

Michael D. Schriber, Sr.

CLINTON - Michael D. Schriber, Sr., 75, of Clinton, Ill., passed from this earth at 6:20 p.m., July 31, 2013, while at home surrounded by his family. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m., Monday, August 5, 2013, at Long Point Cemetery, Wapella, IL, with Military Honors. Brother Richard Owens will officiate. Visitation will be private. The family has entrusted Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, IL, with arrangements. Memorials may be directed to Illiana VA Health Care System, Danville, IL.

Michael Schriber, Sr., was born on November 15, 1937, in St. Louis, Mo., to his parents, Dorothy Faries and Sol Schriber. As an infant, Mike and his family moved to Lincoln, Ill., where he spent his childhood. When he was 17, he joined the [Army](#) and went to the DMZ in Korea. After his service he returned to Lincoln where he met Shirley Day – a perky waitress at the Maid Rite. They married on August 24, 1959. She passed away on May 28, 2013. Mike had various jobs but was mainly a coal miner. In 1986, due to health reasons, he retired from the mine and moved to Clinton to be closer to family. He started working at the DeWitt County Sheriff's Office as a Corrections Officer in 1987. He retired from there in 2001. Mike loved woodworking and many of his pieces are still in use today.

He is survived by his mother-in-law, Leona Fern Day, Clinton, Ill.; children, Carolyn (Roy) Trout, Clinton, Ill., Mike Schriber, Jr., Clinton, Ill., and Ashley Spriggs, Clinton, Ill.; two great-grandchildren, Abbygail and Vance; brothers, Ronnie (Nancy) Schriber, Lincoln, Ill., and Gilbert (Kathy) Schriber, Lincoln, Ill. He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley; his parents; two brothers, Harold and Davey; one daughter, Christy.

Online condolences may be made at [www.calvertmemorial.com](http://www.calvertmemorial.com)

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## Martha Brown

DECATUR, IL - Martha Brown, 66, passed away Friday, Aug. 2, 2013, at Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Martha was born Oct. 31, 1946, in Decatur, Ill., the daughter of Ralph T. and Velma I. (Clements) Brown. She was a cook at Decatur Memorial Hospital and Illini House. She enjoyed bowling and watching Millikin Girls Basketball and Illini Basketball. She was an avid card player and a big country music fan.

Martha leaves behind her brother, Dennis (Marsha) Brown; niece, Heather Clark; nephew, Joshua (Justin) Clark; great-nephew, Jordan Dean; life-long friend, Cletta Steffan and her daughter, Ashley Steffan; and nieces, Barbara (Clay) McCall and Shannon Brown

She is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Gary Brown; and sister, Peggy Clark.

Memorial services to celebrate Martha's life will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 8, 2013, at Community of Christ, 5655 Union School Rd., Harristown, IL. Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. at the church. Burial will be at Brown Cemetery.

The family would like to give special thanks to the loving caregivers at Fair Havens Christian Home for their compassion and care.

The family of Martha Brown is being served by Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2801 N. Monroe St., Decatur, IL. View the online obituary and send condolences to the family at [www.moranandgoebel.com](http://www.moranandgoebel.com).

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John L. Galbraith

CHESTNUT, IL -John L. Galbraith, 55, passed away at 9:04 p.m., Aug. 3, 2013, at his family's residence in Middletown, Ill.

John was born Dec. 3, 1957, in Lincoln to Raymond Eugene and Marie B. Bennett Galbraith. He worked as an iron pourer at Wagner Casting Company in Decatur for many years.

John is survived by one daughter, Jackie (Michael) Falcon of Lincoln, Ill.; one son, Jeff Galbraith of St. Louis, Mo.; three sisters: Linda (David) Miller of Middletown, Ill., Vicki Moore and Loretta Francencini, both of Clinton, Ill.; and three granddaughters: Arianna, Julia and Mia.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services for John will be held Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Burial will be in Laenna Cemetery in Chestnut.

Memorials may be made to Safe Haven Hospice.

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Gayle L. "Pete" Petersen

MARION, IL - Gayle L. "Pete" Petersen, 77, passed away at 11:58 p.m., Friday, Aug. 2, 2013, at Heartland Regional Medical Center in Marion.

Pete was born Oct. 20, 1935, in Lincoln, Ill., to Lester K. and Lanora (Karr) Petersen. He married Violet Wilson Feb. 8, 1973, in Harrisburg. She survives of Marion.

Pete served his country honorably while enlisted in the [United States Marine Corp.](#) Once honorably discharged, he began a thirty-eight year career as a Station Engineer for the Illinois Department of Corrections at the Illinois Youth Center in Harrisburg.

He was a member of the First Christian Church in Eldorado. He was also an active member of the Marion Masonic Lodge, Williamson County Shriners, and the Harrisburg American Legion. In his spare time he enjoyed watching Eldorado High School Sports, the IHSA Holiday Tournament, and he has been a season ticket holder for the Southern Illinois Miners from the start. He was even featured in a couple of articles in The Southern for his steady attendance at Miners games.

Survivors include his wife, Violet Petersen of Marion; sons, Jerry Wathen of Park Forest, Ill., and Ty Petersen (wife, Jamie) of Vienna; daughters, Kim Kennedy (husband, Tommy) of Chattanooga, Tenn, and Nicole King (husband, Tiger) of Rossville, Ga.; four grandchildren: Sarah King (husband, Jason) of Cypress, Travis and Kaitlyn Kennedy of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Jonathan King of Rossville, Ga.; three great-grandchildren: Kolten, Addison and Cadence; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date for family and friends.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Southern Illinois or the Shriners Hospitals for Children and will be accepted at Blue Funeral Home, 1704 N. Court St., Marion, IL 62959.

Blue Funeral Home in Marion assisted the family with memorial arrangements. Published in The Lincoln Courier on August 5, 2013

James Edgar "Jim" Jones Jr.

MIDDLETOWN, IL. - James Edgar "Jim" Jones Jr., 65, passed away Aug. 4, 2013 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill.

It was Jim's wish to be cremated. There will be no services.

Jim was born Oct. 3, 1947, in Lincoln, Ill., the son of James E. Jones Sr. and Mary (Landers) Jones. He married Sharlet Bryant on June 1, 1974, in Lincoln, Ill.

He proudly served his country in the United States Army as a Sergeant in Viet Nam. He was a member of the American Legion in Middletown, IL.

Jim was employed at Lincoln Developmental Center for several years. He was an avid race car fan. His favorite driver was Jeff Gordon. Jim loved fishing and playing pinochle, but his family was the love of his life. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and will be greatly missed.

Surviving are his wife, Sharlet Jones of Middletown, Ill.; his daughter, Michelle Jones (Shaun Skelton) of Middletown; his granddaughters, Josie Villegas and Serra Skelton both of Middletown; his sister, Mary Osborne of Lincoln, Ill.; and brothers, Mike Jones of English, Ind., and Wayne Jones of Merango, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Elizabeth Jones; and his brother, Jerry Jones.

Memorials may be made to the Middletown Fire Department or to the donor's choice.

Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln has been entrusted with arrangements.

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Mark S. "Monte" Montcalm

LINCOLN, IL - Mark S. "Monte" Montcalm, 54, passed away Thursday, Aug. 1, 2013, at 12:41 p.m. at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Mark Steven Montcalm was born Sept. 9, 1958, in Lincoln, the son of Richard and Beverly Williams Montcalm.

Surviving Monte are his parents; two sons, Marty Montcalm and Matthew Montcalm; two brothers, Mike (Lisa) Montcalm and Richard (Ann) Montcalm; one grandson, Jordan Montcalm, all of Lincoln. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Monte graduated from Lincoln Community High School.

He retired from the Illinois Department of Corrections in 2008.

Peasley Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Naomi A. Niewold

Naomi A. Niewold 96, of Loveland, CO passed away at her home on July 12, 2013.

Born Oct. 26, 1916 at Lawndale, Il. to Cleve McCombs and Myrtle Nichols-McCombs, she was the second of seven daughters. All preceded her in death. She attended school in Atlanta, Il., graduating in 1935. On March 11, 1938 she married Don Niewold in Lincoln, Il. They moved to Colorado in 1944 and resided in Colorado Springs, Denver, Golden, and Wheat Ridge before settling in Loveland in 1963 where Don worked for Hewlett-Packard Co. until his death in 1967. He was 53.

Naomi was a homemaker and enjoyed the company of friends in the Foothills Service League playing pinochle. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, and the United Methodist Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Jeanne Bergey of Loveland, Co., two grandchildren, Chris Bergey (Glenda) of Loveland, Co., and Jody Brown (Warren) of Ft. Worth Tx., and one great-grandchild, Kylie Bergey of Loveland, Co. Also surviving are one nephew and several nieces, including Pam (Dan) White of Lincoln, Il. and Charlotte (Burns) Harrellson of Bloomington, Il.

Private family services will be held at Crown Hill Cemetery in Wheat Ridge, Co.

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David Lee McGraw

EMDEN, IL - David Lee McGraw, 83, died at 2:40 p.m., Aug. 6, 2013, at Springfield Memorial Medical Center after a long battle with cancer.

Dave was the son of Henry and Carrie McGraw. He was born Aug. 25, 1929, in Eureka, Mo.

Dave graduated from Eureka High School in 1947 where he was a student council president and an outstanding basketball player. He graduated from Northeast Missouri State University, now Truman State, in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Physical Education. In 1959 he earned his Master's Degree in Health and Physical Education from Washington University in St. Louis.

Dave was a [Korean War](#) veteran, attached to the 7th Infantry Division. He spent thirteen months in Korea including eight months of combat duty. He was a lifetime member of the Pekin [VFW](#) and a member of the American Legion Post 506 of Emden.

His teaching and coaching career of 43 years encompassed twelve years at Delavan Jr. High School and 31 years at Hartsburg-Emden Jr. High School. He coached baseball, basketball, and track and field and had many outstanding athletes and teams. He was Hartsburg-Emden's athletic director for 25 years.

In 1999 he was inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame. He was selected a member of the Hartsburg-Emden Alumni Association Wall of Fame in 2002. He was named honorary Alumnus of Lincoln College in 1996. In 2012, the Hartsburg-Emden baseball diamond was renamed "Dave McGraw Field" in his honor. Dave was named Grand Marshall for the Emden Homecoming parade also that same year. In September 2012, he was able to participate in the honor Flight to Washington D.C., which was a wonderful experience that he shared with his son, David. He was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Emden.

Dave is survived by his wife, Carol J. McGraw of Emden; his son, David D. (Tara) McGraw of Lexington; and two grandchildren, Brandon and Rachel Anderson of Lexington. He is preceded in death by his parent; stepfather, Theodore Rethmeier; and one granddaughter, Lily Anna McGraw.



He truly loved his wife, son and family and was extremely proud of them.

The late Lyndon Westen wrote the following words that sum up Mr. McGraw's professional life: "Academics and athletics were not merely Mr. McGraw's profession. They were his passion".

Services for Dave will be at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 10, 2013, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Emden with Rev. John Schurter officiating. Burial will be in Bethel Cemetery, rural Emden, Ill., with full military rites accorded by Emden American Legion Post 506. Visitation will be Friday from 4-7 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Emden.

Memorials may be made to the [American Cancer Society](#) or St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Emden, Ill.

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

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Charles M. Smith

ATLANTA - Charles M. Smith, 61, of Atlanta, passed away, at 10:26 p.m. on Monday, August 5, 2013, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Funeral services for Mr. Smith will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 10, 2013, at the Assembly of God Church in Atlanta with Pastor John McVey officiating.

Visitation will be held on Friday evening from 5-7 p.m. at the Quiram Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta.

Burial will be in the Atlanta Cemetery.

Charles Mitchell Smith was born on July 22, 1952, in Lincoln, the son of Donna Charlene Smith. He married Gayla Winchester on November 19, 1974, in Marion, Ill. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Donna Charlene Fulk of Lincoln; his children, Sonja (Bob) Perschall of Hartsburg, Curtis (Maria) Smith of Waynesville, Keith (Alison) Smith, and Erica Smith, of Atlanta; eight grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Sami, Clint, Jenny, Robby, Mollie, Jonny and Sophia; and his siblings, Don (Linda) Sullivan, Ed (Jayne) Sullivan, Roger Sullivan, Charlotte (John) Parcelle, Rocky (Evelyn) Smith, Susie (Gary) Triplett, and Brenda Sullivan.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Jennifer Smith, and two brothers, Calvin Sullivan and David Sullivan.

Charlie was employed by the City of Atlanta as their Street Superintendent for thirty-three and a half years.

Memorials may be made to his family.

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Sandra Kay Hull Green

DENVER, CO - Sandra Kay Hull Green, 58, died Monday, Aug. 5, 2013.

She was born Jan. 6, 1955, in Lincoln, Ill., to Walter Marion and Virginia May (Dabbs) Hull.

Sandy is survived by her husband, Allen Green, and her beloved son, Tony Green.

Al and Sandy owned the Mason City Bowling Alley before moving to Denver 33 years ago. Sandy worked at Jolly Rancher, Hershey and the state of Colorado at the Air Force base in Denver. She said she often saw Air Force One Land at the base. Sandy was an avid Cardinal fan in a family of Cub fans!!

Sandy is also survived by her brothers, DeArmand Hull (David Hertzberg) of Keaau, Hawaii and Fred (Chris) Hull of Mason City; sisters, Mary Ann (Ken) Knoles and Cindy Hull of Mason City; two nieces, Amy (Keith) Sikif and Tracy (Marc) Tiritilli; and four nephews: Kevin Knoles, Billy and Jimmy Fields and Cory Hull. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Rita Hull Fields. Also left to remember Sandy were her best friends, Tom and Sherrin Howard of Denver.

Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be a private family service at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the [American Cancer Society](#) .

Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is assisting with local arrangements.

[www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com)

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Stanley J.

Kazakaitis

SPRINGFIELD - Stanley J. Kazakaitis, 64, passed away at 9:00 p.m. on August 7, 2013, at his residence.

He was born on June 1, 1949, in Chicago, Ill., son of Stanley A. and Anastasia Zintelis Kazakaitis. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Lincoln, IL. He served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus fourth degree of Lincoln Council #1250, Lincoln Jaycees, and Lincoln Elk's Lodge # 914.

Surviving are two children, Mark Kazakaitis of Springfield, Ill., and Kristi Carter of Lincoln, Ill.; one sister, Janice Kazakaitis of Springfield, Ill.; and one grandson, Jamison Carter of Lincoln. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Toni Whittaker, and one brother, John.

There will be a 10 a.m. mass service Monday, August 12, 2013, at Holy Family Catholic Church of Lincoln, IL, with Rev. Jeffrey Laible officiating. Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, August 11, 2013, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, IL. Burial will follow at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield, IL. Memorials may be made to [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#) .

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Vivian Edna McGinnis

LINCOLN, IL - Vivian Edna McGinnis, 54, passed away Aug. 7, 2013, at home surrounded by her loving family.

It was Vivian's wish to be cremated. A celebration of life will be held Aug. 24, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at Madigan Park. Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln is handling arrangements.

Vivian was born June 26, 1959, in Lincoln, Ill., the daughter of Richard A. and Evelyn (Bumgardner) Raridon. She married Dale McGinnis on Aug. 17, 1979, in Mason City, Ill.

She loved photography and took many pictures of her precious family. Her grandchildren were the light of her life. She enjoyed music and was an avid Illini sports fan, especially basketball. She participated in the Logan County [Relay For Life](#) for several years and was a member of the Logan County [Breast Cancer](#) Support Group. She worked at Walgreens in Lincoln as Senior Pharmacy Technician. She was of the Presbyterian faith.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Evelyn and Wendell Koke; her husband, Dale McGinnis of Lincoln, Ill.; her son, Jeremy (Michele) McGinnis; her daughter, Heather (Adam) Ausmus; grandchildren: Isabelle and Ethan McGinnis and Conner Ausmus; and brothers, Russell Raridon and Richard (Paula) Raridon.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Memorials may be made to the Vivian McGinnis Fund at CEFCU, to be used for her grandchildren's education, or to the [American Cancer Society](#) .

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Donald "Don" Eugene Shake

MT. PULASKI - Donald "Don" Eugene Shake of Mt. Pulaski passed away on August 7, 2013, at the age of 78. Services will be held at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski on Tuesday, August 13, 2013, at 5 p.m. with visitation one hour prior.

Don was born on January 19, 1935, to Woodrow and Reba Jones Shake in Taylorville, Ill. In 1959 he married Maris Kline of Stonington, Ill. Don served in the US Army. For two years he was stationed in Germany as a tank mechanic. He retired from the U.S.P.S. after 25 years of service. Don had a beautiful rose garden that was his pride and joy. He also enjoyed creating unique bird and squirrel feeders for his yard.

He is survived by his wife, Maris of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., one sister, Joyce Shake of Morrisonville, Ill., two daughters, Kathy Burkey of Las Vegas, Nev., and Laurie Chuba of Herndon, Va., and four grandchildren. To his grandchildren, he will always be known as "Grandad". He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Private graveside services will follow at a later date.

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Florence "Eileen" Buchholz

LINCOLN, IL - Florence "Eileen" Buchholz, 97, passed away at 2:05 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 10, 2013, at St. Clara's Manor in Lincoln.

Eileen was born Feb. 26, 1916, in Lincoln to William and Florence Dial Gross. She married Martin Buchholz on April 17, 1936, in LaSalle, Ill. He preceded her in death in 1962.

She was a member of the Lincoln Christian Church and was active in the Oasis Senior Center and Jolly Seniors. She retired as a LPN from Lincoln Developmental Center.

Surviving are her granddaughter, Kimberly (Kevin) LaForge of Powell, Texas; one great-grandson, Aaron (Rene) LaForge of West Monroe, La.; one great-granddaughter, Ronda LaForge of Bellevue, Wash.; and seven great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, one daughter, Marta Kay Hildebrandt, and one great-great-grandchild.

Service will be at 2:00 p.m., Saturday Aug. 17, 2013, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with Tim Searby officiating. Visitation will be from noon-2 p.m. prior to services. Burial will be at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for memorials to be made to the Lincoln Christian Church.

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William E. "Bill" Burris

LINCOLN - William E. "Bill" Burris, 77, of Lincoln, passed away at 4:24 p.m., Sunday, August 11, 2013, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Bill was born on April 26, 1936, in Greensburg, Ky., son of Thomas and Ruby Estes Burris. He married Betty Marie Willis on May 11, 1958, in Columbia, Ky. She survives of Lincoln.

Also surviving are two children, William C. (Regina) Burris of Sherman, Ill., Melissa (Marc) Short of Middletown, Ill., one sister, Mary Nannen of Green Valley, Ill., and four grandchildren, Matt (Kerianne) Short of Lincoln, Ill., Monica (Bob) Bregar of Mason City, Ill., Austin Burris of Sherman, Ill., and Lauren Burris of Sherman, Ill. He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Joe.

He was a member of the Lincoln Southern Baptist Church as well as a lifetime member of the American Hereford Association. He was a retired truck driver.

Services will be held for Bill at 10 a.m., Thursday, August 15, 2013, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, with Rev. Dennis Shaw officiating. Burial will follow at Camp Butler National Cemetery where full military rites will be accorded.

Visitation will be Wednesday evening from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Logan County Calf Scramble or the Lincoln Southern Baptist Church.

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James Alan "Jim" Barger

CHESTNUT, IL - James Alan "Jim" Barger, 59, passed away Aug. 12, 2013, at his home.

Visitation will be held Aug. 16, 2013, from 10-11 a.m. at Holland Barry and Bennett Funeral Home with the funeral service immediately following at 11 a.m. Pastor David Ramirez of Zion Lutheran Church of Lincoln will officiate. Burial will be at Aetna Township Cemetery in Chestnut, Ill. Military rites will be accorded.

Jim was born Jan. 17, 1954, in Decatur, Ill., the son of Earl and Hulde (Johnson) Barger. He married Laura Allen on Dec. 23, 1991. She survives.

He was the father of one daughter, Sonja Barger, and one son, James Barger II, both of Vincennes, Ind. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Tayleigh Barger, Anayah Duke and Hallie Lessen; and five brothers: Charles "Rusty" Opel of Delaware, Kenneth (Sally) Barger of Blue Mound, Ill., Scott Barger of Delaware, Carl (Jenny) Barger of Atlanta, Ill., and Millo (Rachelle) Barger of Delaware.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Thomas.

Jim was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Lincoln and was a U.S. [Army](#) veteran. He enjoyed old muscle cars, working outdoors and general handyman work.

Memorials may be made to the [American Cancer Society](#) and will be received at Holland Barry and Bennett Funeral Home.

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Betsy Elaine Clark

EMDEN, IL - Betsy Elaine Clark, 37, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2013, at her home, after an eight month battle with multiple sclerosis.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17, 2013, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m., also on Saturday at the funeral home with Dustin Fulton officiating. Burial will follow in New Union Cemetery in Lincoln.

Betsy was born March 12, 1976, in Lincoln, Ill., the daughter of Neil and Jan (BeVard) Clark. She was a 1994 graduate of Lincoln Community High School, where she was active in athletics.

She overcame obstacles over the past two years and was recently baptized. She was a member of Jefferson Street Christian Church in Lincoln. She was an avid collector of Coca Cola memorabilia.

Surviving are her parents, Jan and Jerry Pickett of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., and Neil and Cynthia Clark of Atlanta, Ill.; her paternal grandparents, Mac and Doris Dancy of Lincoln, Ill.; her children: Elaine Noel Warnisher of Williamsville, Ill., and twins, Lilly Lorenza Pickett and Leighton Eric Pickett of Mt. Pulaski, Ill.; her precious dogs, Robbie and Jack Spencer; her fiancé, Glenn Detmers of Emden, Ill.; and his children, Amy (Bart) Welty of Camp Grove, Ill., Brooke (Matthew) Ballance and their daughter, Brinley of Emden, Ill.; her sister, Natalie (Jim) Allen of Lincoln, Ill.; her brother Clint (Sarah) Clark of Lincoln, Ill.; her stepbrother, Aaron Pickett (Autumn Thomas) of Lincoln, Ill.; her stepbrother, Tyler Havlin of Atlanta, Ill.; her stepsister, Megan Havlin-Heldt of Colorado; her former husband, Clint Wanisher; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Tom and Carolyn BeVard, and her paternal grandfather, Byron Clark.

Memorials may be made to Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

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Cynthia Ann (Denbo) Klink

WAUKESHA, WI - Cynthia Ann (Denbo) Klink, 80, passed away Friday, Aug. 9, 2013, in Waukesha, Wis.

Cynthia was born in Chicago, Ill., on April 28, 1933, to George and Ramona (Martin) Denbo. She graduated from the Peterson School of Chicago, North Park Academy and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences from the [University of Illinois](#) in 1953. After her marriage to Darrell E. Klink on Sept. 26, 1953, Cynthia resided in Lincoln, Ill.

Cynthia worked as a nurse's aide at Passavant Hospital (now Northwestern Hospital), a cashier at Walgreens, a [reporter](#) at the Daily Pantagraph newspaper for 25 years, an election judge, and a docent at the Lincoln Postville Courthouse.

Cynthia was a member of the Lincoln Women's Club, The [Elks Club](#), Lincoln Community Theatre - Board Member, Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the First United Methodist Church - Choir Member and Liturgist.

Cynthia enjoyed playing bridge and Scrabble, doing crossword puzzles, reading, gardening, swimming, biking, needlework, painting, family trips and events, and attending performances.

Cynthia is survived by her brother, Neil (Arlene) of Gurnee; sister, Linda (Ward) Miller of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; two daughters, Katherine L. Rosenbaum of Arthur and Janice E. Klink of Sullivan; and one son, Brian (Tamera) of Wales, Wis. Ms. Klink is also survived by one niece, Beverly (David) Beyer of Gurnee; three nephews: Robert of Gurnee, Bradley (Kristen) Miller of Greenwood, Ind., and Paul (Kim) Miller of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; six grandchildren: Jeff (Lindsey) Klink of Davie, Fla., Kari (Luke) Jajtner of Waukesha, Wis., Kristi (Matt) Hensel of Waukesha, Wis., John of Wales, Wis., Michael and David Rosenbaum of Arthur, Ill.; and two great-grandchildren, Heidi and Carter Klink of Davie, Fla.

A family memorial service will be held in her honor at a later date.

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Robert L.

Schneider

LINCOLN, IL - Robert L. Schneider, 83, died at 9:33 a.m. on Aug. 16, 2013, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Robert was born in Posey County in Indiana on Dec. 26, 1929, to Alvin and Minnie Renschler Schneider. He was united in marriage to Marita Munyon on Dec. 20, 1952, in Council Bluffs, Iowa. She survives him in Lincoln.

Other survivors include his three children: Rebecca (Vardeman) Moore of Dallas, Texas, Barbara Schneider also of Dallas, Texas and David (Jennifer) Schneider of Hartsburg. He is also survived by his sister, Alice Kurtz of Lincoln, and five grandchildren: Aurelia Moore, Michael Schneider, Sarah Schneider, Robert Griffith Moore and Timothy Schneider.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: Rev. Eugene and Lloyd Schneider, and an infant sister, Esther.

The Schneider family moved from Poseyville, Ind., to Hartsburg, Ill. in 1946 to avoid the dangers of farming on the Ohio River. Robert farmed all his life in Logan County and he also sold eggs through Schneider Egg Farm until 1993. He was an avid collector of antique tractors, especially International Harvester. He also was a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Services for Robert will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013, at St. John's United Church of Christ in Lincoln with Rev. Jan Johnson officiating. A visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 19, also at the church. Burial will follow the service at Zion Cemetery in Lincoln.

Memorials may be made to the St. John's United Church of Christ.

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

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Cathy Rose

Wetzell

LINCOLN, IL - Cathy Rose Wetzell, 62, passed away at 3:38 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 15, 2013 at Symphony of Lincoln.

Cathy was born April 1, 1951, in Taylorville the daughter of William Curtis and Laura Jean Vecchie Richardson. She was united in marriage to Jack Wetzell. He preceded her in death.

Cathy had a heart of gold and she was always willing to help anyone who needed help.

Cathy is survived by her mother, Laura Jean Singleton; daughter, Crystal Otter; sons: Robert Otter, Steven Otter and Wes Otter, all of Lincoln; granddaughters, Laura Otter and Sarah Walton.

She was preceded in death by her father, husband and brothers, Butch and Steven.

Visitation will be held from 3-5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 18, 2013 at Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln. Her memorial service will follow at the funeral home to begin at 5:00 p.m. with Rev. Dennis Shaw officiating.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Cathy graduated from the Taylorville High School. She retired from Krogers in Lincoln.

Memorials may be made to her family.

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Ronald Ray Booth

MARION - Ronald Ray Booth, 77, passed away in the early morning on Friday, Aug. 16, 2013, at his home in Marion, Ill.

Ronald was born Feb. 12, 1936, in Chicago, Ill., son of John Vivian and Alma Marie Crumpler Booth. He was united in marriage to Barbara Holan on Dec. 6, 1958, in Chicago.

He is survived by his wife of Marion, Ill.; his daughter, Janice Marie Johnson of Birch Tree, Mo.; son, Lawrence "Larry" (Kelly) Martin of Middletown; grandchildren: Shereen (Craig) Pettit, Dawnna Nicole (Nathan) Patterson and Alexander Michael (Lindsay) Booth; and great-grandson, Jonathon Pettit. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, James Dennis and John Samuel Booth.

Ronald was a graduate of Lincoln High School. He taught high school sciences, was employed by the Illinois Association of School Boards for a number of years, served on the school board of Glendale Heights, and worked the last 30 years as a labor negotiator for the school districts of Illinois.

Ronald was an avid sports fan and he was a lover of all kinds of animals.

Graveside services for Ronald will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2013, at Richmond Grove Cemetery in New Holland. A visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 20 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the [American Heart Association](#) or to the Humane Society of Logan County.

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Wanda Elaine Ford

MT. PULASKI, IL - Wanda Elaine Ford, 75, passed away at 7:35 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17, 2013, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Wanda was born Aug. 6, 1938, at her home in Mt. Pulaski Township, daughter of Russell and Treva Walker Bobell.

She is survived by her son, Mitchell Ford of Niagara Falls, N.Y.; her brother, Gary (Norma) Bobell of Mt. Pulaski; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and -nephews.

Wanda retired from Lexus Nexus as a computer proofreader in Ohio. She had a wonderful sense of humor, and she loved children and dogs. She was of the Methodist faith.

Services for Wanda will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2013, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home with Rev. Rachel Stockle officiating. A visitation will be held an hour prior to the service. Burial will follow the service at Steenbergen Cemetery in Mt. Pulaski.

Memorials may be made to the Community Action Center in Lincoln.

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Lloyd Bennett, Jr.

GENESE0 - Lloyd Bennett, Jr., 89, of Geneseo, passed away Sunday, August 18, 2013, at the Genesis Medical Center-Illini Campus in Silvis, surrounded by his loving family. Lloyd was a deeply faithful Christian man and exemplified his faith in his daily life. Funeral services celebrating Lloyd's life will be held 11 a.m., Wednesday, August 21, 2013, at Vandemore Funeral Home in Geneseo. Rev. Bruce Bergthold will officiate. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, Neponset. Military honors will be accorded by the Kewanee Veterans Council. Visitation for Lloyd will be 1 hour prior to the service, 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be left to the Lloyd Bennett, Jr., Memorial Fund.

Lloyd was born May 25, 1924, in Kewanee, Ill., the son of Lloyd and Leola (Greer) Bennett, Sr. He was a graduate of Neponset High School and was united in marriage to Marian A. Sorenson on December 7, 1946, in Chicago, Ill. Lloyd served his country proudly with the United States [Army](#) from 1944-1945. Farming was his passion and Lloyd farmed for 40 years in the Sheffield, Ill., area. Lloyd and Marion retired from farming and moved to Geneseo in 1990. Lloyd was a member of First Congregational Church in Geneseo. He loved the outdoors and was an avid Chicago Bears and Cubs fan. In his retirement years, Lloyd enjoyed playing golf and spending time with his family.

Survivors include his wife of 66 years, Marian, and children, Sharon (Robert) Strupp of Rock Island, Ill.; Timothy (Vicky) Bennett of Lincoln, Ill., Carla (Randal) Mayes of Stevens Point, Wisc., and Brian Bennett of Geneseo; six grandchildren, Andrew Strupp, Darcie Strupp, Joseph Mayes, Carolyn (Aaron) Jensen, Lisa (Darrin) White, and Sara (Rod Purdue) Thompson; three great-grandchildren, Olivia, Brittney, and Aiden; brother, James (Marlene) Bennett; two sisters, Margaret Wall and Virginia Moore; and many nieces and nephews.

Lloyd was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, Warren and Clarence Bennett, and great-granddaughter, Grace.

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Myrna Lorene Carroll

LINCOLN - Myrna Lorene Carroll, 70, died at 3:20 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 18, 2013, at her home.

Myrna was born Nov. 5, 1942, in Lincoln, Ill., the daughter of James M. and Loretta May Deibert Creager, Sr. She married Patrick A. Carroll on Sept. 11, 1998, in Lincoln, Ill. He survives in Lincoln.

Also surviving Myrna are one brother, Roger (Connie) Creager of Lillian, Ala., and one sister, Rhoda (David) Baldock of Navarre, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one infant son, Kevin Eugene Sutton; one brother, James M. Creager, Jr.; and two sisters, Debbie Creager and Judy Garcia.

Myrna was a bartender at Floyd's Bar in Lincoln and a retired CNA at St. Clara's Manor in Lincoln. She was a member of Lincoln Southern Baptist Church and a veteran of the [United States Coast Guard](#).

Myrna's wishes were to be cremated. A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, August 26, 2013, at Lincoln Southern Baptist Church with Rev. Dennis Shaw officiating.

Memorials may be made to Lincoln Southern Baptist Church.

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

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COL Cyrus Reyon Shockey (RET)

SHAWNEE, KS - COL Cyrus Reyon Shockey (RET), 98, passed away Aug. 16, 2013.

A visitation will be held Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013, from 7-8 p.m. followed by a funeral service on Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. Both will be held at the Monticello United Methodist Church, 23860 W. 75th St., Shawnee, KS.

Cy was born Feb. 8, 1915, on a farm near Elkhart, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Stella Shockey; brother, Edward; and sisters, Amanda, Leona and Irene.

Cy graduated from Illinois State University in 1939 and then taught high school in St. Anne, Ill. Cy was drafted into military service as a private in June 1941. Selected to attend Officer Training School, he was commissioned as an officer in 1942 and retired from the Army in 1970 as a Colonel. He was a graduate of the Armor Advance School, Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. Cy served as aide to General Robert Grow, Division Commander, 6th Armored Division under General George Patton, Commander of Third United States Army in [World War II](#).

In 1948 he served on the staff for the High Commissioner of the US Zone, Austria. Although Cy was an Armor officer, he served as Commanding Officer of an infantry battalion during the [Korean conflict](#) and then served in the United Nations Military Armistice Commission in Korea. Cy was awarded the [Purple Heart](#), [Bronze Star](#), Distinguished Service Medal and the Silver Star for valor in action. His last tour of duty was as Professor of Military Science at the University of Iowa.

Following his retirement from the service, he worked as Business Office Director at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa, retiring from that position in 1980. During his retirement he volunteered often and was fundamental in establishing the LifeLine program at Mercy Hospital.

In 1943, he married Elizabeth (Bette) Stadtman at Camp Cooke, Calif. Cy and Bette enjoyed 63 years of marriage before Bette passed away in 2006.

They are survived by their son and daughter-in-law, John and Mary Shockey of Anaheim, Calif.; daughter, Barbara Royer of Shawnee, Kan.; four grandchildren: Brian Shockey, Stacy Wright, Jason Royer and Kevin Royer; three step grandchildren: Sara Lyons, Chris Bauer and Jef Holove; and thirteen nieces and nephews.

In 2007, Cy married Candace Eales. Cy is survived by Candace and her sisters and brothers-in-law, Cynthia and Wayne Sjoberg and, Beverly and Don Silvers; brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Linda Eales; five nieces; one nephew and seven great-nieces and -nephews.

Cy and Candace enjoyed his last years traveling, playing golf and being involved in church and community activities.

Arrangements by: Porter Funeral Homes & Crematory, 8535 Monrovia, Lenexa, KS; 913-438-6444. Condolences may be expressed at [www.porterfuneralhome.com](http://www.porterfuneralhome.com).

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Mark Coons

LINCOLN, IL - Mark Coons, 55, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013, at 5:12 p.m. at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

According to Mark's wishes cremation rites have been accorded.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Peasley Funeral Home.

A Celebration of Mark's Life will be held Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013, at the American Legion Post # 263 in Lincoln.

Robert Mark Coons was born Jan. 12, 1958, in Lincoln, the son of Robert F. and Donna Sue Wasson Coons. He married Debra Russell on Aug. 15, 2007, in Lincoln. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Donna Sue Creager of Lincoln; his father, Robert F. (Kay) Coons of Palmetto, Fla.; his children: Megan (Tom) Leahy of Noblesville, Ind., Mallory Coons of East Peoria and Mason Coons of Springfield; his sister, Donetta Baker of Lincoln; two grandchildren, Ronyn and Finnegan Leahy; his nephew, Brian (Katie) Baker of Deer Creek; and one great-niece, Elizabeth Baker.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Robbie Coons.

Mark graduated from Lincoln Community High School in 1976 and then attended Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

He retired from the Lincoln City Police Department where he attained the rank of Corporal after 28 years of service.

Mark was a member of the Lincoln Masonic Lodge #210 AF & AM, Ansar Shrine Club, Logan County Shrine Club, Eagles # 2708 in Lincoln, and American Legion Post #263 SAL.

Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Logan County.

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Betty Jean McLaughlin

PHARR, TX - Betty Jean McLaughlin, 76, passed away Aug. 15, 2013, at her residence with her daughters at her side due to bile duct cancer.

Betty was born Feb. 26, 1937, in Eglin, Ill., to William Joseph and Virginia Mae (Shoaff) McKleroy. She attended high school in Mattoon, Ill., graduated in 1955, then attended nurse's training in Springfield, Ill., for almost two years. Betty was a homemaker and then was employed by Sheridan Township. Later she went to work for Earl Givan Construction as a secretary and Martin Marietta Quarry. Betty retired from the family-owned and operated Long Run Gutter Company.

She was a Christian serving as a trustee for the non-denominational church. Church services were held in her park community. Betty was an avid reader and enjoyed various craft projects, cooking and entertaining family and friends.

She is survived by her children: Walter B. Berger of Lincoln, Ill., Rebecca A. Parrish (Leon) of Surgoinsville, Tenn., and Elizabeth L. Berger of Bristol, Tenn.; grandchildren: Erin Kegerris of Chicago, Ill., Emily Smith of Johnson City, Tenn., Emma Kegerris of Hope, Mich.; son-in-law Jeff Kegerris of Batavia, Ill.; and first husband, Daniel W. Berger. She is also survived by the large extended McLaughlin family of her late husband; two very special people that were Betty's dearest friends for the past 20 years, Tom and Betty Huston of Weir, Miss.; and all her friends at Paradise Park in Pharr, Texas.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Leroy McGrady (11/27/1977); late husband, Lloyd McLaughlin (06/16/ 2001); brother, Stephen Harris of Spokane, Wash. (04/02/2009); and daughter, Pam R. Kegerris (03/29/2011).

Betty had a very short battle with cancer, 37 days, and her daughters, Rebecca (Becky) and Elizabeth (Beth) were able to care for her during her final days.

Arrangements are with Buck Ashcraft Funeral Home. You are invited to sign the online guestbook or leave a memory at [www.buckashcraft.com](http://www.buckashcraft.com).

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Opal Irene

Rodman

ATLANTA, IL - Opal Irene Rodman, 88, died Saturday, Aug. 17, 2013, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln, Ill.

A visitation will be held Saturday, Aug. 24, 2013, from 10-11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Chestnut, Ill. The funeral service will immediately follow at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Rachel Stockle officiating. Burial will take place at the Laenna Cemetery in Chestnut.

Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln has been entrusted with her care.

Mrs. Rodman was born Sept. 27, 1924, in Shelby County, Ill. She was the daughter of C. Walter and Myrtle (Gaston) Jones. She married Vernon "Wayne" Rodman on Oct. 27, 1946, in Shelby County, Ill.

She was the mother of Carol Ann (Wes) McCoy of Champaign, Ill., and Martha Irene (Dean) Sasse of Atlanta, Ill. In addition to her husband and children, she is survived by her grandchildren: Diedra (John) Stewart of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., Kurtis Cowgur of Camby, Ind., Heather (Scott) Martin of Atlanta, Ill., and Allen (Heather) Sasse of Beason, Ill.; great-grandchildren: Emma, William and Paige Stewart, Chloe and Corinne Cowgur, Lauren, Erin and Jordyn Turner, and Tyler and Peyton Sasse; brother, William Charles (Carol) Jones of Lincoln; several nieces and nephews as well as special friends, Shirley and Carl Jones of Lincoln.

She was preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters: Victor Jones, Maurice Jones, Juanita Camic, Rose Jones, Pauline Winings, Wanda Steele, Marie Jones and Jean Rawlings.

Opal was a member of the United Methodist Church in Chestnut, Ill., where she served with the WSCS women's organization. She was also a member of the Lin-Pro Square Dance Club, the American Legion Auxiliary, and a former member of the "Ding-a-Lings" Kitchen Band of Chestnut, Ill.

Above all she was a homemaker. She loved to cook and she baked every day. She was the matriarch of the family and always made sure everyone was taken care of. She enjoyed working in the yard and gardening.

She previously worked at the Stetson China Factory in Lincoln, Ill.

Memorials may be made to Chestnut United Methodist Church or Mason City (Illinois) Nursing Home Activity Department and will be received at Holland Barry and Bennett Funeral Home, Lincoln, Ill.

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Marcia (Horton) Vandever

TULSA, OK - Marcia Lee (Horton) Vandever was born March 6, 1951, to Lewis Claude and Ilah Mae (Busby) in Kenosha, Wis., and passed from this life on Aug. 18, 2013, at the age of 62 in Tulsa, Okla.

Marcia was very active in P.E.O. (a philanthropic organization where women celebrate the advancement of women; educate women through scholarships, grants, awards, loans and stewardship of Cottey College; and motivate women to achieve their highest aspirations). She herself was a second generation member and had her daughter initiated as a third generation P.E.O. member.

She was a tireless and talented individual who did not know the meaning of giving up. Even battling sickness and when people thought she would be in bed, she had the will and desire to get up and go. She possessed a unique talent for singing and playing the piano; she grew up singing in the choir alongside her mother, father and brother.

Marcia invested in the youth of our community serving as an educator for over twenty years and serving as a leader for both the Girl and Boy Scouts with her children. She truly brought joy and meaning to all the lives she touched.

Marcia was preceded in death by her father and is survived by her mother; husband, Steven A. Vandever; daughter, Catherine Lee Vandever; son, David Alan Vandever; brother, William Horton; and grandson, William Alan Vandever.

Services were held Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2013, in Oklahoma.

Donations in Marcia's memory may be made to P.E.O. Chapter EY, 7127 E. 82nd Place, Tulsa, OK 74133.

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Donna V. Davis

NAPLES, FL - Donna V. Davis, 86, of Naples, Fla., formerly of Lincoln, Ill., and Janesville, Wisc., died Aug. 16, 2013. She had been a resident of Naples, since 1997. She was born Sept. 22, 1926, in Whiting, Iowa, the daughter of Fred and Rowena Paige Racobs. Donna married Robert W. Davis of Mount Pulaski, Ill., on Oct. 31, 1954, and resided in Lincoln, Ill., until moving to Janesville, Wisc., in 1957. Donna was a graduate of Illinois Normal State University, Normal, IL, having earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics. Later, she earned her Master Degree from University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. For 31 years, she taught Home Economics in grades 9-12 at Bellflower, New Holland, and Morton, Ill., and Edgerton, Wisc., followed by grades 6-9 at Marshall and Edison Jr. High Schools in Janesville.

Donna was also employed at the Research Testing Lab, Swift and Company, Chicago, IL, as a "Martha Logan" Home Economist. Her work included testing products, developing recipes and traveling to various U.S. Cities to give lectures, demonstrations and cooking schools to promote Swift's Table Ready Meats. Donna loved to dance, collect antiques, garden and spend time with family. One of her greatest joys in life was volunteering and helping others.

Donna is survived by her loving husband of 59 years, Robert; her sister, Doris Bree of Lincoln, Ill.; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Dema Joyce Kattner; and her brother, Loren "Bud" Racobs.

Cremation rites have been accorded and private family services will be held at a later date in Lincoln, Ill. Donations in Donna's memory may be made to Humane Society of Logan County or to a [charity of your choice](#) .

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## June Elmore

MASON CITY - June Elmore, 84, of Mason City, Ill., passed away at 5:40 a.m. at Mason City Area Nursing Home in Mason City, IL, on Thursday, August 22, 2013. She was born on November 11, 1928, in Mason City, Ill., the daughter of Harry D. and Leona P. (Brewer) Fletcher. She married Leland "Bud" Hernan on April 18, 1948, in Mason City. He preceded her in death on April 29, 1993. June later married Maury Elmore on December 5, 1998, in Mason City, Ill. He survives.

June is survived by two sons, Guy Hernan of Mason City, Ill., James "Jim" (Paula) Hernan of Mason City, Ill.; three daughters, Lois (Calvin) Stewart of Mason City, Ill., Luanne (Kenneth) Cave of Easton, Ill., Jule (Peter) Dragstrem of Hickory, N.C.; and one stepdaughter, Pamela (Al) of New Holland, Ill. She is also survived by seventeen grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

June was a member of the United Presbyterian Church in Mason City, IL, where she participated in the United Presbyterian Women's Club. She also sang in the Church choir for many years. June enjoyed quilting, cooking and baking. She was a homemaker for most of her life.

A memorial service for June will be held on Monday, August 26, 2013 at 1 p.m. at the United Presbyterian Church in Mason City, IL. A visitation will be held two hours before the service beginning at 11 a.m., also at the church. Rev. Boni Quandt will officiate. Burial will follow at Mason City Cemetery in Mason City, IL.

Memorials may be made to the United Presbyterian Church in Mason City, IL, or the Mason City Area Nursing Home. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com). Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Gerald R. "Jerry" Hayes

DELAVAN - Gerald R. "Jerry" Hayes, 92, of Delavan, passed away at 12:40 p.m., Wednesday, August 21, 2013, at Hopedale Hospital.

He was born May 23, 1921, on the family farm, rural Emden, to Patrick "P.L." and Catharine "Kate" Ryan Hayes. He married Esther C. Connell on November 24, 1945, in Pekin, and she passed away January 2, 2001.

Surviving are three daughters, Mary Hayes of Denver, Colo., Julie Johanson of Minneapolis, Minn., and Sheila Hayes of Delavan; one son, J.T. (Laura) Hayes of Delavan; six grandchildren, Kate (Andrew) Bluestein of Chicago, Benjamin Hayes of Seattle, Wash., Kelsey Hayes of Chicago, Luke Hayes of Ames, Iowa, Annette (Michael) Gresham of Delavan, and Dan (Danielle) Lessen of Richardton, N.D.; two sisters, Mary Allman of Monticello and Margaret Hayes of Hopedale; one sister-in-law, Patricia Hayes of Hopedale; special friends, Bev and Judge Groenewold of Delavan; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Rev. Patrick Hayes, C.S.V., Thomas Hayes, and Leo Hayes.

Jerry attended the [University of Illinois](#) and came home to farm during WWII and farmed until 1985.

He was a lifelong member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Delavan, a member of the Delavan School Board, a trustee for Prairie Creek Township, a supervisor for Logan County, a board member of the Farmers State Bank of Emden, a member of Delavan Education Foundation, and Delavan Historical Society.

Cremation has been accorded. A memorial mass will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, August 24, 2013, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Delavan. Msgr. Timothy Nolan will officiate. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m., Friday at Davis Mortuary in Delavan, followed by a prayer service at 8 p.m. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Delavan.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church Building Fund.

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Donald L.

Werkman

LINCOLN - Donald L. Werkman, 84, of Lincoln, passed away at 5:25 a.m., Thursday, August 22, 2013, at St. Clara's Manor, Lincoln.

Don was born on February 25, 1929, in Beason, Ill., the son of Enno and Rose Lenhardt Werkman. He married Helen J. Bateman September 3, 1949, in Lincoln, Ill. Helen preceded him in death January 9, 2013.

Don is survived by one daughter, Jill Werkman of Toluca, Ill.

Don worked as a farmer and truck driver for B & J Sales. He was a member of St. John United Church of Christ of Lincoln and the American Legion Post #263 being very active providing military rites for other veterans. He served his country from 1954-1956 in the U.S. [Army](#) during the [Korean War](#).

Services for Don will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, August 26, 2013, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, with Rev. Jan Johnson and Rev. Wallace Reifsteck officiating. Visitation will be from 12 noon to 2 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in Steenbergen Cemetery, Mt. Pulaski, Ill., with full military rites accorded by the American Legion Post #263. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to American Legion Post #263 Building Fund, Lincoln.

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Sharon J. Ealy

ATLANTA, IL - Sharon J. Ealy, 72, died at 7:28 a.m., Aug. 23, 2013, at Hopedale Medical Complex in Hopedale, Ill.

Sharon was born Dec. 9, 1941, in Elkhart, Ill., the daughter of Ira F. and Helen Laughner Overbey. She married Ronald L. Ealy on Sept. 15, 1978, in Lincoln, Ill.

Sharon is survived by her mother of Lincoln; husband of Atlanta, Ill.; three sons: Paul (Brenda) Goodwin of Atlanta, Rodney (Ruby) Goodwin of Lincoln and Travis (Mary) Goodwin of Elkhart; two daughters, Angel F. Goodwin of Lincoln and Kelly (Roscoe) Embery of Atlanta; two brothers, David (Luana) Overbey of Texas and Tom (Linda) Overbey of Chestnut, Ill.; one sister, Darlene Naugle of Lawndale; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, one sister and one nephew.

Mrs. Ealy was a homemaker and member of First Baptist Church of Lincoln.

Services for Sharon will be at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2013, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with Robert Williams officiating. Burial will be at Elkhart Cemetery in Elkhart, Ill. Visitation will be Monday evening, Aug. 26, 2013, from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to [American Cancer Society](#) or [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#) .

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Steven J. Borbely

LINCOLN - Steven J. Borbely, 69, passed away at 9:50 a.m. on Saturday, August 24, 2013, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

Steven was born on May 18, 1944, in Grand Rapids, Mich., son of Joseph and Helen Sopp Borbely. He was united in marriage to Johanna "Jody" Mason on November 22, 1969, in Manito, Ill. She survives him in Lincoln. Other survivors include his sons, James (Hope) Borbely of Champaign, Ill., Joseph Borbely of Lincoln, grandchildren, Jonah and Ava, his brother, James (Arlene) Borbely of Catlin, Ill., his sister, Mary Ann (Michael) King of Lakeville, Minn., and his niece and nephews, Tim (Krista) Borbely of Champaign, Andy Borbely of New Orleans, La., Mandy (John) Nelson of Bayport, Minn., and Brian (Laura) King of Bloomington, Minn. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Steven graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Northern Illinois University and a Master of Science degree in speech pathology from Western Illinois University. Steven worked at Lincoln Developmental Center for 13 years before working as a staff representative for AFSCME and retired in 2003.

Steven enjoyed spending time with his family and especially with his grandchildren. His favorite past times included fishing, traveling, and cooking. He was active with the Boy Scouts, he coached Little League, and he was a member of Faith Lutheran Church, where he held many different offices and especially enjoyed singing in the church choir.

Services for Steven will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, August 30, 2013, at Faith Lutheran Church in Lincoln with Rev. Mark Peters officiating. A visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, August 29, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln and an hour before the service at the church. Burial will follow the service at Zion Cemetery in Lincoln. Memorials may be made to the Faith Lutheran Church or to the Hospice of Central Illinois.

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Ernest W. Schmidt

MASON CITY - Ernest W. Schmidt passed away at his daughter's home on Aug. 25, 2013, at 7:10 a.m. at the age of 91.

Ernie was born in rural Havana, Ill., on Oct. 10, 1921, to Louie and Addie (Opp) Schmidt. He graduated from Havana High School in 1940. He was a member of the Salt Creek Township Board for 40 years. He served in the Air Force from 1942-1946 (WWII) and from 1950-1951 ([Korean War](#).)

Ernest worked at Caterpillar as a machine operator and was a farmer in Mason County for over 40 years. He was involved in soil conservation and worked volunteer 21 years for SOAR (Save Our Area Resources) Recycling. He enjoyed wood working and had made many grandfather clocks.

He married Mary Helen Rutledge on Oct. 29, 1943; she preceded him in death, then he later married Polly Kirkland on Aug. 4, 1979. She too preceded him in death.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; three sisters: Gladys, Ruby and Vera; one brother, Donald; five brothers-in-law; and two sisters-in-law.

Ernie is survived by daughters, Linda (Bob) Schilling and Peggy (Brent) Carter; two sisters-in-law, Geraldine Schmidt and Jane Rutledge; one brother-in-law, Melvin Lascelles; three stepchildren: Tom, Dan and Karen; grandchildren: Jennifer (Darin) Stoll, Melissa (Nate) Provost, LeeAnn (Jared) Brown, Kevin (Bobbie) Schilling, Michael and Lindsey Carter; six great-grandchildren: Hannah, Emily and Luke Stoll, Carson and Noah Provost, Trevor Schilling and one on the way; many nieces and nephews.

He is deeply loved and will be missed by his large family.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Aug. 29, 2013, at 11 a.m. at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City. Burial will follow at Mason City Cemetery with the Rev. James Sprinkel officiating. Visitation will be held Wednesday, Aug. 28, 2013, from 5-7 p.m.

Memorials may be made to SOAR Recycling.

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James G. "Jimmy" Settles

SPRINGFIELD, IL - James G. "Jimmy" Settles, 76, passed away at 4:17 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 23, 2013, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Jim was born March 11, 1937, in Beardstown, the son of James T. and Katheryn "Jane" Settles. He married Donna Merold in Lincoln, Ill., in 1960 and they had 53 loving years of marriage.

Jim attended Springfield High School and was known as "Gilly". Upon graduating in 1955, he attended Bradley University for two years. He served in the [U.S. Marine Corps](#) from June of 1957 to April of 1959. Jim worked for the Illinois Secretary of State as an administrator in data processing for 33 years. After retirement, he took a part-time job with Vono Medical Supply and later Oratech Inc.

Jim served on the board of the Springfield Youth Hockey Association and coached several hockey teams. He also coached his children's baseball and softball teams. Jim was "Big Boss" at the 1971 YMCA Round-Up and was known as "Itchy". He served as Republican Precinct Committeeman in Ward 8 Precinct 36 for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and stepfather, Monroe "Vots" Votsmier.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Donna Settles of Springfield; two children, Bradley James Settles of Auburn and Denise Ann Settles of Springfield; two grandchildren, Dalton James Settles and Nicholas James Settles; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation: Family will receive friends from 4-7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 29, 2013, at Kirlin-Egan & Butler Funeral Home, 900 S. 6th St., Springfield.

Funeral Ceremony: 11:30 a.m., Friday, Aug. 30, 2013, at Kirlin-Egan & Butler Funeral Home, with Rev. Greg Busboom officiating. Burial will follow at Camp Butler National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, 2477 W. Washington, Springfield, IL 62702.

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Jo Aylesworth

MT. PULASKI, IL - Jo Aylesworth, 71, passed away Friday, Aug. 23, 2013, at 12:05 p.m. at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Jo was born Aug. 19, 1942, in Lincoln, the daughter of Harry A. and Rose H. Donuth Gipson. She married Richard "Dick" Aylesworth on April 4, 1961, in Pittsfield; he preceded her in death on Aug. 16, 1980.

Surviving her are her two sons, Rick (Debby) Aylesworth and Randy (Kelly) Aylesworth, all of Mt. Pulaski; one sister, Judy Wolpert of Lincoln; six grandchildren: Dustin, Chase, Kamryn, Lukas, Dixon and Clay.

Preceding her in death are her parents; one sister, Janet Henrichsmeyer; and infant brother, Benjamin.

Jo graduated from Lincoln Community High School in 1960.

She was a custodian at the Mt. Pulaski Grade School for ten years.

Jo was a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Mt. Pulaski.

She was an avid Cubs fan, loved to feed her birds and take care of her plants and flowers.

Graveside services for Jo will be held Saturday, Aug. 31, 2013, at 11 a.m. at Steenbergen Cemetery in Mt. Pulaski, Rev. Steve Smith officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, 223 W. Cook St., Mt. Pulaski, IL.

Peasley Funeral Home is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

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Timothy George Brinner

SUN CITY WEST, AZ - Timothy George Brinner, 49, died Aug. 17, 2013, at his home.

He was born Jan. 25, 1964, to George R. and Connie (Tracy) Brinner.

Graveside services will be held at Mason City Cemetery in Mason City, Ill., on Saturday, Aug. 31, 2013, at 11 a.m.

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Robert E. "Bob" Drake

LINCOLN, IL -Robert E. "Bob" Drake, 89, formerly of Beason died at 4:00 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2013, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

Bob was born Oct. 8, 1923, in Cornland, Ill., the son of M.B. and Clara Belle Robinson Drake. He married Mary Beth Jacobson on July 18, 1948, in Galva, Ill. She survives.

Also surviving Bob are four daughters: Margaret (David) St. Clair of Houston, Texas, Nancy (Dennis) Uphoff of Beason, Sarah (Dan) Starkey of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Tina (Bruce) Gumbel of Marietta, Ga.; two brothers, George (Elinor) Drake of El Paso, Ill., and Andrew Drake of Morton, Ill.; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers: Michael, Donald, David and Richard Drake.

Bob was a retired farmer from the Beason area. He served in the U.S. Army during [WWII](#). He was a member of Beason United Methodist Church where he was organist for 64 years, lifetime member of the Beason-Chestnut American Legion Post # 848, member of Beason School Board for many years, and lifelong member of the Masonic Lodge AF&AM. Bob received a [Purple Heart](#) as a medic during WWII in France.

Services for Bob will be Saturday, Aug. 31, 2013, at 10 a.m. at Beason United Methodist Church with Rev. Darrell Howard officiating. Burial will be in Harmony Cemetery in Beason with full military rites accorded by Lincoln American Legion Post #263. Visitation will be Friday from 4-7 p.m. at Beason United Methodist Church. Masonic services will be held at 3:30 p.m. prior to visitation.

Memorials may be given to Beason United Methodist Church or Beason Fire and Rescue.

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

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Kenneth L. Mayes

LINCOLN, IL - Kenneth L. Mayes, 79, died at 11:45 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 25, 2013, at St. Clara's Manor in Lincoln, Ill.

Kenny was born Jan. 30, 1934, in Palmyra at home, the son of Albert Leroy and Mildred Pinkerton Mayes. He married Geraldine "Geri" Rogers Williams on March 30, 1985, at Lincoln Christian Church. She survives in Lincoln.

Kenny is survived by his mother of Palmyra; two stepsons, Stephen Guy of Lincoln and Edward (Melody) Williams of Mt. Pulaski; two step granddaughters, Peggy Guy of Sterling, Ill., and Molly Williams of Mt. Pulaski; three sisters: Jeanette Sorrells of Portland, Ore.; Helen (Dean) Stayton of Carlinville, Ill., and Sarah (Larry) Hagaman of Springfield, Ill. He was preceded in death by his father and one brother, Henry.

Kenny had worked as a postal clerk for the U.S. Post Office for 31 years. He had worked four years as security guard at Lehn & Fink. He served in the US Army from 1958-1960. He attended Lincoln Christian College three years and graduated from Palmyra Northwestern in 1952.

Kenny was a member of the Tri Police, Lincoln Coin Club, lifetime member of [VFW](#), the Lincoln Elks, Lincoln Prayer Breakfast/Bible Study, and a lifetime member of Oasis Senior Center. He was a great sports fan and statistician keeping records of all wins-losses of all high schools in Illinois Basketball. He collected Native American artifacts, coins, stamps and elephants. He was a big Cubs fan and he loved to travel.

Services for Kenny will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 31, 2013, at Lincoln Christian Church with Paul Boatman officiating. Visitation will be Friday from 4-7 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Burial will be in Camp Butler National Cemetery, Springfield, Ill. on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Memorials may be given to Lincoln Christian Church, Oasis Senior Center or Safe Haven Hospice.

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Stephen "Bailey" Elkins

LINCOLN, IL - Stephen "Bailey" Elkins, 87, passed away at his home on Aug. 27, 2013, at 6:35 p.m. with his loving family by his side.

Bailey was born Oct. 15, 1925, in Oblong, Ill., the son of William Hampton and Catherine M. Gillard Elkins. He married Gladys Van Fossan on March 15, 1952, in Lincoln. She survives in Lincoln.

Also surviving Bailey are one son, Stephen Elkins, and one daughter, Dianna (Kevin) Hamblin, all of Lincoln; four grandchildren: Jamie (Joe) Wellbaum of Springfield, Ill., Jeremy Hamblin of Springfield, Candice Elkins of Lincoln and Colby Elkins of Lincoln; one great-grandchild, Brooke Wellbaum of Springfield; and one sister, Geraldine Lowman of Cape Coral, Fla. They also helped raise two children, Rhonda Chism of Pekin, Ill., and Donald Robertson of Chicago, Ill.

Bailey was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers: Jim, Jack, Conrad "Doc" and Burl Elkins; five sisters: Beulah Sutherland, Elizabeth Schaub, Dale Fields, Bertha Krause and Lucille Buesking-Brown.

Bailey retired from Illico Independent Oil Co. of Lincoln after forty-nine and one-half years as truck driver statewide. He was a member of Lincoln Christian Church and Lincoln Railer Booster Club. He was a precinct committeeman for East Lincoln for numerous years. He was an avid fan of the Lincoln Railers and the St. Louis Cardinals.

Services for Bailey will be at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2013, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with Tracy Thomas officiating. Burial will be in Harmony Cemetery in Beason, Ill. Visitation will be Monday, Sept. 2, 2013, from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Bailey's memory to the Lincoln Railer Booster Club.

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James R. Ingram

NEW HOLLAND - James R. Ingram, 51, of Ohio, Ill., formerly of New Holland, Ill., died at St. Frances Hospital, Peoria, IL, on August 26, 2013, following an auto accident.

James was born on January 21, 1962, in Lincoln, Ill., the son of Harold and Margaret Downey Ingram, Sr.

He is survived by daughters, Rose Dixon of New Holland, and Karen Brown of Bloomington, Ill.; three brothers and one sister; several nieces and nephews; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

James was a self-employed tattoo artist. He loved tattooing and art.

Visitation for James will be Sunday, September 1, 2013, from 2-5 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln. Memorials may be made to the Donor's choice in his memory. To honor James' wishes, cremation will follow the visitation and no service will be held.

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Edna L. Strohkirch

ATLANTA - Edna L. Strohkirch, 85, of Atlanta, passed away on Wednesday, August 28, 2013, at Heritage Manor in Normal.

Funeral services for Mrs. Strohkirch will be held on Saturday, August 31, 2013, at 12:00 p.m. at the Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta. Pastor Mike Shepard will officiate.

Visitation will be held on Saturday morning from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Atlanta Cemetery in Atlanta.

Edna L. Cook was born on July 9, 1928 in Hopedale, the daughter of John W. and Susan Daugherty Cook. She married Clifford B. Strohkirch on July 13, 1946. He preceded her in death on April 5, 1999.

Edna is survived by her children, Jim (Marilyn) Strohkirch of Bloomington, Jeanne Strohkirch of Atlanta, Diane (Steven) Tirpak of LeRoy, Darrell R. Strohkirch of Atlanta, Kathy Derry of Galesburg, and Keith (Paula) Strohkirch of Crystal City, Mo.; 18 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Zelda (Bill) Atkins of Morton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford; one son, Leslie Strohkirch; three brothers, Alvin Cook, Glenn Cook, and Albert Cook; and one sister, Bertha Dalbey.

Edna worked at BroMenn Hospital in housekeeping and was a member of the First Assembly of God Church in Normal.

Memorials may be made to the First Assembly of God Church in Normal or the [American Cancer Society](#) .

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

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Aileen Westen

LINCOLN - Aileen Westen, 92, of Lincoln, formerly of Emden, passed away Thursday, August 29, 2013, at The Christian Village.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 31, 2013, at Hartsburg United Methodist Church. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. also on Saturday at the church with Pastor Tami Werschey-Kessinger officiating. Burial will follow in Hartsburg Union Cemetery. Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln is handling arrangements.

Aileen was born January 4, 1921, in Beason, Ill., the daughter of William and Pearl (Green) Cooper. She married Leonard Westen on January 16, 1946, in Beason, Ill. He preceded her in death on June 2, 1996.

Aileen was a graduate of Beason High School. She and her husband farmed in Emden for many years. Also, she was employed at Caterpillar, Peoria, in the parts shipping department and was a clerk at Montgomery Ward's, Lincoln. She was a member of Hartsburg Methodist Church and United Methodist Women, where she held various offices. She taught Sunday School for many years and was a member of the Hartsburg Auxiliary.

Surviving are her grandson, H. E. Westen of Emden, Ill., and her daughter-in-law, Nina (Wes) Huddlestun of Lincoln, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Leonard, her daughter, Rita Lyn Westen, her son, Lyndon Westen, her brother, Vernon Cooper, and her sister, Ila Westen.

Memorial donations may be made to The Christian Village or to Hartsburg United Methodist Church.

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