

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - September 1, 2011

Deceased Name: Marilyn R. Watson

DUNLOP - Marilyn R. Watson, 85, of Dunlop, IL passed away at 9:20 A.M. Tuesday August 20, 2011 at Proctor Hospital, Peoria.

Mrs. Watson was **born** October 27, 1925 to Robert James and Anna Strobel Ridgeway in Charleston, SC but moved shortly after and was raised in Portsmouth, VA. While visiting a friend in Lincoln, IL in 1949 she met Loren Watson and married him on May 29, 1950 in Norfolk, VA. She retired on January 1, 1991 from Caterpillar in the accounts payable department after 28 years. Marilyn and Loren enjoyed 61 years of a very happy marriage.

Surviving are her husband, Loren, four children, Jeffrey (Sue) Watson of Boynton Beach, FL, Alan (Paula) Watson of Columbia, SC, Linda (Trey) Beeson of Tampa, FL, Merle (Bambi) Watson of Orlando, FL, one sister Janette Stonehocker of Salt Lake City, UT, 10 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Her parents and two brothers, Paul Ridgeway and Robert Ridgeway preceded her in death.

Private services will be conducted by Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Mt. Pulaski. Burial will be in Mt. Pulaski Cemetery.

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Deceased Name: F. Eugene "Gene" Phillips

LINCOLN - F. Eugene

"Gene" Phillips, 82, Lincoln, IL formerly of Wapella, IL passed away at 3:31 AM Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2011 at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, IL. Funeral Service will be 1 PM Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011 at Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, IL with Dr. Thomas E, Bryant and Dr. S. M. Davis officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Kenney, IL with Military Honors. Visitation will be Saturday at Calvert Funeral Home from 11:30-1 PM. Memorials may be made to the Gene Phillips Memorial Fund.

Gene was **born** on Oct 5, 1928 in Braymer, MO, the son of Charles and Leota Mae Summers Phillips. He married Mary Gilbert and then later married Janice Potter on Feb. 5, 1982 in Lincoln, IL. She passed away on Aug. 22, 2001.

Survivors include 2 sons: R. Dale (Beverly) Phillips of Hot Springs, AR and Bob Phillips of Lincoln, IL formerly of Hot Springs, AR; 1 daughter: Diana (Harley) Pagel of Lincoln, IL; 1 stepson: Jeff Belcher of Mason City, IL; 13 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great grandchildren; 1 sister: Ruth Sturgeon of Kenney, IL. He was preceded in death by his parents and 2 brothers.

Gene was a member of Park Meadows Baptist Church in Lincoln, IL. He was a US Army Veteran. Gene was a past judge and participant in the Abraham Lincoln National Rail Splitting Event.

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

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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 1, 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.

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Deceased Name: William Robert "Skip" Ayers

MT. PULASKI - William Robert "Skip" Ayers, 79, of Mt. Pulaski, died at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital on September 1, 2011 at 8 P.M.

Robert was **born** on May 31, 1932 in Mt. Pulaski to Willis Henry and Eva Elizabeth Purcell Ayers. He married Mary L. Fields on April 2, 1954 in Mt. Pulaski. She preceded him in death on September 2, 2008. Robert retired from Caterpillar in Decatur and worked several years helping a local farmer.

Robert is survived by son: Danny (Jodie) Ayers of Mt. Pulaski; daughter: Janice (Bobby Merreighn) Stewart of Lincoln; sisters: Zella Shehorn of Alabama, Betty Erlenbush Shartzler of Illiopolis, and Rosemary Lathrop of Cisne; 7 grandchildren: David (Heather) Daggett, Mary Kay (Steven Buchanon) Daggett, Abigail (Brian) Walkins, Zachary (Chelsey Clayton) Ayers, Brooke (Jacob) Call, Riley Ayers, Carly Ayers and 9 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, 1 son Jeffrey, 1 brother Willis Ayers Jr., and 1 sister Lucille Seiler.

A Graveside Service for Robert will be held at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery on Tuesday, September 6 at 2:30 P.M. Jim Birge will be officiating. There will be a visitation at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Mt. Pulaski from noon to 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday. Memorials may be made to the Mt. Pulaski Phoenix Fire Dept., or Mt. Pulaski EMS.

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Deceased Name: Shirley Riddle

LINCOLN - Shirley Riddle, 70, of Lincoln, passed away at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield at 11:05 p.m. on August 31, 2011.

She retired from Lincoln Developmental Center after working for 35 years.

She was **born** on November 24, 1940 in Lincoln, IL, the daughter of Ben and Thelma Schmid Awe. She married Harlan Riddle on May 5, 1967. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by a daughter: Patricia (Brad) Clucas of Mechanicsburg, IL; a son: Tom (Nancy) Haferkamp of Lincoln; Grandchildren: Stephanie (Greg) Wheeler of Warrensburg; Nicholas Haferkamp of Lincoln; Jacob Hubbard of Decatur; Victoria Haferkamp of Lincoln; Great Grandchildren: John, TJ, Brenden, and Andrew; one brother: Ted (Judy) Awe of Lincoln. She was preceded by her parents, son: Michael and brother: Harry Awe; great grandson: John.

Shirley attended the Church of The Nazarene and was a member of the Eagles Lodge #2708. She loved making crafts and decorating.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at New Union Cemetery, Lincoln, IL. Arrangements by Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home of Lincoln. Memorials may be given to the Church of The Nazarene. Following the service, a luncheon will be held at The Church of The Nazarene, Lincoln.

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Deceased Name: Eloise Fraim

MT. PULASKI - Eloise Fraim, 84, of Mt. Pulaski died at 2:15 P.M. Wednesday August 31, 2011 at St. Clara's Manor in Lincoln. Mrs. Fraim was **born** March 21, 1927 in Golden Gate, Illinois to Sanford and Lorene Price Ferguson, though she was raised by her grandparents Doel and Frannie Ferguson. She married Bert Fraim on June 24, 1946 in Cisne, Illinois. He preceded her in death on October 7, 1988. She is also preceded by her parents and one daughter Judy Bernahl.

She is survived by one daughter Janis (Bill) Pierce of Mt. Pulaski, one son-in-law Gary (Cindy) Bernahl of Farmington, IL, four grandchildren, four great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Mrs. Fraim was a member of the Mt. Pulaski Christian Church and retired from Ben Franklin in Mt. Pulaski.

Graveside services will be held at Steenbergen Cemetery in Mt. Pulaski at 10:00 A.M.

Tuesday September 6, 2011 with Mark Weber officiating. Memorials may be made to the Mt. Pulaski Christian Church. Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski is handling the arrangements.

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Deceased Name: Donald Dean Johnston

DECATUR - Donald Dean

Johnston, 77, of Decatur died at his home at 12:05 pm on September 1, 2011.

He retired from Decatur Sanitation District as a supervisor in 1996. He was a veteran of the US Army during the Korean conflict.

Donald was **born** on January 14, 1934, the son of Stanley and Evelyn Langhoff Johnston in Lincoln, IL.

He is survived by five daughters: Penny (Steven) Detrick of Marquette Heights, IL; Pamela McFarland of Lincoln; Debra Allen of Hartsburg, IL; Tonya Houghton of Lincoln; Ashley Johnston of Decatur, IL; three sons: Jeffrey (Beth VanCleve) Johnston of Green Valley, IL; Scott Johnston of Lincoln, IL; Donald Johnston Jr. of Decatur, IL; three brothers: Gene (Barbara) Johnston of Indio Hills, CA; Bobby (Evelyn) Johnston of Amarillo, TX; Kenneth (Ruth) Johnston of Carlinville, IL; three sisters: Marilyn Nusbaum of Sterling, IL; Connie (Tim) Kuehl of Morrison, IL; Linda (Joe) Sloto of Sikeston, MO; twenty two grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren and 3 step great grandchildren. He was preceded by his parents; one brother, Duane Ashley and a sister, Janis Creekpaum.

Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2011 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln with Ryan Edgecombe officiating. Visitation will be Tuesday from 4-7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Harmony Cemetery, Beason, IL with full military rites accorded by the American Legion Post #263 of Lincoln. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - September 7, 2011

Deceased Name: Bernardine L. Shutt

BLUE SPRINGS, MO. - Bernardine L. Shutt, 76, passed away from cancer, Sunday, Aug. 28, 2011, surrounded by her family. She was **born** Oct. 4, 1934 in Mt. Pulaski, IL, the daughter of John & Louise (Rentmeister) Bertsche. She attended MacMurray College, Jacksonville, IL. She married Donald W. Shutt Aug. 16, 1958. They were the proud parents of three sons. They raised their children in Florissant, MO and later moved to Blue Springs, MO. Bernardine worked for the SSA and retired from FDIC. She was a member of the Abiding Savior Lutheran Church. She loved visiting grandchildren, trips to Branson, and her memorable trip to Hawaii. She enjoyed shopping and lunches with dear friends. She was preceded in death by her son, Jeffery Shutt; twin brother, Bernard; and father. Bernardine is survived by her devoted husband, Don, of 53 years; sons, Mark (Shari), Gregory (Stephanie), & Grandchildren, Brittney (Ben) Conine, Jacquie & Madison Shutt, and her dear mother, Louise Bertsche. Visitation will be Wednesday, Sept 7th, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Speaks Suburban Chapel, 18020 E. 39th St., Indep, MO. Funeral services to be held on Thursday, Sept. 8th, at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Graveside service will be Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011, 10:00 a.m. at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery, Mt. Pulaski IL. Memorial contributions may be made to Odyssey Hospice. Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Mt. Pulaski, is handling local arrangements. Online condolences may be shared at www.speakschapel.com <http://www.speakschapel.com/>

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

Deceased Name: George Michael Loeffelholz

LINCOLN - George Michael Loeffelholz, 51, of Lincoln passed away on September 6, 2011 at 10:02 a.m. at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Lincoln with Rev. Glenn Fontana officiating.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until time of service on Saturday at the church.

Peasley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Lincoln.

George was **born** on November 22, 1959 at St. Clara's Hospital in Lincoln the son of Dan and Julia Cecil Loeffelholz.

Surviving are his father: Dan Loeffelholz, his maternal grandmother: Helen Cecil, one brother: Gene Loeffelholz all of Lincoln, one sister: Susan Loeffelholz of Minneapolis, MN., one nephew: Gage Loeffelholz.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

George graduated from Lincoln Community High School in 1978. He was a member of Boy Scouts of America Troop # 109 where he earned his Eagle Scout Badge.

After graduating George was a restauranter in Decatur for many years owning The Cafe Tiffany. He was also a contractor. He loved to Scuba Dive, fishing, camping, trapping, and hunting. He also enjoyed playing poker with his friends.

Memorials may be made to the Boy Scouts of America.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - September 9, 2011

Deceased Name: Linda Lawshe' Benedict

MCLEAN - Linda Lawshe' "Linney" Benedict, 65, of McLean, died at 3:28am Monday, August 29, 2011 at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center, Normal.

A memorial service will be at a later date. Private family inurnment will be at Trinity Episcopal Church Columbarium, Lincoln, at a later date. There will be no visitation.

Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society. Calvert & Metzler Memorial Home, Bloomington, is in charge of the arrangements.

Linda was **born** June 14, 1946, at New York City, NY, daughter of Jay Earl Lawshe' Jr. and Dorothy B. Boy Lawshe'. She married Delmar L. Benedict of McLean on June 29, 1968, at Bloomington. Del passed away on Feb. 1, 1997.

Surviving are sister: Lucinda (Lloyd A.) Rubin, South Salem, NY and her children Theodore M. Rubin and Amanda L. Rubin; and cousin Phebe L. Lashment, Decatur. Linda remained a beloved member of the Benedict family.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Linda was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Lincoln. She was a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University.

She and her husband Del were the owners and operators of Sugar Creek Interiors in McLean. She continued to operate the business after the death of Del.

Linda will be missed by all her close friends and associates.

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Deceased Name: Helen H. Holzer

LINCOLN - Helen H. Holzer, Age 92, a Bloomington-Normal resident for many decades after World War II, died 1:25 am on August 31 at St. Clara's Manor, Lincoln.

A graveside memorial service will be held at Maple Grove Cemetery in Farmer City at a date to be announced by the family at a later time. Memorial gifts may be made to St. Clara's Manor Building Fund, 200 Fifth Street, Lincoln IL 62656 or to a charity of the donor's choice. Calvert & Metzler Memorial Home, Bloomington, IL is in charge of arrangements.

Helen was **born** September 11, 1918 in Louisville, Kentucky, a daughter of architect John Earl and homemaker Hope Herrick Henry. When she was just 18 months old and her older brother Herrick was seven, her parents and infant brother all died within four weeks in the Spanish Flu Epidemic after World War I. Maternal grandmother Dora Herrick and five maternal uncles and their wives reared the two surviving children. Helen married the late John McCord Holzer on July 5, 1941. Her brother Herrick also preceded her in death.

Surviving are son John [Mac] Holzer of Houston, Texas and daughter Emily (Perry) Kohl of Lincoln; three grandchildren, Jason (Erika) Holzer of Austin, Texas, Erich Holzer of

Houston, and Eric (Jill) Kohl of Lincoln; five great-grandchildren, Daniel and Thomas Holzer, Annie and William Kohl, and Thomas Dwyer.

Helen graduated from Farmer City High School and the University of Illinois with a degree in English and French.

She worked at Illinois State University's student radio station WZND and later at the Dunn Law Firm.

She was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority, St. Matthews Episcopal Church, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Sigma Chi Mothers.

Online condolences may be submitted from www.calvertmemorial.com

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Deceased Name: Ronald V. Schulmeister

LINCOLN - Ronald V. Schulmeister, 69, of Lincoln, passed away September 7, 2011 at home surrounded by the love of his family.

Visitation will be from 4-7 PM Sunday, September 11, 2011 at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will be Monday, September 12, 2011 at 10:30 AM at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home with Pastor Larry Crawford officiating. Burial will follow in New Union Cemetery, Lincoln.

Ronald was **born** November 11, 1941 in Chicago, IL., the son of Bernhardt Schulmeister and Berniece (Kohler) McCarthy. He married Bonnie Rickord on February 16, 2002 in Lincoln, IL. He was a member of Open Arms Christian Fellowship in Lincoln. Ronald was employed by Speco Inc. of Schiller Park IL. for 52 years. He was an avid fisherman, hunter, golfer, bowler, pool player, and wine maker. He was a member of the APA pool league.

Surviving are his wife Bonnie of Lincoln, IL.; son Ronald Schulmeister Jr. (Jacqueline) of Villa Park, IL.; son Michael Schulmeister (Sandra) of Douglasville, GA.; step son Travis Hassebrock of Lincoln, IL.; step son Brian (Barb) Hassebrock of Springfield, IL.; step daughter Jett Brown of Taylorville, IL.; grandchildren: Michael Schulmeister, Sara Schulmeister, Jakob Hassebrock, Taylor Hassebrock, and many other step-grandchildren; brother Alan Schulmeister of Melrose Park, IL.; and sister Cheryl Coleman of Gallatin, TN.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Wendy, Evelyn, and Susan; and brother Ben.

Memorial donations may be made to the Oasis Senior Center or to the Humane Society of Logan County and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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

Deceased Name: Mildred L.Morgenthau

LINCOLN - Mildred L. Morgenthau, 90, of Lincoln, passed away on September 4, 2011 at 12:30 pm at St. Clara's Manor, Lincoln.

Mildred was raised by her grandparents until she was 7 years old. Mildred's grandmother died and her grandfather was unable to care for her and placed her in Cunningham Home in Urbana where she lived until she was 14. She moved to Peoria and lived with relatives and attended Woodruff High School.

Mildred was a buyer at Szolds Department Store from 1953-1960. She worked from 1960-1969 and retired from Bergner's Stores in Peoria, IL where she was the hosiery and accessory buyer for three Bergner Stores.

Mildred was **born** on August 3, 1921 in Peoria, IL, the daughter of Perry and Viola Banky Hawkins. She married Francis Burl Aten and he preceded her in death in 1976. She married Edwin F. Morgenthau and he preceded her in death Jan. 27, 1997. She was also preceded by her parents.

She is survived by two daughters: Paula Sue Thompson of Rockford, IL and Sarajane "Sallie" (Bill) Marcotte of Lincoln, IL; one stepson: Anthony (Beth Ann) Morgenthau of Coral Gables, FL. Four Grandchildren: Staci (Jim) Collins; Richard (Jan) Marcotte; Lori (Alan) Ruff; Kelli (Tom) Pelzel; Ten Great Grandchildren; One sister: Lynn (Kurt) Strauss of Tucson, AZ.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Lincoln.

Services will be Friday, September 16, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, with Rev. Mark Kaley officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church or Cunningham Home in Urbana, IL in lieu of flowers.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - September 13, 2011

Deceased Name: Willard E. Aughton

LINCOLN-Willard E. Aughton, 96, of Lincoln died at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, September 8, 2011 at St. John's Hospital, Springfield, IL.

Mr. Aughton worked for the State of Illinois, Department of Mental Health.

Willard was **born** on December 20, 1914 in Lincoln, the son of Willard Lewis and Emily Edgerley Aughton. He married Frances N. Awe. She preceded him in death May 20, 1997.

He is survived by six children: Donna Moore of Lincoln; Georgeanne Escue (Vaughn Brunazi) of Fredericktown, PA; Suzzanne Douglas of Sarasota, FL; Danny Aughton of Atlanta, IL; Roxanne "Snookie" (Curt) Knowles of Apple Valley, MN and Willard "Fritz" Aughton of Lincoln; Several nieces and nephews; two special great nieces: Allyson and Kathryn Benner; Nine grandchildren; Seven great grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He was preceded by parents; two sisters: Geraldine Luckhart and Roberta Crane; and one brother: Danny Aughton.

Services will be Saturday, September 17, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln with Rev. Don Peck officiating. Burial will be at New Union Cemetery, Lincoln. Visitation will be Friday from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to the donor's choice.

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Deceased Name: Mary "Joanne" Courtwright

LINCOLN-Mary "Joanne" Courtwright, 83, Lincoln, IL passed away at 3:00 a.m. on September 12, 2011 at St. Clara's Manor, Lincoln, IL.

Joanne was **born** on April 23, 1928, in Lincoln, IL the daughter of Herman A. and Helen Harriet Ruth Young Koyn. She married Ben H. Courtwright on Sept. 25, 1949 in Lincoln. He preceded her in death June 3, 2002.

She is survived by one daughter: Becky (Carter) Sorenson of Princeton, IL; three sons: Kim (Nancy) Courtwright of Grand Rapids, MI; Todd (Mindy) Courtwright of Lincoln; Kevin (Nancy) Courtwright of Broadwell; Chris Courtwright of Lincoln; One sister: Penny (Mike) Keys of Chimney Rock, NC; eleven grandchildren; sixteen great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister: Phyllis Last.

Joanne was president and a very active member of the Lincoln Developmental Center Parent's Association; she was a Girl Scout and Boy Scout Leader; Past president of Lincoln Junior High School and Jefferson School PTA's.

Services will be held at 11:00 am Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln with Rev. Mark Kaley officiating; burial in New Union Cemetery.

Visitation will be one hour prior to service at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to Logan-Mason Rehabilitation (Son Chris' Workshop).

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Deceased Name: Dorothy Louise Hanslow Bruce

NIANTIC - Dorothy Louise Hanslow Bruce, 88, of Niantic, IL died at 7:00 A.M. September 11, 2011 in Noblesville, IN.

Dorothy was **born** August 23, 1923 in Chestnut, IL to William and Orena Dittus Opperman. She married Charles W. Hanslow on January 20, 1946. He preceded her in death on May 11, 1978. She married Harold E. Bruce on May 18, 1984. He preceded her in death on October 26, 2010.

She is survived by two sons Darrell L. Hanslow of Surprise, AZ, Roger (Tina) Hanslow of Noblesville, IN, grandsons, Brian (Tiffany) Hanslow of Shipman, IL Brent (Angie) Hanslow of Bloomington, IL, Kyle Hanslow and granddaughter Sara Hanslow of Noblesville, IN, great grandchildren are Ryne, Chloe, Ashley, Kylie, and Natalie Hanslow, one step son Greg (Lyla) Bruce of Dallas, OR, one step daughter Jane Minich, 4 step grandchildren and 6 step great grandchildren.

She is also preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, Harold Opperman.

Services will be at 12:00 noon Thursday, September 15, 2011 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Mt. Pulaski with Rev. Joel Dietrich officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to services. Burial will be in Mt. Pulaski Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Zion Lutheran Church of Chestnut, IL.

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Deceased Name: Craig Dale Stinson

ELKHART - Craig Dale

Stinson, 64, of Elkhart passed away September 12, 2011 AT 4:17 p.m. at his home.

Craig was **born** on May 25, 1947 in Grand Rapids, MI the son of Kern and Beverly J. Nordyke Stinson.

He is survived by his mother and step father: Beverly Caldwell Albert and Bob Albert; four sons: Tim McCaw of Phoenix, AZ; Dax (Kendra) Stinson of Springfield; Ryan Roberts of Springfield; Joshua (Nicole) Gray of Springfield; one daughter: Brittany MagnerStinson of Peterburg; four Grandchildren: Audra McCaw, Bailey Gray, Lillian Stinson, and Ethan Gray; two sisters: Diana Ott of Elkhart; Linda Buttell of Lincoln; six nieces and nephews and three great nieces. He was preceded in death by his father and step father: Ivan Grussing.

Craig was a clerk at the Secretary of State, Springfield, IL. He was a very active member of Elkhart Christian Church. He attended Elkhart High School; Eastern Illinois University and UIS in Springfield, IL. He proudly served in the U.S. Marines in Viet Nam.

Services will be Friday, September 16, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at Elkhart Christian Church with Bob Twist officiating; burial at Elkhart Cemetery with full military rites accorded. Visitation will be Thursday from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, IL. Memorials may be given to Elkhart Christian Church.

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Deceased Name: Lyle Everett Schempp

NORMAL - Lyle Everett

Schempp, 74, of Evergreen Village, Normal, died at 2:25pm, Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at Heritage Manor Nursing Home, Bloomington.

His funeral will be at 11:00am Monday 9-19-11 at Christ Lutheran Church, Normal with Rev. Christopher Hull officiating. Entombment will be in East Lawn Mausoleum, Bloomington. Visitation will be from 10:00-11:00am Monday at the church.

Memorials may be made to Christ Lutheran Church, 311 Hershey Rd., Normal, Illinois 61761.

Car mody - Flynn Williamsburg Funeral Home, Bloomington is in charge of arrangements.

Lyle was **born** September 9, 1937 in Ottertail County, Minnesota, the son of Everett M. and Louise Thom Schempp. He married Barbara Feehan on July 5, 1959 in East Peoria, IL. She survives.

He is also survived by one daughter, Dawn (Karl) Weidhuner, Greenview, IL; two sons, Daryle (Stephanie) Schempp, Normal, IL and Darin (Cindy) Schempp, Atlanta, IL; seven grandchildren, Allison, Amanda and Austin Weidhuner and Lucas, Emilia, Molly and Cavit Schempp; two sisters, Mrs. Edith (William) Mossner, Carmel, IN and Mrs. Polli (Fritz) Sledgister, Sun City, AZ.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Lyle graduated from East Peoria High School and served in the United States Army. He retired from property management and maintenance. Lyle was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, Normal and the Kaiser Frazer Owners Club International.

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Deceased Name: Ruth Guy

LINCOLN - Ruth Guy, 88, of Lincoln died at 2:10 a.m. on September 16, 2011 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Lincoln.

Ruth was **born** on August 30, 1923 at Lincoln, IL the daughter of Roscoe P. and Hulda Wilkey Jones. She married Robert W. Guy, Sr. on December 14, 1942 at Lincoln, IL. He preceded her in death on November 26, 2009.

Ruth cooked for many hears at Beason High School and retired from Lehn and Fink Products. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Beason United Methodist Church.

Ruth is survived by two daughters: Luana "Sue" Rademaker of Pekin; JoAnne Payne of Lincoln; two sons: Robert (Lynda) W. Guy, Jr. of Lincoln; Thomas J. Guy of Lincoln; nine grandchildren: Robert (Michelle) Rademaker, Jeff (Donna) Rademaker, Nancy (Chad) Barnes, Robert W. (Cindy) Guy III, Jason Guy, Tony Guy, Amy (Scott) Neece, Beth (Mike) Rohlf and Tim (Elizabeth) Guy and 18 great grandchildren. She was the last of her immediate family. She was preceded in death by her parents, one twin brother: Ross, three sisters: Dorothy Benner; Marian Hardin and Florence Voyles.

Services will be held Monday, September 19 at 1:00 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln with Tim Searby officiating. Burial will be at Harmony Cemetery, Beason, IL. Visitation will be from noon-1:00 prior to the service on Monday. Memorials may be made to Castle Manor or to Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospita.

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Deceased Name: Arthur R. Jones

LINCOLN - Arthur R. Jones, 87, of Lincoln passed away on Friday, September 16, 2011 at 10:24 a.m. at Asta Health Care Center of Bloomington in Bloomington.

Funeral Services for Mr. Jones will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at the Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln with Pastor John Nelson officiating.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 21, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be New Union Cemetery in Lincoln. Military rites will be performed by American Legion Post # 263 of Lincoln.

Arthur R. Jones was **born** on January 7, 1924 in Lincoln the son of James and Margaret Beaver Jones. He married G. Louise Murphy on April 7, 1946 in Lincoln. She preceded him in death on February 21, 2010.

Surviving Mr. Jones are his children: Cathy (Edward) Jacobs of Lincoln, Janet (Larry) Scheid of Springfield. Brenda Jones and Gary Jones both of Lincoln. One brother: Lawrence Jones of Lincoln, Three grandchildren: Tyler Jones, Nickolas Scheid, Stephanie Scheid.

He was preceded in death by one daughter: Barbara Jones, three brothers: Seymour Jones, Edgar Jones and Melvin Jones.

During World War II served in the maritime services and the Navy. During the Korean Conflict he served in the National Guard and Army.

He retired from the Logan County Highway Department.

Memorials may be made to either Memorial Hospice or Autism Speaks.

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

Deceased Name: Ronald Dean "Whitey" Thomas

CLINTON - Ronald Dean

"Whitey" Thomas, 75 of Clinton, Illinois died 7:14 am, September 20, 2011 at Dr. John Warner Hospital, Clinton, Illinois after a 3 year battle with cancer.

Funeral services are 10:00 am, Friday, September 23, 2011 at Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton with J. Kent Hickerson officiating. Interment will be at McClimans Cemetery, Hallsville, Illinois, with military honors.

Friends may call from 5-8 pm, Thursday, September 22, 2011 at Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, IL.

Memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association or Cancer Care Center of Central Illinois.

Ron was **born** in Logan County, Illinois December 25, 1935 to June H. and Helen L. (Burwell) Thomas. On April 22, 1962 he married Jane Ann Cain at Wapella, IL.

Survivors include his wife Jane Ann Thomas of Clinton, IL; children: Bradley Thomas (Janelle) of Clinton, Sarah K. Holt (Lyn) of Waynesville, Bruce Thomas (Sandra) of Wapella, and Susan Thomas of Champaign; grandchildren: Ross Thomas; Brent Thomas; Hannah Holt; Paige Thomas; Reid Thomas; Blake Holt and Brooke Holt; brother & sisters: Robert Thomas (Barbara) of Clinton, Illinois, Rachel Woolridge of Clinton, IL, and Reva Stillman of Frankfort, IL; and 7 grandchildren.

Ron served in the US Army 1958-1960. He was also on the DeWitt County Farm Bureau Board, was President of the 4-H Fair Board, was a Khoury League Baseball Coach, a Y.M.C.A. Basketball Coach and staunch supporter of all his Children's activities. Ron was a great steward of the land and was a life-long farmer, having lived on the same farm for 50 years.

Online condolences may be emailed to www.calvertmemorial.com.

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

Deceased Name: Francis A. Kneedler

MASON CITY-Francis A. Kneedler, 86, of Mason City died at 3:45pm on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at his residence. He was **born** on March 8, 1925 in Springfield, IL, the son of Louis and Flora (Porter) Kneedler. Francis married Phyllis Wasilewski on January 21, 1949 in Athens, IL.

Survivors are his wife Phyllis; three daughters: Carol Kneedler (Tom England), Mari (Richard) Whitney and Cathy Hobart (Doug Nicodemus). Also surviving are seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren. Mr. Kneedler had one brother Jack Lemons.

Mr. Kneedler served in the United States Navy during World War II from 1942-1946 as a Radar Operator. He was a Trooper for the Illinois State Police in District 9 for 23 years retiring in 1981.

Funeral services will be at 11:00am, Tuesday, September 27, 2011 at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City. Pastor James Sprinkel will officiate; visitation will be at 10:00am (one hour prior to service). Burial will be at Mason City Cemetery. Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be left to Mason County Pets without Parents, Citizen's for Positive Adolescent Choices (CPAC) or Donor's Choice.

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

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

Deceased Name: Wilburn E. "Web" Donnan

LINCOLN - Wilburn E. "Web" Donnan, 88, of Ashland, IL, formerly of Lawndale, a retired farmer died at 1:57 P.M. at Walker Nursing Home in Virginia, IL. on September 23, 2011.

Web was **born** on December 20, 1922 to Earl and Irene Aughenbaugh Donnan. He married Mildred Voyles in 1942, and had two sons; Michael Wayne and William (Bill) Earl. He then married Elsie Curtis in 1992. He is survived by one son Michael (Beverly) Donnan of Ashland, Illinois. One sister Thelma Leever of Lincoln, IL; six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Mildred; a brother Arnold; a son Bill; and two great-grandchildren.

Web graduated from Beason High School; he was a grain and livestock farmer in the Lawndale, Atlanta, and Chestnut area since 1947. He was a lifelong resident of Logan County, until June, 2009 when he moved to Ashland, IL to live with his son and daughter-in-law. Web enjoyed watching his sons, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren show livestock at the Logan Co. Fair where the Donnan family has exhibited for 57 consecutive years; he enjoyed playing cards and shooting pool. He also loved his country so much that he raised and lowered the flag at the Lawndale and Interstate 55 overhang every day. His greatest joy was his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Web was a member of the Farm Bureau since 1947; served the Lawndale Grade School and Beason High School boards; Elks Club; Rotary Club; 4-H Leader for 21 years; Atlanta American Legion; American Simmental Association and the Logan County Simmental Association.

Services will be 10:00 A.M. Tuesday Sep 27, 2011 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, IL, With Pastor Maurice Stribling officiating. Visitation will be from 4-7 Monday Sep 26, 2011. Burial will be at Lawndale cemetery in Lawndale, IL. Memorials may be made to Cerebral Paulsy and/or American Heart Association.

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

Deceased Name: Beverly Jane Gaddy

LINCOLN - Beverly Jane Gaddy, 74, of Lincoln died on September 25, 2011 at 6:21 p.m. at her home.

Beverly was **born** on December 13, 1936, the daughter of Frederick and Florence Flemming Ealy.

She married Jerry A. Gaddy on November 24, 1967 in Lincoln. He survives in Lincoln.

She is survived by four sons: Robert (Janice Stewart) Merreighn of Lincoln; Scott Gaddy Sr. of Williamsville, IL; Todd Gaddy of Lincoln; Shawn (Angie Cooper) Gaddy of Hartsburg, IL.; three sisters: Pat (Jerry) Castro of Pensacola, FL; Linda (Tony) Decker of Roanoke, IL; Delores Windish of Galesburg, IL; two brothers: Ron (Sharon) Ealy of Atlanta, IL; Bob (Mable) Westlake of Peoria, IL; fourteen grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. She was preceded by her parents; one son: Billy Merreighn; two daughters: Cherrie and Tami Huskins; one sister: Shirley Heady.

Beverly retired from the Department of Revenue, State of Illinois after 35 years of employment.

Beverly was a member of Lincoln Church of God. She collected precious moments figurines and salt and pepper shakers.

Beverly's arrangements are entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home of Lincoln.

A Celebration of Life Service will be at a later date. Memorials may be made to Lincoln Church of God.

The family appreciates all the love and care that Dawn Gaddy showed to Beverly.

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

Deceased Name: Melba F. Novack

GRANT PARK, IL-Melba F. Novack, 76, Grant Park, IL died on Wednesday (September 21, 2011) at her residence.

She was **born** on January 10, 1935 in Lawndale, IL, the daughter of Harold A. and Rebecca Cress Roos.

She married Eugene H. Novack on November 23, 1969 in Lincoln, IL. He preceded her in death on May 28, 1999.

Survivors: Two brothers and one sister-in-law: Marlin and Kathryn Roos of Lincoln, Harold Dean Roos of Lincoln, IL, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by: Her parents and one brother (Hervil Roos).

She was a member at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lowell, IN, International Twins Association, Ladies Aid, Farm Bureau and Missionary Society (LWML).

She was a homemaker and helped her husband farm. She enjoyed gardening, yard work and cooking.

Memorials are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Church.

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

Deceased Name: Charles W. Allen

ATLANTA - Charles W.

Allen, 89, of rural Atlanta passed away on Sunday, September 25, 2011 at 12:22 p.m. at the Hopedale Medical Complex.

Funeral Services for Mr. Allen will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at the Quiram Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta with Mr. Ed Loyd officiating.

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

Burial will be in Mountjoy Cemetery at rural Atlanta. Military Rites by the Atlanta American Legion Post.

Charles Warren Allen was **born** on July 24, 1922 in New Holland the son of Edward and Lula Allen. He married Norma Irene Bicknell on December 15, 1945. She survives.

Also surviving are his three children: Wanda (Elliott) Rogers of Armington, Wilma (Glenn) Leesman and Dale (Christy) Allen both of Atlanta. One brother: Harry Lee Allen, one sister: Marie Skelton of Lincoln. Seven Grandchildren, Thirteen great grandchildren.

Charlie joined the United States Army on October 16, 1942. He was a member of the 83rd Infantry Division, Coast Artillery Corps 453rd, Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion, He received two Bronze Stars. He was a Corporal in Army. He landed in Normandy on the third day of the invasion.

Upon returning home he farmed near Atlanta until he retired in 2000. He also served as the Eminence Township Road Commissioner for 9 years. Charlie enjoyed bird watching and fishing. He was an avid reader as long as his eyesight would allow. He had a great sense of humor. He loved visiting with friends, neighbors and relatives. He was a warm and caring husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Our thanks to the

Hopedale Medical Complex staff for their compassion and care.

Memorials maybe made to the Atlanta Rescue Squad or the Armington Fire Department.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - September 28, 2011

Deceased Name: Joseph Randall "Randy" Kirk

LINCOLN - Joseph Randall "Randy" Kirk, 54, of Lincoln, passed away Monday, September 26, 2011, at his home.

Graveside Services will be 1:00 P.M. Friday, September 30, 2011 at Lawndale Cemetery.

Randy was an avid Nascar (Rusty Wallace) and Chicago Bears fan.

He was **born** August 20, 1957, the son of William and Myrtle (Frost) Kirk.

He is survived by his two sons, Joshwa and Jarrad Kirk of Lincoln, siblings: Billy (Mariann) Kirk of Lincoln, Dean (Jason) Kirk of Springfield, Cindy (Rick) Williams of Lincoln, Barb (Troy) Grass of Lawndale, eight nieces and nephews and 1 great nephew.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents and sister, Ruby Kirk.

Memorial donations may be made to The Family.

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

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

Deceased Name: Len A. Batterton

ATLANTA - Len A. Batterton, 63, of Atlanta, passed away on Tuesday, September 27, 2011, at 12:08 p.m. at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington.

Funeral services for Mr. Batterton will be held on Friday, September 30, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. at Atlanta Christian Church. Mr. Maurice Stribling will officiate.

Visitation will be held at Atlanta Christian Church from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 29, 2011.

Burial will be in Atlanta Cemetery.

Surviving Mr. Batterton are his wife, Yaletta, of Atlanta; three daughters: Lyn Ranea Harris of Atlanta, Laura (Tim) O'Donnell of Atlanta, and Leigh (Travis) Demling of McLean; his parents: Leonard L. and Iona Batterton of Lincoln; 9 grandchildren: Shelby Batterton who lived with her grandparents for several years; Kalleigh Harris; Nick, Drew and Zach O'Donnell; and Logan, Shane, Gabe and Reid Demling; and one brother, Norman (Beth Hamlin) of Castella, N.C.

Len was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Mr. Batterton was **born** on February 16, 1948, in Bloomington, the son of Leonard L. and Iona Amdor Batterton. He married his high school sweetheart, Yaletta Young, on March 22, 1968, at Atlanta Christian Church.

Len graduated from Atlanta High School in 1966 and then attended Lincoln College in Lincoln. He served in the U.S. Army from July 1968 through July 1971 during the Vietnam War. Upon discharge from the Army, Len had achieved the rank of Sergeant and served at Ft. Amador in the 62 DPU in the Panama Canal Zone.

Mr. Batterton carried mail for 41 years, coached several softball teams and worked with his dad at the Batterton Standard Station for many years. He was a member of American Legion Post 341 and the Illinois Rural Mail Carriers Association.

Len's wife and his children and grandchildren were the center of his world, and he rarely missed attending an event or performance. He is irreplaceable in their lives and his absence now will be greatly felt.

Memorials may be made to Atlanta Fire Department, St. Jude's Midwest Affiliate in Peoria or Atlanta Christian Church.

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

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

Deceased Name: John William Bockwitz

SAN JOSE - John William Bockwitz, 96, of San Jose, died at 12:20am on Thursday, September 29, 2011 at the Hopedale Medical Complex. He was **born** on November 23, 1914, the son of John P. and Hannah (Neef) Bockwitz in rural San Jose, IL. He married Evelyn M. Johnson on February 23, 1935 in San Jose, IL. She preceded him death in 2004.

Survivors include one daughter: Dorothy June Boyer of Morton, IL; one son: William Ray (Karen) Bockwitz of Spring Arbor, MI. Also surviving are six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and three great great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, two sisters, a granddaughter and a son in law (Ike Boyer).

"Big John" farmed in the San Jose area all his life until his retirement. He was an avid tractor puller, winning many state and national titles. He was a member of the San Jose United Methodist Church, National Tractor Pulling Association, Illinois Tractor Pulling Association and the Farm Bureau.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00am on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at the United Methodist Church in San Jose, visitation will be one hour prior to service. Pastor Stephen King will officiate; burial will be at Green Hill Cemetery. Hurley Funeral Home in San Jose is in charge of arrangements. Memorials can be left to United Methodist Church.

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