

In Remembrance

Lancaster High School, Lancaster, Ohio, Class of 1925 Remembrance Section of Class Directory

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Classmates – Classmates are included as we learn about them.

Images – Images are from a 1925 Mirage yearbook. Current images are included when available.

Dates – Dates are included from the Social Security Death Index or obituaries when available.

Obituaries – Obituaries are included when available. In many cases they are the source for adding a Classmate and provide verification that information contained here is correct.



Dwight L. Kane

Lancaster, Ohio

15 Nov 1905 - 30 Jan 2005

Dwight L. Kane, age 99 of Lancaster died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2005 at the LanFair Center.

Dwight was an outstanding track athlete and was a member of the U.S. Olympic team in 1928. He had a masters degree in education and was principal at West School and the first principal at General Sherman Junior High School. He was elected to the Ohio Wesleyan University Hall of Fame and was one of the first inducted into the Lancaster High School Alumni Hall of Fame. The Dwight Kane Relays were established in his honor in 1968. Dwight was a member and past presiding officer of Lancaster Lodge 57 F&AM; Lancaster Chapter 11 R.A.M., Lancaster Council 3 R.&S.M., and Lancaster Commandery 2, K.T. earning him the title of Knight of the York Cross of Honour in Ohio Priory 18. He served the Grand Chapter R.A.M. as Deputy Grand High Priest and later became the Grand

High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1971, and earning the title Knight of the York Grand Cross of Honour. He served as Worthy Patron of M.Z. Kreider Chapter 145, Order of Eastern Star in 1956 with his wife, Merle and was co-sponsor of Lancaster Assembly 117, Order of Rainbow for Girls.

He was a member of the Valley of Columbus, A.A.S.R., and received the Honorary 33rd degree in 1974.

He was a member of Aladdin Temple Shrine, Columbus, Red Cross of Constantine and Allied Masonic Degrees and Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests. He received the Honorary Legion of Honor, Order of the DeMolay in 1972.

He was a member of the Sixth Avenue United Methodist Church and was a member of the Lancaster Kiwanis Club since 1948 serving as president in 1954; and established the first Key Club at Lancaster High School in 1953. Dwight and Merle spent many years in square dancing groups and made many friends all over the country.

He was also a member of the American Red Cross and was chairman of the local Selective service board from 1967 to 1975.

He was a loving uncle to niece and husband, Dotty and Paul Jassogne, Lancaster; nieces: Rosemary Payne, Goshen, Ind., Virginia (Carl) Fauble, Deland, Fla. and Caroline Kane, Deland, Fla.; nephews: Robert Briggs, Fla.; Gene (Betty) Briggs and Dale (Penny) Briggs, both of Goshen, Ind.; several great nieces and great nephews; special friend, Dan Acton, Lancaster.

The family gives special thanks for the kindness and care of Dr. Ralph Romaker and the caring staffs at Rockmill and LanFair Rehab Centers.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Merle Kane, two brothers and two sisters.

Caring Cremation has taken place and no calling hours will be observed.

A memorial service will be held later and announced by the Frank E. Smith Funeral Home and Crematory, Lancaster. Memorials may be given to the Sixth Ave. United Methodist Church, Lancaster Kiwanis or the Lancaster Masonic Temple in Dwight's memory.

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In Remembrance



Oleta R. (Rider) Koch

Lancaster, Ohio

13 May 1908 – 8 Jan 2001

Oleta R. Koch, 92, Lancaster, formerly of Rockbridge, died Monday, Jan. 8, 2001 at Sunbridge-Homestead Nursing Home.

She was born in Rockbridge on May 13, 1908, to the late John F. Rider and Jennie Anderson Rider.

She was a 1925 graduate of Lancaster High School, a member of the Rockbridge United Methodist Women's Group of the Church, Venus Chapter 76 of OES of Logan, and a longtime member of the former Rockbridge Variety Club.

Survivors are son, Dale W. (Elaine) Koch of Lynchburg, Va.; Mrs. John M. (Nolene K.) Kelley of Lancaster; daughter, Virginia L. Koch of Pickerington; six grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; five great-step-grandchildren; and son-in-law, Harold E. Miller of Lancaster.

She was preceded in death by parents; husband, Wilmon "Nick"

Koch, who passed away Aug. 16, 1980; and daughter, Jennie Lee Miller.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Heinlein-Brown Funeral Home, Logan, with Minister J. Gordon Sullivan officiating. Burial will be in New Fairview Cemetery, Rockbridge.

Calling hours will be at the funeral home from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at Heinlein-Brown Funeral Home, Logan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rockbridge United Methodist Church, c/o Barbara Goss, 12149 E. Buck Run Road, Rockbridge 43149.

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Robert W. Action

Lancaster, Ohio

8 Dec 1906 – 5 Sep 1987

Robert W. Action, 89, of 426 E. Chestnut St., died Saturday his home.

He was a retired inspector with the State of Ohio, a life member of Lancaster American Legion, Lancaster Moose, Lancaster UCT and First English Lutheran Church. A World War II Army veteran, serving in the European Theater.

Survivors are his wife, Catherine M.; son Richard W. Action; sister, Margaret Swartz; niece, Ann Wood; all of Lancaster.

Funeral services are 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Sheridan funeral Home; Father Richard Hoch officiating; burial in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Friends may call 3-5 and 7-9 today at the funeral home.

Military rites will be conducted by the American Legion at the graveside.

Mass will be held at 7:30 tonight at the funeral home.

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In Remembrance



Robert C. Durain

Lancaster, Ohio

31 Jan 1907 – 20 Oct 1983

Durain Rites – Funeral arrangements for Robert C. Durain, 76, of 210 E. Fair Ave., who died Thursday at Lancaster Fairfield Community Hospital, will be Monday, 10:30 a.m., at the Halteman-Fett Funeral Home; Rev. Lawrence H. Myers officiating; burial in Forest Rose Cemetery.

Friends may call today, 7-9 p.m., and Sunday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., at the funeral home. Family suggests contributions be made to the first English Lutheran Church.

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Cloise C. Bay

Lancaster, Ohio

29 Dec 1907 – 31 Jan 1977

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Stanford Ballmer

Columbus, Ohio

12 Mar 1908 – Jun 1976

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Violet D. Cush*

Lancaster, Ohio

2 Oct 1907 - 27 May 1970

In Remembrance

Miss Violet D. Cush, 62, of 150 W. Fifth Ave., died Wednesday, 8 p.m., in Lancaster-Fairfield County Hospital.

Surviving are one sister, Miss Helen Cush, of the home; two aunts, Mrs. P.B. Gahm, Beaver, O., and Miss Lillie Butler, Sunbury; also a number of cousins.

Funeral services will be held Friday, 2:30 p.m., at Ward Halteman Funeral Home; Rev. Roger Bishop officiating; burial in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Friends may call at Halteman's after 7 p.m. today.

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Violet is listed in the 1925 Mirage yearbook without a picture. Violet is also listed in the LHS 2010 Alumni Directory.