

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - February 1, 2012

Deceased Name: Shirley B. "Shirl" Marsh

LINCOLN - Shirley B. "Shirl" Marsh, 89, of Lincoln passed away at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital on Monday, January, 30, 2012 at 2:20 a.m.

Mrs. Marsh was **born** on August 1, 1922, in Harvard, IL to Lewis and Rose Dengel Bergeron.

On January 17, 1948, she married Francis L. Marsh in Decatur, IL. He preceded her in death on June 4, 2011. She is survived by one son: Michael (Pam) Marsh of Mesa, AZ; one daughter: Carrie (Mike) Benvenuti of Newport Coast, CA; one brother: Professor Clifton Bergeron of Urbana, IL; a niece, and nephew and several cousins. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Services will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, February 2, 2012 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with Tim Searby officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service on Thursday at the funeral home. A funeral mass will be at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday at Holy Family Church in Lincoln with Rev. Jeffrey Laible officiating. Burial will be held on June 4, 2012 at Camp Butler National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Camp Butler.

During WW II, Shirley worked as a secretary for troop's movement at Ft. Sheridan. After the war, Shirley worked at the Veteran's Hospital in Great Lakes while saving money to attend college. She attended Millikin University in Decatur while working at the Dean's office at the University of Illinois. After her marriage to Fran, they moved to Waukegan where they began their family. They moved to Lincoln in 1968. After her children were grown, she worked at the State of Illinois in the Budget and Data Processing department until her retirement.

Shirley enjoyed golf, bridge, walking and gardening. She was a member of Holy Family Church in Lincoln. She will be warmly remembered for her sense of adventure and her endless caring and concern for others.

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Deceased Name: Eunice C. Russell

LINCOLN - Eunice C. Russell, 92, of Lincoln, died at 5:55 A.M. Tuesday January 31, 2012 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Eunice was **born** on September 12, 1919, in Emden, IL, to Harm and Carrie Miener Tholen. She married Bryson Russell. He preceded her in death in June of 1982. She was also preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and one sister.

She is survived by 1 son John (Sandy) Russell of Lincoln; one daughter Dolores "Dottie" Russell of Emden, IL; two sisters Mildred Walters of Lincoln, IL Kathryn Lynch of Sarasota, FL; two step-grandchildren Dianne Whitman of North Carolina, Doug (Wendi) Meier of New Castle, IN; and three step great-grandchildren Emma, Grace and Corinne Meier.

Eunice was the owner and operator of the Hartsburg Grocery Store in Hartsburg, IL, with her daughter. She was a member of the Hartsburg United Methodist Church, the Hartsburg American Legion Auxiliary, MNO Card Club and the Oasis Senior Citizen Center.

Services will be at 10:30 A.M. Friday February 3, 2012 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln with Rev. Julie Azbell officiating. Burial will follow at Hartsburg Union Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5:00-7:00 P.M. Thursday evening at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Hartsburg United Methodist Church or the Humane Society of Logan County.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - February 3, 2012

Deceased Name: Wilda Rayburn

LINCOLN-Wilda Rayburn, 86, of Lincoln passed away at 9:07 p.m. on January 31, 2012 at St. Clara's Manor, Lincoln.

Wilda was **born** on September 23, 1925 in Davenport, Nebraska the daughter of Seaford and Ada Jennings Avers. She married Carlyle Rayburn on July 10, 1947 in Philo, IL. He preceded her in death in January 1967.

Wilda is survived by one son: Harold E. (Connie) Rayburn of Emden, IL; four daughters: Linda (Gene) Warnisher of Ramsey, IL and Joyce (Henry) Taylor of Brownsboro, Alabama, Lola (Luther) Neal of Greenfield, Indiana and Blanche Giles of Ponca City, Oklahoma; twelve grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren. Wilda is the last of her immediate family. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband; one sister: Alieen Fletcher, brother-in-law: Wendell Fletcher; one brother: Glen Avers and son-in-law: Coy Giles.

Wilda retired as a clerk from the State of Illinois Department of Public Aid.

She was a member of the Foundation Ministry of Armington.

Services will be Saturday; February 4, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, with Rev. Roger David officiating. Visitation will be two hours (9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.) prior to the service on Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be in New Union Cemetery, Lincoln. Memorials may be given to Foundation Ministry of Armington, IL.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - February 7, 2012

Deceased Name: Kenneth W. O'Brien

SAN JOSE - Kenneth W.

O'Brien, 70, of rural San Jose, passed away 9:25 pm, Sunday, February 5, 2012, at Methodist Medical Center in Peoria.

He was **born** December 30, 1941 in Peoria, to Roy H. and Madelyne "Maggie" Stovall O'Brien. He married Clara L. "Tiney" Doctorman on June 18, 1961 in Delavan, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael (Tammy)

· 'Brien of Emden and Patrick (Dana) O'Brien of Lacon; four grandchildren, Jason and Paige of Emden and Jennifer and Keagan of Lacon; one brother, James L. (Jean) O'Brien of Fort Myers, FL; and two nieces, Kay and Susie.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Kenneth served in the US Air Force from 1960 to 1964 and was a member of Heat and Frost Insulators Local 17, retiring in 1998.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodworking, and cooking. He was an avid NFL and NASCAR fan. He also enjoyed playing euchre and attending grandchildren's activities.

His funeral will at 10:00 am, Thursday, February 9, at Davis Mortuary in Delavan. Allen Payne will officiate. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 pm, Wednesday, February 8, at the mortuary. Burial will be in Green Hill Cemetery in rural San Jose.

Memorial contributions may be made to San Jose Fire and Rescue or Emden Sons of the American Legion Post 506.

To express condolences online, visit www.davismortuaryinc.com.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - February 8, 2012

Deceased Name: Ruth L. Hutchcraft

ATLANTA - Ruth L.

Hutch craft, 93, of Atlanta passed away on Sunday, February 5, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. at The Christian Village Nursing Home in Lincoln.

Funeral Services for Mrs.

Hutch craft will be held on Friday, February 10, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at Quiram Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta with Mr. Maurice Stribling officiating.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Atlanta Cemetery.

Ruth L. Hutch craft was **born** August 11, 1918, in Iowa, the daughter of Ernest and Mabel Lewis Lang ridge. She married Arthur C. Hutch craft Sr. on October 24, 1948. He preceded her in death on April 3, 1986.

Surviving Ruth are: one step-daughter: Sandra Jacobs; two daughters: Trudy (Michael) Coleman of Dunlap and Bunny (Doug) Laymon of Atlanta; and two sons: Arthur "Coy" (Anne) Hutch craft Jr. of Atlanta and Gregg (Kathy) Hutch craft of LeRoy; 17 grandchildren, 43 great grandchildren and 3 great great-grandchildren.

Ruth was preceded in death by one granddaughter: Niki Hutch craft, one brother and one sister.

Mrs. Hutch craft was a member of the Atlanta Christian Church, American Legion Auxiliary and a past President of the Atlanta Women's Club and Atlanta A-Team, and served on the Election Board for over 40 years.

Ruth retired from the State of Illinois after 32 years of service in the Archives Division.

Memorials may be made to the Atlanta Rescue Squad or Atlanta A-Team.

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

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - February 9, 2012

Deceased Name: Terry "Tw" Werth

LINCOLN - Terry "TW" Werth, 68, of Lincoln passed away 10:52 a.m., Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

Funeral Services for TW will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at the Jefferson Street Christian Church in Lincoln with Mr. Tim Searby and Mr. Dustin Fulton officiating.

Visitation will be held on Friday evening, February 10, 2012 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln. Visitation will also be held for one hour prior to the service at Jefferson Christian Church.

Burial will be at a later date at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln.

Terry "TW" Werth was **born** on November 4, 1943 in Lincoln the son of Wilfred "Squeak" and Dorothy Henson Werth. He married Becky Tesh on November 22, 1964 in Lincoln. She survives.

Also surviving are his children: DeAnn (Bill) Cooper of Lincoln, Chris (Robin) Werth of Fishers, Indiana, Two brothers: Jay (Patricia) Werth of Santa Rosa, CA, Judd (Susan) Werth of Orland Park, IL, Six grandchildren: Brittany, Michaelene and Christian Werth, Brad Barclay, Garrett and Grant Cooper. He will also be greatly missed by Charlie, his loyal 4-legged companion.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

TW graduated from Lincoln Community High School in 1961 and later received an Associates Degree in Machine Tool & Die Technology from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL.

He started Werth Realty in 1974. He also owned Terry Werth Insurance, Prime Storage and Werth Services Gun Shop.

TW was a charter member of the Jefferson Street Christian Church, Life Member of the National Rifle Association and active member of the Lincoln Sportsman's Club. He was a past president of the Logan County Board of Realtors, a member of the steering committee for The Christian Village and served on the Logan County Board for twelve years.

Dad was a great husband, father and grandfather; a neighbor to many and a friend to all. He had a rich personal life. His hobbies included: cooking, photography, flower gardening and gun collecting. He was an avid hunter and outdoor sports enthusiast who enjoyed camping, canoeing, hunting and fishing with his family and his friends. He enjoyed being an active part of his community as well. Dad always said he wanted to leave Logan County a better place for his grandchildren and the leaders of the future, "atta boy, Dad".

Memorials may be made to the Lincoln Sportsman's Club Youth Trap Shoot Program, Tesh Scholarship Fund@Lincoln Christian University and Jefferson Street Christian Church at the funeral home, church or mailed to 1203 Woodlawn Road, Lincoln, IL 62656.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - February 11, 2012

Deceased Name: Mary Emma Eleanor Pfeiffer

LINCOLN - Mary Emma Eleanor Pfeiffer, 74, of Lincoln died at 8:48 am on Friday, February 10, 2012 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Lincoln.

Ellie was **born** on February 24, 1937 in Shumway, IL the daughter of William and Mary Knierim Vail. She married Robert "Bob" Pfeiffer on October 9, 1960 in Effingham, IL at the First Baptist Church. He survives in Lincoln.

She is also survived by a daughter: Linda Pfeiffer of Chatham and a son: Dave (Sherry) Pfeiffer of Rochester, IL; two brothers: Clifford Vail of Shumway, IL; Delmar Gene Vail of Shumway, IL; four grandchildren: Drake Pfeiffer, Amanda Stallings, Rachel Gregory and Cory Gregory; two great grandchildren: Hunter Stallings and Zachary Smith.

She had worked for CIPS in Effingham and Springfield, IL and retired from the Village of Chatham. She was involved with youth groups and she transported youth groups from Chatham to Auburn before she was a charter member of the Chatham Christian Church. She was a Girl Scout leader for 30 years and she was one of the founders of the Chatham Library in an old utility building.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m.

Monday, February 13, 2012 at the Christian Village Congregate building in Lincoln with Ryan Edgecombe officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family of Ellie.

Services have been entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - February 13, 2012

Deceased Name: Joshua Crowell

BLOOMINGTON - Joshua Crowell, 28, of Bloomington, IL formerly of Lincoln died at 3:40 p.m.

Thursday, February 9, 2012 in Bloomington.

Joshua was a self employed handyman and carpenter.

Joshua was **born** on February 20, 1983 in Lincoln the son of Everett and Dawn Anderson Crowell and Bill (Evelyn) West. He married Anna Dunker on December 8, 2006 in Lincoln. She survives in Bloomington, IL.

He is survived by four children: Kiya, Keaton, and Gracie Crowell of Lincoln and Landon Crowell of Clinton; his parents of Lincoln; One brother: Justin Crowell of Stanford, IL; two sisters: Cady and Abigail Crowell of Lincoln; two step sisters: Cheri Lillie of St. David, IL and Jenna Plopper of Peoria, IL; Paternal Grandmother: Joyce Crowell and Maternal grandmother: Jeanne Pacheco both of Lincoln.

Services for Joshua will be Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln with Dustin Fulton officiating. Visitation will be from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m prior to service. Burial will be in Zion Cemetery, Lincoln. Memorials may be given to the Benefit of the Crowell children.

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Deceased Name: Gretchen Parkhurst

SPRINGFIELD - Gretchen (Goodall) Parkhurst, age 73, of Springfield, Illinois, passed from our world on Thursday, February 9, 2012.

Gretchen was **born** in Indianapolis, Indiana on April 19, 1938, daughter of the late Arthur R. and Florence E. Wendland Good all. Mrs. Parkhurst attended school in Decatur, Illinois, was a graduate of Stephen Decatur High School, and later attended Mac Murray College in Jacksonville, Illinois. In 1964 she married Richard Parkhurst of Athens, Illinois.

Mrs. Parkhurst retired from the Illinois Department of Revenue after 37 years of service.

She was a former member of Decatur Jobs Daughters and the Order of the Eastern Star. She served two terms as the first woman elected to the Athens Board of Education and was a den mother for the Athens Cub Scouts.

She was also a former member of the Illinois Women in Government and the National Association of Female Executives.

Surviving are her husband, Richard, two daughters, Kim (husband Bobby) Burton of Auburn, Illinois, and Michele (husband Paul) Maaks of San Jose, Illinois; three sons, Kevin (Chelsea) of Windsor, California, Todd and Stephen both of Springfield; brother, Robert (Patty) A. Good all of Milan, Illinois; seven grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Cremation rites will be accorded.

A memorial gathering of friends and family will be held at Mott & Henning Funeral Home, Athens, IL on Friday, February 17, 2012 from 4:00 until 7:00 PM.

Private burial of cremains will take place at a later date.

Memorials can be made to the American Lung Association.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - February 15, 2012

Deceased Name: Michelle K.Watts

LINCOLN - Michelle K.

Watts, 68, of Lincoln passed away on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at 3:15 a.m. at her home.

A Celebration of Her Life Service will be held on Sunday, February 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln with Mr. John Nelson officiating.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Michelle Katherine Watts was **born** on July 6, 1943 in Lexington, Kentucky the daughter of Curtis and Amie Muarry Willmont.

She is survived by one daughter: Kristina Clutter of Lincoln, one son: Charles H. "Chip" (Jonni) Bone of Decatur, four grandchildren: Danelle Clutter, Will Clutter, Desiree Clutter and Brittany Bone. One great granddaughter: MacKinley Knapp, two sisters: Lisa Hisle, Jennifer Keller, one brother: Curtis Simeon Willmont all of Kentucky.

Michelle graduated from St. Catherine's Academy, Lincoln College and University of Illinois Springfield.

She retired from the Hope School in Springfield as Director of Activities.

She was a member of the Lincoln Hill Free Methodist Church in Lincoln.

Memorials may be made to the Susan G. Koman Cancer Fund.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - February 16, 2012

Deceased Name: Dorothy M.Blankenship

ATLANTA - Dorothy M.

Blankenship, 86, of Atlanta, passed away today, February 15, 2012, at 1:52 a.m. at St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

Funeral services for Mrs.

Blankenship will be held on Saturday, February 18, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at St.

Mary's Church in Atlanta.

Rev. Jeffery G. Laible will officiate.

Visitation will be held at Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home on Friday, February 17, 2012 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. The Rosary will be recited at 4:45 p.m. prior to the visitation. Additional visitation will be held for one-half hour prior to the funeral at St. Mary's Church.

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

Mrs. Blankenship is survived by her sister, Sister Kathryn Edward, and many loving nieces and nephews and their families.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and two brothers: Lawrence Knecht and Donald Knecht.

Dorothy was **born** October 23, 1925, in Beason, the daughter of Edward and Kathryn Schmidt Knecht. She married Claude Blankenship on July 30, 1966, at St. Mary's Church in Lincoln. He preceded her in death on October 4, 2002.

Dorothy graduated from Beason High School and was an avid cook and baker, loved to garden and especially loved to travel.

She retired from the Logan County ASCS office. She was a member of Holy Family Church in Lincoln and the Western Catholic Union.

Memorials may be made to Atlanta Rescue Squad, St. Mary's Church or the Dominican Sisters of Springfield.

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

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - February 16, 2012

Deceased Name: Donald E. Carlin

CHESTNUT - Donald E.

Carlin, 68, died on February 12, 2012 at Hospice Care Center in Copley, OH.

Donald was **born** on April 15, 1943 to Earl and Anna Marie Keoppe Carlin in Ottawa, IL. He married Helen "Kay" Hurley in April of 1998 at Mt. Pulaski Christian Church. She survives in Chestnut. He worked as an over the road truck driver and served in the United State Air Force.

Survivors include children: Kathy Saferite of San Jose, IL; Allen (Donna) Carlin of Peru, IL; Lora (Ed) Greenfield of Mason City, IL; Tammy Bassett of Pekin, IL; Jason (Ginger) Payne of Riverton, IL; and Kristina (Rick) Hitchcock of Tampa, FL; brother: Herman Carlin of Emden, IL; 15 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, one sister, one daughter and one step-son.

Services will be held at 10:30 AM, Friday, February 17, 2012 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski with Mark Weber conducting services.

There will be a visitation from 9:00-10:30 A.M. prior to the service. Burial will be held at Camp Butler National Cemetery.

Memorial may be made to donor's choice.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - February 16, 2012

Deceased Name: Stacie Horner Grant

BLOOMINGTON - Stacie Horner Grant, 34, of Bloomington, died Monday, February 13, 2012 at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington. Stacie was **born** November 23, 1977 in Bloomington to Kyle and Dian Shepherd Horner.

Stacie is survived by her father Kyle of Peoria, her mother Dian of Bloomington, two daughters, Ashtyn and Brittain Grant of Lincoln, one sister, Angelia (Brian) Huonker of Bloomington. Services will be 10:00 AM Saturday February 18, at Minier Christian Church. The Rev.

Norv Condry and Rev. John Horner will officiate.

Visitation will be 5-7 PM Friday February 17, at Minier Christian Church.

Haensel Funeral Home in Minier is assisting the family with arrangements.

Burial will be at Oak View Cemetery in Armington, Memorials may be made to Minier Christian Church or Liberty Baptist Church in Minier. Online condolences may be made at www.haenselfuneralhome.com.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - February 16, 2012

Deceased Name: Christine "Chris" Parr

HARRISBURG, AR - Mrs.

Christine Landrum "Chris" Parr, of Harrisburg, AR, formerly of Florence, Alabama, went to be with her Lord Tuesday morning, February 14, 2012, at the St. Bernard's Regional Medical Center in Jonesboro, at the age of 55.

She was **born** April 29, 1955, in Florence, the daughter of Charles Louis Landrum and Lillian Louise Wright Landrum. Chris married Al Parr on June 19, 1972 and they enjoyed 40 years together as husband and wife. She was a homemaker and a collector of souvenir spoons, bears, and Russian Stacking Dolls.

Years ago she also operated a sewing business and daycare from her home.

She enjoyed anything to do with a needle and thread and over the years made many, many clothes, quilts, etc. She was a member of the Harrisburg Church of Christ, where her husband Al Parr serves as pulpit minister. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Lillian Landrum and a son, Lee Harold Parr.

She is survived by her husband, Al Parr of the home, a son Will Louis Parr of Tyler, Texas, a daughter, Angela Christine Babenko and her husband Sasha of Sherwood, AR, a daughter in law, Misty LaDaugn Parr of Paragould, AR, a brother, Charles Louis Landrum, Jr. and a sister, Viva Louise Vaden, both of Florence, Alabama, and six grandchildren, Kaylee Nicole Parr, Allie LaDaugn Parr, Blakeli Marie Parr, Natasha Autumn Paris Babenko, Yekaterina Dakota Babenko and Vladimir Lee Armand Babenko.

Memorial services are set for 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 17, 2012, at the Harrisburg Church of Christ with Mr. Keith Cozort officiating.

Interment will follow in Harvey's Chapel Cemetery at Marmaduke, AR. There will be no visitation.

Those wishing to send memorials are asked to consider Children's Homes, Inc. in Paragould or the International Bible Academy in care of the Harrisburg Church of Christ, P.O. Box 266, Harrisburg, AR 72432.

Gregg-Weston Funeral Home of Harrisburg is in charge of arrangements.

Online personal condolences may be made to the Parr family at www.greggfunerals.com.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - February 17, 2012

Deceased Name: Marie L. Pickett

ELKHART - Marie L. Pickett, 85, of Elkhart, passed away at 2:04 p.m. on February 15, 2012 at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, IL.

Marie was **born** on October 8, 1926 the daughter of Walter J. and Florence Gasaway Damarin in Elkhart Township. She married Phillip F. Pickett on Feb. 17, 1946 in Mt. Pulaski, IL. He preceded her in death Aug. 21, 1996.

She is survived by one son: Phillip W. (Diana) Pickett of Elkhart, IL; three daughters: Linda M. (Dean)

Dyess of LaPorte, TX, Connie L. (Nik) Liesman of Conyers, GA, and Edith S. (John) Edie of Auburn, IL; one brother: Richard (Maureen) Damarin of Mason City, IL; two sisters: Dorothy Gleason of Lincoln and Frances Pickett of Elkhart, IL; eleven grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; One daughter: Mary Ann Pickett; and one brother: Wilford Damarin.

Marie was a leader within the community, in 4-H, a 65 year member of the American Legion Auxiliary # 616, 40 et 8 Cabana. She was a clerk for Hurlburt Township, a bus driver and incredible model and role model for her children and grandchildren.

Services for Marie will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln with Rev. Darrell Howard officiating. Burial will be in Union Cemetery, Lincoln. Visitation will be Friday from 5-7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to American Legion Auxiliary #616 or Elkhart United Methodist Church.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - February 18, 2012

Deceased Name: Monsignor Emmett Edward

PEORIA-Monsignor Emmett Edward Higgins, 80, died at 12:10am, February 16 at OSF St. Clare Home in Peoria. He was **born** in Ottawa, IL on August 16, 1931 to Emmett and Mercedes Barrett Higgins. He graduated from Ottawa High School, St. Ambrose University, and St. Paul Seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood June 2, 1957 and served the following parishes: St. Mark's-Peoria, St. Philomena's-Monticello, Immaculate Conception-Streator, St. Mary's-Pontiac, Holy Family-Lincoln, St. Mary's-Atlanta, St. Columba's-Mason City, St. Patrick's-Elkhart, St. Thomas-Mt. Pulaski, St. Patrick's-Hennepin and Sacred Heart-Granville.

Monsignor Higgins is survived by his only sibling, Ann (Jack) Wahlig of Des Moines, IA and their children: Patti (Mark) Pokorney, Joe (Laurie) Wahlig, Teri (Mark) Feldmann, Julie Wahlig, Mary (Eric) Jones, Amy (Jon) Rowland, Ann (Jim) Funk, Kate (Jim) Wainwright, sixteen great nieces and nephews and many friends who feel like family.

Monsignor Higgins was a lifelong Cubs fan, an active member of the National Assoc. of Priest Pilots and a season ticket holder to the Chicago Lyric Opera.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, Feb. 21, an 11:00 a.m at The Cathedral of St. Mary of The Immaculate Conception in Peoria. Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C. will be the celebrant. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Monday, February 20 at Wright and Salmon Mortuary and at the Cathedral one hour prior to the Mass on Tuesday. Burial will take place at St. Columba Cemetery in Ottawa on Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

Memorial donations may be made to OSF St. Clare Home or OSF Hospice Care.

Tributes and condolences may be submitted to www.wrightandsalmon.com

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - February 20, 2012

Deceased Name: William E. "Bill" Laughlin

NORMAL - William E. "Bill" Laughlin age 84 Normal IL and formerly of Lincoln, IL. and Hot Springs Village, AR passed away at 1:25 AM on Saturday, February 18, 2012 at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center, Bloomington IL. A celebration of his life will be held Saturday February 25 at 2pm at First Presbyterian Church, Normal IL. The family suggests memorials be made to First Presbyterian Church, Normal, IL. Cremation rights will be accorded. Bill was **born** April 13, 1927 in Altoona, PA the son of William Harold and Mary Catherine Gleichert

Laughlin. He married Patricia Babbitt on April 29, 1950 in Erie, PA. She survives.

Also surviving 2 Children, Deborah (Steven) Winter, Bloomington and Robert Laughlin, Normal, IL; 4 Grandchildren, Erin (Chad) Keefe, Normal, IL, Chrissy (Steve) Rustemeyer, Bloomington, IL, Tim (Kelly) Winter, Bloomington, IL, Scott (Ashley) Winter, Taylorville, IL; 7 Great Grandchildren, Will and Laney Keefe, Drew, Tyler and Allie Rustemeyer, Kenzie and Josie Winter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, infant daughter Sheryl Anne Laughlin and his foster daughter Luanne Koester.

Bill graduated in 1949 from Penn State University, State College, PA with a degree in Chemistry. He worked at PPG Industries, Lincoln, IL from 1952-1989 and was named PPG Citizen of the Year in 1975. Bill was very involved in the community of Lincoln and was named Courier Man of the Year in 1968. After retirement. Bill, Pat and Rob moved to Hot Springs Village for 15 years. They were heavily involved in their church. Community Players and their close circle of friends. He was a Shriner and a member of Ansar Temple, Springfield, IL.

He was member of the Lincoln Lodge #210 AF 8 AM, Lincoln, IL. Bill was an accomplished trumpet player and had a beautiful baritone voice. He shared his gift at church and as a hobby over the years. Bill was also an avid sports fan and rooted for the Nittany Lions. His grandchildren and great grandchildren referred to him fondly as Papoo and he loved watching them grow up. He has influenced many lives and will be dearly missed but never forgotten.

Cremation services provided by Calvert 8 Metzler Memorial Home, Bloomington, IL.

Please view the obituary and share your condolences and memories online at www.calvert-memorial.com.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - February 22, 2012

Deceased Name: William Edward Davenport

SKANDIA TOWNSHIP, MI -William Edward Davenport, age 79, of 9749 US 41 South, Skandia Township, went to be with Jesus on Sunday, February 19, 2012, at his home, in the loving care of his family. Bill was **born** July 15, 1932 in Manito, Illinois, a son of Carvey Wilson and IsaOda (Keith) Davenport. He was raised in Lincoln, Illinois until entering the US Army in 1952, where he served in the military police in Japan, attaining the rank of corporal. Following his honorable discharge in 1954, he returned to Lincoln where he was employed by the Stetson China Company. In 1964, he began a 25 year career with the Caterpillar Corporation, retiring in 1989. On March 29, 1968, Bill married the former Susan Rue sing in Mason City, Illinois, with his mother and father serving as

their witnesses. While residing in Lincoln, Bill was in charge of Junior Church and the BusMinistry at State Street Baptist Church for over 17 years, a ministry that reached out to youth and families in trouble. Bill and Susan moved to the Skandia area in 1989, following his retirement. Bill loved to be outdoors and the local area provided all that nature had to offer. He enjoyed fishing, working in the woods, and deer hunting. However, he was a family man at heart and nothing was better than spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren. He delighted in teaching and sharing his knowledge of the outdoors with his family and friends. Bill was a member of the American Legion. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle, Bill is survived by his wife of 43 years, Susan; his sons, John Edward Davenport of Martinsville, IN, Russ (Tonya) Davenport of Edwards, IL, Kevin Davenport of Lebanon, IN, and Charles Dean Davenport of Lincoln, IL; his grand children, Erik, Ryan, Annie, Natalie, Charles, Hannah, and William; and his sister, Lois Jean Johnson of Lincoln, IL; many nieces and nephews. Bill was preceded in death by his parents; a son, William Davenport, Jr., brothers, Marvin, Wilbur, and Wilford Davenport; and a sister, ElnoraJohnson. The family will receive relatives and friends at the First Baptist Church, 728 W.Kaye Avenue, Marquette, on Saturday, February 25, beginning at 1:00 pm. A memorial service will follow at 2:00 pm Saturday afternoon with Pastor John Robenault officiating. Veteran's honors will be accorded by members of Jopling Post #44 of the American Legion. The Fassbender Funeral Home is serving the family, where condolences may be expressed online at www.fassbenderfuneral-home.com

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Deceased Name: Arthur Francis Awick

LINCOLN Arthur Francis Awick, 100, of Lincoln, died Sunday, February 19, 2012 at St. Clara's Manor in Lincoln. A funeral service will be held at Holland Barry Bennett Funeral Home at 11:00 A.M on Saturday, February 25, 2011 with Pastor Steve Blaum and Pastor Carroll Richards officiating. Burial will follow in Old Union Cemetery, Lincoln. Arthur was **born** December 16, 1911 in Lincoln. The son of John and Katherine Awick. He is survived by nephews Dale Awick and Larry (Debbie) Awick, nieces Shirley Klockenga, Marilyn (Joe) Hayward, LaVonne Morrow, Myra (Curt) McConnell, and Nancy (Richard) Canova. Arthur was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Lawrence Awick and Leslie Awick and sister Edith Awick. He was lifelong resident of Lincoln as well as being a lifetime member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Lincoln. He retired from the dietary department of the Lincoln Developmental Center. Memorials may be made to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Deceased Name: Wayne R.Howard

MINIER·Wayne R. Howard, 80, of Minier, IL, died Sunday February 19, 2012 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. Wayne was **born** June 12, 1931 in Emden to Ralph and Margaret Miller Howard. He married Eleanor L. Grant, August 27, 1950. She survives. Also surviving is; two daughters, Teresa Schappaugh of Minier, Becky Schweigert of Tremont, one son, Steve Howard of Chicago, six grandchildren, Christopher Schweigert of Tremont, Marc (Sarah) Schweigert of Tremont, Curtis (Heather) Schweigert of Tremont and Tyler Schweigert of Tremont, Scott (Rachel) Schappaugh of Mackinaw, Matt Schappaugh of Normal, five great grandchildren, one brother, James (Geneva) Howard of Springfield. Services will be 11:00 AM Friday, February 24, 2012 at Minier Christian Church. Visitation will be 5-8 PM Thursday at Minier Christian Church. Burial will be at Minier Cemetery.Haensel Funeral Home in Minier is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorials may be made to his church. Online condolences may be made at www.haenselfuneralhome.com

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Deceased Name: Delores A.Johnson

ATLANTA-Delores A. Johnson, 76, of Atlanta passed away at 9:38 p.m. Sunday, February 19, 2012 at the Maple Ridge Care Centre in Lincoln. Funeral Services for Mrs. Johnson will be heldon Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Quiram Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta with Pastor Richard Gray officiating. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evening at the Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Atlanta Cemetery. Delores Ann Johnson was **born** on April 23, 1935 at Funks Grove, rural McLean, Illinois the daughter of Ed and Eva Spaulding Burger. She married William P. Johnson on May 13, 1951. He survives. Also surviving are three sons: Michael (Brenda) Johnson of Atlanta, Ed (Pam) Johnson of Clinton, Terry (Linda) Johnson of Springfield. Fourteen Grandchildren, Nine Great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son Dan Johnson, one great granddaughter: Keria K. Johnson, one brother: Don Burger, one sister: Tink Tendel and her parents. She was a member of the Lincoln Assembly Church. Memorials any be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Deceased Name: Betty Jean Purdue

LINCOLN Betty Jean Purdue, 87, of Lincoln passed away Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at the Christian Village Nursing Home. Funeral Services will be held at Holland Barry Bennett Funeral Home Thursday, February 16, 2012 at 11:00 A.M. with Father Laible officiating. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lincoln, IL. There will be no public visitation. Betty was **born** April 14, 1924 in Lincoln, Illinois the daughter of Barney and Lela (Sullivan) Maloy. She married Gerald Purdue September 29, 1945. He preceded her in death on April 10, 1987. She is survived by her sons Stephen (Diana) Purdue of Lincoln, IL and Gary (Susan) Purdue of Cincinnati, OH; Grandchildren: Todd Purdue of Quincy, IL, Rod (Sara) Purdue of Clinton, IL, Tim Purdue of Springfield, MO, Wendy (Jamie) Croegaert of Heyworth, IL, Bridget (Doug) Riddell of Columbia, OH, Martha (James) Monroe of Lexington, KY, eleven Great-Grandchildren, 3 Great-great Grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Lincoln as well as being a member of IBEW, The Eagles Lodge, KC's Daughters of Isabella and the American Legion Auxiliary. Betty was a telephone operator for 30 years. Memorial donations may be made to Holy Family Church or to the organization of the donor's choice and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Deceased Name: Stanley F. Paulis, Sr.

LINCOLN - Stanley F. Paulis, Sr., 87, of Lincoln died at 7:45 A.M.

Thursday February 23, 2012 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, IL.

Mr. Paulis was **born** on November 15, 1924, the son of Leo and Cecilia Paulis of Lincoln, IL. He married Dorothy Ann Musick on April 9, 1948.

She preceded him in death on June 21, 2011.

Mr. Paulis is survived by two sons: Stanley F.

(Juanita) Paulis, Jr. and Michael (Mary Ann) Paulis both of Springfield, IL, and one daughter: Helene Paulis of Lincoln, IL, four grandchildren: Jeff (Heather) Paulis, Julie Paulis, Michel (Ron) Watkins and John (Krystin Hovanes) Paulis. Three great grandchildren: Michael and Ava Watkins and Avery Paulis.

Stanley was employed as an electrical service man for Ameren Cilco until his retirement in 1987. He was a member of Holy Family Church in Lincoln, Knights of Columbus and the VFW.

Stanley donated his body to medical science. There will be no services or visitation.

Arrangements are being handled by Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Stanley was a member of the 891st Bombardier group that flew over Omaha Beach on D-Day as a tail gunner on a B-26 where he strafed positions behind enemy lines. He was a pony league baseball coach for many years in the 1960's. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinal fan as well as an accomplished artist and donated many paintings to Ducks Unlimited. He loved animals.

Memorials may be made to the Logan County Humane Society or the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight.

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Deceased Name: Victor W. Williams

QUINCY - Victor W.

Williams, age 59, of 824 No. 12th Street, Quincy, died on Thursday, February 23, 2012 in Blessing Hospital.

Victor was **born** on September 11, 1952 in Carbondale, IL, a son of Harry & Rosemary (Carlock)

Williams.

Victor worked at Friendship Manor Retirement Home in Lincoln, IL for several years.

He then went on to be a customer service assistant at Lowe's in Hannibal. He enjoyed fishing, woodworking and listening to music, especially Pink Floyd.

Survivors include his fiancée, Carrie Berglin - Fletcher of Quincy; a daughter, Paige Fletcher of Quincy; two brothers, Jeff (Brandi) Williams of Eureka, IL and Darryl (Patricia)

Williams of Germany; three sisters, Roselyn (Darwyn)

Behrends of Mason City, IL, Mary Louise Lopez of CA and Donna (Dan) Hageman of Catlin, IL. Numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Mark Williams.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, March 2, 2012 at Friendship Manor in Lincoln, IL from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Friends are invited to attend this memorial service. Memorials may be made to The Family. The Duker & Haugh Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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Deceased Name: Clarence L. Spurgin

NEW HOLLAND - Clarence L. Spurgin, 87, of New Holland, died at 7:20 P.M. Friday February 24, 2012 at St. Clara's Nursing Home, Lincoln.

Mr. Spurgin was **born** on April 29, 1924 to Frank and Iona VanNatten Spurgin in Ruby, WI. He was a retired farmer and raised produce with his wife to sell at the Farmer's Market. He married Virginia Spencer on December 17, 1944 in Springfield, IL. She survives of New Holland.

Also surviving is one daughter Beverly (Dennis) Tibbs of New Holland, two grandchildren Zac (fiance Chrissy) Tibbs of Sherman and Tonya (Tim) Evans of Fairbury, IL, and two great grandchildren Carter and Jackson Evans of Fairbury, IL. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother George.

Services will be held at 10:30 A.M. Tuesday February 28, 2012 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln with burial following at Elmwood Cemetery in Green view, IL. Visitation will be from 4:00-6:00 P.M. Monday evening at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

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Deceased Name: Irene Williams

ATLANTA - Irene Williams, 94, of Atlanta passed away on Thursday, February 23, 2012 at 8:20 a.m. at Hopedale Nursing Home in Hopedale.

Funeral Services for Irene will be held on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. at the Quiram Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta with Mr. Ed Lloyd officiating.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Oak View Cemetery at rural Armington.

Mabel Irene Williams was **born** on January 10, 1918 in Stanford, Illinois the daughter of Herman and Mabel Swope Bossingham. She married Clarence F. Williams on December 24, 1935 at Armington. He preceded her in death on February 3, 1997.

Irene is survived by her daughter-in-law: JoAnn Williams of Armington, One Granddaughter: Michele (Brent) Wright of Atlanta, two great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren. Two sisters: Erma McDaniel of Bloomington, Helen Ludden of Springfield.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one son Robert L.

Williams, two grandchildren: James A. Williams and Robert L. Williams, two brothers: Jack Bossingham, William Bossingham, two sisters: Estella Neff, Maxine Tisdale, her step mother: Gladys M. Wert Bossingham.

Irene retired from Lynn and Fink Company after 25 years of employment.

Her favorite hobby was shopping and going out to eat.

She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Memorials may be made to the Atlanta Rescue Squad or to the Armington Christian Church.

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Deceased Name: Doris Hahn Koehler Faith

MT. PULASKI - Doris Hahn Koehler Faith, 84, died at 3:05 AM on Monday, February 27, 2012 at Heritage Health Care Nursing Home in Springfield.

Doris was **born** on April 20, 1927 in Lake Fork Township to Boyd F. and Clara Minnie Devers Hahn. She married Edward L. Koehler on November 13, 1945 in Lincoln. He preceded her in death in 1975. She later married Robert L. Faith on July 2, 1977 in Mt. Pulaski. He preceded her in death in 2007.

She is survived by her children: Kathleen (Robert) Emerson of Springfield; Edward A. Koehler of Lincoln; Robert Faith of Illiopolis; Mary (Bill) Moore of Plano, Texas; Susan Pope of Springfield; Lynda Letterle of Mt. Pulaski; brother: Boyd (Flossie) Hahn of Fort Mohave, Arizona; sisters: Lois (Gene) Byrne of Chestnut; Leota (Buss) Lamar of Mt. Pulaski; 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, sister Helena Teichman, 2 brothers Harry and Herschel, and 2 son in laws.

Doris worked in multiple factories all of her life, she was last employed by Lehn & Fink. She was a member of the Mt. Pulaski Christian Church, ALMH Auxiliary, she volunteered her time at the Pink Shutter, and she was involved with the Lincolnland Antique Tractor Club. There will be a graveside service at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the donor's choice. Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski is handling the arrangements.

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Deceased Name: Shirley A. Hunter

LINCOLN - Shirley A. Hunter, 77, of Lincoln passed away at 2:34 a.m. on Monday, February 27, 2012 at her home. Shirley was **born** on December 14, 1934 in Chicago, IL the daughter of William Alvine and Ethel White Anderson. She married John William Hunter on July 19, 1968 in Lincoln. He preceded her in death March 30, 2011.

She is survived by four sons: John D. (Dorell) Hunter of Lincoln, IL; Bill J.

(Kim) Hunter of Westport, CT; Richard Root of Wheat Ridge, CO; Kenney (Kay) Root of Durango, Co.; two daughters: Beverly (Rod) Lewis and Linda Wilson, both of Lincoln; one brother: William (Norma) Anderson of Lincoln; thirteen grandchildren; nineteen great grandchildren; one great great granddaughter and very good friends: Ed and Deb Swinford of Hartsburg, IL. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and one brother: Dick. Shirley worked as a lab technician at the Lincoln Bottle Factory.

Mrs. Hunter will be cremated and a graveside service will be held on Friday, March 2 at 2:00 p.m. at Zion Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Memorials may be given to Memorial Hospice of Central Illinois.