

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - August 2, 2011

Deceased Name: Ruth G. Klokkenga

EMDEN - Ruth G. Klokkenga, 87, of Emden passed away on Sunday, July 31, 2011 at 3:50 a.m. at The Christian Village Nursing Home in Lincoln.

Funeral services for Ms. Klokkenga will be held on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Emden with Rev. John Schurter and Mr. John Cross officiating.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. until time of service on Wednesday at the church.

Burial will be in Hartsburg Union Cemetery in Hartsburg.

Peasley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Ruth Grace Klokkenga was **born** on December 30, 1923 in Emden the daughter of Harry Joseph and Gertie Eeten Klokkenga.

Surviving Ruth are one brother: Harry M. (Joanne) Klokkenga of Bloomington, Neices and nephews: Ron (Vicky) Klokkenga, Rudy Klokkenga, Larry (Cathy) Zumwalt, Debbie (Loren) Lamar, Barbara (Mark) Kirk, Esther Bruns, Fay Bruns, Roberta (Butch) Hildebrandt.

She was preceded in death by parents, three sisters, one niece and one great niece.

Ruth retired from the Emden Post Office as a clerk for 20 years on April 2, 1989.

She was a member of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church where she taught Sunday School for twenty-five years.

She was also a member of the Emden Historical Society.

Memorials may be made to the Emden Historical Society and Museum

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Deceased Name: Florus Weldon Nagel

ROGERS, AR - Florus Weldon Nagel, of Rogers, AR passed away July 21, 2011 at circle of Life in Rogers. He was **born** March 30, 1932 in Lincoln, IL to Florus Carl and Jessie B. Nagel. He married Bernita Darnall of Atlanta, IL on December 23, 1951.

He served four years in the Air Force, then was a farmer, and a Prudential insurance agent and staff manager until he retired after 30 years on August 25, 1991. He and his wife moved to Rogers in 1993 from Olathe, KS. His life was centered around the Lord and family. He was a member and an elder in Johnson County Christian Church, Overland Park, KS until he moved to Rogers. Then he was a member and elder of Heartland Christian Church of Rogers.

His interests and hobbies included church, Lady Razorback basketball and the singing group The Gospel Lads, Joplin, MO.

Survivors are his wife, Bernita of 59 years and 5 months, Rogers, son, Steve and wife, Vanessa Nagel, of Rogers, daughter, Sharon Hamner and husband, Jim of Carrollton, TX. The delight of his life was his 4 grandchildren, Jennifer Nagel of Rogers, Cpl Robert Nagel Marine Corp, stationed at Washington, D.C., Jodi and husband, Arturo, Banales of Frisco, TX John and wife, Ashley Hamner of Plano, TX, and one great granddaughter, Taylor Voight of Rogers. Two sisters, Gitana Folkes and husband, Dean, Sarasota, FL and Donna Faye Leach of Sarasota, several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to either Circle of Life, 901 Jones Rd, Springdale, AR 72764 or Heartland Christian Church Missions Fund. Heartland Christian Church, 1304 W. Price Lane, Rogers, AR 72758.

Graveside service will be held on Thursday, August 4th at 10:30 am at Oak View Cemetery in Armington, IL.

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Deceased Name: Bonnie J. England

LINCOLN - Bonnie Jean England (nee Broughton) died Sunday, July 24 at Maple Ridge Home in Lincoln due to complications from Pick's Disease. Bonnie was **born** Sept 27, 1953. She worked as a Respiratory Therapist in Springfield, Illinois and Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. She leaves behind her husband, Richard England of Athens, daughter Angela, grandchildren, Zane and Zoe, two brothers, one sister, and her mother and stepfather, Ila & Dale Lowman and many aunts, uncles and cousins. There will be a memorial service 1-4 pm, Sept. 25 at the Falling brook Lodge, 2800 W. Washington Street, Springfield.

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Deceased Name: Sarah Brown Morris

LINCOLN - Sarah Brown Morris, of Lincoln, died Sunday, July 24, 2011 at Maple Ridge Care Center in Lincoln.

Her funeral will be on Thursday at 10:30 A.M. At the Second Baptist Church in Lincoln with Reverend Glenn Shelton officiating.

Burial will be on a later date at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Riverton.

She was **born** on January 15, 1918, in Kissinger, Missouri. Her parents were Benjamin Brown and Effie L. Pruitt.

She is survived by two sisters, Gladys Brown Herrington and Blanch Brown Howard, niece, Ginger (Glenn) Shelton, nephew, Norman Barber along with several other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Robert Price, Clarence Brown, Eugene Brown, Francis Brown McCormick and Mattie Brown Carter.

Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

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Deceased Name: Kay Krusemark Tubbs

CHARLOTTE, NC - Kay Krusemark Tubbs, 58, of Charlotte, North Carolina, went to be with her Savior July 4, 2011.

She was **born** August 18, 1952 in Fort Benning, Georgia to Leonard and Betty Ann Cross Krusemark and grew up in rural Emden, Illinois. She is survived by her parents; her husband, Dick; and her stepchildren, Rick (Aileen) Tubbs and Nicole (James) Robertson. She also leaves three grandchildren: Taylor, Whitney, and Kelsey Robertson; four sisters: Sue Krusemark of Champaign, Illinois; Jill (Jamie) Voyles of Lincoln, Illinois; Jan (Brian) Anderson of Granger, Iowa; and Joy (Larry) Knicl of Macomb, Illinois and eight nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Kay's life will be held at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Emden, Illinois on Sunday, August 7 at 4:00 PM. The family will receive friends following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Kay's memory may be made to either St. Peter Lutheran Church or Habitat for Humanity-Logan County.

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Deceased Name: James Lynn Allsopp

LINCOLN - James Lynn Allsopp, 58 died in Lincoln, IL at his home on July 29, 2011.

James was **born** to Win and Jennie Green Allsopp on October 18, 1952 in Lincoln, IL. He was a worker at Eaton Corporation and was also a U. S. Navy Veteran.

He is survived by his mother Jennie Allsopp of Mt. Pulaski, IL. His daughter Jackie Lewis of Kewanee, IL; and her four children; Kyle, Lexus, Kitana, and Bryan; his brother Bill (Carla) of Escondido, CA and his sisters; Connie Logan of Lincoln, IL, and Peggy (Dennis) Miller of Middleburg, PA.

He was preceded in death by his father and his brother Terry Lee.

Services will be Friday August 5, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. from Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home of Mt. Pulaski, IL with Pastor Rachel Stockle officiating. American Legion Post #447 will conduct rites' at the funeral home. There will be a visitation an hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Mt. Pulaski Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be made by choice of the donor.

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Deceased Name: Opal C. Beckers

MT. PULASKI - Opal C. Beckers, 93, of Mt. Pulaski passed away at 3:00 A.M. Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at Vonderlieth Living Center. Opal was **born** on April 25, 1918 to John and Anna Curry in Farber, Missouri. She married Elmer Mendenhall. He preceded her in death in February of 1954. She later married Roy Beckers. He preceded her in death on January 17, 1982. She is survived by her son George (Anna) Beckers of Mt. Pulaski, IL, 7 grandchildren and 2 greatgrandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, 1 daughter; Susan Mendenhall Postlewait, three brothers and two sisters and one grandson. There will be a Graveside Service at 1:00 P.M. on Monday, August 8, 2011 at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery. Father Tony Ego will conduct services. Memorials may be made to the Mt. Pulaski Library.

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Deceased Name: Tami L. Huskins

LINCOLN - Tami L. Huskins, 49, of Lincoln, IL died at 12:35 P.M., July 6, 2011 at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, IL.

Memorial Services will be held Saturday, August 6 at 10:00 a.m. at Lincoln Church of God, 601 Pulaski St., Lincoln with Rev. Jacob Skelton officiating. Memorials may be made to the family. Arrangements by Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, IL.

Tami was **born** December 6, 1961 in Lincoln, IL the daughter of Wilford and Beverly Ealy Merreighn. She was united in marriage to Ronnie Huskins in 1980 in Lincoln, IL and he survives. Tami is survived by two sons, Mark (Megan Malerich) and Matthew (Heidi) Huskins both of Lincoln, IL, 5 grandchildren, Austin, Haley, Kade Noble James, Kambria Lynn Lorraine and Morgan Michael Huskins, her mother and stepfather, Beverly and Jerry Gaddy of Lincoln, A special uncle: Ron (Sharon) Ealy; 1 brother, Bobby (Janice Stewart) Merreighn of Lincoln, 3 half brothers, Scott Gaddy of Maroa, Todd Gaddy of Lincoln, and Shawn Gaddy of San Jose, 2 half sisters, Norma (Bill) Langley of Mt. Zion, and Cheryl (Chuck) Feese of Springfield, her caregiver, Pat Mann who treated her like a daughter and Shelley Hanson and Patty Meredith who treated her like a sister, and several nieces and nephews.

Tami was preceded in death by her father, 1 brother, Billy Merreighn, 1 sister, Cherie Merreighn and one half brother Donnie Merreighn.

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Deceased Name: Kevin R. Milligan

ANGELAS CITY, PHILIPPINES - Kevin Rupert Milligan, 60, formerly of Mt. Pulaski, IL, died on June 18, 2011 in Angelas City, Philippines.

Kevin was **born** to Rupert and Mary Milligan on July 22, 1950 in Lincoln Illinois. Kevin was a retired high school teacher and worked on a Naval Base in Guam. During summer vacations Kevin traveled extensively in Indonesia and the Mariannas.

Kevin is survived by his mother: Mary K Milligan of Mt. Pulaski, IL and two brothers; Stuart (Elizabeth and nephew, Stuart Rupert) Milligan of Seal Beach, CA and Shane (Jacqueline and niece, Mary Kathryn) Milligan of Austin, TX. He was preceded in death by his father Rupert.

Services will be Monday 10:00 A.M. August 8, 2011 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski with Pastor Harold Weber conducting services. Visitation will be one hour prior to service. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church or Donor's Choice. Interment will be at a later date.

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Deceased Name: Ray C. Blanford

MT. PULASKI - Ray c. Blanford, 85 of Mt. Pulaski, IL formerly of Gillespie and Girard, IL passed away Sat. July 30, 2011 at Abraham Lincoln Hospital, Lincoln, IL.

Ray was **born** April 22, 1926 in Lincoln, IL a son of Everett and Edith (Wilham) Blanford. He married Norma Jean Harrold Aug. 17, 1946 in Springfield, IL. She preceded in death Sept. 30, 2010. Also preceding in death was Ray's twin brother Roy C. Blanford.

Ray was a U.S. Navy veteran serving during WW II, he was a member of the First Christian Church in Gillespie, IL a life member of the Gillespie Masonic Lodge, the O.E.S. in Gillespie, IL and retired from Peabody Coal Mine # 10 in Pawnee, IL and formerly farmed in the Taylorville, IL area.

Ray is survived by his daughter, Kathleen (Monty) Linder of Taylorville, IL, a son, Stephen R. (Donna) Blanford of Lincoln, IL, 6 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, 3 nieces and 1 nephew.

Graveside of ashes will be at 10:30 a.m. Sat. Aug. 13, 2011 in Mt. Pulaski Cemetery, Mt. Pulaski, IL. There will be no visitation, cremation rites accorded by Calvert & Ferry Funeral Home, Girard, IL. Memorials may be made to the first Christian Church, Gillespie, IL or to donor's choice. Please visit calvert-ferry-funeralhomes.com to leave a comment for the family.

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Deceased Name: Elick H. "Jr." Higdon

Delavan, IL - Elick H. "Jr." Higdon, 86, of Delavan, passed away at 8:30 AM. Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at Pekin, IL.

He was **born** September 30, 1924 in rural Delavan the son of Elick M. and Ida Mae Pullum Higdon. He married Barbara A. Humberd on April 26, 1947 in Delavan and she preceded him in death September 19, 1995. He was also preceded in death by an infant son, Elick Michael; four brothers, Raymond, Homer, George and Charles; and one sister, Hazel Baily.

Survivors include, one son, Ritchie Lee (Karen) Higdon of Springfield; two daughters, Teresa "Teri" (Harry) Callison of Mason City and Denise (Del) Wood of Pekin; nine grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; one brother, Bill (Doris) Higdon of Delavan; and one sister, Elizabeth Gritton of Paxton.

Jr. farmed in the Delavan area for 40 years and was employed by Cat. Inc for 24 years, retiring in 1989. He served in the US Army during the Korean War, obtaining the rank of 2nd Lieutenant. He was a member of Delavan American Legion Post 382 and was also a member of the Eagles and Moose Lodges, both in Pekin. He enjoyed fishing and attending various auctions.

His funeral will be at 2:00 PM. Saturday, August 6, at Davis Mortuary in Delavan. Pastor Lloyd Brock will officiate. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 PM. Friday, August 5, also at the mortuary. Burial will be in Prairie Rest Cemetery in Delavan with military honors provided by his legion post.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Delavan Fire Department.

To express condolences online visit: www.davimortuaryinc.com

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Deceased Name: Robert F.Wuertz

RANTOUL - Robert F. Wuertz, 72, of Rantoul, formerly of Decatur, passed away at 8:09 A.M. on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at Prairie Village Assisted Living in Rantoul.

Robert was **born** on October 14, 1938 in Port Clinton, Ohio to Rudolph F. and Mildred E. Wuertz. He married Nancy C. Shull on April 5, 1962 in Elkhart, IL. She preceded him in death on November 21, 1994. Robert was a Postal Worker for 18 years and a member of the Rantoul First Christian Church.

He is survived by his son, Ken Wuertz of Decatur, IL; two grandchildren and one brother and sister. He was preceded by his parents, wife, and one son, Allen.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 A.M., Saturday August 6, 2011 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski. Brother Will Wuertz will be conducting services. A visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Steenbergen Cemetery in rural Mt. Pulaski. Memorials may be made to the Salem Baptist Church of Decatur.

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Deceased Name: Violet M. Twist Krause

LINCOLN-Violet M. Twist Krause, 87, of Lincoln died at 1:47 a.m. Friday, August 5, 2011 at Christian Village, Lincoln.

Mrs. Krause was a retired elementary teacher for District 27, Lincoln; she also taught at Christian Elementary School in Springfield and Clinton Elementary School. She was a member of Lincoln Christian Church and Illinois Retired Teachers Association. Violet was a graduate of Lincoln Christian College. She received her Masters Degree in Elementary Education from Illinois State University.

Violet was **born** on December 26, 1923, in Emden, IL the daughter of Ricus and Margaret "Alice" Earl Wiekert. She married Oliver M. Twist on March 1, 1944 in Corpus Christi, TX. He preceded her in death June 26, 1960. She then married Otto O. Krause on December 21, 1986 in Lincoln, IL. He preceded her in death October 4, 2003.

She is survived by three sons: Matthew A. Twist of Moline, IL; Milo O. (Sherry) Twist of Washington, IL; and Robert (Donna) Twist of Elkhart, IL; two sisters: Evelyn Skoug of Eau Claire, WI; and Dorothy Snyder of Rockford, IL.; two grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, one granddaughter, Sonya Twist, and one sister: Arline Detloff.

Services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Monday at Lincoln Christian Church with Stuart Couve and Ryan Edgcombe co-officiating. Visitation will be Sunday from 2-5 P.M. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln and one hour prior to the funeral at the church on Monday. Burial will be at 2:00 p.m. on Monday at Union Cemetery, Washington, IL. Memorials may be made to Lincoln Christian Church or Christian Village.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - August 8, 2011

Deceased Name: Marilyn R. Pegram

LINCOLN - Marilyn R. Pegram, 75, of Lincoln, passed away at her home on August 4, 2011, after a long illness.

A memorial service was held on August 6, 2011, at Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Marilyn was **born** July 25, 1936, the daughter of William and Marie Poloney Madigan. She attended Lincoln schools, graduating with the class of 1954. She married Charles Pegram of Lincoln on June 19, 1955, and together they had 4 children: Julia (Mark) Gerardot of Lincoln, Dr. Lori Pegram of Bloomington, Elizabeth Leake of Sycamore, Ill., and Dan (Susan Knauer) Pegram of Lincoln. She adored her 6 grandchildren and two new great-granddaughters.

Mrs. Pegram was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and three brothers.

As a child, Marilyn was active in the Mariner Scouts, and as a mother served as a Girl Scout Leader. Marilyn was a member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha philanthropic sorority and an active fund raiser for the Heart Fund, St. Jude's Children's Hospital and the American Red Cross. She was active with the Class of '54 reunion committee, several times serving as chairman.

A strong role model for her children, many nieces and nephews and the children of her friends, Marilyn persistently admonished them to "Be an individual!" A lifelong Republican, she was a tireless campaigner on local and national levels. Her love of cooking and entertaining was enjoyed by many friends. Even as her illness progressed, she loved to host the 'Fabulous Five' for lunch and cards.

In honor of Marilyn's 75th birthday, her children planted a northern red oak tree in Edward R. Madigan State Park.

Special thanks to Kris Dennison of Hands Across Illinois Home Care Services for the compassionate and dignified way she cared for Marilyn.

Memorials may be made to VFW Post 1756, 915 Fifth Street, Lincoln, Ill., 62656.

Final arrangements were entrusted with Peasley Funeral Home of Lincoln.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - August 10, 2011

Deceased Name: Paulette Worth

CHANNAHON - Paulette Worth, age 67, of Channahon, passed away Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at the Joliet Area Community Hospice Home. She was **born** on December 2, 1943 in San Diego, CA, the daughter of the late Gwen (John) Crosoli and Charles Wilmert.

Survived by her loving husband of 48 years, Ronald Worth; loving mother of Lisa (Wally Flores) Worth, Darren Worth, Todd Michaels and a special grandson, Jeremy Worth, who she so graciously helped raise. Other surviving grandchildren include Garrett Williams, Trevor Michaels and Cody Michaels; also surviving is her special friend, Lavina "Lee" Hennes and Alexis Flores, who she considered a granddaughter as well.

Preceded in death by her son, Scott Michaels; and granddaughter, Chastity Michaels.

Paulette loved and enjoyed spending time with her family very much. She also shared a passion for classic cars and cruise nights with her husband, Ron, and grandson, Jeremy. She was an avid animal lover and will be missed by her pets, Buddy, Mia and Holly. Paulette was a beautiful and kind person, both inside and out. While she was little in stature, she never hesitated to stand up for those she loved or someone less fortunate than herself. Her beauty, kindness and humor will be sincerely missed by her family and friends.

Funeral Services for Paulette Worth will be held on Thursday, August 11, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home chapel. Private interment at Richmond Grove Cemetery in New Holland, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Paulette's name to Horizon House of Illinois Valley, Joliet Area Community Hospice or the charity of your choice would be very much appreciated. Visitation THURSDAY 4-7 p.m. at Fred C. Dames Funeral Home, 3200 Black at Essington Road, Joliet. www.fredcdames.com

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Deceased Name: Wayne H. Lowman

CAPE CORAL, FL - Wayne

H. Lowman, 84, of Cape Coral, FL, formerly of Lincoln, IL, died on August 3, 2011, after a brief illness, at Hope Hospice, Cape Coral, FL. He was **born** April 4, 1927 to George and Bertha (Meyers) Lowman.

He married his loving wife Geraldine "Geri" Lowman on January 26, 1952, in Lincoln, IL. She survives. He is also survived by his three sons, Rob (Maggie) Lowman of Ft Myers, FL, Todd (Georgia) Lowman of Lincoln, IL, and Scott (Marleena) Lowman of Cape Coral, FL, 6 grandchildren, Cole, Kelsey, Samantha, Melanie, Sydney, and Aaron, and Wayne's five siblings, Blanche Baldwin of Baton Rouge, LA, Elaine Lakin of Ft Myers, FL, Dean (Carol) Lowman of Lincoln, IL, Dale (Ila) Lowman of Springfield, IL, and Robert (Georgia) Lowman of Ft Myers, FL.

He is preceded in death by an infant daughter and both parents.

He served his country during WWII in the US Navy. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge #2708, the American Legion #0263 and the First United Methodist Church of Lincoln, IL.

Upon his return from the service, Wayne began working at Stetson's China Factory, and then Culligan's Soft Water.

He then worked at MII, Inc. Myers Ind. for over 28 years as a production supervisor before his retirement in 1989. He was a fan of all sports, in particular NASCAR and the Bears, but his love for the Cubs was matched by few.

A Memorial Service will be held on August 14th at 1:00 pm at Hope Hospice, 2430 Diplomat Parkway, Cape Coral, FL 33909. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations in Wayne's loving memory be made to Hope Hospice.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Fuller Metz Cremation and Funeral Services, Cape Coral, FL.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - August 15, 2011

Deceased Name: Marolyn June

EMDEN - Marolyn June Wrage, 80, of Emden, passed away August 13, 2011 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, IL. surrounded by her family.

Visitation will be Tuesday, August 16, 2011 from 5-7 PM at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln, IL. Funeral services will be Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at 11:00 AM at Prairieland Christian Church in Hartsburg with visitation from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM. Burial will follow in Hartsburg Union Cemetery.

Marolyn was **born** June 5, 1931, the second **born** of identical twins to Harm and Alice (Mammen) Fink in their home in Emden, IL.

She married Kenneth Eldon Wrage on October 28, 1951 in Emden, IL. He preceded her in death on September 1, 1987.

Marolyn was a member of Prairieland Christian Church, the Emden American Legion Auxiliary, a member of the Richmond Community Club, a member of the New Holland Kitchen Band, was a book keeper for Myers Industries, for Wrage Trucking and kept the farm books, and was the book keeper for ME realty until her retirement in January. She graduated from Hartsburg-Emden High School and later from Lincoln College while raising children and was an accomplished musician. She taught and played the piano and marimba and played the organ for the church in her youth.

Marolyn was very family oriented and her children and grandchildren were the joy of her life. She loved hearing her grandchildren tell stories about their day. One of her favorite past times was spending time with her identical twin sister Carolyn and their sister Loretta. She cooked Sunday Night Supper for three generations of the Fink family for many years and loved having the family all together. Marolyn was such a devoted daughter and niece that she was the caregiver to her mother and aunt in their final years.

Surviving are her sons: Brian (Nancy) Wrage of Atlanta, IL.; and Kurt (Lisa) Wrage of Emden, IL.; her daughter Lisa (Stan) Clark of Lincoln, IL.; grandchildren: Holly (Garrett) Barksdale, and Rachel (Jerod) Mattson, Jason (Elizabeth) Wrage, Kate (Wes) Dahl, Matthew (Jessie) Wrage, Jeffrey Clark, Joshua Clark, William Clark, Alicia Clark; great grandchildren: Kennedy Barksdale, Ellie Wrage, Brent Dahl, and Jake Dahl; and her sisters Carolyn McMath of Lincoln, IL.; and Loretta Hellman of Emden, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Kenneth, and her aunt Eileen Mammen.

Memorial donations may be made to Prairieland Christian Church, Emden Fire and Rescue, or to the organization of the donor's choice.

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Deceased Name: Blanche Wrage

KENNY - Blanche Wrage, 91, Kenney, IL, left this earth for her Heavenly Home on Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011. Visitation will be at Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, on Friday evening, Aug. 19, 2011; family and friends may call from 5-7 PM. Burial will be at 9 AM Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011 in Laenna Cemetery near Chestnut, IL. A service to celebrate Blanche's life will be at 10:30 AM Saturday morning, Aug. 20, 2011 at Chestnut Zion Lutheran Church, Chestnut, IL, with a 30 minute visitation before the service. Instead of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to either the Kenney Fire and Rescue, Chestnut Zion Lutheran Church or to Kenney's Wednesday Ladies Coffee Hour.

Blanche Beatrice Stoll was **born** to Fred and Ida (Wolken) Stoll on Dec. 26, 1919. She has one surviving sister, Bertha Moeller of Salem, IL; two deceased sisters and two deceased brothers.

On Dec. 18, 1943, Blanche married Herbert Wrage; he passed away last November. The Wrages have four children:

(Herbert) Allen Jr. and wife Alonda of Colleyville, TX; Frederick and wife Renee of Clinton, IL; Lana Shipley of Waynesville, IL; Lisa Jensen and husband Steven of Kenney, IL. There are twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Though her family will miss her greatly, we know that Blanche is Home in Heaven with her Savior.

She has "run her race" she has "won the Prize".

Online condolences may be e-mailed to www.calvertmemorial.com.

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Deceased Name: Willis F. "Bill" Buse

MASON CITY - Willis F. "Bill" Buse, 87 of Mason City died at 12:10am on Sunday, August 21, 2011 at his residence. He was **born** on December 2, 1923 the son of Dietrich F. and Anna M. (Miller) Buse in Mason County. He married Marilyn Imig on June 14, 1953 at the Methodist Church in Mason City, she survives. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Mr. Buse was a member of the Mason City United Methodist Church and the Elks Club #281. Bill was an owner and operator of an International Truck Dealers known as B & M Sales and Service in Mason City from 1960-1990.

Funeral services will be at 11:00am on Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at Hurley Funeral Home.

Pastor Stephen King will officiate; burial will be at Mason City Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to service. Memorials can be left to his church or Memorial Home Service Hospice. Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is in charge of arrangements.

Online memorials for the family can be left at www.hurleyfh.com

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Deceased Name: William W. Benner

WILLIAMSVILLE - William W. Benner I, 67, of Williamsville, died at 7:20 am, Saturday, August 20, 2011 at his residence. He was **born** October 17, 1943 in Lincoln, to Jordan Lee and Frances Jeanette Yocom Benner, and they preceded him in death. He married Janice L. Schoeberlein on December 28, 1994 and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter Kathleen D. Benner of Williamsville; one son William W. (DeLeina) Benner II of Mt. Pulaski; Step-daughters Michelle Doyle and her son Tyler of California and Lisa (Paul) Heaney of Montana; four grandchildren Elizabeth and Jordan Benner, Hunter and Maison Sherman, one sister Judy (Paul) Dollins of Rantoul and several nieces and nephews.

He was member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, and served in the United States Army. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 32 and Sangamon County Farm Bureau. He was a lifelong resident of the Williamsville and Elkhart area.

Visitation: 4 - 7 pm, Thursday, August 25, 2011 at Staab Funeral Home with a prayer service at 4 pm.

Funeral Mass: 10 am, Friday, August 26, 2011 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception with Reverend Peter Harman officiating. Burial will be in Holy Cross

Cemetery in Lincoln, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Post 32 or the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

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Deceased Name: Margaret E. Langenbahn

LINCOLN - Margaret E. Langenbahn, age 78, of Lincoln, IL, died at 6:35 P.M. Friday August 19, 2011 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Illinois.

Margaret retired from the Logan County Supervisor of Assessments Office in Lincoln, IL. She was a member of Lincoln Christian Church.

Margaret was **born** August 3, 1933 in Lincoln, IL, the daughter of Joseph and Dorothy Watters Tumilty. She was united in marriage to Virgil K. Langenbahn Jr. on May 28, 1977 at the Christian Church in Lincoln, IL. He preceded her in death on June 24, 2001.

Margaret is survived by one son, Steven Baker of Lincoln, IL, three daughters, Pamela Baker of Lincoln, IL, Julie Baker (Scott) McKinney of Mt. Pulaski, IL, and Lori (Bill) Schaub of Hartsburg, IL, eleven grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren, one sister, Marsha Logan of Bloomington, one sister-inlaw, Linda Tumilty of Bryan, Ohio, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and one brother, Donald Tumilty.

Margaret donated her body to Medical Science. A Celebration of Life Service will be at a later date. Arrangements are by Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, IL.

Memorials may be made to The Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation.

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

Deceased Name: Donald R. Douglas

MASON CITY - Donald

Ray Douglas, 73, of Mason City died at 3:58pm, on Sunday, August

21, 2011 at the Mason City Area Nursing Home. He was **born** on March 6, 1938 the son of Ray and Velma (Dennison) Douglas in Lincoln. He married Judith Johnson on June 17, 1962 at the Christian Church.

Survivors are his wife Judy; two sons: D. Jay (Jill) Douglas, Derick (Amy) Douglas. Also surviving are four grandchildren:

Colleen, Quinn, Corey and Cailyn; two brothers: Melvin (Marilyn) Douglas, Kenneth (Luann) Douglas; one sister: Linda (Russell) Lockenour. Also his faithful dog Parker. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mr. Douglas graduated from Mason City High School in 1956. He served in the National Guard and farmed in the Mason City area for many years. He belonged to the Mason County Farm Bureau and was a trap shooter for many years.

Services will be at 2:00pm, Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at Hurley Funeral Home, Pastor Curt McCallister will officiate. Visitation will be Tuesday evening from 5-7. Cremation rites have been accorded. Private family burial will take place at a later date. Memorials can be left to Mason City Cemetery Association.

Online memorials for the family can be left at www.hurleyfh.com

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

Deceased Name: Narola Powell

NORMAL - Narola Powell age 80 Normal, IL formerly of Heyworth passed away at 12:12 AM on Sunday, August 21, 2011 at Advocate BroMenn

Medical Center, Normal IL. Her service will be 10:00AM Wednesday at the Calvert & Metzler Memorial Home, Bloomington, IL. Rev. Kurt Flora will officiate. Burial will be in Heyworth Cemetery, Heyworth, IL. Visitation will be 5:00 PM-7:00 PM Tuesday at the Calvert & Metzler Memorial Home, Bloomington, IL. The family suggests memorials be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Narola was **born** August 20, 1931 in Atlanta, IL the daughter of Cleveland and Myrtle L. Nichols McCombs. She married Duane E. "Jack" Powell on September 28, 1952 in Atlanta, IL. He passed away August 9, 2001.

Surviving, 1 Sister Naomi Niewold, Loveland, Colorado 5 Nieces, Charlotte (Scott) Harrelson, LeRoy, IL Pam (Daniel W.) White, Lincoln, IL Mary Woodland, DeBary, FL Sue Lewin, Waimanilo, Hawaii Jeanne Bergey, Loveland, CO 1 Nephew Ted (Janice) Burns, Bellingham, Washington

She is preceded in death by her parents and 5 sisters.

Narola was a member of Heyworth Christian

Church, Heyworth, IL. She had worked for the F.B.I. in Washington DC. and later worked for Gailey Eye Clinic, Bloomington, IL. She enjoyed sewing, needlework, reading and flower gardening. The family would like to thank the doctors & staff for their care and compassion shown to Narola. Please share your condolences and memories at www.calvertmemorial.com

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

Deceased Name: Lena A. Albers

DELAVAN - Lena A. Albers, 100, of Delavan, passed away at 12:39 PM, Sunday, August 21, 2011 at Mason City Area Nursing Home in Mason City.

She was **born** November 29, 1910 near Hartsburg to Theodore and Anna Zieglowsky Oltmanns. She married Richard H. Albers on February 18, 1932 in Emden, and he passed away March 11, 1972.

Surviving are two sons, Robert (LaVera) Albers and Leland A. (Lucille) Albers, both of San Jose; six grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; and nine great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one great grandson, one grandson-in-law, two brothers and three sisters.

Lena was a homemaker.

She was a member of Delavan United Methodist Church and a former member of Zion United Methodist Church in Emden.

She was an avid Cubs fan.

Her funeral will be at 5:00 PM Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at Davis Mortuary in Delavan. Pastor Stephen King will officiate. Visitation will be one hour before the service at the mortuary. Burial will be in Green Hill Cemetery, rural San Jose.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Midwest Affiliate or Mason City Area Nursing Home activity department.

To express condolences online visit www.davismor-tuaryinc.com.

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

Deceased Name: Cheryl G. Benner

SPRINGFIELD - Cheryl G. Benner, 67, of Springfield died at Oak Terrace Health Care Center in Springfield at 9:46 a.m. on August 23, 2011.

She was a retired school administrator for Springfield District #186. She had taught for 35 years.

Cheryl was **born** on March 29, 1944, the daughter of Darrell and Ruth "Finny" Awe Benner in Lincoln, IL. Her parents preceded her in death. She is survived by one brother: Lee (Sarah) Benner of Broadwell; one sister: Audrey Roman of Springfield, and two nieces: Allison and Kathryn Benner.

She was a member of Parkway Christian Church of Springfield and held a variety of leadership roles; Springfield Education Association and held various offices; Springfield Principals Association; Illinois Retired Teachers Association; Land of Lincoln Retired Teachers; Lincoln Memorial Garden; Springfield Children's Museum; and PTA.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, Aug. 28, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at Parkway Christian Church, Springfield, IL with Pastors Daniel M. Krumrei and Mark Giffords officiating.

Memorials may be made to Sangamon County Relay for Life or Logan County Relay for Life or Parkway Christian Church of Springfield, IL. A grave-side service will be held on Monday, August 29 at 2:00 p.m. at Kline Cemetery, Broadwell, IL. Arrangements by Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, IL.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - August 26, 2011

Deceased Name: Beth Marie Danley Centko

STREATOR - Beth Marie Danley Centko, 56, of Streator, formerly of Lincoln, veteran first grade teacher at Grand Ridge Grade School, died early Wednesday.

The wake will be from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Solon-Telford Funeral Home in Streator. A brief service is scheduled immediately following the wake.

Cremation will be accorded, at the deceased's request.

Mrs. Centko was **born** in Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Lincoln, Feb. 24, 1955, third of 10 children of Bill and Peggy (Martin) Danley. She was baptized in the Waltham Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Ellsworth Young.

She was formerly married to Steve Centko of Streator.

The deceased was a high-honors graduate of both Illinois Valley Community College, where she was a McCormick Scholar, and of Illinois State University, where she was a Foundation Scholar. She had taught first grade at Grand Ridge Elementary School for 34 years, and had planned to retire in 2013.

Surviving are a daughter, Claire Centko of Grand Ridge; two sons, Creede and Will Centko of Streator; three brothers, Dave (Paulette) of Streator, Steve (Jan) and John (Rose Ann) of Carbondale; six sisters, Becky Antas of rural Streator, Lori (Zeligman) Danley of Lake Zurich, Jane (Anthony) Cruz of Waukasha, Wis, Kim (Bruce Horn) Danley of Bloomington, Mary (Pete Shanks) Danley of Charleston, and Jenny (Rick Koltveit) Danley of Streator, 10 nieces and nephews; and a loving companion, Bernie McGuan of Morris.

Memorials may be directed to the Beth Danley Centko Memorial Fund, First National Bank of Grand Ridge, to be used for a scholarship at Grand Ridge Elementary School.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - August 26, 2011

Deceased Name: Tamie Greer

FLINT, MI - Tamie Greer, age 53, formerly of Lincoln, died Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at home.

Memorial Services will be held on August 27, 2011 at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Lincoln, IL at 10:30 a.m.

Memorials may be made to the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Funeral Services were held 2:00 p.m., Saturday, July 9, 2011 at the Brown Funeral Home, 1480 E. Hill Rd., Grand Blanc, MI.

Cremation followed.

Visitation was Friday from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tamie was **born** September 1, 1957 in Lincoln, IL to James and Mary Etta (Mosier) Greer. She volunteered for Davison Area Ambulance for Several years.

Surviving are her mother, Mary Etta Greer; spouse, Hanley J. (Duke) Locke; children Ardena Greer of IL, Vincent (Bhree Schuler) Simpson of Burton, Jessica (Jasen) Locke-Ford; grandchildren Kody Huntar, Mae'Aunna, Autumn, Masen, Andrew and Tristan. Preceded in death by father, James Greer.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - August 27, 2011

Deceased Name: Norma Jean Eskew

CORNLAND - Norma Jean Eskew, 75, of Cornland, IL, died at 11:35 A.M., Wednesday, August 24, 2011, at her residence.

She was **born** on October 10, 1935 in Palmyra, IL to Russell and Luytie Eyer Points. She married William Eskew on August 25, 1953 in Carlinville, IL. He preceded her in death on March 17, 2004. She worked as a cook for several places including Horace Mann, the Heritage House and The Haven.

She is survived by her six children, William Ray (Nancy) Eskew of Cornland, Paul E. (Rena) Eskew of Mechanicsburg, IL, Connie S. (Virgil) Booker of White Hall, IL, Merle A. (Kim) Eskew of Springfield, IL, Thomas W. Eskew of Springfield, IL, Elizabeth A. (Mark) Patton of Mechanicsburg, IL, a daughter-in-law, Melanie Eskew of Dawson, IL, a sister-in-law, Daisy Points of Riverton, IL, 14 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son, David, brother, Marvin Points, sister, Charlotte Smeltz and one great grandson, Billy Ray.

Graveside services were held on Friday, August 26, 2011, at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery with Mark Weber officiating. Memorials may be made to Memorial Home Hospice. Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Mt. Pulaski handled arrangements.

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

Deceased Name: Darrell E. Klink

LINCOLN - Darrell E. Klink, 84, of Lincoln (a local city attorney for 58 years) passed away August 26, 2011 at 9:59 p.m. at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Lincoln, IL.

Darrell was **born** on April 28, 1927 in Emden, IL to Carl and Lena Sweeter Klink. He is survived by his wife Shirley Schoch Kennedy Klink; Children surviving are Katherine L Rosenbaum of Arthur, IL and Brian(Tamera) Klink of Wales, WI; Janice E Klink of Sullivan; one step son Eric Kennedy of Houston TX; He is also survived by six grandchildren Jeffery (Lindsey), Karissa, Kristina and Jonathan Klink and Michael and David Rosenbaum and two great-grandchildren. Darrell was preceded in death by his parents.

Darrell was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, he served in the Navy (Asiatic Pacific Theatre during WWII) he was a member of the Lincoln Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Emden American Legion post #506 as well as Forty and Eight; he attended the University of Illinois receiving his Bachelors and Law Degree in 1953; he served two terms in the States Attorney of Logan County (at that time he was the youngest in the state); Lincoln Mason Lodge#210 AF and AM; Springfield Ansar Shrine; the Lincoln BPO#914 Elks Lodge for 50 years.

Services will be 11:00 a.m. Thursday Sep 1, 2011 at Lincoln Immanuel Lutheran Church. Visitation will Wednesday at 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home with Masonic services at 3 p.m., one hour prior to visitation. Memorials may be given to the Danville or Quincy Veterans Hospital or the Elk's Crippled Children.

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

Deceased Name: Thomas H. Rippon

NORMAL - Thomas H. "Tom" Rippon, 49 of Normal, IL. passed away August 28, 2011 at his residence.

Memorial services will be Thursday, September 2, 2011 at 7:00 PM at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. A memorial visitation will be held from 5:00 pm until the time of the service also at the funeral home.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Tom was **born** April 1, 1962 in Taylorville, IL., the son of Thomas and Carolyn (Frost) Rippon. He was employed by Firestone in Bloomington as a safety coordinator. He enjoyed camping, gathering with friends and family and was an avid Chicago Bears and Tony Stewart fan.

Surviving are: his father Thomas (Susan) Rippon of Ocala, FL.; his children: Thomas "Ryan" Rippon of Fairhope, AL., Elise Boch of San Antonio, TX., Brock Rippon of Bloomington, IL., and Carolyn "Molly" Rippon of Lincoln, IL.; his sister Debbie Denning of Taylorville, IL., and ex-wife Lisa Rippon of Lincoln, IL.

He was preceded in death by his mother Carolyn Rippon.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Thomas Rippon Memorial Fund at State Bank of Lincoln and will also be accepted at the funeral home.