than Morry."

## Pioneer Projects

The Pioneer executive committee met November 3, to discuss and review the 2011 Hall of Fame event. The group also addressed possible topics for our next luncheon event. Several options were discussed before the committee decided to showcase local photographers from the early years of television news. Reid Duffy, WRTV, and Lee Giles, WISH TV, will produce the program. Details will follow in a mailer to Pioneer members and also in the February newsletter.



### Web site update:

Pioneer Vice President Joe Misiewicz and students from Ball State University are continuing their effort to build a new web site for our organization. The goal is to increase capacity to allow more information to be posted and would also offer the ability to include some video segments. The site is still under construction but does have the "Home Page" and some links that are operable. Our goal of archiving the rich broadcasting history of the state of Indiana remains the same and this new effort will allow us to add to the site as we acquire more information and audio/video clips.



Dr. Joe



In other "Dr. Joe" news, he will be joining the Indiana Broadcasters Association staff on a part-time basis. He will also leave their Board as he begins to oversee the IBA Scholarship program, IBA Newsletter, their Website, and will be the liaison for the IBA and Pioneers organizations. He retires from Ball State in May and will add additional IBA duties at that time.



## WGBF, Evansville

WGBF AM in Evansville, Indiana, first broadcast was in 1923, and became a licensed facility in 1925. J.C. Kerlin arrived in 1937 and Cliff Brooks was hired in



J.C. Kerlin

1941. Both were former newspapermen and followed nearly identical paths into the still new world of local radio. Kerlin spent 24 years at local newspapers working his way up from police reporter to Sunday editor and

Tri-State editor. Brooks came from the Evansville Press where he had been editor of the Sunday Courier and Press. In addition to doing news for WGBF Brooks was the voice of "Talk of Our Town", a program he developed a highly popular 15 minute evening program with a summary of local events and happenings around Evansville. He had a long and successful career for 27 years until in August of 1968 he suffered a stroke during a news conference at the Evansville City Hall. He died on the scene.



Cliff Brooks

Kerlin, who became known as "Dean of Tri-State newsmen", was a the host for the WGBF morning program "What Goes on Here?" The broadcast was a blend of news, commentary and personal observations on local issues. The program ended in 1975 when Kerlin retired from WGBF after more than 30 on the air. He died in April of 1992 at the age of 91.

The endowment these men left behind for the city of Evansville and for broadcast radio is a treasure.

Housed on the second floor of Willard Library in Evansville is a Radio Scripts index. The first group of scripts is from Brooks' program "Our Town," from October 29, 1941, to December 31, 1949. The second group of scripts, dating from January 11, 1966, through December 31, 1974, is from the program Kerlin' program "What Goes On Here." The scripts contain the names of individuals who were mentioned in news programs written and aired by the two men and contain the names of others who were mentioned in their news programs. Many of the people cited in the scripts were local politicians, accident victims, or criminals, but occasionally "ordinary" citizens were mentioned as well, especially those active in civic or school affairs. After Pearl Harbor was attacked, news about rationing, selling war bonds, housing, entertaining troops, and other war-related issues add to the history and legacy of Indiana "Pioneer" broadcasting.

## Death Notices

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**Robert "Bob" Edwards** died March 23, 2011. Bob grew up in Louisville, Ky.. He went to the University of Louisville and began his radio career at a small station in New Albany, IN., where he dee-jayed, covered the news, sold ads, and even fixed the plumbing. In the Army, he produced and anchored TV and radio news programs for the American Forces Korea Network (AFKN) in Seoul. After his service Edwards moved to Washington, D.C., where he worked as a weekend and evening anchorman for WTOP-AM, a CBS affiliate. At the same time, he was earning a master's degree in broadcast journalism from American University.



Bob Edwards

Edwards joined NPR in February 1974 when the organization was in its infancy. His first job was as associate producer for news. That made him NPR's only newscaster. Later, he became co-host of NPR's flagship evening news program, All Things Considered. Then in 1979, NPR executives borrowed him from that show for "a couple of weeks" to help launch a new morning program. Bob never made it back to the evening newsmagazine. For three decades, from the hostage crisis in Iran to Sept. 11 to the warfare in Iraq, Edwards gave his insight, perspective and companionship. Morning Edition became the most-listened-to program in public radio. Over the years, Edwards conducted more than 20,000 interviews, with everyone from President Clinton to Hans Blix to Johnny Cash.

For longtime NPR listeners, Bob's weekly conversations with Red Barber are legendary. In 1981, the former Brooklyn Dodgers radio announcer came out of retirement and made his debut with Bob on Morning Edition. Red and Bob talked about everything from human nature to the springtime camellias in Red's backyard. Edwards and Morning Edition have earned dozens of awards including a George Foster Peabody Award. In the award notification, the Peabody committee described the program as "two hours of daily in-depth news and entertainment expertly helmed by a man who embodies the essence of excellence in radio."

Edwards also received the Edward R. Murrow Award, two Gabriel Awards, the Alfred L. duPont Award, and was national vice president of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists. Edwards left NPR in 2004 to work as a host for XM Satellite Radio.

### Death Notices Continued

**Michael Jonathan Corken 78**, of Indianapolis,



**f Mike Corken**

passed away on August 28, 2011. Born in Rock Island, Illinois. He attended Alleman High School where he excelled as a football quarterback,

forward on the basketball team and pitcher on the baseball team. While in high school, Mike was offered a try-out with the St. Louis Browns professional baseball team.

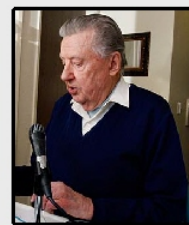
In 2001, he was inducted into the Alleman High School Hall of Fame. Mike was a graduate of Notre Dame University and a veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He had a twenty-six year career in the television industry, working as a Vice President, General Manager of WNYT-TV in Albany, N.Y., and WDSU-TV in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mike retired in 1995 as the Vice President, General Manager of WTHR-TV in Indianapolis. Through his work, Mike championed many causes, including Big Brothers, Big Sisters and the Special Olympics.

He was also past President of the Indiana Association of Broadcasters. In retirement, Mike was active in his church, Our Lady of Mount Carmel and was an avid golfer and long-time member of Crooked Stick Golf Club. He is survived by his loving wife of fifty-seven years, Jacqueline Marguerite, nine grateful children, Michael, Kevin, John, Cathleen, Daniel, Patrick, Timothy, Mary Kelley and Colleen, fourteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren.



**Ward C. Glenn** died October 7, 2011 in Carmichael, California. He graduated from Shortridge High School in 1937 and started his radio career at WIRE in Indianapolis in 1939, with Wally Nehrling and Tom Carnegie. In 1950, he became Program Director for KEAR, an all classical music station in San Francisco.



**Ward Glenn**

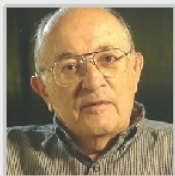
At the time he started there was no song called 'Moon River,' " Glenn told friends, "I got the feeling that Mancini came up with the song title based on the poetry show. "That poetry program first aired from a Cincinnati radio station during the 1930s. It was a 30-minute segment that ran until the midnight signoff of "The Star-Spangled Banner." The format included poetry readings mixed with the singing of Rosemary Clooney. After the show was canceled, Glenn went to work as program director for WKMO in Kokomo, Indiana and persuaded the station to allow him to host and broadcast "Moon River" from a local church. I didn't care for the singing background, no offense to Clooney, so I just added the music of an organist to accompany the poetry."

After moving to San Francisco in 1959, Glenn worked in several capacities in the broadcasting business, including producing classical music programs. But he's always had a soft spot for poetry. In 1987, Ward moved to Napa Valley and wrote a weekly column for the Napa Valley Register. Then in December of last year, Ward got a new gig with Sonoma Station KSVY (91.3 FM), where he essentially went back to his old format of "Moon River", the program he created and hosted on and off for more than sixty years." His dedication to classical music in the Bay Area was singled out by The Bay Area Radio Hall of Fame.

Survivors include daughter, Suzette Murphy; brother, Richard Glenn; sisters, Mary Sharpe and Henrietta Baldauf. He was preceded in death by two daughters, Monica Glenn and Lurana Horn and grandson Robbie Murphy.



Veteran broadcaster **Harry J. Kevorkian, 82**, of Granger,



HarryKevorkian

passed away October 9, 2011 at Hospice House, in South Bend, following a brief illness. Born Aug. 14, 1929, in Chicago, Harry was the son of the late Kachadoor and Paroos (Sahagian) Kevorkian, Armenian immigrants who fled Turkey to escape the Armenian genocide. Harry was proud of his heritage and his parents' sacrifices to make a better life in America. He grew up in a mixed immigrant neighborhood where he developed his love of different cuisines and cultures. Harry graduated from Wright Junior College in Chicago and served in the Air Force, including 18 months in Morocco. Later, he earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois, where he would meet his future wife, Joyce Caroline Damron, who survives. A voracious reader, Harry loved literature and the English language. He enjoyed playing with words, and affectionately dubbed his wife "Funny Duck," a loving nickname that he used for 53 years of marriage. He enjoyed theater, music and the arts, and traveled extensively with family and friends. Always a quick wit, Harry enjoyed a good joke and, with a twinkle in his eye, often delivered hilarious one-liners. Besides Joyce, he is also survived by his son, Raiman Kevorkian of Swampscott, Mass.; two daughters, Virginia "Ginny" (Bruce Harris) Kevorkian of Granger and Melissa "Missy" (Jack Fields) Kevorkian of West Harrison, Indiana. Harry started in the news business at the age of 14 as an ad runner for the Chicago Sun Times. He worked as a radio newscaster in Roanoke, Va., before moving to South Bend to join WSBT. He earned his master's degree in communications from Notre Dame. He later worked as a political reporter for WISH-TV in Indianapolis before returning to South Bend in 1967 to become news director of WNDU-TV. For more than 25 years, he worked for WNDU as a newscaster, assignment editor, news director and public affairs director. He retired from the station in 1993 as vice president for education and administration. His love for education was lifelong. He helped to establish WNDU's broadcast education program at Notre Dame in 1976 and taught broadcast courses there.

Harry received many broadcasting and community awards including the Exemplar Award. He was past president of the Indiana Broadcasters Association and a charter member of the local Sigma Delta Chi chapter, a professional journalism organization. He was co-founder of PGL, the Pathetic Golf League, which now has more than 40 members. Harry was recognized extensively for his contributions, to various South Bend organizations.

**John Manahan Siemer 89**, died Sunday September 18 in



Fort Wayne, Indiana. Siemer, thrilled a generation of baby boomers as weekday kids' show host "Engineer John" on local television station WKJG, Channel 33. Siemer began working for WKJG when it began broadcasting in fall 1953, the first local TV station to broadcast in Fort Wayne. He started as a staff announcer, which meant he did news, station breaks and some of the live commercials.

The next year, Siemer took on the duty of Engineer John, slipping into overalls, a train engineer's cap and tying a kerchief around his neck. At that time, all local TV programming was done live, Fritze said. "It was fun because it was live, and you couldn't do it over." For example, to create the illusion Engineer John was steaming away in his train as he signed off each program, the crew moved the camera while Siemer sat in a mock up train engine. If the camera happened to hit a bump in the floor while rolling away from Siemer, it looked like the whole train jumped.

The first few years of the live, weekday morning children's show was called "Cartoon Express with Engineer John" and later renamed "The Engineer John Show." The two programs still hold warm memories for many local people who grew up in the late 1950s and 1960s.

Pioneer president Dick Florea, a retired WKJG news anchor who worked with Siemer said, "To some degree, it's got to be that era of television -- very exciting for people. The TV medium still was relatively new in Fort Wayne, and part of the fun was being on TV." Florea added, "Siemer had a great demeanor on and off the air. He was quite gentlemanly, I always thought." Off the air, Siemer also made many appearances as Engineer John at special events and at schools. "He was good with children, and it came across," said Paul Fritze, who worked as a technician at WKJG.

Siemer always talked to children about safety and being good. After "The Engineer John Show" ended, Siemer moved into TV advertising sales until his retirement in 1989. Siemer played Engineer John from 1954-1971 and authored the "History of Fort Wayne and Allen County."

**Richard W. "Dick" Long, 85**, a veteran broadcaster died October 15, 2011 after a battle with Alzheimer's Disease and cancer. Dick was born in Barnard, IN. He graduated from Ladoga High School in 1944 and enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving as a Radioman. Dick graduated from Wabash College in 1950 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech and English.



Dick Long

During his last two years at Wabash, he worked full time as an announcer at WFMU-FM, owned by the Crawfordsville Journal-Review. He moved to Lafayette in 1951 to work as an announcer at WASK where he met Jane Ransom, also an employee at WASK, and they were married in 1952. A local TV pioneer, Dick served as Program Director of Lafayette's new television station, WFAM-TV, Channel 59 which went on the air in June 1953. He delivered the first on-air live television newscasts in Lafayette. Later he helped put WAZY on the air in 1959, serving as Commercial Manager. In 1961 Sarkes Tarzian acquired WFAM-TV and converted it to Channel 18. Dick served as General Manager until 1970, the call letters were changed to WLFI-TV in 1967. He also worked in broadcasting at WCKY, Cincinnati, and WAYT-AM in Wabash, and KQAQ-AM in Austin, Minnesota. Later Dick was an account executive with Faber Advertising Agency in Minneapolis. He returned to Lafayette in 1980 and held positions as Regional and Local Sales Manager at TV/18 until he retired in 1992.

**Arthur "Art" Van Allen, 81**, died October 19, 2011. He was responsible for bringing National Public Radio to Indianapolis and was manager of FM station WIAN, owned by Indianapolis Public Schools. Located at Shortridge High School, it broadcast instructional programs for IPS classrooms and provided broadcast experience to Shortridge students. In 1963, he extended the programming for a general audience that included IPS football and basketball games and concerts by IPS music groups. In 1970, WIAN moved to the Center for Instructional Radio and Television. At the time WIAN moved, NPR formed and 89 stations applied for membership. Most were primarily colleges and universities. As a result, not all major metropolitan areas, including Indianapolis, had stations. Art then discovered that CPB was providing special grants to stations allowing them to meet the requirements for membership. He wrote a proposal to the CPB, and WIAN was awarded a grant in 1971, on the same day that NPR began its programming. Art was involved in many of the programs on the station. He was host of Art with Jazz and provided color commentary when WIAN broadcast home and away IUPUI basketball games. He also produced a program titled "The Mighty Wurlitzer Plays Again" from the Paramount Music Palace, and produced the NPR broadcasts of the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis which were distributed nationally. By 1986, WIAN was a 24-hour-a-day station. In December of that year the station was sold to Indianapolis Public Television, and its call letters were changed to WFYI-FM. With the sale of the station, Art took early retirement from IPS and then taught writing in the English department of IUPUI. He retired from IUPUI in 1994.



Art Van Allen

**Beatrice I. VanDeventer 84**,

Greenwood, passed away August 29, 2011.

She was employed 14 years at McGraw Hill Broadcasting retiring in 1988 as



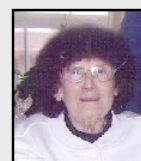
Bea VanDeventer

an accounting manager. She was a charter member of Worship Center of Indianapolis and 25 year member of American Business Women's Association. She was born October 20, 1926 in Indianapolis to the late Ernest and Viola Whitson Dobbs. Beatrice married Robert "Bud" VanDeventer on June 2, 1946 in Indianapolis and he preceded her in death on March 15, 2005.

**Irma L. White 81**, of Plainfield, passed away

August 23, 2011.

She was born January 25, 1930 in



Irma L. White

Stilesville to the late Kenneth and Geraldine Edwards. For almost 40 years Irma had been the radio voice in Hendricks County, working for WJMK in Plainfield and WGRT in Danville. She later worked for WQFE in Brownsburg. Irma was also the advertising manager for The Messenger in Plainfield.

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