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Deceased Name: Anita M. Moore

Anita M. Moore, 62, of Lincoln, passed away February 24, 2011 at her residence.

Visitation will be from 5-7 PM Tuesday, March 1, 2010 at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral Mass will be 10 AM on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Lincoln. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Lincoln.

Anita was **born** January 26, 1949 in Alton, Illinois, the daughter of Leslie and Martha (Prehara) Moore.

She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Lincoln, Illinois and was employed at Lincoln Developmental Center for 11 years.

Surviving are: her brother John Moore of Lincoln, IL.; brother Kenneth Moore of Franklin, WI.; brother Dennis Moore of Atlanta, IL.; sister Jean Brockschmidt of Creal Springs, IL.; sister Sarah Moore of Lincoln, IL.; and her faithful companion Kitty.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Terry Moore, brother Wayne Moore, and sister Margie Moore.

Memorial donations may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Deceased Name: Dorothy Colaw

Dorothy Colaw, 90, of Atlanta, passed away on Sunday, February 27, 2011, at 8:20 p.m. at The Christian Village in Lincoln.

Funeral services for Mrs. Colaw will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. at Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home. Rev. Rob Roy will officiate.

Visitation will be held at Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 2, 2011, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., and one hour prior to the funeral on Thursday.

Burial will be in Atlanta Cemetery.

Surviving Mrs. Colaw are: two sons, Dale (Chris) Colaw and Dennis (Judy) Colaw, all of Atlanta; four grandchildren, Dee Colaw, Jaci Colaw, Kristie (Richard) Israel and Scott (Lori) Colaw; and five great-grandchildren, Ryan, Vince and Wes, Zach and Blaine.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald "Sug" Colaw, on May 6, 2004.

Mrs. Colaw was **born** on June 5, 1920, in Morris, Ill., the daughter of Leonard and Mable Schreiner Johnson. She married Gerald Colaw on July 5, 1944, in Morris. He preceded her in death.

Mrs. Colaw graduated from Illinois State Normal University in 1942 with a B.A. in Secondary Education. She taught high school math for 27 years, first at Atlanta High School, then for Hittle Township High School and finally for the Olympia School District from which she retired in 1977. Dorothy was a fifty year member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a past Worthy Matron. She was also a past member of the Atlanta Ladies Cemetery Association. Dorothy was also a member of the Atlanta United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made to the Atlanta Rescue Squad or the American Diabetes Association.

Final arrangements are entrusted with Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home of Atlanta.

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Deceased Name: Dennis R. "Boomer" Ingram

Dennis R. "Boomer" Ingram, 47, of Lincoln, passed away on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at 11:17 a.m. at his home.

A Memorial Service for Mr. Ingram will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln with Mr. Ryan J. Edge-combe officiating.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. until time of the service on Wednesday.

Burial will be at Old Union Cemetery in Lincoln at a later date. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Dennis Ray Ingram was **born** in Lincoln on January 21, 1964 the son of Donald Dean and Geneva Spurling Ingram. He married Amy Miller on Decemeber 17, 1982 in Lincoln. She sur-vives.

Also surviving are his mother, Geneva Ingram of Lincoln, his sons: Dustin R. Ingram of Lincoln, Andrew S. Ingram of New Hol-land and Jordan C. Hobbs of Lincoln, one brother: Mark Ingram of Lincoln, one granddaughter: Kaylea In-gram.

He was preceded in death by his father, one sis-ter: Genedean Ingram, one brother: David Dean In-gram.

Mr. Ingram graduated from Lincoln Community High School in 1982.

Boomer enjoyed playing pool and was a member of the APA Pool League, VFW and Lincoln Sportsmans Club.

Memorials may be made to his family.

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Deceased Name: Kurt Frank Hoffman

Kurt Frank Hoffman, 91, of Kenney, IL, passed away at 3 P.M. on March 7, 2011, at Manor Court, Clinton, IL. Services will be at 3 P.M. Saturday at the Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, IL, with J. Kent Hickerson officiating. Burial will be at McClimans Cemetery, Hallsville, IL. Friends may call 2 - 3 P.M. on Saturday at the Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, IL. Memorials may be directed to the DeWitt County Fair Association. Kurt was **born** January 29, 1920 in Germany to Bergmann Franz Hoffman and Anna (Krzekowski) Hoffman. He married Dorothy Jean Safly in 1938, she preceded him in death. Surviving are 1 Daughter: Peggy (Charlie) Manogg, Deltona, Florida; 5 Grandchildren: Pam Huestis, New York; Douglas Powell, Kansas; Gregg Manogg, Valparaiso, IN; Dan Manogg, Elmhurst, IL; Vikki Manogg, Florida; 10 Great-Grandchildren and 2 Great-Great-Grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his Parents and 1 Sister. He was a retired farmer. He was a member of the DeWitt County Farm Bureau, the Lincoln Elks Lodge, Illinois Sheriff's Association and former School Board Member of the Midland City School. He was a 4-H Leader. He was an avid bowler and loved farming and raising livestock.

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Deceased Name: Ferne Marie Pollock

Ferne Marie Pollock, 81, of Lincoln passed away March 8 at 11:25 a.m. at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Lincoln.

She was **born** in Logan County on July 18, 1929 the son of Roscoe and Mary R. Tela Patterson. She married Clarence W. Pollock on Oct. 25, 1947 in Hartsburg, Illinois. He preceded her in death May 8, 2003.

She is survived by one daughter: Becky (Phil) Gehlbach of Lincoln; two sons: Darrel (Karen) Pollock of Lincoln and Dennis Pollock of Urbana; five grandchildren: Brad Gehlbach; Clint Pollock; Jason Pollock; Ashley Pollock and Beth Gehlbach Bangert; and three great grandchildren.

She is the last of her immediate family.

Services will be held on Friday, March 11 at 11:00 a.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln with Rev. Andrew Nyren officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to service. Memorials may be given to the Donor's Choice.

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Deceased Name: Eva M. Hill

Eva M. Hill, 68, of Lincoln passed away on Saturday, March 5, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at her home.

Eva M. Hill was **born** on June 20, 1942 in Lincoln the daughter of James Herbert, Sr., and Beulah Fay Rose Harris. She married Lawrence L. "Larry" Hill on December 31, 1959 at Lincoln. He survives.

Also surviving are her daughters: Lisa Faye Hill , Lori Anne Hill both of Lincoln. Two grandchildren: Mathieu L. Helton of Lincoln, Samantha R. Helton of East Peoria. Five great grandchildren: Riley B. Helton, Charles Mathieu Helton, Addison Elizabeth Sidell, Kayla Lee, Gracie Lee.

Two brothers: James J. (Ardella) Harris of Gravois Mills, Mo., Aaron L. (Pat) Harris of Springfield, three sisters: Laura Slayton of Lincoln, Leola Faye Jones of Gravois Mills, Mo., Kay Petro of Woodlawn. One sister-in-law Elaine Harris of SunRise Beach, Mo.

She was preceded in death by one brother: Harold W. "Bub" Harris and one nephew Michael Harris.

Eva retired as secretary after twenty years of service from The Holland and Barry Funeral Home, Ltd. and secretary for the Logan County Coroner's office. She also had been employed at the Apple Dental Clinic, Remington Hybrid Seeds, Logan County Deputy Clerk and Recorder in the office of County Clerk and Recorder, Weldon B. Frantz.

A Graveside Service for Mrs. Hill will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at the Zion Cemetery in Lincoln.

Peasley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Ronald McDonald House.

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Deceased Name: Helen P. Martin

Helen Pauline Martin, 103 of Lincoln died March 2, 2011 at Lincoln Christian Home.

She was **born** on May 9, 1907 in Elkhart, IL to Asa John and Lillian Carson French. She married Harley Martin on March 12, 1928 in Benton IL. He preceded her in death on May 31, 1976. She was also preceded in death by her parents and sisters, Irene Broughton and Anna Payne Hessner.

She is survived by her grand nephew, Robert (Vicki) Broughton of Lincoln, IL; sister Alice McKenzie of Springfield, IL; nieces, Mary Barringer of Springfield, IL; Charlotte Bohn of Elkhart, IL; Carolyn Veronesi of Lincoln, IL; Marilyn Taylor of Lake Havasu City, AZ; Susan Dove of Riverton, IL; and Gladys Bailey of Heath, OH; nephews, Darrell Payne of Morton, IL; Leon and John Payne of Tampa, FL; and Scott McKenzie of Brunswick, OH; and Dan McKenzie of Springfield, IL.

Helen and Harley farmed in the Middletown and Elkhart area for many years. Helen was a member of the Lincoln Christian Church. She was very active in church and community activities in the past. Helen was an avid reader and was reading and working the "Courier" crossword puzzles until shortly before her death.

Services will be held at 11 am, Saturday, March 5, 2011 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. There will be a public visitation from 10-11:00 am on Saturday. Ryan Edgecombe will conduct the services. Burial will follow the services at Elkhart Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to Christian Village or donor's choice.

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Deceased Name: Lillie Marie Burrus

Lillie Marie Burrus, 89, of Arenzville, died Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at Passavant Area Hospital.

She was **born** March 5, 1921, in Logan County, the daughter of Ray and Myrtle Sanders Long. She married Charles Glenn Burrus on Dec. 1, 1948, in Lincoln and he preceded her in death on Feb. 18, 1978.

She is survived by one daughter and one son, Marlene (Albert) Bessert and Warren Burrus; two grandchildren, Jenniffer (Tom) Shepherd and Nathan Bessert; two great-grandchildren, Justin Shepherd and Alana Shepherd; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Alma Steffens and Alberta Yeadicke; and one brother, Raymond Long.

Mrs. Burrus was an active and longtime member of Meredosia United Methodist Church and currently a member of Bluffs United Methodist Church. During World War II she worked for Caterpillar in Peoria. Marie had been active with 4-H, and she enjoyed baking cakes and pies for charitable events in Meredosia. She loved being a farm wife and mother.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday at Buchanan & Cody Funeral Home in Meredosia, with burial at Oakland Cemetery. The family will meet friends 12:30-2 p.m. prior to the service. Memorials are suggested to Bluffs United Methodist Church. Condolences may be left at www.buchanancody.com.

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Deceased Name: Leona M. Bakken

Leona M. Bakken, 83, of Kenney passed away on March 4, 2011 at 10:32 p.m. at Liberty Village Nursing Home in Clinton.

A Mass of Christian Burial Service will be held on Fri, March 11, 2011 at 12:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church 502 North Monroe Street in Clinton with Rev. James P Henning, O.F.M. Conv. officiating.

Visitation will be held on Thursday March 10 , 2011 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Peasley Funeral Home 401 Delevan Street in Lincoln.

Visitation will also be held for one hour prior to the funeral mass at the church.

A Rosary Service will be held at 4:45 p.m. prior to the visitation.

Cremation Rites will be accorded following the funeral service.

Leona Marguerite Theresa Fleck was **born** on September 25, 1927 in Buffalo, Illinois the daughter of Lambert Peter Fleck Sr. and Helena Marie Burg Fleck. She married Peter H. Bakken Sr. on April 7, 1951 in Dekalb, Il.. He survives.

Also surviving are their children: Leonard (Rita) Bakken of Lincoln, Teresa (Mike) Shafiabady of Kankakee, Peter (Denise) Bakken Jr. of Shabbona, Charles (Jeannine) Bakken of Beason, Kenneth (Becky) Bakken of Bethalto, Roger (Jeannie) Bakken of Lincoln. Seventeen grandchildren, two step grandchildren, and sixteen great grandchildren.

Also surviving are two sisters: Helen Steele of Buffalo, Cecelia Peters of New Berlin, two brothers: George Fleck Sr. and Fred Fleck Sr. both of Riverton.

She was preceded in death by one granddaughter, two great grandchildren, four brothers, and four sisters.

Mrs. Bakken was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Lincoln. She attended St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Clinton.

Leona was a School Bus Driver for the Beason School District for many years. She also was an avid gardener.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research for Cancer.

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Deceased Name: JoAnne Baker

JoAnne Baker, 77, of Lincoln, passed away on Sunday, February 27, 2011 at 2:01 p.m. at her home.

Funeral Services will be private. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Burial will be in Lawndale Union Cemetery in Lawndale.

Peasley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

JoAnne Baker was **born** on March 28, 1933 in Lincoln, the daughter of Guy and Lucy Musick Grubb. She married Charles G. Baker.

Mrs. Baker is survived by her children: Gloria Baker, Christopher Baker and Jeffrey Baker, all of Lincoln.

Seven Grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and one son, Michael Baker.

Mrs. Baker retired from the Eaton Corporation after 30 years of service.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association.

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Deceased Name: Caletta Dixie Smith

CLEARWATER, FL Caletta Dixie Smith, 60, of Clearwater, Florida, passed away on March 8, 2011 after a short but brave battle with cancer.

She was **born** July 20, 1950 at Lincoln, IL, a daughter of Calvin W.

Short and Etta E.

Klokkenga Short.

Dixie graduated from Hartsburg-Emden High School in 1968 and attended Illinois Central College in Peoria, IL. She was baptized and confirmed in St. Peter Lutheran Church at Emden, IL, and later transferred membership to United Methodist Church in Dunedin, FL.

Dixie was an avid and talented seamstress, and she loved animals, particularly dogs and cats - a number of whom were lucky to share her life.

She leaves behind a son, Michael Smith of Sale Creek, TN; a devoted partner, Jeffrey Campbell and his family of Clearwater, FL; her mother Etta Short, of Emden, IL; and two sisters, Esther Sparks of Lincoln, IL and Maralee (William) Boerma, of Emden, IL. Dixie will also be missed by her extended family, including the nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews that she enjoyed and loved so much. Dixie was preceded in death by her father, in 1973.

A memorial service will be held in Florida at a later date. Memorials may be made to Suncoast Hospice Foundation, 5771 Roosevelt Blvd., Clearwater, FL 33760-9962.

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Deceased Name: Clara Marie (Purviance) Larkin

Clara Marie (Purviance) Larkin, 86, of Clinton, Illinois passed away 2:15 A.M. March 11, 2011 at her family residence. Mass of Christian burial will be 10 A.M. Monday at St. John The Baptist Catholic Church, Clinton, Illinois with Celebrant Rev. Fr. James Henning. Burial will be at Steenbergen Cemetery, Mt. Pulaski, Il. Friends may call 2 - 4 P.M. Sunday at the Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, Il.

Memorials may be directed to St. John's Catholic Church. She was **born** June 26, 1924 in Lincoln, Il. to Raymond and Mildred (Reichle) Purviance. She married Frederick Durchholz. He was killed in action in France during WW II, 1945. She later married Dr. Thomas J. Larkin 1946 in Philadelphia, Pa. Dr. Thomas J. Larkin survives of Clinton, Il. Also surviving are Children: Dr. Thomas J. (Judy) Larkin III, Marion, Il.; Patricia (Larry) Arteman, Waynesville, Il.; Jean (Dennis) Buraglio, Clinton, Il.; Annette (Ghil) Reese, Jerseyville, Il.; Dr. John (Kim) Larkin, Clinton, Il.; Paul (Sonya) Larkin, Lowell, Ind. 13 Grandchildren: Meghan Arteman-Bodnar, Devin Arteman, Elise Orr, Christian Arteman, Nick Buraglio, Christopher Buraglio, Michael Buraglio, Lucianna Reese, Stephana Fedchak, John Larkin, Jr., Patrick Larkin, Thomas Larkin, Lucas Larkin 6 Great-Grandchildren: Catherine Bodnar, Selena Bodnar, Tiernan Orr, Luke Buraglio, Sisters: Laurel (Roy) Baker, Morton, Il.; Marjorie (Joe) Mileham, Springfield, Il., Brothers: Robert (Sharon) Purviance, Lincoln, Il.; Richard (Lois) Purviance, Bull Shoals, Ark. She was preceded in death by her Parents and 1 Brother: Harry Purviance.

She was a member of St. John's Catholic Church. For 2 yrs. she worked at the Illiopolis Munitions Plant as Executive Secretary to the CEO. She later became a homemaker raising her children and enjoyed her hobbies of reading and cooking. She was loved by all her family. The family would like to especially thank Chris Buraglio (her Grandson), Terry Oakley and Mickie Simmons for their wonderful care during this difficult time.

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Deceased Name: Nina Mack

Nina Mack, 89, of Lincoln, passed away at 1:50 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2011 at her residence.

Nina was **born** May 31, 1921 in Kalamazoo, MI the daughter of Lewis and Minnie Markum Sanders. She married William J. Mack and he preceded her in death in 1990.

She was also preceded in death by her two sisters and three brothers.

Nina co-owned and operated Logan County Hardware with her husband from 1963 until their retirement in 1981. She was a member of the Emblem Club and League of Women Voters in Lincoln and volunteered for several years at the Lincoln Library in Springfield.

Nina is survived by her son Scott (wife, Melody) Mack of Lincoln and daughter, Cheri (husband, Don) Jacobs of Auburn; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister, Leona Avery of Katy, TX, and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation was accorded by Lincoln Land Cremation Society.

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Deceased Name: Virginia M.Higgins

Virginia M "Gini" Higgins, 94, of Lincoln Passed away on Tuesday March 8, 2011, at 12:55 p.m. at the Christian Village Nursing Home in Lincoln.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, March 14, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Lincoln IL with Rev. Jeffery G Laible, Rev. John Huy Pham and Rev. Simon Lucas Taabu officiating.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 at Peasley Funeral Home on Sunday, March 13, 2011, with a Rosary Service at 6:30.

Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Peasley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements

Gini was **born** on October 17, 1916, in Lincoln, the daughter of William F. Webster and Theresa Schmid Webster. She married Edward W. Higgins on April 6, 1953. He preceded her in death on June 23, 2009.

Surviving are her son Michael (Fiancée Caroline Edwards) Higgins of Lincoln, her brother R.K. Webster of Austin Texas, her sister Clarice "Rusti" Rohrer of Phoenix, Arizona, and her sister-in-law Dorothy Reinhart of Lincoln.

She was preceded in death by her parents, step-father Virgil L. French and her brother William F Webster Jr.

Gini graduated from Lincoln High School in 1934, attended Lincoln College, and worked at French & Son Dry Cleaners. In addition to helping on the farm she worked in the registrars' office at Lincoln College and taught piano.

She was a parishioner and organist at Holy Family Catholic Church, and a member of the Lincoln Emblem Club, and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Gini loved music and water in all its forms. She was an avid sailor, swimmer and ice skater. She served as director for "Learn to Swim" week at Lincoln Lakes, was a Mariner Scout Leader and taught arthritis exercise classes at the former Holiday Inn pool for many years.

Memorials may be made to Holy Family Food Pantry, Carroll Catholic School, The Christian Village Nursing Home or Operation Phone Card to Help our Soldiers Call Home.

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Deceased Name: Gary Dan Freeman

Gary Dan Freeman, 61, of Lincoln, IL, died Friday morning, March 11, 2011, in his office in Minier, IL.

Born July 4, 1949, in Bloomington, IL, to Daniel and Louise Finfrock Freeman, he married Ruth Helene Dick on May 6, 1973, at Funks Grove in McLean, IL. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Noah (Jennifer) Freeman of Lafayette, IN, and Adam (Jenny) Freeman of Washington, IL; one daughter, Lindsey (Jeff) Kerr of Rangiora, New Zealand; one brother, Leonard (Linda) Freeman of Palatka, FL; one sister, Bonnie (Paul) Plebanek of Homer, IL; and three grandsons, Gabriel Freeman, 5, Nathan Freeman, 3, and Jordan Kerr, 2.

Gary graduated from McLean High School in 1967. He earned a Bachelor's degree in agronomy from Southern Illinois University in 1972, a Bachelor's degree in vocational agriculture from Illinois State University in 1981 and a Master's degree in agricultural education from the University of Illinois in 1983.

From 1973 to 1981, he operated Dick-Freeman Trucking out of Bloomington with his brothers-in-law, Alan Dick, Phillip Dick and Ed Dick. He taught agriculture at Paxton High School until 1986, when he moved to Lincoln to teach at Lincoln College until 1991. He then worked as a field man for Farm Business Farm Management until his death.

Gary was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend who will be greatly missed. His family will especially miss camping, boating and spending time with him in the garden and shop, where he shared his passion for agriculture and mechanics with his children and grandchildren.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 16, at First United Methodist Church, 302 Broadway St., Lincoln, IL. The Rev. Mark Kaley will officiate.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, at the church. Burial will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Lincoln First United Methodist Church's elevator fund.

Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

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Deceased Name: Ralph Ramlow

Ralph Ramlow, age 83, of Vicksburg, MI died at his home Friday, March 11, 2011. He was **born** January 25, 1928 in Lincoln, IL the son of John and Katherine (Staun) Ramlow. He worked for the Kalamazoo County Road Commission and retired as a weighmaster in 1996. Learn more about Ralph, view his life story film and visit with his family and friends while sharing light refreshments Monday from 4 to 8 PM at the Life Story Funeral Home Vicksburg, 409 S. Main St. Funeral services to celebrate his life will be held Tuesday at 11 AM at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Three Rivers. Members of Ralph's family include his children Donald (Mary) Ramlow, Dan (Tammy) Ramlow, Robert (Lesley) Ramlow, six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, his long time companion Irene Green and her daughter Janet Green and brothers Emil and Virgil Ramlow. Ralph was preceded in death by his wife, the former Janet Barringer in 2000 and brothers; Art, Henry, Richard, John William and sisters; Clare Ann and Lorne Mae. Visit Ralph's memory page at www.lifestorynet.com where you can read his life story, archive a memory, sign his guestbook before coming to the funeral home and in lieu of flowers, make a donation to Hospice Care of SW Michigan or St. Peter Lutheran Church.

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Deceased Name: Geraldean Girdler Long

Geraldean Girdler Long died at 4:30am on March 11, 2011 at home in Danvers in the care of her family and OSF Hospice.

A combined celebration of love and life of Geraldean and Forrest E. "Bush" Long Sr. will be held at 2pm. Saturday, March 19, 2011 at First Presbyterian Church in Danvers, IL with visitation 1 hour before the service. Rev. Michael Claver will officiate. Quiram Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta, IL is assisting the family with arrangements.

Geraldean was **born** on March 28, 1918 to Joseph Samuel and Lillie Maude Butler Girdler in Funk's Grove, IL.

Geraldean and Forrest E. "Bush" Long were married on June 29, 1935. Bush Long was **born** October 31, 1914 to Chester and Sarah Brown Long in McLean, IL. They both attended school in McLean and were lifelong members of the McLean Methodist Church.

They are survived by 3 sons: Edward Duane (Emilie) of Sebring, FL; Thomas Dean (Sharon) of El Paso, IL; Larry R. (Beverly) of Cowarts, AL; and daughter-in-law, Carolyn Turner Long of Danvers, IL. They had six grandchildren: Terry and Catherine Long Melick with whom she made her home; Christopher S. Long, all of Danvers, IL. LCDR Brian Scott USN and Audrey Long, Port Orchard, WA; Richard Lee and Dana Long of Turlock, CA; James Robert and Mary Long of Slocomb, AL; and Joe Baucom. There are 10 great grandchildren and 6 great-great grandchildren. Also surviving is one sister Barbara Springsteen. Bush is survived by his brother John Long. They have many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death was her husband Forrest E. "Bush" Long, Sr. on Jan. 5, 2000 at home in Avon Park, FL, and their eldest son Forrest E. "Bush" Long, Jr. on Nov. 22, 2002. She was also preceded in death by 3 sisters and 5 brothers. Bush was preceded by 3 sisters and 6 brothers.

Geraldean was a woman of many talents. She enjoyed making and canning jellies and jams, crocheting, sewing, especially quilting, and was an avid reader.

She had been employed by Funk Bros. Seeds, Dixie Truckers Home, Soft Water Laundry and Cleaners. In Florida she worked at Tip Top, Kenilworth Lodge, and as seamstress for a travel trailer factory. Bush was in the USN where he served in the Seabees in WWII and retired from Funk Bros. Seeds in 1964 to Florida, where he worked for the USDA. He also had his own lawn service and recycling business where he was known as the "Can Man".

The family cannot fully express our appreciation to OSF Medical Center's staff, especially the staff on the 3rd floor, OSF Hospice, and Dr. Joseph Liu and caring staff. The family suggests memorials to OSF Eastern Region Hospice/Normal or to the family in care Cathy Melick, 306 S. West St. Danvers, IL 61732.

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Deceased Name: James Edward "Jim" Johnson

James Edward "Jim" Johnson, 66, a lifelong resident of Lincoln, died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011 at his home.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A graveside service will be on March 19 at 11 a.m. at Zion Cemetery.

A potluck dinner will be held at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, following the graveside service, at the Lincoln Recreation Center in the Railer Room.

Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln is handling arrangements.

Mr. Johnson was employed by PPG for 22 years and retired from Eaton Corp. in 2007 after 13 years with the company.

He was **born** June 22, 1944, in Lincoln. His parents were Edward Axel Johnson and Viola Jane Davis Yeazole. He married Judith Ann Daugherty on June 20, 1964, in Lincoln.

He is survived by his mother, Viola Yeazole of Lincoln; his wife, Judy, of Lincoln; two daughters, Jami (and Michael) Leach of Sullivan and Jonni (and Charles) Bone of Decatur; four grandchildren, Brandon Becker, Brian Becker, Austin Leach and Brittany Bone; two sisters, Naomi Veff of La Harpe and Carol Johnson of Washington state; and one brother, Michael Johnson of Burlington, KS.

He was preceded in death by his father and an infant sister, Mary Ann Johnson.

Jim was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln.

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Deceased Name: Freda Earline "Jug" Martin

Freda Earline "Jug" Martin passed away on March 8, 2011 in Silver Spring, MD. She was the daughter of Fred and Mae Martin of Lincoln, IL; sister of Virginia Eaton; aunt of Jan (Tim) Vance; Timothy Eaton all of Fort Myers, FL; lifelong friend of Sister Mary Alan Wurth formerly of Lincoln.

Born in Lincoln, IL, she graduated from Lincoln High School in 1948. She enlisted in the Women's Army Corps serving during the Korean War. At the end of the war she resigned her commission as a Captain. She received her Bachelor's and Master's Degree from the University of Maryland. She was Supervisor of Physical Education for all of Prince George's County Schools, MD where she retired after 30 years of service. She resided in Bowie, MD for 36 years.

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Deceased Name: Verna D. Brand

Verna D. Brand, 95, of Lincoln, IL. died at 1:35 P.M., Thursday March 17, 2011 at Christian Village, Lincoln.

A Graveside Service will be at Adams Cemetery in Frankclay, Missouri on Sunday March 20, 2011 at 1:30 P.M. with the Rev. Larry Lovvorn officiating.

Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Brand was a Homemaker. She and her husband served as pastors of seven Assemblies of God churches in Missouri. She had worked at Stix, Baer & Fuller in St. Louis, Mo. as a seasonal employee.

Mrs. Brand was **born** March 30, 1915 in Frankclay, MO, the daughter of John and Elizabeth Boen Glore. She married Fred Harvey Brand on August 13, 1932 in Missouri. He preceded her in death on July 4, 1989.

She is survived by one son: Philip (Michele) Brand of Charleston, South Carolina; one daughter: Jeri (David) Cadwallader of Lincoln, IL; two daughters in law: Mary Brand of Fountain Hills, Arizona, and Vera Brand of Dallas, Texas; one Brother: Chester (Phyllis) Glore of Omaha, Nebraska; 13 Grandchildren and 13 Great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sons: Murrell and Kenneth, four brothers and one sister.

Verna was a member of Faith Assembly of God Church, Lincoln Women's Club and Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She taught Adult Sunday school for forty years. Verna was active in the prayer ministry at Faith Assembly of God, Jefferson St. Christian and the First United Methodist Church in Lincoln, IL.

Memorials may be made to the Christian Village.

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Deceased Name: Lance W. Neece

Lance W. Neece, 48, of Morton, died at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at his home.

He was **born** Feb. 16, 1963, in Springfield, Ill., to H. Keith and Jean (Samp) Neece.

Surviving are two daughters, Jade King of Fayetteville, N.C., and Kaycee Paris of Clarksville, Tenn.; one son, Lance William Neece, Jr. of Fort Hood, Texas; four grandchildren; his mother and stepfather, Jean and Jim Destefano of Morton; one brother, Scott (Amy) Neece of Lincoln, Ill.; one sister, Jodi (Justin) Thies of Lincoln; and his maternal grandmother, Mary Samp of Morton.

He was preceded in death by his father.

An Army veteran, Lance retired from military service as a diesel mechanic. He last ran the motor pool and attained the rank of Chief Warrant Officer. He served in Operation Freedom in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Cremation will be accorded. A private family graveside service will be held in Cerro Gordo Cemetery in Cerro Gordo, Ill.

Knapp-Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Center in Morton is handling arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.knappjohnson.com.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - March 22, 2011

Deceased Name: Nelson G. Kiesling

Nelson G. Kiesling, 95 of Mason City died at 10:00pm on Monday, March 14, 2011 at the Mason City Area Nursing Home. He was **born** on July 16, 1915 the son of Lawrence G. and Ola Pearl (Hovey) Kiesling in Mason City. He married Lela M. Willard in Manito on August 4, 1946.

Survivors are his wife, Lela; one son: Jonathan (Karan) Kiesling of St. Louis, MO; four daughters: Judy (Glenn) Ellis of Lexington, KY, Jennifer (Daniel) Craddock of Scottsdale, AZ, Jeannine (Allen) Pickering of Lincoln, IL, Lisa (Lyle) Rudin of Towanda, IL. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. His is preceded in death by his parents, a brother and a sister.

Mr. Kiesling graduated from Easton High School in 1933, a member of the United Presbyterian Church, where he was an active member for many years. Nelson served in the United States Air Force during WWII, was farmer for over 50 years.

He made an Anatomical Gift to medical research, there will be no visitation or funeral service, a celebration of Nelson's life was held last July in honor of his 95th birthday. All of his family from seven states was in attendance. Those who wish to make a donation may make them to the MCANH Activity Department or Harbor Light Hospice.

Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is in charge of arrangements; online memorials for the family can be left at

www.hurleyfh.com

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - March 23, 2011

Deceased Name: F. Burleigh Willard Sr.

LINCOLN - F. Burleigh Willard Sr., 91, passed away Wednesday, March 16, 2011, in the care of The Christian Village and Memorial Home Service Hospice.

A celebration of his life will be held at 5 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln with visitation two hours before the service.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 11:00 AM at West Resthaven Cemetery in Glendale Arizona.

Burleigh was **born** Feb. 3, 1920, in Fowler, Kansas. He married Amy Hankins of Ravenna, Nebraska in 1942. They served together as Free Methodist missionaries in the Dominican Republic for six years before she died, after the birth of their third child.

In 1952, Burleigh married Alma Gregory of Bluffton, Missouri. After their son was **born** , they returned to the Dominican Republic with their four children. In 1959, the Willard family transferred to Nogales Bible School in Nogales, Arizona, where Burleigh and Alma remained until retirement in 1985.

Burleigh's main role throughout his 40 years as a missionary was to train Latin American young people for the ministry. He was also instrumental in writing and translating materials into Spanish for use in Latin American Bible schools and churches.

After retiring, Burleigh and Alma lived in the Phoenix for about fifteen years then moved to the Glencroft Christian Retirement Village. Alma passed away in 2003. The following year, Burleigh moved to a son's home in Vernon Hills, Illinois, for a year. After that he resided in a daughter's home in Lincoln, Illinois, where he lived until entering The Christian Village four months ago. During those 5 years, he was received warmly as a part of Neighbors to Nations Community Church. He also published five books, including a devotional book, and two historical fiction books featuring biblical characters.

He attended Central College in Mcpherson, Kansas and graduated from Greenville College in Greenville, Illinois. He also earned a Doctor of Ministry in Theology degree and a master's degree in Spanish literature.

He is survived by a brother, Johnnie (Noralee) Willard of Stocton, CA, and his four children: Celia Rose Milslagle of Lincoln, Francis Burleigh "Frank" (Jean) Willard Jr., of Littleton, CO; Emily Sue (Bob) Fairbanks of Arlington, TX; and Gregory Philip "Phil"(Linda) Willard of Lake Barrington, IL. He also has nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a sister, Opal Ruth Willard and a brother, George Archibald "Archie" Willard.

Memorials may be sent to The Christian Village, 1507 7th Street or Free Methodist World Missions, PO Box 535002, Indianapolis, IN 46253-5002.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - March 23, 2011

Deceased Name: Julia G. Holth

SEBRING, FLORIDA - Julia G. Holth, 87, of Sebring, Florida, passed away Monday, March 21, 2011, in Sebring. She was **born** November 26, 1923, to Wilbur and Mildred (Smith) Gullett, in Lincoln, Illinois, and was a graduate of DePauw University, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She was a former Stewardess with Pan American Airways and a substitute teacher in Dade County, Florida. She had been a resident of Sebring since 1994, coming from Miami, where she had resided for 49 years. She was active in the Greater Miami Women's Golf Association, serving on their Board and was a former Elder of Pinecrest Presbyterian Church in Miami. She was a member of Golf Hammock Country Club and Emmanuel United Church of Christ in Sebring.

Julia is survived by her husband of 62 years, Gerald Holth, of Sebring; son, Dr. William J. (Barbara) Holth, Sebring; daughter Joanne (Tom) Jones of Dallas, Texas; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters.

A Memorial Service will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 2, 2011, at The Palms of Sebring, with Rev. George Miller officiating. Arrangements have been entrusted to:

Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home Sebring, Florida 33870 863-385-0125 www.stephensonnelsonfh.com.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - March 23, 2011

Deceased Name: Milton R. Howard

Atlanta, IL - Mr. Milton R.

Howard, 87, of Atlanta, IL passed away on Monday, March 21, 2011, at 6:40 a.m. at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center in Normal.

Graveside services for Mr. Howard will be held at the Atlanta Cemetery at 11:20 a.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2011. Mr. Tony Billingsley will officiate.

Visitation will be held at Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Thursday prior to the graveside service.

Burial will be in Atlanta Cemetery.

Surviving Mr. Howard are his children: Sandra (Tom) Black of Downs; Sonja (Dave) Andrew of Ellsworth; Mark (Beth) Howard of Atlanta; Tim (Reva) Howard of Downs; Melissa Walters of Champaign; Daniel (Lisa)

Howard of Atlanta; Gary (Corliss) Howard of Omaha, Neb.; Judy (Robert) McClaran of Birmingham, Iowa; and Jackie Smith of Fairfield, Iowa; one sister, Mae Griffiths of Florida and one brother, Roy Howard of Texas; 22 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Delores.

Mr. Howard was **born** on August 31, 1923, in Leroy, Kansas, the son of Jay R. and Tillie Nedula Howard. He married Delores J. Kellems on December 2, 1953. She preceded him in death. During his life, Milton was employed at Willow Farms and by Hoblit Seed Company.

Mr. Howard also served in the Army during WWII in the South Pacific.

Milton, along with the love of his life, Delores, raised six children that dearly loved him. He was a man who loved life. A life filled with huge gardens that he took great pride in. From those gardens he gave us many meals using his "secret recipes." He enjoyed warm sunny days outdoors mowing and living the country life to its fullest. Dad was a great fan of the Chicago Cubs and looked forward to each and every game. He loved visits from his grandchildren and took great pride in each and every one. Dad never gave up being the optimist. He battled cancer for 13 years with great determination. His kindheartedness along with his love for his family will be with us always.

The family offers special thanks to the doctors and nurses at the Community Cancer Center and Advocate Bro Menn hospital.

Memorials may be made to Community Cancer Center in Normal.

Final arrangements are entrusted with Quiram Peasley Funeral Home of Atlanta.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - March 24, 2011

Deceased Name: Dessie M. Gosda

Dessie M. Gosda, 81 of Lincoln passed away at 7:25 a.m. on March 23, 2011 at St. Clara's Manor, Lincoln.

Dessie was **born** on May 16, 1929 at Arkadelphia, AL the daughter of Walter T. and Ora Early Black. She married Gustave "Gus" G. Gosda on June 18, 1949 in Elkton MD. He preceded her in death April 26, 1994. She is survived by one daughter: Brenda (Jeff) Short of Lincoln; two sons: Gerald (Judy) Gosda of Chimney Rock, NC and Danny Gosda of Lincoln; two grandchildren: Jenny (Brian) Justice of Hendersonville, NC and Joni Gosda of Twin Lake, MI. and two great grandchildren: Reid and Trey. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, three brothers and three sisters.

She was a member of St. John United Church of Christ; Christian Seekers and the White Shrine of Jerusalem. She enjoyed drawing and making many greeting and note cards.

Services will be held Saturday, March 26 at 10:00 a.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln with Rev. Richard Reinwald officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to service at the funeral home. Burial at Atlanta Cemetery, Atlanta. Memorials may be given to St. Clara's Manor; C.I.E.D.C.; or Logan County Health Department.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - March 24, 2011

Deceased Name: Daisy Eudena Ray

Daisy Eudena Ray, of Clinton, formerly of Lincoln, passed away March 18, 2011 at Liberty Village in Clinton, IL.

Visitation will be from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM Saturday, March 26, 2011 at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will be Saturday, March 26th at 1:00 PM also at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Funk's Grove Cemetery.

Daisy was **born** August 21, 1930 in Rockey Hill Arkansas, the daughter of Herman and Bessie (Starcher) Ray.

She came to Illinois in 1951 and worked at Norman's Laundry and Dry cleaning until 1955. Then she worked at Tripplett Factory before opening her own daycare in Decatur and later driving a school bus for the city of Decatur.

She was employed at Lincoln Developmental Center from 1974 until 1984 and then worked for Mental Health of Central Illinois from 1984 until her retirement in 2004. She was then a volunteer house mother for Genesis Ministries before moving back to Decatur due to her health. She resided at Liberty Village in Clinton for the past year.

She was a faithful and active member of Life Point Church of God in Lincoln (Pastor Jacob Skelton).

She leaves behind her daughter Daisy Jane Ray and her husband Jimmy Ray Fairbanks of Decatur, IL.; two grandsons: Jackie R. Maple of Lincoln, IL.; and Jackie W. Grubbs of Argenta, IL.; two great grandsons: Jaxon Tyler and Kannon Krosby Grubbs both of Argenta; and one great granddaughter Adylynn Jane Maple of Clinton, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Johnny Herman Ray, her son Willard Dale Grubbs, and very special nephew William Harrison Ray of Leslie, AR.

A very special thank you to: Erin and Jaden Rigney of Clinton, IL. and Aunt Shell for all the flowers sent to Mom, Terri McEntire of Lincoln, IL., Bill and Fannie Elsberry of Hopedale, IL.; Pastor Dan Scalf and visiting pastors John Lowen and Susie Freeman of Atlanta Assemble of God, visiting pastor and long time friend Ron Howerton of Maranatha Assembly of God, Perry Groves of Lincoln, IL., Carla Phillips and all of the Manor Court (Liberty Village) staff for you love and support, roommate and friend Dorothy Morris, and special friend David Trimble of Blue Mound, IL.

Memorial donations may be made to the family and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - March 29, 2011

Deceased Name: Anna Elizabeth Sanders

Anna Elizabeth Sanders, 75, of Delavan, passed away at 8:33 AM Thursday, March 24, 2011 at Pekin Hospital.

She was **born** March 11, 1936 in Delavan to Vernon and Mary Eeten Watkins. She married Merle R. Sanders on July 7, 1956 in Cahokia, MO. He preceded her in death on April 18, 2006. She was also preceded by one grandson, Rudie Bachman.

Surviving are four daughters, Kathy (Alf) Lusher of Delavan, Peggy Sanders of Hartsburg, Karen (Kevin) Bergman of White Heath, and Dottie (Lee) Bachman of Minier; five grandchildren; five great grandchildren; and eight brothers and sisters, Vernon (Judy) Watkins of Lacon, Arthur Watkins of Emden, Mary (Dick) Johnson of Atlanta, Dean (Marsha) Watkins of Pekin, Sharon (John) Elliott of Broomfield, CO., Harriet (Joe) Szadkowski of Delavan, Wilma (Bob) Kindred of Morton, and Kenneth Watkins of Delavan.

Anna was a homemaker and an accomplished seamstress. She had worked as a waitress and as a care giver to many people, both young and old. She and her husband operated a lawn mowing business in Delavan, until the time of his death . She was an E.M.T. and charter member of the Delavan Ambulance Service.

She was a member of the Delavan Women's Softball Team, which was initiated by Manny Berger, in 1951.

She was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, 305 N. Locust St. in Delavan, where her funeral will be at 11:00 AM Monday, March 28, 2011. Rev. Derek Riddle will officiate. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 PM Sunday and from 10:00 to 10:45 AM Monday, both at the church. Burial will be in Prairie Rest Cemetery in Delavan. Davis Mortuary in Delavan is handling the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Delavan Ambulance Service or Christ Lutheran Church.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - March 29, 2011

Deceased Name: Duane M. Huffman

Duane M. Huffman, 93, of Lincoln passed away Saturday, March 26, 2011 at 4:21 p.m. at St. Clara's Manor Nursing Home, Lincoln.

Mr. Huffman worked at Lincoln Developmental Center in Lincoln for 10 years, was a bookkeeper overseas for the U.S. government and worked for Lober Electric in Lincoln as an electrician. Mr. Huffman served overseas in the United States Army during World War II in the 112th Cavalry Regiment in the South Pacific where he was awarded four Bronze Stars for his campaigns for the Bismarck Archipelago, New Guinea, Southern Philippines and Luzon Campaigns.

Duane was **born** October 2, 1917, the son of Albert M. and Grace Ingram Huffman in Lincoln. He is survived by several cousins, Jo Ann Awe, Marilyn Tisdale, Helen Hubner and Nancy J. Awe all of Lincoln..

He was a member of the Baptist Faith.

Mr. Huffman's services will be held on Tuesday March 29, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. There will be a visitation at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home on Tuesday from 10:00-11:00. Burial will be in Old Union Cemetery, Lincoln, where full military rites will be accorded. Memorials may be given to the Logan County Humane Society.

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Deceased Name: Charles William Dennis

Charles William Dennis, 91 of Decatur, passed away Friday March 25, 2011 at Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Celebration of Charles's life will be at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at Community of Christ Church, 5655 Union School Road, Harristown, Illinois. Pastor Richard Streibich will be officiating. Entombment will be at Elkhart Cemetery, Elkhart, Illinois. Memorials may be made to the Community of Christ Church.

Charles was **born** on July 20, 1919 in Newton, Illinois the son of Charles and Julia Dennis. He married Velma Mae Lucas July 24, 1938. Velma preceded him in death on July 22, 2001. Charles surviving family include four children; Sandra Burns (Charles) Bloomington, Illinois, William Dennis (Jeraldine) Lincoln, Illinois; Charla King (Michael) Knoxville, TN; Charise Sons (Gerald) Puryear, TN. Also, surviving are eleven grandchildren, twenty-seven great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother Ray Dennis (Shirley) of Pana, Illinois.

Charles (Charlie) worked at Illinois Power Company in Decatur and retired after 30 years of service. He was a Marine during WorldWar II.

He and his wife enjoyed throughout their retirement traveling in their Avion trailer. They were in every state except four in their years of travel. Of all their travels, Douglas, Wyoming was their favorite location. They spent their 60th wedding anniversary in Douglas at a small church renewing their wedding vows.

Charles was a master craftsman with his specialty being wicker chairs. He and his wife crafted many beautiful items that were given as gifts to children and grandchildren.

Charles spent many hours as a volunteer at St.Clara's nursing home in Lincoln, IL and also at Friendship Hill Retirement Center in Lovington, IL. He was always a smiling face to all the residents as he volunteered.

Known to all his family as PaPa and to his friends as Charlie, he was so looking forward to uniting with his wife in heaven. He was a loving devoted husband, father, and friend and will be missed by all.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - March 29, 2011

Deceased Name: John Richard

Mr. John Richard Begolka, of Atlanta, passed away on Friday, March 25, 2011, at 10:15 p.m. at Asta Care Center in Bloomington.

Funeral services for Mr. Begolka will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. at the Atlanta United Methodist Church. Rev. Rob Roy will officiate.

Visitation will be held at Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2011.

Burial will be in Roaches Chapel Cemetery in rural McLean.

Surviving Mr. Begolka are his wife, Carol June Begolka of Atlanta; five children: Bradley (Tammy) Begolka of Armington, Gerald (Dawn) Begolka of Atlanta, Barbara Begolka of Peoria, Janice (Robert Weiss) Begolka of Atlanta and Beverly (Will Thomas) Begolka of Bloomington; one brother, Charles (Katherine) Begolka of Atlanta and one sister, Alice (Mel) Groth of Ft. Scott, Kansas.

Mr. Begolka is also survived by nine grandchildren: John Cunningham, Braden (Sarah) Begolka, Nicholas Begolka, Candice Begolka, Jeffery Wilcoxson, Zachery Wilcoxson, Sara Begolka, Nathan Hawley and Tyler Begolka; and two great-grandchildren, Clayton Begolka and Savannah Begolka.

Richard was preceded in death by his mother and father.

Mr. Begolka was **born** on January 26, 1931, in Lincoln, the son of Arthur and Louise Gardner Begolka. He married Carol June Fox at the First Baptist church in Mt. Carroll, Ill. on September 13, 1959. She survives.

Richard was a farmer and businessman all of his life. When he retired in 2003, he spent much happy time restoring antique tractors. For many years, he was the owner and operator of Quality Pork Farms and a co-owner of C n D Cycle Sales in Atlanta.

From 1951 to 1955, Richard served in the United States Air Force in which he taught airplane mechanics at Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul.

Richard was a member of the Atlanta United Methodist Church, American Legion, National Farmer's Organization, National Rifle Association, Lion's Club and American Motorcycle Association. Over the years, Richard served as a member of the Township Board and on the East Lincoln Farmer's Grain Elevator Board.

Memorials may be made to Passages Hospice in Bloomington, the Atlanta United Methodist Church or the Atlanta Rescue Squad.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - March 29, 2011

Deceased Name: Robert E. Zella

Robert E. Zella, 93, of Lincoln passed away Friday, March 25, 2011 at 12:50 p.m. at Christian Village Nursing Home, Lincoln.

Mr. Zella owned and operated Zella's Mart in Gaylord, MI and retired in 1977 from being a surgical technician in Ann Arbor, MI.

Robert was **born** July 23, 1917, the son of Joseph and Hattie Wagner Zella in Detroit, MI. He married Ulah Price; then Frances Lelling and later Eugenia Kramer Lawrence, all three preceded him in death. He is survived by two daughters: Gail Beachler of Peoria, IL and Karen Lawrence (Donnie) Hoffert of Lincoln; four grandchildren: Eric Gorman; Kevin Beachler; Angy Jesse and Anthony Hoffert; and four great grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by a sister: Dorothy Bond and one granddaughter: Pamela Gorman.

He was a member of the Holy Family Church.

Mr. Zella will be cremated; No services will be held. Memorials may be given to the Donor's choice.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - March 29, 2011

Deceased Name: Mary G. Ruwe

Mary Gertrude Ruwe, 97, of Mt. Pulaski, passed away on Friday, March 25, 2011 at 5:44 A.M. at St. Clara's Manor, Lincoln. Mrs. Ruwe was a homemaker.

She was **born** August 29, 1913, the daughter of George and Alvina Danner Leimbach at Mt. Pulaski, IL. She married Edward Ruwe in November 1936 at Beason, IL. He preceded her in death. She is survived by one son: George (Judy) Ruwe of Carol Stream, IL; three grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

She graduated from Beason High School and attended Frances Shiner College in Mt. Carroll, IL. Mary was very active in the community. She served 35 years on the Mt. Pulaski Library Board; 10 years on Rolling Prairie Library Board; 14 years on the Illinois State PTA Board. She is an Illinois and National Life PTA member. She was President of the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital auxiliary for two years; the Mt. Pulaski Woman's Club; and president of many local and church organizations.

Services will be Monday, March 28 at 10:00 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, Lincoln with Rev. David Ramirez officiating. Burial at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery, Mt. Pulaski, IL. Visitation will be Sunday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln. Memorials may be made to Zion Lutheran Church of Lincoln.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - March 29, 2011

Deceased Name: Caymon Ja'farryl Redd

Caymon Ja'farryl Redd, 38, Atlanta, transcended this world at 4:32 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, 2011 at Advocate Bromen Medical Center, Normal; after listening to recorded messages from his sons. A Home-Going Celebration will be held on Monday, at 1:00 p.m. at Calvert-Metzler Memorial Home, Bloomington. Visitation will be 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the memorial home. Interment will be at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Bloomington. Memorials in Caymon's name may be left to a charity of the donor's choice.

Caymon was **born** , on August 31, 1972 in Bloomington, Illinois, a son of John L. and Pearlene Brown Redd. He married Wendy West on May 29, 2009 in Lincoln, Illinois; she survives. Also surviving are his Children: Cayden, Alexa, Trey and Caymie Redd; his mother Pearlene Redd-Pitchford, second-father John M. Pitchford; brothers: John L. Redd, III and Jay (Tracy) Pitchford; Maternal grandmother, Addie M. Brown-Johnson. He was preceded in death by his father, Paternal grandmother, and Maternal grandfather.

He was employed by the Illinois Department of Corrections; assigned to the Logan Correctional Center in Lincoln. He was a member of the Logan Correctional Center Tactical Unit. He was a Christian, devoted son, loving husband and brother, loyal friend, awesome father, talented musician, artist and an avid chess player. He will be missed by his family and friends.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - March 29, 2011

Deceased Name: Paul C. Gambrel

Paul C. Gambrel, 86, of Springfield passed away at 8:45 p.m. on March 27, 2011 at St. John's Hospice, Springfield, IL.

He was a supervisor of M&W for the Illinois Central Railroad. Paul was a member of New Holland United Methodist Church. He was a U.S. Navy veteran during World War II. He was a member of Greenview Masonic Lodge; Scottish Rite Temple of Bloomington, Ansar Shrine of Springfield, IL. and American Legion of New Holland Post #715.

Paul was **born** on March 21, 1925, the son of Raymon and Lillian McCawley Gambrel at Middletown, Illinois. He married Bonnie M. Duginger on January 1, 1946 at Middletown, IL. She survives in Springfield. He is also survived by his daughter: Vicky (Ron) Klokkenga of Lincoln, IL., one sister-in-law: Helen Cecil of Lincoln and two cousins: Sara McCawley of New Holland, IL. and Kathy (Rex) Thompson of Naperville, IL. He was the last of his immediate family.

Services will be held Wednesday, March 30 at 11:00 a.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln with Rev. Becky Barrow officiating. Burial will be at Richmond Grove Cemetery, New Holland, IL. with full military rites accorded. Visitation will be from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Masonic Services at 9:00 A.M. by Greenview Masonic Lodge. Memorials may be given to New Holland Methodist Church, St. John's Hospice of Springfield or American Heart Association.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - March 30, 2011

Deceased Name: Roberta M. Hursh

Roberta M. Hursh, 88, of Lincoln passed away Saturday, March 26, 2011 at 5:05 p.m. at the Christian Nursing Home, Lincoln.

Mrs. Hursh co-owned Hursh T.V. and Radio with her husband for many years in Lincoln.

Mrs. Hursh was **born** December 12, 1922 in Clinton, Illinois the daughter of Clarence and Lyda Davis Stubbs. She married Oliver Hursh on September 29, 1940. He preceded her in death on January 9, 1997.

She was a member of the Baptist Faith.

Mrs. Hursh is survived by nieces: Donna (Nilo) McCallum, Tustin, CA; Cynthia (Burt) Martin-Popejoy, Atlanta, IL; Mary Cox, Longmont, CO; Carole (Bob) Sullenberger, Hygiene, CO; nephews: David (Deb) Martin, LaPorte, CO; Richard (Linda) Martin, Page, AZ; Steve (Susie) Martin, Tucson, AZ; sisters-in-law: Ella Mae Stubbs, Tustin, CA; Evelyn Hursh Martin, Longmont, CO; and special friends Gaylord and Susie Bidwell and Linda Barrick. She was preceded in death by her husband, Oliver, her parents, brother: George; and nephews Mark Martin and Ross (Gloria) Martin.

Mrs. Hursh's services will be held on Friday, April 1, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader

Funeral Home in Lincoln. There will be a visitation at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home one hour prior to service. Burial will be in New Union Cemetery, Lincoln. Memorials may be given to Christian Nursing Home or Logan County Animal Rescue.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - March 31, 2011

Deceased Name: Ruth Goebel Aldendifer

LINCOLN - Ruth Goebel Aldendifer, of Lincoln, IL, died on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 2:05 A.M. She was **born** Ruth Marie Groff on July 24, 1920 in Lincoln. She married Dr. Robert Goebel August 16, 1941. He preceded her in death in 1983. She married Dr. James Aldendifer on August 30, 1997. He preceded her in death in 2006. She is survived by her sons: Judge E. Robert Goebel (wife Maxine) of Owensboro, KY, and Stephen Goebel (wife Carol) of Shelbyville, IL; daughter-in-law: Martha Goebel of Harding, IL; and two stepsons: James Aldendifer (wife Stephanie) of Plano, TX, and Robert Aldendifer of Redondo Beach, CA.

Surviving grandchildren include: Adrienne Smith (husband Vernon), Robert E. Goebel (wife Hannah), Nicole Pierce (husband Eric), Michelle Angel (husband Travis), Todd Goebel (wife Julie), Drew Goebel (wife Amanda), Greg Goebel; and step grandchildren: James III, Brent, and Peter Aldendifer. Surviving great grandchildren are: Bennett Smith, Vernon Smith IV, Silas Goebel, Saegan, Seda and Sylus Pierce, Maya and Finn Angel, Nathan, Scott, Connor and Lauren Goebel, Kate, Benjamin and Lukas Goebel. Mrs. Goebel Aldendifer was preceded in death by her mother: Grace Lee Scott Groff DeLap; father: Thomas Talmadge Groff; son: J. Bruce Goebel; and sister: Juanita Evans.

Mrs. Goebel Aldendifer was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Abraham Lincoln Hospital Auxiliary, the Hospice Board, Friday Book Club and P.E.O. She graduated from Lincoln High School in 1938 and Lincoln College in 1940 with an Associate Arts degree. She taught for two years at Mt. Pleasant School (one room schoolhouse) one mile north of Lincoln. Memorials can be made to the Pink Shutter (c/o A. Lincoln Hospital Auxiliary) and the First Presbyterian Church in Lincoln, IL. Special thanks to the staff of The Christian Village Nursing Home for their loving care of Mrs. Goebel Aldendifer.

Services will be held at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln on Monday, April 4, 2011, at 11:00 A.M. with Rev. Phillip Blackburn and Ryan Edgecombe co-officiating. There will be an hour prior visitation starting at 10:00 A.M. on Monday. Burial will be at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln following the service.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - March 31, 2011

Deceased Name: Kenneth E. Thompson

INDIANAPOLIS, IN - Kenneth E. Thompson, **born** in Lincoln, Illinois, October 30, 1932 to Harry and Ola Thompson, passed away peacefully at home on March 25, 2011. Ken is survived by his cherished wife of 56 years, Nancy (Tesh), three sons, Jeff, Greg (Stephanie) and Corby (Julie) and a daughter, Jill (Michael) Briggs. Preceded in death by brothers, Wayne and Paul, he is survived by sisters, Ruby Paice, Las Vegas, Nevada and Viola McNally, Sacramento, CA. Raised in a humble two bedroom home, Ken volunteered for the Army and served his country in the 76th Engineer Constructions Battalion during the Korean War. Owing to the guidance of a benevolent sergeant, Ken returned from overseas bent on pursuing a college degree. He married Nancy, began a family and enrolled in Tri-State University as it was "the only place that would have me". With his GI benefits running out, Ken finished a Civil Engineering degree in three years, while providing for his wife and three sons by milking and wrestling unsympathetic cows every day at 4:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

With degree in hand and a daughter on the way, Ken began his career with Paul Cripe. His common sense and engineering skills soon opened many doors. Ken worked for Milton Feinberg, developing many projects before heading off on his own with then partner Tom Schutz to form Schutz and Thompson. From an airplane over what was then the far north side of Indianapolis, Ken recognized the low area that would become the lake at Woodland Springs. Moving on, the pair developed the Woodlands, the Eden projects, and many other Carmel landmarks. In 1978, Indiana National Bank asked Ken to come across the White River and assist with a large, struggling real estate venture in the little Town of Fishers.

As a labor of love, Ken made sure that recreational areas, churches, municipal facilities and adequate infrastructure were incorporated into the development of the Town. Many flood prone areas in "Mudsock" were relieved with his guidance. The land that is now Holland Park and Harrison Park were his donations. When Town funds were not available to acquire the land that is now the Thomas A. Weaver Municipal Complex, Ken borrowed the funds, purchased and held the land at a loss as Councilor Roy Holland chuckled to his friend, "we don't have the money to pay you interest." Likewise, when Town funds were not available and no other land owners would participate, Ken founded Hamilton Southeastern Utilities in order to serve the areas east of State Road 37 with sanitary sewers. Ken enjoyed seeing thousands of diverse families welcomed to Fishers in great communities such as Sunblest, River Glen, River Highlands, Fawnsbrook Woods, Harrison Park, Weaver Woods, Sweet Briar, etc

Never seeking recognition, Ken received the First Key to the Town of Fishers presented by his friends Walt Kelly and Gaye Cordell. Ken loved a practical joke and made sure, first and foremost, that everyone shared a good time. Ever humble, he only needed enough money in his pocket to buy lunch, which very few if any were ever allowed to reciprocate. He never turned down a donation request or a friend who needed help. He never expected anything in return. Those were the days, when golf was played with the headlights of cars on the old Sunblest course, those were his days.

Ken is also survived by ten grandchildren: Emma (Dan) Bowman, Megan (Mike) Pratt and their daughter Camryn, Zachary, Sam and Abby (children of Jeff); Corby, Rachel and Jake (children of Greg and Stephanie); Cole and Cooper (children of Corby and Julie). Calling was held at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary in Fishers. Memorial contributions may be made to East

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Street Christian Church Building Fund.

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Deceased Name: Frances (Deuterman) Murray

ATLANTA - Frances (Deuterman) Murray, 90, of Atlanta passed away on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at The Christian Village Nursing Home in Lincoln.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Murray will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Quiram Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta with Mr. Ryan Edgecombe officiating.

Visitation will be held for one hour prior to the service.

Burial will be in Atlanta Cemetery.

Frances V. Deuterman Murray was **born** May 23, 1920 in Atlanta the daughter of Louie and Mary Charlotte Hawes Deuterman. She married Cyril Murray on December 26, 1942. He preceded her in death on August 8, 1980.

Surviving Mrs. Murray are her grandchildren: Barbara (Larry) Michael of Normal, Mike Flynn of Bloomington, Patti (Courtney) Dorrell of Orlando, Fla., Mark (Brenda) Flynn of Atlanta; nine great grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her step-daughter: Ina Mae Flynn, and one brother, Robert Deuterman.

She was a member of Atlanta Christian Church, American Legion Auxiliary, Order of The Eastern Star and Daughters of American Revolution.

She was a co-owner of the Palace Theatre in Atlanta for many years.

Frances played the piano her entire life. She enjoyed performing for the members of Oasis Senior Center and at Christian Village Nursing Home.

Memorials may be made to Atlanta Rescue Squad or The Christian Village Nursing Home Activity Department.

Final arrangements are entrusted with Quiram Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta.