



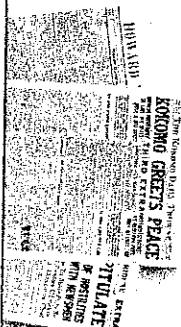
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- 1854: The first official meeting of the Republican Party took place in Jackson, Mich.
  - 1923: The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was formed.
  - 1993: The first All-Star baseball game was played, at Chicago's Comiskey Park; the American League defeated the National League, 4-2.
  - 1946: President Truman signed an executive order establishing the Medal of Freedom.

# Longtime Russiaville fire chief passes

## Isaac 'Ike' Hollingsworth will be laid to rest Thursday in New London Friends Cemetery

**BY MIKE FLETCHER**  
 Tribune staff writer

**RUSSELLVILLE** — From water boy to fire chief, Isaac Allen Hollingsworth, known simply as "Ike," dedicated his life to the safety of others.

Ike fought in World War II, survived the 1965 Palm Sunday tornado and was one of the longest reigning volunteer fire chiefs in the state, his friend, Jeff Stout, said Monday.

"He was my neighbor when I was growing up," said Stout, who serves as a volunteer firefighter in Russiaville. "He was the town his (t) and probably the rock of our

community. He could tell you where someone lived 30 years ago or a story about what happened in a certain house."

Hollingsworth died Sunday after a three-month illness.

A self-employed plumber and electrician, Ike was a well-known handyman in the community.

"He could do anything when it came to fixing things," said Stout, who owns and operates Stout & Son Funeral Home in Russiaville. Ike was best known, though, for his interest in fire safety.

"As a little boy, he helped get the volunteer fire department started and carried it on," he said.

At age 9, Ike would start the water pumps at the very mention of

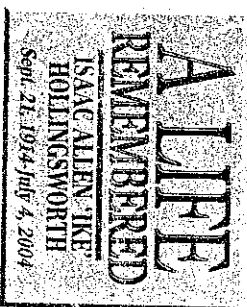
the word "fire." His father, Calvin "Cappy" Hollingsworth, owned Russiaville's water works prior to the town's incorporation.

In 1942, the 1935 Russiaville High School graduate was named the first fire chief in Russiaville and headed the department for 60 years, Stout said.

"He gave his time and energy to keep the fire department operating," Stout said.



**Isaac 'Ike' Hollingsworth**  
 Died Sunday at age 89



A year later, in 1945, he married Helen Lucile (Butler) Hollingsworth of Russiaville. She survives.

In 2003, Ike and Helen celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house.

Hollingsworth joined the service in 1944 and was sent to Korea during World War II.

## OBITUARY NOTICES

"Ray" F. Jones, who survives.

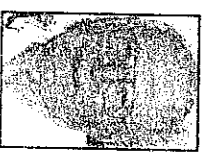
She retired from Delco Electronics in 1984 with 16 years service. She was a licensed cosmetologist since 1948 and owned her own beauty shops in Forrest and Russiaville. She was a 1940 graduate of Galveston High School and a grad-



**Josephine 'Jo' Jones**

"Cappy" and Mary Lona (Newlin) Hollingsworth. They preceded him in death in 1942 and 1967.

LA was named for his grandfathers, Isaac Hollingsworth and Allen Newlin.



**Isaac Allen 'Ike' Hollingsworth**

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Rev. Jamie Lyon officiating. Burial will follow in the New London Friends Cemetery with full fire department honors. The casket will be carried to its final resting place aboard the 1969 engine of the Russiaville Volunteer Fire Department. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to Russiaville Friends Church or the Russiaville Volunteer Fire Department.

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**Farm Service Agency seeking nominations**

The Farm Service Agency is seeking nominations from July 15 to Sept. 3 for county committees.

A county committee has three to five members, each serving a three-year term. Each member represents the producers in a local administrative area. Producers receive ballots in the fall by mail.

Nomination forms are available at any office of the Farm Service Agency or online at [www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections/](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections/). Nominees must sign the forms.

**CORA M. JOHNSTON HAYESVILLE, N.C.** — Cora M. Johnston, 89, of Hayesville, N.C., died Sunday, July 4, 2004, at her residence. A native and lifelong resident of Clay County, she was the daughter of the late Luther and Eliza McClure Matheson and the wife of the late Robert L. Johnston, who died March 10, 1996.

She was a graduate of Mars Hill College. She retired after 15 years as librarian of the Moss Memorial Library, where she had worked from 1966 to 1981. Cora was a re-

Ike memorial

From: eacarter@netusa1.net  
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 To: dandylyons@myfam.com  
 Cc: stoutandson@aol.com  
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 Attachments:

Hi, Jamie.  
 Here'e our contribution for the service on Thursday, as I promised Jeff I would send. I hope it comes in time for easy coordination with your own comments. Please return a message that you have received it. Thanks! Ann

Dan and I are honored to participate in the celebration of the life of Isaac Allen Hollingsworth, a Russiaville community treasure. One of the many technological advances made during Ike's lifetime enables us to communicate across the miles. We had already departed to attend the North Carolina Triennial of Quaker Men International and United Society of Friends Women International, in which the Hollingsworth family has long participated.

In Proverbs 20:24, we read: "A man's steps are directed by the Lord." These words surely are demonstrated in Ike's life. From an early age he became involved in the community in a way which would continue throughout his life. He will always be remembered as "The Chief" of the Russiaville Volunteer Fire Department. His unselfish service to others has also been seen in service to our country, involvement in his church, as well as many hours spent assisting local residents with plumbing and electrical work.

That strong voice which could bark out such efficient orders during a fire could also gently but humbly praise his Heavenly Father. His words of encouragement were always timely, and often merely a handshake or direct, sincere look spoke volumes of his care and interest in a situation.

Ike's sometimes humorous recollections of the past endeared him to all and further ephasized his oneness with our community. His devotion to Helen, his pleasure in his daughters and son-in-law and his obvious joy in his grandchildren, as well as his respect for his own parents and extended family have been an example to all who have known him.

Ike will be missed for his many and varied contributions to all of us, but mostly he will be missed as a true friend.

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Today is a day for celebrating the life of the man our family called Daddy and Grandpa. My Grandma, Aunt Peggy, and Mom have written some reflections that I would like to share.

Daddy didn't like to travel too far from home. Today we sit across the street from the house where he was born. Across the alley from there, he made his home with Mother for 60 years. To the east two doors, is the Friends church he loved. To the west, is the fire house where he spent decades volunteering. To the north, he ran down the alley to Russiaville School. Within a few hundred feet, we are surrounded by his most cherished places, but his influence on people and this community has spread much farther. Daddy's footsteps and bicycle path have traveled more than this simple man of honor would ever acknowledge.

As I struggled to find the perfect Father's Day card, I stood and read every one through tears knowing it would be the last time I would be able to tell him how much he meant to me. I found one that finally encompassed the many traits to celebrate about his life.

A man of hard work

- At the grist mill
- Milking cows
- Making cement blocks
- Keeping the water works pumping
- Serving his country in the army
- Wiring a house or fixing a toilet or pump
- Crawling under a house or in an attic
- In his garage – his domain

I remember him showing up in Plainfield knocking on my patio door and announcing, "Isaac Allen Hollingsworth, retired, reporting for duty." I don't believe he really ever retired!

A man of strength

- In his voice and laughter
- With arms that turned a pipe wrench and held a fire hose
- Keeping his body young by exercising at rehab

A man of wisdom

- A young inventor
- An idea to figure out how to fix anything

A man of ideals

- That made the Light shine through him to guide his actions and never waiver

A man of courage

- That we could have lost on April 11, 1965

A man of friendship

- Visiting with treasured neighbors and friends.
- Going out to breakfast on Sunday morning
- Quaker friends of the Meeting
- Fellowship during rehab the last ten years after heart surgery
- Working beside other dedicated firemen

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A man of pride

His wife of over 60 years  
 His daughter's lives  
 His grandchildren's accomplishments  
 Carrying his grandfather's names  
 His Cosand, Hollingsworth, and Newlin heritage  
 His Hoosier Homestead farm  
 His country  
 His Russiaville  
 Duties as fire chief  
 The honor of being named a Sagamore of the Wabash

A man of service

A plumber and electrician who answered many people's call of distress  
 A Christian spirit who ministered to family and friends with caring  
 help of all sorts  
 To the community he protected by fighting fires  
 To the church he faithfully maintained

A man of faith

To his Quaker worship  
 To his Lord and Savior

A man of emotion

Sharing times of joy and sorrow with relatives  
 His testimony in quiet time  
 As his health declined, he worried about not having a hobby. We assured  
 him that he had simply been too busy!  
 He grieved not about dying, but all the plans he still needed to finish!  
 Thanking each doctor or hospital worker trying to help him  
 His appreciation of how "mommy", his good wife, took care of him.

As Daddy gave his time and talents, we are so thankful for the many friends  
 and family who returned the blessing during his time of need.

Every prayer he prayed ended by asking the Lord to guide and direct us.  
 Today his prayer for all gathered would be that you look to the Lord for guidance and let him direct your  
 footsteps to follow in those of Jesus Christ, the Lord and Savior he loved and served.

Part of Grandpa's daily routine would be to check Jeff's board to see that he  
 wasn't on it! On Independence Day, Isaac Allen was placed on the board, bringing his life's journey to a  
 close a few feet from where he was born. Even though we are sad to have him leave us, we rejoice in his  
 freedom from illness and his welcome to his eternal home.

Today we celebrate the 89 good years God gave Ike.

*Prepared by Alma Pierce 7/6/04*  
*Read by David Pierce 7/8/04*



Hollingsworth / Pierce Family

July 2004

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Russiaville. The flag here at 240 Seward Street and the one at 1315 Keller Avenue in Plainfield have remained at half-mast in memory of our loved one, Ike Hollingsworth, since his peaceful departure on Sunday morning, July 4. Enclosed find some things that we wanted to share with those of you who, because of distance, could not be present with us here July 7-8 for the memorial activities.

The Russiaville Volunteer Fire Department, assisted by several surrounding departments, provided many appropriate actions in the salute afforded a firefighter. Included was a continuous honor guard (in 15 minute intervals) during the six hours of public calling on Wednesday, July 7. At vespers, the traditional memorial service by the Indiana Volunteer Firefighter's Association (IVFA) was conducted with a large contingent of participants from around the area. On Thursday, the RVFD provided many touches to the procession and committal service. Included were groupings of equipment and firefighters at each turn as the procession wended its way past the fire station, home, church, and farm en route to New London; the individual salutes at the gravesite as each firefighter placed their white carnation on the casket; the bagpiper emerging from and returning to the nearby wooded area to the strains of "Amazing Grace"; and the last call on the radio.

We all agree that there is not one thing that we would have changed in our tribute. The weather was beautiful on both days. Even the hymns played by the chimes from the Russiaville United Methodist Church at noon were apropos, as we awaited the hoisting of the flag-draped casket atop the 1969 RVFD pumper, fulfilling Ike's wish to be borne to his resting place by his favorite front-mount truck, accompanied by his firemen, his family, and his friends. Another expressed wish was for bicyclist Dave Heckman, who had been the architect for the addition to the Russiaville fire house, to lead the procession, and he did so within New London.

The meal provided by the Russiaville Friends Church afforded a leisurely opportunity for fellowship with visiting friends and relatives at the conclusion of the formal services.

Special thanks are due to Jeff Stout for his extra attention to every detail in respect for his neighbor, his colleague, his mentor, and his friend. This care was evident in both the arrangements for the fire department honors as well as in his role as funeral director (5th generation). The name "funeral home" has a new and enriched meaning for us, in that the entire Stout family and their staff truly provide a "home" at a time of great emotional need. THANKS.

Ironically, during this springtime we have observed the gradual demise of the stately blue spruce tree in the back yard at Ike's birthplace, adjacent to our own back yard. This tree has grown from a Michigan seedling, brought by Newlin relatives a half century ago, to reaching 40 feet into the blue sky. As the brief illness sapped Ike's strength, so too did the vitality of the evergreen fade. We hated very much to see him leave us, but know that now he is pain free and rejoicing in a better place, undoubtedly enjoying reminiscing with those who have gone before.

We extend heartfelt appreciation to all those who have assisted us in any way during these months of stress and thank you for the blessings that have been bestowed through our friendships.

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In 1989 at the State Fire Marshal's Leadership Conference, Ike received the State of Indiana Meritorious Service Award. In 1994, the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association awarded him the Ollie Sandberg Award. On Oct. 17, 2003, Ike was named a Sagamore of the Wabash by Indiana Gov. Joseph Kernan, in recognition of his contributions as a lifelong firefighter.

Surviving with his wife, Helen, are two daughters and a son-in-law, Peggy Ann Hollingsworth, Connersville and Russiaville, and Alma Sue and John Edward Pierce of Plainfield. Grandchildren are David Allen Pierce and Holly Suzanne Pierce of Plainfield, both students at Indiana University, Bloomington.

Other survivors include brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ralph and Esther (Butler) Davis, Michigantown; niece, Emily Jane (Hollingsworth) Smith, Rock Island, Ill.; nephews and wives, William Penn (Bill) and Jean

Hollingsworth, Yukon, Okla., and Jared William "Jerry" and Martha "Marty" Butler, Kokomo; nieces and spouses, Odel (Butler) and David Strange, Fort Myers, Fla., Barbara (Davis) and George Wilson, Bear, DE, and Beverly (Davis) Eppley, Michigantown; great-nieces and great-nephews with their families; and cousins.

In addition to his parents, Isaac was preceded in death by brother, Frank H. Hollingsworth (1991), and wife Dora (1996); brother, Clyde C. Hollingsworth (1930); sister, Alma Melissa Hollingsworth (1915); father-in-law and mother-in-law, Earl J. (1967) and Hazel O. (Miller) Butler (1982); and brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Ralph M. (2003) and Mary Elizabeth (Robertson) Butler (2001).

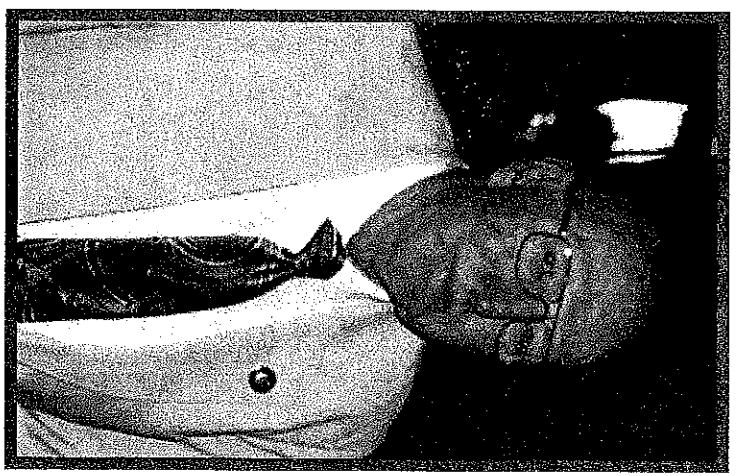
Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 8, 2004, at Stout & Son Funeral Home, 200 E. Main St., Russiaville, with the Rev. Jamie Lyon officiating. Burial will follow in the New London Friends Cemetery with full fire department honors. The casket will be carried to its final resting place aboard the 1969 engine of the Russiaville Volunteer Fire Department. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to Russiaville Friends Church or the Russiaville Volunteer Fire Department.

*In Memory . . .*

## **ISAAC ALLEN HOLLINGSWORTH**

### **“IKE”**

Sept. 21, 1914 -- July 4, 2004



*Chief*

*Russiaville Volunteer*

*Fire Department*

*Stout & Son Funeral Home*





# ISAAC ALLEN 'IKE' HOLLINGSWORTH

Sept. 21, 1914 -- July 4, 2004

## A Fireman's Prayer

When I am called to duty, God  
wherever flames may rage,

Give me strength to save some life  
whatever be its age.

Help me embrace a little child  
before it is too late,

Or save an older person from  
the horror of that fate.

Enable me to be alert and hear  
the weakest shout,

And quickly and efficiently  
to put the fire out.

I want to fill my calling and to  
give the best in me;

To guard my every neighbor  
and protect his property.

And if, according to my fate, I  
am to lose my life,

Please bless me with your protecting hand  
my children and my wife.

(Author Unknown)

**RUSSELLVILLE** -- Isaac Allen "Ike" Hollingsworth, 89, Russiaville, died at 11 a.m. Sunday, July 4, 2004, in Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo, after an illness of three months. He was born Sept. 21, 1914, in Russiaville, the youngest child of Calvin Wasson "Cappy" and Mary Iona (Newlin) Hollingsworth. They preceded him in death in 1942 and 1967. I.A. was named for his grandfathers, Isaac Hollingsworth and Allen Newlin.

On Oct. 16, 1943, in the parsonage of the Friends Church at Anderson, he was married by the Rev. John Compton to Helen Lucile Butler of Russiaville, who survives.

He was a self-employed plumber and electrician. Allen attended Russiaville School, graduating with the class of 1933, the largest (22 members) in school history.

A lifelong member of the Russiaville Friends Meeting, he served in several capacities through the years, including trustee, Sunday School superintendent and Clerk of Ministry and Counsel. He had been presiding clerk of the former New London Quarterly Meeting of Friends and a trustee of the New London Friends Cemetery.

Ike served during World War II with the U.S. Army from December 1944 to August 1946, with overseas duty in the occupation forces in Korea. From

childhood until his departure for military service, he had assisted his parents in the operation of the family farm and the Daisy Roller Mill.

Because his parents owned and operated the water works in Russiaville, his involvement with fire protection in the town began at a young age. When the word "fire" was called out by mouth or telephone, the water pump was started to give more pressure to the town water system. As a small boy, he would go along to the scene to help fight the fire. After some large local fires and the total loss of the Methodist Church on Jan. 8, 1942, the officials of Honey Creek Township opened bids the following day to purchase a fire truck. The Russiaville Volunteers organized later that year when the new fire truck arrived and Ike was named chief. Since this was the only fire truck in the west end of Howard County, the volunteers spent many hours fighting fires in other surrounding townships at any time of day or night.

Ike was still chief of the Russiaville Volunteer Fire Department when a radio system was installed in March of 1965. On April 11, 1965, the firehouse and all equipment was demolished in the Palm Sunday tornado that struck the entire community. Neighboring fire departments helped after this terrible disaster and thousands of dollars were collected to help buy new

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