

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

Deceased Name: Donna Marie Adams

Donna Marie Adams, 64, of Springfield (formerly of Lincoln) died November 27, 2011 at St. John's Hospice in Springfield.

Visitation will be at 10 am Friday at Knox Knolls Free Methodist Church in Springfield followed by a memorial service at 11. Burial will be at 2 pm at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln.

She was **born** March 9, 1947 to John and Lillis Borders in Decatur, IL. Her parents preceded her in death.

She is survived by one son, Jon Adams (Shala) of Delevan, IL; one daughter, Michelle Adams of Springfield, one step-daughter, Debbie Hubner and Family of Lincoln, six grandchildren: Ambrielle, Gabriel, Brandon, Hunter, Colin and Isabella. She is also survived by brothers Robert (Kay) Borders of Decatur, Ronald (Phylis) Borders of Vancouver, WA; Stephen (Norie) Borders of Palmdale, CA and sister, Carol Borders of Springfield and Sherri (David) Koster of Galiano Island, BC, Canada, thirteen nieces and nephews, great-niece and nephews, two aunts and numerous cousins and friends.

Donna's grandchildren were the light of her life. She will be remembered for her love for her family, her large collection of angels and her enthusiasm for gospel music. She will be greatly missed.

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Deceased Name: Cynthia A. (Nicolay) Harbert

DECATUR - Cynthia A. (Nicolay) Harbert, 60, of Decatur, passed away at 5:40 a.m., Tuesday, November 29, 2011 in her residence.

Services to celebrate Cynthia's life will begin with the family receiving friends from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m., Saturday December 3, 2011 at Dawson & Wikoff Funeral Home, Mt. Zion. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Doug Rudow officiating. Memorials may be made to the United Way.

Cynthia was **born** March 31, 1951 in Lincoln, IL the daughter of Theodore and Marie (Heenan) Nicolay. She married Richard A. Harbert on July 31, 1971. She managed Rich's Sport Cards in Mt. Zion and enjoyed artistry as a painter of water colors.

Surviving is her husband Richard of Decatur; daughter: Megan Harbert of Decatur; mother: Marie Nicolay of Scottsdale, AZ; special granddaughter: Allie Brown of Decatur; sister: Elaine Rogers of Scottsdale, AZ; brother: David Nicolay and his wife Donna of Las Vegas, NV; sister-in-law: Teena Feldman and her husband Greg of Lincoln, IL; six nieces and six nephews, and her special canine pets: Poppie and Suzie also survive.

She was preceded in death by her father, father-in-law and mother-in-law.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the family at www.dawson-wikoff.com.

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Deceased Name: Ruthann Ridgeway

BROADWELL - Ruthann Ridgeway, 67, of Broadwell, IL passed away on Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 10:16 a.m. at St. Clara's Manor, Lincoln.

Ruthann was **born** on July 12, 1944, at Deaconess Hospital, Lincoln, IL the daughter of Harrison and Eva Ann Rainwater Cook. She married Charles E. "Charlie" Ridgeway, Jr. on October 10, 1964 in Broadwell, IL. He preceded her in death May 21, 2006.

Ruthann is survived by two sons: Lee (Debbie) Ridgeway, Beason, IL and

Ed (Kate) Ridgeway of Madison, WI.; Two sisters: Marlene Ely of Lincoln, IL; and Ollie Towner of Buffalo Hart, IL; two granddaughters: Kayelee Ruth Ridgeway and Cecilia Rain Ridgeway and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband; three sisters and four brothers.

Ruthann retired in 2009 from Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital as a pharmacy technician. She was a member of Broadwell Christian Church and a member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority Chapter Beta Phi from 1968 to 1990. Ruthann was well known for her cake decorating: birthdays, weddings; holidays.

She had many interests and loves in her life, but what she loved most were her two sons and two granddaughters. She will be sorely missed by them and all of her extended friends and family.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln with Rev. Robert Henderson officiating. Burial will be at Kline Cemetery, Broadwell, IL. Visitation will be Tuesday from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to Scovill Zoo in Decatur, IL or Logan County Food Bank and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Deceased Name: Terry E.Walker

SALEM, IN - Word has been received that Terry E., Walker, formerly of Atlanta, IL., age 65, died Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 3:40 pm at his home in Salem, Indiana. He was cremated.

Terry Walker was **born** in Lincoln, the son of Herschel and Martha Kaesebier Walker on March 15,1945. His parents preceded him in death. He attended Lincoln and San Jose schools and worked as a fireman at the Lincoln Developmental Center for a time. He was an EMT and storm spotter in Atlanta for several years. He played a major part in developing the quarter midget race track north of Broadwell and helped to bring an interest to the sport in this area. He loved doing things outdoors such as fishing, camping and was an avid race car fan. He had a passion for racing and worked on race cars while following the NASCAR circuit. He retired from Bullock Oil and Cowboy's Food Stores.

He married M. Louise Johnson of Atlanta on October 16,1966. He later married Patricia Woodring of Salem. He is survived by his wife; one son, Todd Walker of Evanston IL; one sister, Pat (Bill) Bree of Lincoln; several nieces and nephews; three stepdaughters, Jennifer of Bloomington, IL, Christy (Michael) Scranton of Corydon; and Kimberly (T.J.) Casey of Campbellsburg; and two stepsons, Richard (Connie) Fitch of Terre Haute and Frank(Teresa) Fitch of Salem; and 7 grandchildren.

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Deceased Name: Clara E. Hoerbert

DELAVAN - Clara E. Hoerbert, 81, of rural Delavan, passed away at 4:40 AM Monday, December 5, 2011 at Hopedale Nursing Home.

She was **born** July 17, 1930 in Murrayville to John and Mary Evers Perce. She married Eldon L. Hoerbert on September 28, 1952 in San Jose, and he survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Douglas (Cindy) Hoerbert of Mackinaw, Mark Hoerbert of Delavan, and John (Tina) Hoerbert of San Jose; five grandchildren, Allisa, Arriana, Bailey, Abbigail, and Addam Hoerbert; one brother, John (Ornetta) Perce of San Jose; one sister, Nettie Glover of San Jose.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Henry and one infant brother, Walter.

Clara was a homemaker and worked at Hopedale Nursing Home and hospital and last worked at Mason City Area Nursing Home, retiring in 2007.

One of her greatest accomplishments was graduating from Illinois Central College Nursing School in 1975.

She enjoyed gardening and caring for older people.

She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother.

She was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Emden, where her funeral will be at 10:30 AM Saturday, December 10, 2011. Pastor John Schurter will officiate. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 PM Friday and one hour before the service, both at the church. Burial will be in Hartsburg Union Cemetery in Hartsburg. Davis Mortuary in Delavan is handling the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to her church or Delavan Ambulance Service.

To express condolences online visit www.davismortuaryinc.com

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

Deceased Name: Robert K. Keck

MT. PULASKI - Robert K. Keck of Jekyll Island, Ga. passed away on November 20, 2011.

Mr. Keck was **born** on January 18, 1930 in Lincoln, IL, son of Robert S. and Amelia Buehler Keck. He joined the Navy in 1952 where he met and married his wife, Ann Linebaugh, on December 25, 1955 at Moffitt Field, California.

He was a teacher as well as a football, track and wrestling coach for 34 years at Illinois Wesleyan University. He loved his family, his golf game, the Chicago Cubs & Bears, traveling the world with his wife Ann and Illinois Wesleyan University.

He is survived by his wife, three children, Julie (Dave) King, Jeff Keck and Kathy (Norm) Larkins, three grandchildren, Mike King, Jane (Justin) Reckamp, Tom (Brittany) King and three great-grandchildren, Troy and Leo Reckamp and William King.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Bettie Taylor.

Visitation will be from 4-7pm Friday Dec. 9th, 2011 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski with a private family graveside at a later date in Mt. Pulaski Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Coach Bob Keck Scholarship Fund at Illinois Wesleyan University at P.O. Box 2900 Bloomington, IL 61702-2900.

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Deceased Name: Margaret M. Gehlbach

LINCOLN - Margaret M. Gehlbach, 82, of Lincoln passed away on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 2:05 a.m. at The Christian Village Nursing Home in Lincoln.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Lincoln with Rev. Glenn Fontanna officiating.

Visitation will be held on Friday evening, December 9, 2011, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln. A Rosary Service will be held at 4:45 p.m prior to the visitation.

Cremation Rites will be accorded following the service on Saturday.

Burial will be held at Holy Cross Cemetery at a later date.

Margaret M. Gehlbach was **born** on February 20, 1929 in Crystal Falls, Michigan the daughter of Frederick and Evelyn Martin Johndrow. She married Robert C. Gehlbach on May 1, 1948 in Green Bay, Wisconsin. He survives.

Also surviving are her children: Gary (Christyne) Gehlbach, Marianne (Daniel) Whitney, Lynne (Bert) Buehler, Dianne (Ronald) Buch, Philip (Chuck Engle) Gehlbach, and Carol (Nathaniel) Radwine, two sisters: Easter Kiddle, Audry Glenn, fourteen grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, one sister, and one grandson.

Margaret graduated from West High School in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

She retired as a Manager for a Condominium Association in Green Valley, Arizona.

Margaret was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Women's Guild and Young at Heart.

Memorials may be made to The Christian Village Nursing Home.

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Deceased Name: Marjorie Banks Fuller

BLUEMONT, VA - Marjorie Banks Fuller, 94, formerly of Lincoln, IL and Bloomington, IL, died Monday, December 5th, 2011, at 5:40 a.m. in Winchester Medical Center, Winchester, VA.

Her example of living, giving and many life lessons will be long remembered by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. In the last year of her life, she was able to enjoy the company of many of them by moving to her daughter's home in Virginia.

She was **born** June 21, 1917, at Kirkland, Illinois to Gerson Levi and Hattie Bressler Banks.

Marge graduated in three and a half years from the University of Illinois, with a degree in sociology in 1939. She was honored with the University's Bronze Tablet award, given in recognition of high scholarship. She was a member of the University of Illinois Alumni Association, an avid Illini fan, and hoped to see Chief Illiniwek restored as a proud symbol of the school.

She married Kenneth Eugene Fuller on March 5, 1939, in Champaign, IL. With her husband, Marge co-owned and operated the Fuller Seed Company in Lincoln from 1940 to 1985, where she did everything from driving seed corn detasseling machines to keeping the books.

She had been a long-time member of the First United Methodist Churches in Lincoln, IL and Normal, IL. She was especially active in the Lincoln church, leading adult Sunday school for many years. At the time of her passing, Marge was one of the newest members of the First United Methodist Church in Bluemont, VA.

Marge was an energetic Girl Scout leader in the 1950's. She was a delegate to a White House National Conference On Education in 1958. She became the first woman ever elected to the school board in Lincoln. One of her proudest accomplishments was helping to found and serving on the board of the Lincoln Oasis Senior Center. Many senior audiences in many venues enjoyed her piano playing all the way to her final days at the Purcellville Carver Center.

Marge is survived by: two daughters, Rev. Mary Ruth (and Gary) Myers of Bluemont, VA, and Jo Ann (and Dan) Duncan of Bloomington, IL; one son, John (and Marian) Fuller of Fort Myers, FL; five grandchildren, Marilyn Humphrey, Brad Myers, Leigh Johnson, Christopher Fuller and Randal Lohrenz; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

A private family service will be at a later date in Illinois. Immediate arrangements are being handled by Enders & Shirley Funeral Home, Berryville, VA.

Memorials may be made to either of the First United Methodist Churches of Bluemont, Lincoln and Normal, the Lincoln Oasis, 501 Pulaski St., Lincoln, IL 62656 or to Honor the Chief Society, PO Box 7144, Champaign, IL 61826-7144.

To view the obituary or send condolences online, please visit www.endersandshirley.com.

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Deceased Name: Wayne E. Downing

GREENVILLE, MS-Funeral services for Wayne E.

Downing, 76, of Greenville will be at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 10, 2011 at First United Methodist Church. He died at his home on Monday, December 5, 2011 after a lengthy illness. Burial will be in Indianola City Cemetery, Indianola with full military honors.

Arrangements are under the direction of Boone-Wells Funeral Home.

He was **born** on March 15, 1935 in Lincoln, Illinois the son of Morgan O. and Lucille M. Lessen Downing.

He attended the Lincoln Public School and was a graduate of Colorado State University and later did graduate work on an MBA at Delta State University.

Downing attended Colorado State on a football scholarship. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon serving as treasurer and house manager. He was commissioned a 2nd Lt. through the ROTC at CSU.

He entered pilot training on September 29, 1957, getting his wings at the Greenville Air Force Base in November 1958.

He married the former Joanne James in May 1959 and they were married for over 52 years.

During his military service most of his duty was in the Strategic Air Command flying the B-47 and the B-52's. He was a Command Pilot with over 2,500 flying hours. He spent a year in Vietnam as a Forward Air Controller. During his time in Vietnam he was highly decorated. He was awarded the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Combat Readiness Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Silver Star, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Gold Star and Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars.

Downing was the chief Air Force officer in his section acting as a liaison between the governments. He also served 8 months on the DMZ in Korea following the capture of the Pueblo.

He retired at the rank of Major after 20 years. His last duty station was at Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City, LA at 8th Air Force Headquarters as the chief scheduler of a B-52 air training. Those responsibilities included the scheduling of training for 28,000 crew members. He retired on December 31, 1977.

His duties as the first airport director for Greenville began in January 1978.

During his tenure many improvements were made at the airport facility.

Downing was responsible for tearing down old barrack buildings. His involvement with the Delta Center Stage was paramount. He actively recruited industries securing Leading Edge and Boeing where he oversaw the building of the facility. During his service as director he totally renovated the airport building and also many improvements were made to the runways and runway lights.

Downing was a strong advocate for his employees.

He served on the Transportation Committee for the Chamber working on the new bridge and the bypass. His civic duties also included helping to organize the Delta Pilot Association and further he assisted in getting an aeronautics major developed at Delta State. He supported and gave space for the Explorer Scouts. He retired as the Airport Directors after 20 years.

He was president of Delta Center Stage twice.

He was on the Delta Symphony Association, and was a life member of the American Legion attached to Post 32 and a member of the First United Methodist Church serving on the Board of Trustees, Pastor Parish Committee and President of the Christian Homemakers Sunday School Class. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter Debbie Downing McDermott and his in laws, Van Owen James and Addie Mae Kimbrough.

He is survived by his wife, Joanne James Downing of Greenville; a daughter, Patricia Downing Suber of Greenville; 3 brothers, Morgan A.

Downing and wife Betty of Shalimar, FL, Dean E.

Downing and wife Glenda of Lincoln, IL and Dennis Jones and wife Vicki of Lawrenceville, GA; granddaughter, Danielle Suber of Greenville; 2 grandsons, Justin Suber of Greenville and Paul Downing Mounce and wife Heather of Cleveland; great granddaughter, Morgan Elizabeth Mounce of Cleveland and great grandson, Keller Van Owen Mounce of Cleveland.

The family will receive friends from 5:00-7:00 p.m., Friday, December 9, 2011 at Boone-Wells Funeral Home, Greenville.

The Rev. Brad Hodges will officiate. Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, Camp Looking Glass, American Cancer Society or to a charity of your choice. www.boonefuneralhomeinc.com

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Deceased Name: Barry "Mike" Ayers, Sr.

LINCOLN - Barry "Mike" Ayers, Sr., 65, of Lincoln, passed away at 5:30 p.m. on December 8, 2011 at Memorial Medical Center.

Mike was **born** October 7, 1946, the son of Donald and Dolores Hamm Ayers.

He married Marilee Adkins on February 25, 1967 in Springfield.

Mike proudly served our country in the United States Marine Corps and served two tours in Vietnam. He was also employed by Smith-Wholesale Drug Company for many years and most recently worked in the Lawn & Garden Department at Lincoln Wal-Mart. He was very handy and had the ability to fix and build anything. In his spare time, he enjoyed woodworking, gardening, and landscaping. Mike was known for being a good and honest man, who loved and cherished his family.

He was preceded in death by his mother and his step-mother, MoGene.

He is survived by his wife, Marilee, of Lincoln; his father, Donald Ayers; one son, Mike Ayers; two daughters, Melissa Painter and Amanda (husband, Jason) Lolling; eight grandchildren, Cory, Nikki, Amy Jo, Meghan, Brianne, Kenneth, Shae, and Elizabeth; one great-grandchild, Kiara; and six siblings, Russell, Ronald, Donnie, Helena, Sherry, and Lisa.

Visitation: Family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2011 at Kirlin-Egan & Butler Funeral Home, 900 S. 6th St., Springfield.

Funeral Ceremony: 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 12, 2011 at Kirlin-Egan & Butler Funeral Home with Rev. Clint Cook officiating.

Cremation will be accorded by Butler Cremation Tribute Center following ceremonies.

Graveside Ceremony: 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at Camp Butler National Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Leukemia Research Foundation, 3520 Lake Avenue #202, Wilmette, IL 60091.

Please visit www.butlerfuneralhomes.com to offer your condolences.

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Deceased Name: Thomas L. Longan

DIXON - Thomas L. Longan, age 71 of Dixon, died Sunday, December 11, 2011 at the Ogle County Hospice Serenity Home in Oregon. He was **born** Aug. 19, 1940 in Billings, Montana the son of Franklin and Hilda (Rein) Longan. He was a graduate of the University of Montana. He had been a social worker at the Dixon Developmental Center and at Singer Mental Health Center in Rockford. He had also worked for the Dixon Public School District prior to his retirement.

He married Alice Saunders May 5, 1969 in Oregon, IL.

He is survived by his wife of Dixon, one son Cameron (Lynn) Longan and one daughter Kim (Mike Bolhous) Ford both of Dixon; grandchildren Steven Ford, Jenna, Keenan and Holden Longan all of Dixon, and Andrew Ford of Streamwood; great granddaughter Hana Ford. He is also survived by a sister Ellen Jane (Richard) Rozehnal of Silverthorne, Colo, and one brother Frederick Longan of Billings, Montana.

Tom overcame many physical adversities and always sought to enjoy life.

His continual uplifting spirit and attitude was an inspiration to everyone he touched. Tom planned and hosted a celebration of his life on November 27, 2011, which was a gift to all family and friends that attended.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial services will be held on Thursday December 15, 2011 at 11:00 AM in the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Dixon with the Rev. Frank Langholf pastor officiating.

Visitation will be from 10:00 AM until time of service at the church. Another memorial service will be held at a later date in Montana. Arrangements by the Jones Funeral Home in Dixon. Condolences may be sent online at www.thejonesfh.com

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Deceased Name: Irma E. Newton

LINCOLN - Irma E. Newton, 94, of Lincoln passed away on Monday, December 12, 2011 at 9:32 a.m. at her home.

A Memorial Service for Mrs. Newton will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church in Lincoln with Rev. Robert Henderson officiating.

No Visitation is scheduled.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Burial will be in New Union Cemetery in Lincoln.

Peasley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Irma Eileen Newton was **born** on October 21, 1917 in Tamaroa, Illinois the daughter of Karl "Charlie" and Mable Crane Newhouse. She married George L. Newton on June 15, 1934.

He preceded her in death on October 28, 1998.

Surviving Mrs. Newton are her children: Karl (Donna) Newton of Beason, James (Kay) Newton of Lincoln and Georgia Kay Newton of Lincoln. Nine Grandchildren and Seventeen great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son Leonard Newton, two brothers and three sisters.

Irma worked at Stetson's and Lincoln Development Center. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lincoln.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church.

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Deceased Name: Richard W. "Dick" Maurer

LINCOLN - Richard w. "Dick" Maurer, 82, of Lincoln died at 11:30 a.m. on December 13, 2011 at St. Clara's Manor, Lincoln.

Dick worked for Kroger Grocery, Lincoln and Logan Lanes Bowling, Lincoln.

He was a graduate of Lincoln Community High School.

Dick was **born** on August 2, 1929 in Chester Township, Logan County, IL the son of Victor G. and Alma Hertzfeldt L. Maurer. His parents preceded him in death.

He is survived by three daughters: Judy (Bob) Van Tieghem of Aurora, IL; Chris (Paul) Aden of Anna, IL; Angela (David) Marshall, Naperville, IL; one brother: Robert Maurer of Tucson, AZ; four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Dick served in the U.S. Air Force 1950-1954 during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Lincoln American Legion Post #263; Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was an avid bowler attaining a 300 (perfect game) in 1988 and pool player.

Services will be Friday, December 16, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, Lincoln with Rev. Mark Thompson officiating. Burial will be in Old Union Cemetery with full military rites by the American Legion Post #263 of Lincoln. Visitation will be Thursday from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, IL. Memorials may be given to Zion Lutheran Church or Zion Lutheran School of Lincoln.

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Deceased Name: Alvin L. Rohlfs

HARTSBURG - Alvin L. Rohlfs, 89, Of Hartsburg, IL passed away at 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at his home.

Alvin retired from owning his own farm implement business, Rohlfs Implement.

Alvin was **born** January 27, 1922, at Emden, Illinois, the son of John and Margaret Mensen Rohlfs. He married Virginia Pokorski on June 28, 1947 at Lincoln, IL. She preceded him in death Oct. 23, 2004.

Alvin is survived by one daughter: Susan (Fred) Finchum of Atlanta, IL; four sons: Les (Kathy) Rohlfs of Emden, IL; Thomas (Debra) Rohlfs of Petersburg, IL; Bruce (Kathy) Rohlfs of Cannon Beach, Oregon; and Mike (Beth) Rohlfs of Hartsburg, IL; 17 grandchildren: Mark Finchum; Ron Finchum; Bryan Finchum; Michelle Olson; Nathan, Kristin, Josh, Jason, Jesse, Jacob and Jacqlyn Rohlfs; Saramanda Hall; Amber Byers; Ryann, Madison, Max, and Bianca Rohlfs; and 17 great grandchildren: Brooke, Kate, Shelby, Brayden, Brodee, Daulton, Alexis, Paige, Kennadie Finchum; Nickolas Olson, Ty Olson; Evan and Avery Rohlfs; Aiden Byers; Willy and Wesley Hall; three brothers: Merle Rohlfs of Hartsburg; Kenneth Rohlfs of Pomona, CA; James Rohlfs of North Ridge, CA and one sister: LaVera Barry of Hartsburg. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, two brothers: Marvin and John Jr.; and one great grandson: Grant Finchum.

He was a member of Holy Family Church of Lincoln, Hartsburg American Legion Post #1446; and the Lincoln Elks 914. He served in the U.S. Army during W.W. II.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, December 17, 2011 at Holy Family Church of Lincoln with Rev. Jeffrey Laible officiating. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Lincoln with full military rites by Hartsburg American Legion Post #1446. Visitation will be Friday from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, IL. A Prayer Service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Memorials may be given to the Hartsburg Fire and Rescue.

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Deceased Name: Alice Marie Lee Cross

MT. PULASKI - Alice Marie (Warren) Lee Cross, 79, of Mt. Pulaski died at 7:50 A.M. Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at her residence.

Mrs. Cross was **born** on August 25, 1932 to Walter and Linda Mooney Warren in Milmine, IL. She was a registered nurse. She was the former Director of Nursing at Vonderlieth Living Center in Mt. Pulaski as well as the school nurse at Mt. Pulaski Grade School.

She married Robert S. Lee on June 7, 1953 in Mt. Pulaski, IL. He preceded her in death on June 24, 1985. She married Dr. Leland Cross on June 25, 2005 in Lincoln. He survives.

Mrs. Cross was a volunteer for the Mt. Pulaski Historical Museum, the Mt. Pulaski Grade School, and for the American Red Cross. She was a Decatur Memorial Hospital School of Nursing Alumni. She was also affiliated with the Mt. Pulaski Christian Church and Mt. Pulaski St. John's Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her husband, four daughters, Theresa (Norman) McCormick of Decatur, IL, Debby (Larry) Evans of Flanagan, IL, Carolyn (Dave) Frank of Arenzville, IL and Laura Lee, of Mt. Pulaski. She is also survived by six step children, Laurel Cross of Washington State, Maribeth (Ted) Bergstrom of Walla Walla, WA, Lavonne (Andrew) Cross of Beaverton, OR, Andrew (Barb) Cross of Portland, OR, Janine (Colin) Saxton of Newberg, OR and Teresa Cross of Williamsburg, VA.

One brother, John (Marilyn) Warren of Duluth, MN, Three sisters Anna (Paul) Quandt of Cocoa, FL, Betty (Keith) Marlow of Albuquerque, NM, Pansy Drake of Colliersville TN, six grandchildren, nine step grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren also survive her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Bob Lee, four brothers and one sister.

Services for Mrs. Cross will be held at 10 A.M. on Monday, December 19, 2011 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski with Norman McCormick officiating. There will be a visitation 2-5:00 P.M. on Sunday, December 18 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Mt. Pulaski. Burial will follow the service at Steenbergen Cemetery in Mt. Pulaski. Memorials may be made to Vonderlieth Living Center or to the Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Research Foundation.

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Deceased Name: Susan Lea Madigan (Odell)

BULLHEAD CITY, AZ-Susan Lea Madigan (Odell) **born** May 12,1954 passed away due to heart complications Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at the Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. Susan was the daughter of Thomas and Leah Madigan formerly of Lincoln, Illinois. Susan's siblings were brother William (Billy) Madigan and Cynthia (Cindy) Madigan. Susan was married to Jerry Pickett of Mt. Pulaski and had only one son Aaron Pickett. Susan was a grandmother to two grandchildren, Kelsey Pickett (14) and Aaron J. Pickett (AJ)(7). Susan met her husband David R. Odell, Jr. of Temecula, California in 2001 and married in 2006. They resided in Bullhead City, Arizona. Susan's mother Leah Madigan and husband David Odell continue to live in Arizona. Susan's son Aaron Pickett would like for Susan's friends and all the family to meet with him at his residence 235 Crestwood Drive, Lincoln, Illinois, Monday, December 19, 2011 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. to share memories of Susan's, (Coco's) life.

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Deceased Name: Betty L. Benshoff

MASON CITY - Betty L. Benshoff, 71, of Mason City, passed away at Memorial Medical Center on December 16, 2011. Betty was **born** on March 11, 1940 in Herrin, Illinois to Leslie and Elizabeth (Powers) Murray. She married John W. Benshoff on February 15, 1957, he preceded her in death.

Betty is survived by her two children; Rocky (Jean) Benshoff of Mason City and Holly (Mark) Danley of New Holland. She is also survived by ten grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren, one brother; Les Murray of St. Louis and one sister; Dessie (Mike) Bagget of Clarksville, TN. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one sister and one daughter.

Betty retired after 30 years of working as a CNA.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 12:00 pm at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City. Visitation will begin two hours prior to the funeral service at 10:00 am. Burial will be at the Mason City Cemetery following the services. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion Flag Fund. Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is in charge of the arrangements.

Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

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Deceased Name: Anthony W. "Tony" Bennis

CRYSTAL LAKE - Anthony W. "Tony" Bennis, 63, of Crystal Lake, passed away December 16, 2011. He was **born** on April 16, 1948, in Freeport, IL to William and Dorothy Bennis. He was raised in Lincoln, IL.

Tony graduated from Northern Illinois University in 1971. He married Barbara Bennis nee Thompson on October 6, 1984.

He is survived by his beloved wife Barbara Bennis nee Thompson; loving daughter Wendy (Daniel) Hanebrink of Algonquin; cherished grandchildren Kurt and Brett Hanebrink of Algonquin; adored mother Dorothy Bennis of Thousand Oaks, CA; dear brother David Bennis of Lake Villa, IL and dearest sisters Mary Gibson of Wheeling, WV, Martha Scrimenti of Oak Park, CA, and Sara Sterbenc of Homewood, IL; 4 nieces, 3 nephews, 3 grand nieces, and one grand nephew.

He was preceded in death by his father William Bennis.

Visitation for Tony will be held on Tuesday, December 20, 2011, from 4-9pm, at Davenport Family Funeral Home, 419 E. Terra Cotta Avenue (Route 176), Crystal Lake. Visitation will continue on Wednesday, December 21, 2011, from 10am until the time of service at 11am, at the funeral home. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Les Turner ALS Foundation, 5550 W. Touhy Ave., Suite 302, Skokie, IL 60077.

Visit www.davenportfamily.com, where online condolences can be left for his family or for information please call 815-459-3411.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - December 20, 2011

Deceased Name: Shirley Ruth Hunter

LINCOLN - Shirley Ruth Hunter, 85, of Lincoln, IL died at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital at 10:58 A.M. December 17, 2011.

Shirley was manager at Quick Way Foods for 20 years.

Shirley was **born** on May 11, 1926 in Boise, Idaho the daughter of Otto and Olive Dotson Jensen. She married Ernest Samuel Hunter on May 26, 1946 in Lincoln, IL. He preceded her in death April 16, 1992. Her parents also preceded her in death.

She is survived by three sons: Dan Hunter of Lincoln; Kevin (Robin) Hunter of Lincoln; Tom Hunter of San Francisco, CA; two daughters: Candice Hunter of Lincoln; Kimberly (Kevin) Prescott of Litchfield Park, AZ; two sisters: Rosalie Peckham and Carol Castleton, both of Boise, Idaho; One brother-in-law: Tom Hunter of Lincoln; and four grandchildren.

Shirley was a longtime member of the Women of the Moose.

Services will be Thursday, December 22, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home with Rev. Richard Reinwald officiating. Visitation will be from 9:00-11:00 prior to the service on Thursday. Burial will be in New Union Cemetery, Lincoln. Memorials may be given to the American Diabetes Association.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - December 21, 2011

Deceased Name: David D.Chapman

David D. Chapman, 51, Moweaqua, IL, passed away at 6:10 PM Sunday, Dec. 18, 2011 at St. Mary's Hospital, Decatur, IL.

Funeral Services will be 11 AM Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011 at Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, IL, with J. Kent Hickerson officiating.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral service at Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton. Cremation rites will be accorded following the service. Memorials may be made to the David D. Chapman Memorial Fund.

David was **born** on Dec. 30, 1959 in Lincoln, IL, the son of Donald F. and Eldrid Crouse Chapman.

Survivors include his daughter, Maegan Chapman of Lincoln, IL; son, Michael Chapman of Lincoln, IL; partner, Brad Sulwer of Moweaqua, IL; brothers, Larry (Nancy) Chapman, Bill (Sandy) Chapman, and Mike (Kay) Chapman all of Clinton, IL; sister, Carol (Steve) Springer of Valrico, FL.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - December 21, 2011

Deceased Name: Loren S. "Doc" Cotton

ATLANTA - Loren S. "Doc" Cotton, 80 of Atlanta passed away on Sunday, December 18, 2011 at Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Normal.

A Memorial Service for Mr. Cotton will be held on Thursday, December 22, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at the Quiram Peasley Funeral Home with Mr. Jeff Kindred officiating. Military Rites will be accorded by American Legion Post # 341 Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. until time of service on Thursday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Atlanta Cemetery at a later date.

Loren Snowden "Doc" Cotton was **born** on July 19, 1931 in Eureka, Illinois the son of Snowden and Eula Mae Jones Cotton.

He is survived by his children: Lori Denise Cotton of Bloomington, Loren Stephen Cotton of Atlanta and Elizabeth Mae "Libby" (Michael) Mederich of Atlanta, Two granddaughters: Alexandra Foster and Stephanie Foster. One brother: Raymond (Jean) Cotton of Rockaway, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Three sisters and one brother.

"Doc" graduated from the Atlanta High School in 1949. He then proudly served in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict. Serving on a radar crew on the 38th Parallel.

He was a member of the Eminence Christian Church, American Legion Post #341 in Atlanta and past Commander of the Post. He was a former member of the Olympia District #16 School Board.

Atlanta Masonic Lodge # and Order of the Eastern Star.

He retired from S and S Construction. He was an outdoorsman and a friend to everyone he met.

Doc's family would like to Thank the staff of Heritage Manor Health care and Advocate Home Health and Hospice for their wonderful care of Doc.

Memorials may be made to Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Normal.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - December 21, 2011

Deceased Name: Beulah M Hunter

LINCOLN - Beulah M Hunter of Lincoln, Illinois passed away December 19, 2011.

She went to celebrate Christmas with Jesus and her loved ones who went before her.

Beulah was **born** March 27, 1932 the daughter of Russel and Letha Dennison and on May 25, 1949 she married William E. Hunter who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her parents, son William E Hunter Jr., son-in-law Lee R Lucas and five brothers and two sisters.

Beulah is survived by one son Dale (Lynn) Hunter of Lewisville, Texas and three daughters Earlene Lucas of Pekin, Ruth Ann (David) Kaesebier of Broadwell and Tami (Scott) Moore of Heartland, Wisconsin. One brother Roger (Jodi) Dennison of Elkhart, three sisters Dorothy (Eldon) Hawks of Lincoln, Elizabeth (Dave) Jackson of Williamsville, and Jill Gardner of Williamsville, eleven grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Beulah was an active member of the VFW Post 1756 Woman's Auxiliary and a Cubs and Cowboys fan.

Visitation will be Thursday at Bennett Funeral Home from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. and funeral service will be Friday at 10:00 A.M.

Burial will be at Camp Butler National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to St Judes at 530 NE Glen Oak Ave Peoria, IL 61603 or The American Cancer Society at 675 E Linton Ave Springfield, IL 62703.

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

Deceased Name: Aubrey "John" Bunner

LINCOLN - Aubrey "John"

Bunner, 87, of Lincoln died at 2:47 a.m. on December 22, 2011 at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, IL.

John retired from Lincoln Sand and Gravel after 33 years as an operator engineer.

John was **born** on May 6, 1924 in Lincoln, IL the son of Pearl and Carrie Holtz Bunner. He married Ella Mae Funston on January 23, 1945 in Lincoln. She survives him in Lincoln.

Also surviving are three sons: Chuck (Nancy) Bunner of Sidney, NE; John (Tammy) Bunner of Lincoln; Albert "Buck" (Laura) Bunner of Lincoln, IL; one daughter: Alecia (Lee) Green of Milpitas, CA; two brothers: Delbert (Mert) Bunner of Peoria, IL; Richard Bunner of Brooklyn, NY; one sister: Mary Ann Castile of Atlanta, IL; fifteen grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother: Charles F. Bunner.

John served in the U.S. Army during WWII; he was a member of the Moose Lodge; Eagles Lodge #2708; and the American Legion Post #263.

Services will be Saturday, December 24, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln. Visitation will be one hour prior to service. Burial will be at Zion Cemetery with full military rites accorded by the American Legion Post #263. Memorials may be given to Mooseheart.

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

Deceased Name: Floyd E. Turner

SILETZ, OR - Floyd Eugene "Gene" Turner, 79, of Siletz, Oregon, passed away on December 17th, 2011, at his home.

Gene was **born** February 17th, 1932 in Atlanta, Illinois to Cora Jane (Phillips) and Otis Nelson "Jack" Turner.

Gene grew up in Atlanta, Illinois until his last year in high school. He graduated from Hittle Township High School in Armington, Illinois in 1950. For a time, he lived with his uncle Albert. While living with uncle Albert Gene became very close with Abby, his cousin. Abby considered him a brother that she always wanted to go places with.

As a young man, he worked several paper routes and odd jobs to help his widowed mother with raising him and his two sisters.

It was in Armington he met Bettie L. Greathouse. They married on February 2, 1952 at the first Christian Church in Bloomington, Illinois. Within a year they moved to rural Atlanta and lived for a couple of years in a home that had belonged to his grandparents. From there, they moved to Lincoln, IL, where they raised their children, then to Siletz, Oregon after his retirement.

At the age of 18, he started working for Caterpillar. He worked there for 31 years before retiring. After moving to Oregon, he worked as a security guard for GP.

Gene was a member of the First Christian Church in Atlanta, then in Lincoln, IL and after moving to Oregon the First Christian Church in Newport and the Siletz Church of Christ. He was also a member of the UAW. Gene was an avid walleye fisherman too. He always looked forward to taking his family on their yearly vacation to Minnesota. He brought several trophy fish home from these vacations, including walleye, northern pike, muskie and crappie.

Since the age of 11 he was a St. Louis Cardinals fan.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Bettie L. Turner; daughters, Barbara Hower, Rebecca Whelen, Judy Koger, Jacqueline Berger, Patricia Turner and Kelly Sorensen; 19 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and sisters, Wanda Turner and Jacqueline Smith.

Funeral Services: Siletz Church of Christ Siletz, Oregon, Thursday, December 22, 2011 at 2:00 pm. Viewing beginning at 12:00 pm. Eulogy, Richard Faxon, reception will follow.

Minier Christian Church Minier, Illinois, Thursday, December 29th, 2011 at 11:00 am. Viewing beginning at 10:00 am followed by a procession to a Graveside at the Mt. Joy Cemetery in Armington for a vaulted Interment. Reception following at Minier Christian Church.

Services entrusted into the care of Affordable Burial & Cremation Co in Newport, OR.

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

Deceased Name: Helen Kindred

ATLANTA - Helen Kindred, 86 of Atlanta passed away on Friday, December 23, 2011 at Advocate BroMenn Regional Medical Center in Normal.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Kindred will be held on Wednesday, December 28, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at the Atlanta United Methodist Church with Rev. Rob Roy officiating.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Quiram Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta.

Burial will be in the Atlanta Cemetery.

Helen was **born** on May 10, 1925 in Eminence Township at the family farm. She was the daughter of Elbert D. and Anna Graham Frantz. She married Wayne Kindred on December 7, 1946 in Atlanta. He preceded her in death on June 24, 1993.

Surviving Helen are her children: Roger "Pudge" Kindred of Atlanta and Judy (David) Schulthes of Towanda. One brother: Wilbur (Jessie) Frantz of Atlanta. One sister: Wilma Storm of St. Peters, MO.

She was preceded in death by two brothers: Dean Frantz, Jim Frantz. one sister: Mildred Burt.

Helen graduated from Hittle Township High School in Armington.

Memorials may be made to the Atlanta Public Library or the Atlanta United Methodist Church.

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

Deceased Name: Wendell W. Lewis, Jr.

LINCOLN - Wendell W.

"Windy" Lewis, Jr., 79 of Lincoln passed away on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at 1:48 a.m. at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

A Memorial Service for Mr. Lewis was held on Tuesday, December 27, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Lincoln with Rev. Simon Taabu officiating. Military Rites will be accorded by American Legion Post # 263 of Lincoln.

Visitation was held from 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the church on Tuesday.

Burial will be in St.

Mary's Cemetery in Lincoln at a later date. Cremation Rites have been accorded.

Peasley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Wendell William Lewis Jr. was **born** on November 18, 1932 in Minneapolis, Minnesota the son of Wendell W. Lewis Sr., and Veronica Wirth Lewis. He married Jill A. Tremper from Sandwich, Illinois.

Windy attended grade and junior high school in Minneapolis, MN. His family moved to Lincoln the day before classes began in the fall of 1946. During high school, Windy participated in football, basketball, and track. He was his junior class president and a member of the Student Council and National Honor Society. After graduating high school, Windy attended Bradley University on a scholarship participating in freshman football and track. In 1952, with Uncle Sam close behind, he transferred to the University of Minnesota.

Windy entered the United States Army in January of 1953. He was stationed in California. Due to his background as a life guard and water safety instructor, he was assigned to Special Services as a life guard at Fort Hunter Liggett Military Reservation. After the Military Service, he graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University, while at the time he was employed at the home office of State Farm Insurance. In 1961, he opened Spruce Up Men's Clothing Store in downtown Lincoln. He owned and operated Spruce Up for 17 years. After closing his store he worked as a fiscal monitor for the State of Illinois.

Windy embraced his family unconditionally; he recycled everything with the belief that saving God's earth was giving back for his many blessings. He is loved!

He is survived by his loving wife: Jill, two daughters:

Cindy (Steve) Goodman and Stephanie Winter both of Lincoln, Seven grandchildren:

Zachery (Jackie) Winter of Yorkville, Steven (Jessica) Goodman of Lincoln, Danielle Winter of Springfield, Shanna (Chris) Schneider, Shanae (Bret) Tripplett both of Lincoln, Desirae Winter of Mattoon and Isaac Lewis of Lincoln, two great grandchildren Ellie Grace and Finley Jack Winter, one brother: M.

Todd (Joan) Lewis of Lincoln.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his younger brother:

Kingsley Lewis.

Memorials may be made to Carroll Catholic School or Holy family Food Pantry.

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

Deceased Name: Lola F. Myers

HEYWORTH - Lola F.

Myers, age 97, of Heyworth, formerly of Pekin, passed away Saturday, Dec. 24, 2011 at 9:55 a.m. at St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington.

She was **born** Jan. 3, 1914 in Green Valley, IL to Louis and Cora (Dean) Griffin. She married W.

Rolland "Rollie" Myers Dec. 11, 1936 in Mason City. He passed away June 18, 2000 in Pekin. She was also preceded in death by one son, Darrell Watson, two grandsons, one granddaughter, two brothers and six sisters.

Local survivors include on daughter, Jeri Myers of Heyworth, one daughter-in-law, Marilyn Liescheidt of Pekin, three grandsons:

James (Anne) Watson of Riverton, IL, Bob Watson of Pekin, Dan (Michelle) Watson of Pekin, one sister, Irma (Dallas) Jacob of Lincoln, and her cat and constant companion, Sweeps.

Lola worked at the Hopedale Hospital and then provided home care nursing services for the elderly.

The family would like to give a special thank you to Dr. Jack Spaniol and the OSF community for always treating Mom with dignity and respect.

Funeral services will be Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011 at 12 Noon at Davison-Fulton Woolsey Funeral Home in Pekin. Visitation will be two hours prior to the services on Thursday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Mason City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the United Church of Heyworth or the Heyworth Ambulance Service.

Please view Lola's obituary online at www.woolseyfuneralhome.com

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

Deceased Name: Betty Lee Snyder Smith

LINCOLN - Betty Lee Snyder Smith was **born** to Adam and Ella Rohrer Snyder on May 3, 1925. She lived her entire life in Lincoln, IL and passed away there on December 28, 2011. She graduated from Lincoln High School in 1943 and worked at Clapper's Tire and Appliance where she met George W. Smith. They were married over their lunch hour on August 25, 1947. Her preferred occupation was mother/homemaker. Once she had grandsons, they named her Nana, and she relished that role. Betty worked in the cafeteria at Lincoln High School and then at Lehn & Fink. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Lincoln, and up until mid-December helped put together the church bulletins every week. She was one of the founding volunteers working at the Lincoln Logan Food Pantry and was a lifetime member of the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Betty is survived by her three children; Terri Carey (Daniel) of Madison, Wisconsin and grandsons Christopher and Matthew, Michael Smith of Ogden, Utah and grandson Michael Bryan, and Mary Ellen Smith of San Antonio, TX.

Her surviving siblings are Melvin "Buck" Snyder (Lois), Kenneth "Dutch" Snyder (Myra), and Patricia Snyder of Lincoln and Tony Snyder (Mary) of Metamora.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George "Smitty" Smith, sisters Eleanor Pence and Ethelene "Peggy" White, and brother, Robert Snyder.

Visitation will be Friday, December 30, 2011 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 31, 2011 at First United Methodist Church, 302 Broadway Street, in Lincoln.

Memorials may be made to Lincoln Logan Food Pantry or to the First United Methodist Church in Lincoln.

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

Deceased Name: Rachel C. Eeten

EMDEN - Rachel C. Eeten, 90, of Emden, departed this life at 5:30 am. Thursday, December 29, 2011, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

She was **born** June 30, 1921, in rural Lincoln, the daughter of William and Minnie Carnahan Hilgendorf. She married Reno Eise "Larry" Eeten on March 9, 1946 and he preceded her in death on September 6, 1963. She was also preceded by her parents and one brother, Earl Hilgendorf.

Following Larry's death, Rachel worked at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln and then at the Lincoln State School for many years until her retirement. She enjoyed baby sitting with her grandchildren and watching them participate in school activities, going on bus trips with friends and relatives to various places, and watching St. Louis Cardinals baseball and University of Illinois basketball.

Surviving are her children, Danny (Marilyn) Eeten of Lake of the Ozarks, MO., Bob (Carolyn) Eeten of Tulsa, OK., Kerry (Debbie) Eeten of Emden, and Lori (Scott) Behrends of Hartsburg; two brothers, Gene Hilgendorf of Lincoln and Richard Hilgendorf of Macon, MO.; nine grandchildren, Jerry Eeten, Christopher Eeten, Erin Porter, Anna Murphy, Roxanne Eeten, Justin Behrends, Kevin Behrends, Nikki Eeten, and Jessie Eeten; and six great grandchildren, Kate Porter, Cole and Rachel Eeten, Haley and Jace Hollern, and Cooper Eeten.

She was a caring and loving mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother, and will be greatly missed by her family.

Her funeral will be at 11:00 am. Monday, January 2, 2012 at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Emden. Rev. John Schurter and Chaplain Ryan Edgecombe will officiate. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in Hartsburg Union Cemetery in rural Hartsburg.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Emden Rescue Squad or The Christian Village in Lincoln.

Davis Mortuary in Delavan in handling the arrangements. To express condolences online, visit www.davismortuaryinc.com

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

Deceased Name: Edward James Coady

DECATUR - Edward James Coady, 85 of Decatur died December 28, 2011 in McKinley Court. He was **born** January 3, 1926 in Springfield, IL to Edward James and Nell Markey Coady. He was raised in Broadwell and Lincoln, IL. He married Geraldine Smith Foreaker on September 15, 1951. He moved to Arizona in 1959, retired, and moved to Florida in 1986. He moved to Illinois in 2009 to be near his family.

Ed is survived by step-daughter, Jeanne Mears of Decatur, two grandchildren, Lynda (Mark) Keever, of Elmhurst, Michael (Missy) Mears of Decatur, five great grandchildren, Health (Brandon) Brooks of Hershey, PA, Josh (Bridget) Mears, Amanda Mears and Morgan Brown, and Erin Keever, three great great grandsons, Mason, Josh and Jaydon, sister Mary Estelle Young of Florida, two brothers, Lawrence (Betty) of Hatlesburg, MS, and Tom (Peggy) of Lincoln, IL.

Ed's wishes were to be cremated and his ashes spread over Lake Roselle in Florida. There will be a celebration of life in Florida and Illinois. Ed leaves many good friends and lots of good memories. Memorials may be made to Ed's favorite charity, St. Jude's, Memphis, TN. Tanzyus-Logan Funeral Service and Care is in charge of arrangements.

The family wishes to thank the nurses, cna's, therapists, (especially Dave) and staff who took such good care of Ed, also thanks to Dr. G.

Sign the guestbook at www.leavememoriesnotdebt.com

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

Deceased Name: Daniel Eugene Goetsch

LINCOLN - Daniel Eugene Goetsch passed away at 7:14 pm Thursday, December 29, 2011 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

He was **born** June 9, 1947 in Bloomington, Illinois the son of Eugene Clifford Goetsch and Ruby Robbins Hardy.

Visitation will be Monday, January 2, 2011 from 5-7 pm at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln with a prayer service following at 7 PM.

Cremation rights will then be accorded.

He was a true family man at heart and had a deep love for his wife Donna L. Donath whom he married on March 14, 1969.

He is survived by his wife Donna and two children Robert E. (Lisa) Goetsch and William P. Goetsch, grandchildren Benjamin, Jonathan and Madison Goetsch, sisters Mickey Goff and Joyce Bartlett and a brother Ed Hardy.

A brother, Samuel Franz Goetsch, preceded him in death.

Daniel was a member of the U.S. Army. He served two terms in Vietnam with the 589th Engineering Battalion from 1966-68. He earned the Army Commendation Medal for his service.

Daniel was a member of the Railsplitter Antique Auto club; he loved to tinker with cars and was a mechanic in his early years. He was an avid sportsman who loved fishing, camping and traveling as well as wood working and participating in many local craft fairs with his wife, Donna.

He graduated from Robert A. Millikan High School in Long Beach, California and attended Long Beach City College. He was a former City of Lincoln Police Officer and retired from the Lincoln Developmental Center where he was a storekeeper.

Memorial donations may be made in Daniel's name to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or to Holy Family Food Pantry and will be accepted at the funeral home.