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**PETER BENJAMIN  
LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR**

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That the undersigned,  
Mark S. Vranich

has made, constituted and appointed, and by these presents do  
make, constitute and appoint Susan M. Vranich

true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact for me and in my name, place and  
stead and said Attorney-in-Fact is hereby authorized on my behalf  
to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite  
and necessary to close out that certain real estate transaction  
wherein the undersigned is selling to  
Mark Smith and Shawna Smith

as  
Grantee, my entire ownership interest in and to that certain real  
estate (including all the improvements thereon) located  
in Lake County, Indiana, more particularly described as  
follows: Lot 37 in Flower Gardens Addition to the Town of Dyer, as per plat  
thereof, recorded in Plat Book 33 page 61, in the Office of the Recorder of  
Lake County, Indiana. 14-105-37

Commonly known as: 241 Carnation Ave., Dyer, IN 46311

This is a special Power of Attorney effective solely and  
exclusively for the purpose of processing and handling the sale  
and the closing of such sale of said real estate and to empower  
and authorize said Attorney-in-Fact to make, execute, and deliver  
any deed conveying to said Grantee all of the undersigned's  
interest in and to said real estate together with the improvements  
thereon and to execute, acknowledge, and deliver in my name such  
documents as such Attorney-in-Fact may deem proper, and at the  
closing of said sale to execute on behalf of the undersigned, any  
and all documents necessary to effectuate the outright sale of all  
of my ownership interest in and to said real estate including, but  
not limited to, financial settlement statements, agreement pro-  
rating real estate taxes, affidavits, escrow agreements and the  
like, it being my purpose to authorize the said Attorney-in-Fact  
to handle my entire ownership interests in the aforescribed real  
estate as well as all matters in connection with the sale of said  
real estate, and said Attorney-in-Fact is authorized on my behalf  
to execute any and all instruments to accomplish the outright sale  
of said real estate and to do and perform any and all acts  
necessary in and about the closing of said real estate  
transaction.

It is my intention in this Power of Attorney instrument that I am  
creating by this instrument a Durable Power of Attorney  
appointment under the Indiana Durable Power of Attorney Act so  
that this Power of Attorney document shall not be terminated or  
affected by my later disability or incompetency.

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