

Donald Wayne Jackson

LINCOLN, IL - Donald Wayne Jackson, 56, died at 7:45 p.m., April 29, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield.

Donald was born Aug. 12, 1957, in Lincoln, the son of Donald W. and Evelyn White Jackson. He married Mary Beth Hobbs March 14, 1988, in Las Vegas, Nev. She survives in Lincoln.

He is also survived by his mother; one daughter, Kelli (Jeremy) Wells of Elkhart, Ill.; one grandchild, Carson Wells of Elkhart; one brother, Tracy (Pam) Jackson of Lincoln; a half-sister, Joyce Goodman of Higginsville, Mo.; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father and one brother, Kyle.

Donald was second shift product manager at Eaton Corporation. He worked on the floor, in management, and on various committees at Eaton. He was a safety officer and a union representative.

Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, May 3, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln. Visitation will be Saturday from 1-3 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given in his name to the

[American Cancer Society](#)

, Memorial Home Hospice or Humane Society of Logan County.

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Susan Green Foote

NEW HAVEN, CT - Susan Green Foote, 75, died peacefully with her children at her side on Saturday, April 19, 2014. She was affectionately known by all as "Toodie."

Toodie was born in Mexico, Mo., on Nov. 7, 1938, to Robert Stafford Green and Susan Keays Green.

She attended elementary and middle school in Mexico, Mo., before spending four years at The Westover School in Middlebury, CT. After graduation from Connecticut College with a B.A., she worked in San Francisco for several years before relocating to New York City to work in the Missouri Pavilion for the 1964/65 World's Fair. A resident of Connecticut since 1966, she lived first in New Milford, then Hartford, Lyme, and eventually settling in Old Lyme, where she has made her home for over 40 years.

Toodie was an avid cook and loved to entertain. She was a talented artist and an accomplished calligrapher. She loved her homes, and extensively remodeled five houses over the last forty-six years.

A dedicated volunteer, she was an active member of The Colonial Dames and the Old Lyme Historical Society, The Lyme Academy of Fine Arts Volunteer Committee and The Child and Family Agency. She was a founding member of the Old Lyme Women's Exchange. Her most recent project was the creation of a wildly successful cookbook titled "The Dames Dish it Up" that served as a fundraiser for The Webb Deane Stevens Museum in Wethersfield.

Toodie's heritage included farmland in Elkhart, Ill., where she was a frequent visitor. She loved the land, the farmers, and the business of farming. Twenty-two years ago she became a founding partner of the Elkhart Grain Company which was formed to purchase the local grain elevator. She was proud to be part of a talented team that has overseen the extraordinary growth and success of this enterprise which provides a vital service to the local farmer.

Toodie was a great Mom, the best one could ever hope. Her children and grandchildren always came first, her blessings and boundless love for them was unequivocal. It has been said, "in those they have blessed, they live life again" and so she is with us even now.

She is survived by her son, Robert Stafford Green Cashman of Old Lyme, her daughter and son-in-law, Johanna Cashman Calcagni and Steven John Calcagni of Cheshire, two grandchildren, Keays Gillett Calcagni and John Douglas Calcagni of Cheshire, her sisters, Elizabeth Green McCutcheon of Greenwich, N.J., and Nancy Green White of Denver, Colo., and former husband, Peter Lenihan Cashman of Milford. She was pre-deceased by former husband, Richard Lindsay Foote.

A memorial service is planned at 2 p.m., Friday, May 9, 2014, at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme. Fulton-Theroux Funeral Home, Old Lyme, is handling the arrangements. Please visit [fulthontherouxoldlyme.com](http://fulthontherouxoldlyme.com) for photos, tributes, directions and more service information.

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Viola J. "V.J." Garvey

LINCOLN, IL - Viola J. "V.J." Garvey, 82, died at 5:07 p.m., Tuesday, April 29, 2014, as a result of an auto accident in Lincoln.

V.J. was born March 7, 1932, in Springfield, Ill., the daughter of Earl F. and Dorothy M. McDonald Corbett. She was united in marriage to George C. Garvey on Oct. 27, 1951, in Springfield. He preceded her in death Nov. 9, 2005.

V.J. is survived by her daughter, Karen A. (Sam) Davis of Lincoln, one grandchild, and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother, and two sisters.

V.J. was a homemaker and a member of Holy Family Church.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Monday, May 5, 2014, at Roselawn Memorial Park, Springfield with Greg Wooten officiating. Memorials may be given in V.J.'s memory to St. Jude's Children's Research or Ronald McDonald House.

Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln was entrusted with services.

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Gertrude Munsch

LINCOLN, IL - Gertrude Munsch, 97, passed away at 2:45 a.m., Wednesday, April 30, 2014, at the Christian Village Nursing Home in Lincoln.

Gertrude was born on Oct. 5, 1916, in Logan County, Ill., to Marion and Sue Primm Sparks. She married Henry W. Franz on Nov. 27, 1936. He preceded her in death on Dec. 31, 1970. She later married Wayne V. Munsch on Dec. 6, 1980. He preceded her in death on Oct. 16, 2012.

She is survived by her daughter, Janet (Marvin) Johnson of Lincoln, daughter-in-law, Linda Franz of Lincoln; grandchildren, Aaron (Debbie) and Ryan (Becky) Johnson, Amy (John) Tabor, Delyn (Brian) Duggins and Tyler Franz; brother, Marion J. Sparks of Denver, Colo.; nine great-grandchildren; and stepchildren, Doris Anderson, Ruby Allen, Clarence Munsch and Harry Munsch. She was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, son, Dwain Franz, sister, Margaret Wilmert, and two brothers, Wayne and Russell Sparks.

Gertrude was associated with the Logan County ASCS for over 20 years as a program assistant and was on the county committee. She was a member of the St. John United Church of Christ, past matron of the Lincoln Chapter #351 Order of the Eastern Star, Abraham Lincoln Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Home Extension and various church organizations.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m., Monday, May 5, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with Ryan Edgecombe and Rev. Jan Johnson officiating. Visitation will be from 9:30-10:30 a.m. prior to services. Burial will follow at Zion Cemetery, Lincoln. Memorials may be made to the

[American Diabetes Association](#)

or to St. John United Church of Christ.

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Hugh F. "Mac" McCue

SPAULDING, IL - Hugh F. "Mac" McCue, 70, formerly of Elkhart, died at 4:45 a.m., Thursday, May 1, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center.

He was born May 25, 1943, in Buffalo, N.Y., to John F. and Kathryn E. Cox McCue, Jr. He married Florence M. Hurley and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Bridget (Jeffery) Curl of Forrest, Ill.; four sons: John (Noel) McCue of Lincoln, Neb., Chad (Anita) McCue of Lexington, Ill., Mark (Allison) McCue of Springfield and Patrick (Stacy) McCue of Williamsville; 14 grandchildren; two brothers, Robert (Cheryl) McCue of Mt Pulaski and Charles (Val) McCue of Springfield; one aunt, Alice Winterbauer of Petersburg; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Theresa McCue in 1980; and two sisters, Margaret McCue and Marietta Romer.

Mac was a [U.S. Marine Corps](#) veteran, serving during Vietnam. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan; a Bulls fan; enjoyed hunting for deer and small game and was an avid golfer. He was a 3rd and 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus and was a member of St. James Church in Riverton. He worked for IBEW Local 193.

Visitation: 4-7 p.m., Sunday, May 4, 2014, at St. James Church in Riverton. A prayer service will be held at 3:45 p.m. on Sunday.

Lie-in-State: 8:30-9:30 a.m., Monday, May 5, 2014, at St. James Church in Riverton.

Funeral Mass: 9:30 a.m., Monday, May 5, 2014, at St. James Church in Riverton, the Rev. Raphael Paul DeMoreno officiating. Burial will follow at Camp Butler National Cemetery where military honors will be conducted.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. James Parish, 112 N. 6th, Riverton, IL 62561; Knights of Columbus Marian Council 3914, 335 South 4th, Riverton, IL 62561 or Open Doorways Orphanage home for the children of Haiti <http://www.opendoorwaysorphanage.ca/donations.aspx>, Box 45, Beausejour, Manitoba, ROE 0C0, CANADA.

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Bernadine C. Meeker

DELAVAN - Bernadine C. Meeker, 84, of rural Delavan died at 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2014, at Hopedale Medical Complex.

She was born May 10, 1929, in Green Valley to Conrad and Dean Slotter Weyhrich. She married Robert G. Meeker on Feb. 16, 1947, in San Jose. He passed away on April 23, 2008.

Surviving are two sons, Rodger of Manito and Robert (Diane) Jr. of Emden; three daughters: Jayne (John) Simpson of Romeoville, Rusa Naylor of Springfield, and Joy (Ricky) Pfortmiller of Natoma, Kan.; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Irene Liescheidt of Pekin.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

She was an active member of Christ Lutheran Church in Delavan and a member of Tazewell County Farm Bureau.

Bernadine's funeral will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 5, 2014, at Christ Lutheran Church in Delavan. The Rev. Justin Schmidt will officiate. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Sunday at the church. Burial will be at Green Valley Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Christ Lutheran Church or 4 Kenya's Kids, 504 N. Walnut St., Seymour, IN 47274.

Davis Mortuary Delavan Chapel is in charge of arrangements. To express condolences online visit [davismortuaryinc.com](http://davismortuaryinc.com).

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Bernetta Brackins

TIPTON, IN - On April 27, 2014, at age 92, Bernetta "Bea" Brackins, former owner of "B" Beauty Salon in Lincoln, Ill., passed away at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Lee and Jeanne Brackins, in Tipton, Ind.

Born near Kempton, Ind., on farmland still in the family since 1838, she will be laid to rest only miles away.

A time efficiency expert in Indianapolis during WWII, she worked at the Garment Factory in Lincoln before training and operating "B" Beauty Salon on Kickapoo Street for many years. A talented and creative seamstress by nature, she spent a lifetime designing and sewing for herself and many others, from wedding dresses to tailored suits, upholstery to theater costumes, dance recital tutus to prom dresses. Bea volunteered for several museums and service organizations, and was a proud member of the Tipton County, Ind., Lions Club and the Zonta Club of Lincoln, a chapter of the international service organization of executives in business and professions working together to advance the status of women through service and advocacy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Gifford and Helen Griffith; brother, William Andrew Griffith; sisters, Betty Jane Boyd and Patricia Ann Higgins, and husbands Claude Brackins and Von M. Hawkins.

She is survived by a large and loving family: children: Harold Lee (Emily Jean) Brackins, Claudia Beth Bismark (Wade Wilson), Ceretha Anne Brackins, Richard Brackins, Douglas Brackins, and Patsy Simonson; and grandchildren: John (Janet) Brackins, Kathy (Jeff) Syferd, and Sara (Jason) O'Neill in Indiana, Vicky (Tim) McGuire in Ohio, Donna (Tom) Hennessey, Tana Brackins, and Kenneth Brackins in Florida, and Blake Brackins in Tennessee.

Bea always loved most her home on Lincoln's tree-lined Tenth Street and always returned to Lincoln for her daughters' LCHS reunions. After retiring from Lincoln and making homes and many friends in Erwin Tenn., Riverview, Fla., and Baltimore, Md., Bea returned to Tipton, Ind., to spend her final years near great-grandchildren, Derek, Amelia and Owen Brackins, Ashley and Kaitlyn Syferd and Truman and Violet O'Neill and generations of nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Thursday, May 1, 2014, at the Hills Baptist Cemetery near rural Kempton, Ind.

Donations in her memory are suggested for the Zonta Club Scholarship Fund.

Porter Funeral Home in Tipton, Ind. was entrusted with assisting the family.

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Helen I. Fleener

MASON CITY, IL - Helen I. Fleener, 93, passed away at 12:15 a.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center.

She was born March 25, 1921, the daughter of James and Minnie (Schroeder) Christy in Mason City, Ill. She married Paul Fleener on Feb. 1, 1944, in South Carolina. He preceded her in death in 2007.

She is survived by Randy and Janet Jackson of Mason City; one sister, Eleanor Tomlin; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Thomas Christy and James Christy Jr., and one sister, Margaret Campbell.

Helen was a member of the United Methodist Church in Mason City. She was a beautician and had graduated in 1939 from the Modernistic School of Beauty Culture in Springfield, Ill. She also farmed for over 50 years with her husband, Paul.

A funeral service will be held for Helen at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 10, 2014. Visitation will be one hour prior beginning at 10 a.m. Pastor Dan Powers will officiate. Burial will be at the Mason City Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made to the Mason City Area Nursing Home.

Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

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Catherine Elizabeth Thompson Arnold

EAST PEORIA, IL - Catherine Elizabeth (Thompson) Arnold, 86, formerly of Clinton, Ill., passed away 7:59 a.m., May 4, 2014, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria, Ill.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m., Friday, May 9, 2014, at Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, Ill., with J. Kent Hickerson officiating. Burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery, Clinton, Ill. Friends may call from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, at Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, Ill. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the First Christian Church, Clinton, Ill.

Catherine was born Dec. 13, 1927, in Beason, Ill., the daughter of Hermas B. and Lorene H. (Griffith) Thompson. Lorene passed away and Hermas later married Pansy M. (Page) Thompson. On Sept. 14, 1947, in Lincoln, Ill., Catherine married Olin T. Arnold, Jr. He passed away May 11, 1991.

Survivors include her son, Michael W. Arnold (Sue Shinneman), Clinton, Ill.; daughter, Patricia S. West (William), Tremont, Ill.; three grandchildren, Stephanie (Jeff) Jackson, Normal, Ill., Heather (Jason) Berger, Tremont, Ill., and Ashley (Adam) Graber, Bloomington, Ill.; six great-grandchildren, Andrea and Megan Jackson, Normal, Ill., Alexander and Sophia Berger, Tremont, Ill., and Natalie and Benjamin Graber, Bloomington, Ill.; brother, A.M. "Merv" (Peggy) Thompson, Bloomington, Ill.; and many nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Darwin D. Thompson.

Catherine was a member of the First Christian Church, Clinton, Ill., and loved to watch and feed the birds.

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

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Stanley S. Bruketa

LINCOLN, IL - Stanley S. Bruketa, 80, passed away at 3:15 p.m., Friday, May 2, 2014, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

Stanley was born on Dec. 22, 1933, in Lincoln, Ill., son of Stanley T. and Mary Ann Pierce Bruketa. He married Shirley Morrow on April 10, 1954, in Shelbyville, Ill. She preceded him in death on Sept. 15, 2009.

Stanley was a gas service man for Cilco for 33½ years. He was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church. He was a U.S. [Army](#) veteran of the [Korean War](#), and a member of the American Legion Post# 263, Knights of Columbus for over 50 years, Eagles Lodge, and 40& 8.

Surviving Stanley are his children, Debbie (Ed) Baunach of Lincoln, Ill., and Mike (Cynthia) Bruketa of Dunlap, Ill.; two grandsons, Casey and Kyle Bruketa; three granddaughters, Stacy (Robbie) Leonard, Abigail (Brian) Ingram, and Corie Bruketa; one great-grandchild, Keagan Leonard; one brother, Paul Bruketa of Pensacola, Fla.; and loving companion, Doris Oltmanns of Lincoln, Ill. Stanley was preceded in death by his parents.

Services for Stanley and his wife, Shirley, will be 11 a.m., Friday, May 9, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert – Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with Father Jeffrey Laible officiating. Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. prior to the service. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lincoln, where full military rites will be accorded by Lincoln American Legion Post # 263. Memorials may be given to the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight.

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Everett Cade

PETERSBURG, IL - Everett Cade, 82, went to be with his Savior Thursday, May 1, 2014, at 4 p.m. He was born Jan. 14, 1932, the son of Thomas R. and Alice B. (Puff) Cade in Bradford, Ill. He married Carlene Swearingen in Clarksville, Mo., on Jan. 27, 1951.

Everett is survived by his wife of 63 years, Carlene; daughter, Nancy (Tony) Robbins of Lincoln; sons, Everett (Sara) Cade, Jr., of Petersburg and Tom (Jackie) Cade of Broadwell and daughter, Chery (Gragg) Stacy of Petersburg. He is also survived by 13 grandchildren and 15 great- grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters, six brothers, a son, Bill Dean Cade, a son-in-law, Karlyn Shields and a grandson, Timothy James Robbins.

Everett worked as a farmhand and then as a tree trimmer for Wright Tree Service, where he moved his family from Missouri to Minnesota and then to Iowa. He eventually moved to Canton, Ill., and began to work for CIPS on a tree crew and later transferred to Petersburg in 1960 to work on the line crew. He retired as a lineman foreman for CIPS in 1992 after 36 years.

Everett enjoyed woodworking and building things. He was an avid fisherman and hunter and enjoyed gardening. Everett enjoyed helping others and was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Petersburg where he assisted with many projects.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2014, at 11:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Petersburg. Visitation will be one hour prior. Memorial contributions may be made to the

[American Cancer Society](#)

. The Cade family is being assisted by the Hurley Funeral Home of Petersburg.

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Lacy L. Hall

ELKHART, IL - Lacy L. Hall, 96, passed away at 12:40 a.m., Sunday, May 4, 2014, at the Christian Village Nursing Home in Lincoln.

Lacy was born on Jan. 11, 1918, in Tyty, Ga., to Emry Talmadge and Ruby Lee Bryant Hall. He married Irene M. Greer on April 29, 1940, in Elkhart, Ill. She survives him.

Also surviving are two sons, Alan (Teresa) Hall of Port St. Lucie, Fla., and Lacy (Sherry) Hall II of Elkhart, Ill.; seven grandchildren, Amanda Hall, Laura Hall, Sara Hall, Jessica (Sean) Stockman, Jennifer (Todd) Thomson, Megan (J.) Drake and Seth (Rachel) Hall; and 11 great-grandchildren, Lily, Amelia, Isaac, Aubrey, Adam, London, Payton, Nolan, Olson, Isabelle and Addison. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Lacy was a production manager at Sangamo Electric Co. in Springfield and was a master woodworker. He was a member of Elkhart Christian Church where he served as an elder for many years and was one of the founding trustees for Lincoln Bible Institute which is now Lincoln Christian University. He served in the U. S. Army, in the 45th (Thunderbird) Division, 157th Infantry Regiment, as a scout, during [WWII](#) and was a member of the Elkhart American Legion.

Services for Lacy will be Thursday, May 8, 2014, at 10 a.m. at Elkhart Christian Church with Mike Drake officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday evening from 4-7 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln. Burial will be in Elkhart Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be given to Elkhart Christian Church or Lincoln Christian Village Nursing Home.

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Thelma Rose Hart

LINCOLN, IL - Thelma Rose Hart, 91, passed away at 8:40 p.m. on May 3, 2014, at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Thelma was born on March 27, 1923, in Grayville, Ill., daughter of Sylvester and Agnes Wells Jordan. She married Bedford J. Hart on May 26, 1947, in Evansville, Ind. He survives her in Lincoln.

Also surviving is her daughter, Debra J. Heath of Lincoln, Ill.; two grandchildren, Derek J. (Misty) Heath and Timothy L. Heath; three great-grandchildren, Shelbi Fisher, Cindy Arndt, and Blake (Jennifer, fiancé) Neeley; one great-great- granddaughter, Shay Neeley. She was preceded in death by her parents, both sisters, Joyce (Carl) Wilkey and Dorothy (Art) Schroeder, brother-in-law, Jerry (Doris) Hart, and sister-in-law, Musetta (Beuford) Hessler.

Thelma attended and graduated Bosse High School in Evansville, Ind., in 1940. She was a member of the Lincoln Christian Church and also a member of the Ladies Home Bureau.

Thelma chose to be cremated. There will be no services. Memorials may be made to the Harvest of Talents. Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, handled the arrangements.

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Ann F. Hedrick

LINCOLN, IL - Ann F. Hedrick, 84, passed away on Monday, May 5, 2014, at St. Clara's Manor Nursing Home in Lincoln.

A Mass of Christian Burial Service will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2014, at 3 p.m. at Holy Family Church in Lincoln with Rev. Jeffrey G. Laible officiating.

A Rosary Service will be held at 12: 45 p.m. at the Church prior to the visitation.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday at the Church from 1 p.m. until time of service.

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

Ann Frances Hedrick was born on July 28, 1929, in Monroe, Mich., the daughter of Vincent and Grace Doyle Schnorberger. She was united in marriage to Robert S. Hedrick on Oct. 8, 1949. He preceded in death on Nov. 1, 2006.

She is survived by her children, Laura (Willis) Adams, Holly (Gary) Woodhall, Robert (Minnie) Hedrick, William Hedrick; five grandchildren, Michael Hedrick, Melissa Nemeth, Wes Woodhall, Jennie Malerich, Willie Hedrick; three stepgrandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, ten stepgreat-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; and a brother, Tom Schnorberger.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters, Evelyn Fortuna and Elaine Bartholomew.

Ann was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, Oasis Senior Center.

She was the office manager for Dr. A.R. Williamson for many years.

Memorials may be made to the Oasis Senior Center.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln.

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William A. Rentmeister, Sr.

CHESTNUT, IL - William A. Rentmeister, Sr., 81, of Chestnut, Ill., passed away at 12:40 a.m., Sunday, May 4, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

William was born Jan. 8, 1933, in Sangamon County, Ill., son of Kenneth and Lois Gaul Rentmeister. He graduated from Mt. Pulaski High School in 1951. He served in the U.S. Army for 16 months in Korea from Feb. 9, 1953, to Dec. 9, 1954. He farmed and worked at Allis-Chalmers in Springfield until its closing in 1985. He was affiliated with the USDA for 40 years as a field reporter. William was a member of the Mt. Pulaski American Legion Post #447 for 59 years and served as post commander. He was also a member of the Mt. Pulaski [VFW](#) Post #777 as well as a member of the Chestnut Men's Club and Clinton Elks.

William married Linda Armstrong on June 18, 1955, in the Chestnut United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife, Linda; son, William A. Rentmeister, Jr., of Chestnut, Ill.; daughter, Susan Thorson of Streator, Ill.; five grandchildren; a stepgranddaughter; two stepgreat-granddaughters; brother Gary Rentmeister of Citrus Heights, Calif; and sister, Doris Fehring of Sacramento, Calif. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Vivian Nowick.

Services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, May 8, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski with Rev. Rachel Stockle officiating. Visitation will be from 12-2 p.m. prior to services. Burial will follow at Steenbergen Cemetery, Mt. Pulaski, where full military rites will be accorded. Memorials may be made to the American Legion Post #447, Memorial Home Hospice or to the Chestnut United Methodist Church.

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Phillip D. "Punk" O'Donoghue

LINCOLN, IL - Phillip D. "Punk" O'Donoghue, 54, of Lincoln, died at 8:43 p.m. on May 5, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill.

Punk was born Sept. 6, 1959, in Lincoln, the son of Thomas Joseph and Agnes Alexander "Ma" O'Donoghue. He was united in marriage to Lynn Logan on Aug. 29, 1996, in Lincoln. She survives in Lincoln.

Punk is also survived by his children: Alex O'Donoghue, Brianna (Corey McFall) Dennis of Elkhart, and Candice (Tim) Turner of Cornland; grandchildren: Clarissa, Xzandria, Chase, Gaige, Raelynn and Race; siblings: Tom (Cyndie) O'Donoghue of Tinley Park, Mike (Mary) O'Donoghue, Denny (Marsha) O'Donoghue, John "Q-Ball" (Gail) O'Donoghue, Ruth (Mike) Young, Cathy "Jinx" (Joe) Gleason, Pat (Judy) O'Donoghue, Dan "Boone" (Marsha) O'Donoghue, Dick (Myretta) O'Donoghue, and Tim (Shirley) O'Donoghue, all of Lincoln; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one nephew, Wes O'Donoghue.

Punk worked at Eaton Corp. for 36 years and O'Donoghue Radiator for 30 years. He was a member of Holy Family Church of Lincoln. Punk loved driving his race car "84", the Chicago Bears, Lincoln Demo Derby, NASCAR and working in his garage. He loved his hometown friends of Burtonview.

Services for Punk will be at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 9, 2014, at Holy Family Church of Lincoln, with the Rev. Jeffrey Laible officiating. There will be a Rosary at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 8 prior to the visitation from 5-8 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery following the mass on Friday.

Memorials may be given in his memory to ALS Worldwide or

[St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#)

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Clifford D. Hall

LINCOLN, IL - Clifford D. Hall, 89, passed away on Friday, May 2, 2014, at St. Clara's Manor in Lincoln.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2014, at 11 a.m. at Holy Family Church in Lincoln. Rev. Simon Taabu will officiate.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. at the church prior to the service.

Burial will be at Lucas Chapel Cemetery with full military rites accorded by Lincoln American Legion Post #263.

Mr. Hall is survived by his grandchildren, Brandon Hall of Grand Rapids, Minn., Michele (Melvin) Holmquist of Grand Rapids, Minn., and Danita (Ryan) Anderson of Pengilly, Minn., and great-grandchildren, Chance, Britta, and Karina Holmquist, Ashley Hall, and Rebecca Anderson.

Clifford was preceded in death by his wife, June Hall, and son, Gregory Dale Hall.

Clifford Dale Hall was born on June 20, 1924, in Peoria, the son of Floyd H. and Julian Moore Hall. He married June M. Bunner on June 7, 1947. She preceded him in death on March 30, 1988.

Clifford was a member of Holy Family Church and American Legion Post #263. He was a Life Member of Cronin Brothers [VFW](#) Post #1756 in Lincoln. He served in the United States Army during [World War II](#).

During his lifetime, Clifford was employed at Stetson China for 18 years and then retired from Lehn & Fink in 1990 after 24 years.

Clifford will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Final arrangements are entrusted with Peasley Funeral Home of Lincoln.

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Forrest "Timber" Downing

LINCOLN, IL - Forrest W. "Timber" Downing, 90, passed away Monday, May 5, 2014, at Symphony of Lincoln Nursing Home in Lincoln.

Graveside services will be held at Holy Cross Cemetery in Lincoln at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 12, 2014, with Mr. Tom Ewald officiating.

Forrest W. Downing was born June 1, 1923, in Lincoln, the son of Forrest E. and Hester Rohrer Downing.

He married Amelia Downing. She preceded him in death.

Surviving Forrest are his children: Terry (Nancy) Downing of Red Bud, Jean Lynette (Don) Buss of Kenney, and Delores Rohlf of Lincoln; three sisters: Birdie Lou Bowns and Virginia Broughton both of Lincoln, and Dorothy Hoerbert of Greenview; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Vicki Leigh May, three sisters, and two brothers.

Forrest retired from Meyers Industries as a Hardware Specialist.

Memorials may be made to Oasis Senior Center or Symphony of Lincoln Nursing Home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Peasley Funeral Home.

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David Wayne Eigenbrod

LINCOLN, IL - David Wayne Eigenbrod, 53, formerly of Delavan, Ill., passed away at 10:19 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, 2014, at his home in Lincoln.

He was born July 30, 1960, in Hopedale to John D. and Marilyn Livengood Eigenbrod. He married Shelley R. McLean on July 22, 1995, in Delavan, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, John "J.D." and Brenden Eigenbrod, both of Lincoln; one brother, John (Dianne) Eigenbrod of Lincoln; one sister, Sheila (Roger) Lay of Delavan; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and stepfather, Darrell Howe.

David worked as a HVAC technician in Springfield and Lincoln and was a member of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 137 in Springfield.

He was an avid St. Louis Cardinal and NHRA Drag Racing fan. He enjoyed watching his boys play baseball.

His funeral will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at Davis Mortuary in Delavan. The Rev. Dr. Robert Henderson will officiate. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, also at the funeral home. Cremation will be accorded following the service and burial will be at Prairie Rest Cemetery in Delavan at a later date.

Memorials may be made to an educational fund for his boys, established at First Farmers State Bank in Delavan.

To express condolences online visit [www.davismortuaryinc.com](http://www.davismortuaryinc.com).

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Blanche Kurtz

LINCOLN, IL - Blanche Kurtz, 87, passed away at 3:00 p.m., Friday, May 9, 2014, at her home in Lincoln surrounded by her loving family.

Blanche was born Nov. 27, 1926, in New Holland, the daughter of Herman and Mabel Raber Gehrke. She married Donald Kurtz on Oct. 6, 1946, in Lincoln, Ill. He survives in Lincoln.

Blanche is survived also by her children: Dennis (Brenda) Kurtz, Kevin (Angela) Kurtz, Karen (Ron) Pecorar, and Karol Kurtz, all of Lincoln; grandchildren: Keith, Ashley, Cameron, Meghan, and Gabrielle; great-grandson, Kolby; siblings: Garland Gehrke of Lincoln, Phyllis Ledoux of Indianapolis, Ind., and Wilma Gehrke of Mazon, Ill.; and lifetime family friend, Mary Mitchell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Larry; sister, Doris Miller; and nephew, Christopher Gehrke.

Blanche was a homemaker and active member of St. John United Church of Christ in Lincoln. She was also a member of the Charity Guild. Blanche leaves behind her priceless legacy, many valuable life lessons. She was everything a mother should be and a true lady in every sense of the word. She was unfailingly polite, and as gracious and thankful as you would expect her to be. She instilled in her children the importance of love, faith and compassion. She taught us how a Christian loves, lives, and faces death. Her fight for life took her faith and everyone else around her to a new level. It took an immense amount of courage, faith in her God and love for her family to endure the pain, and suffering of her illness - knowing full well the obstacles she would face.

Mom was unparalleled in her gift for caring for other people, making all she met feel both important and loved. She loved others deeply, fully and unconditionally. Her family and friends will unanimously attest to this uniqueness she possessed. Breathtaking beauty resulting from a combination of both physical and spiritual.

She was our concrete Angel. The rock we all broke ourselves against, our constant pillar of strength.

She lived for her children and family, and would do anything for them. She lovingly took care of our brother, Larry, in our home for 19 years after his automobile accidents in 1971. She cared for her son, as only a mother could. Her great sense of duty was far greater than any sacrifice - a beautiful human being.

She is safely home now in heaven. All her pain and suffering is over. We adored her and it has been our profound honor to be her children and grandchildren. Forever in our hearts, we love you.

Services for Blanche will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at St. John United Church of Christ with the Rev. Jan Johnson, the Rev. Wally Reifsteck, and Ryan Edgecombe officiating. A visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. Burial will be at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln.

Memorials may be given to:

[American Cancer Society](#)

,

[Alzheimer's Association](#)

, St. John United Church of Christ, or the

[American Diabetes Association](#)

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Waneta J. Klokkenga

HARTSBURG, IL - Waneta J. Klokkenga, 87, of Hartsburg, passed away at 12:35 a.m. on Monday, May 12, 2014, at the Mason City Area Nursing Home.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2014, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Emden. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 15, 2014, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church with Pastor Schurter and Pastor Pieper officiating. Burial will follow at Hartsburg Union Cemetery.

Waneta was born June 30, 1926, in Lincoln, Ill., the daughter of Perry Clayton and Hulda (Stolz). She married Marvin Klokkenga on Dec. 2, 1951. He preceded her in death on May 29, 1981.

Waneta was a homemaker and put every ounce of herself into caring for her family. She loved them deeply and taught them how to love unconditionally. In addition to caring for her own family she worked part-time as a nursing home aide, spreading God's love to the residents and their families. She was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Emden and a member of their Ladies Aide.

Surviving are her daughter, Priscilla (Sam) Ballance of Emden, Ill.; son, David Klokkenga of Greenview, Ill.; brother, Dean Clayton of Latham, Ill.; and grandchildren: Angela (David) Wulf of McLean, Ill., Matthew (Brooke) Ballance of Emden, Ill., and Jennifer (Robbie) Musoui of Makanda, Ill. Also surviving are her great-grandchildren: Morgan and Brock Musoui, Auggie Wulf, and Brinley Ballance.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Marvin.

Memorial donations may be made to: St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Emden.

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

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Betty J. Fosdick

ATLANTA, IL - Betty J. Fosdick, 83, passed away at 4:20 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2014, at Symphony of Lincoln.

Graveside services for Mrs. Fosdick will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 16, 2014, at Zion Cemetery in Lincoln.

A Memorial Service will be held at 3 p.m., Friday afternoon at Atlanta Assembly Church with Pastor Paul Weber officiating.

Burial will be at Zion Cemetery in Lincoln.

Betty Jane Shawgo was born Oct. 27, 1930, in Mason City, Ill., the daughter of Claude and Lois Mae Williams Shawgo. She married Lloyde Fosdick. He preceded her in death.

Betty is survived by her children, Joanne (Keith) Schmidt of Lincoln, Cherie (Ron) Baker of Atlanta, Tywana (Robert) Beam of Lincoln, Larry Fosdick of Atlanta, Karen Sue (Bruce) Treakle of Atlanta and Kelly Fosdick of Florida; 16 grandchildren; and 36 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, four sisters, and five brothers.

Mrs. Fosdick was a member of the Assembly of God church in Atlanta. She worked for General Electric in Bloomington for 17 years. She was a creative person who loved interior decorating. She loved to travel and went to China as a missionary.

Memorials may be made to the Atlanta Rescue Squad.

Final arrangements are entrusted with Peasley Funeral Home of Lincoln.

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Olive E. "Tim" Nikles

LINCOLN, IL - Olive E. "Tim" Nikles, 86, died at 9:49 a.m., Monday, May 12, 2014, at her home.

Olive was born June 28, 1927, at Clearwater, Neb., the daughter of Earl and Jennifer Nolze Twiss. She married Edward J. Nikles Nov. 8, 1947, at Sioux City, Iowa. He preceded her in death Dec. 18, 2007.

Tim is survived by her son, Brad (Barb) Nikles of Lincoln, and daughter, Vicki (Jerry) Hamm of Elkhart; two sisters, Melpha Hiser and Charlene Lange of Neb.; three grandchildren, Kate Nikles, Jason Hamm and Justin Hamm; two great-grandchildren, Avery and Ryan Hamm. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, four brothers and five sisters.

Tim had worked as a secretary for Lincoln School District #27. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Lincoln. Tim loved playing bridge and being with her card group. She was also a member of the wii bowling league at Castle Manor, and loved golfing immensely.

Mrs. Nikles chose to be cremated. A memorial service will be held Monday, May 19, 2014, at 10 a.m. with Tim Searby officiating at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln. Visitation will be one hour prior to service at the funeral home. To honor her granddaughter, Kate Nikles' love for animals, memorials may be given in her honor to Humane Society of Logan County.

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Thelma J. McKnight

LINCOLN, IL - Thelma J. McKnight, 83, of Mt. Pulaski, formerly of Lincoln, passed away at 11:10 p.m. on May 14, 2014, at Vonderlieth Living Center in Mt. Pulaski.

Thelma was born July 24, 1930, in Springfield, Ill., daughter of Lloyd C and Margaret Bryson Day. She married Melvin R. McKnight on June 14, 1953, in Springfield. He preceded her in death on Sept. 25, 1996.

Thelma is survived by two brothers, Edward Day of Denver, Colo., and Keith Day of Dallas, N.C.; one niece, Jean (Jeff) Martin of Mt. Pulaski; one nephew, Lloyd Day of Lincoln; as well as several other nieces and nephews; great-nephews, Doug (Erin) Martin and Derek (Renee) Martin both of Mt Pulaski; and special friends: Mark, Diane, Bryce, Brent and Katie Hunsley of Lincoln.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Mildred Wiebking; and one brother, Robert Day.

Thelma loved to go camping, boating, and traveling. She also volunteered at the Logan County Genealogical Society.

Services for Thelma will be 2 p.m. on Monday, May 19, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with Mark Weber officiating. Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m., one hour prior to service. Burial at New Union Cemetery will follow the service.

Memorials may be given to the Logan County Genealogical Society or Vonderlieth Living Center Foundation.

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Catherine Marie Boyer

LINCOLN, IL-Catherine Marie Boyer, 75, of Lincoln, passed away May 15, 2014, at The Christian Village in Lincoln surrounded by her loving family.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., Monday, May 19, 2014, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Tuesday, May 20, 2014, also at the funeral home with Chaplian Ryan Edgecombe officiating. Burial will follow at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln.

Catherine was born June 4, 1938 in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, the daughter of Herbert Russell Brown and Gertrude (Weston) Brown. She married Harold Paul Boyer on Nov. 20, 1956, in Greenview, Ill. He preceded her in death on Dec. 4, 1985.

During her early childhood Catherine was a resident of the Soldier's and Sailor's Children's Home in Normal, Ill. She was employed at St. Clara's Manor and Lincoln Developmental Center in Housekeeping and formerly worked at the Lincoln Bottle Factory. In addition to caring for her own large family, Catherine was a Foster Grandparent for CIEDC.

Surviving are her children: Susan (the late Bob) Durham of Bloomington, Ill., Janice (Dan) Herrin of Lincoln, Ill., Mark (Georgia) Boyer of Bloomington, Ill., and Kevin Boyer of Lincoln, Ill.; her siblings: Jacqueline Overman of Norfolk, Va., Nancy (Bob) Rickord of Lincoln, Ill., Phyllis (Gary) Bussman of Bloomington, Ill., Phillip Brown of San Diego, Calif., and Virginia "Ginny" (Jerry) ALcorn of Bourbonnais, Ill. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews, cousins, foster siblings, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Randy Boyer; infant son, Roger Dale Boyer; and great-grandsons, Ethan Nicholas and James Michael Boyer.

Memorial donations may be made to: Safe Haven Hospice, The Christian Village, or Jefferson Street Christian Church and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Special thanks to the nurses and staff of The Christian Village and Safe Haven Hospice, and to Dr. Bivin and his staff.

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Isabella Ilene Cook

Lincoln- Isabella Ilene Cook, infant daughter of three days, died at 9:37 a.m. May 13, 2014 at St. John's Hospital, Springfield, IL.

Isabella was born May 10, 2014 in Springfield, Illinois, the daughter of Luis "Bubba" and Kasey Slack Cook.

Isabella is survived by her parents of Lincoln; two sisters: Alexandria Cook her twin and Sophia Cook; Maternal Grandparents: David and Sandy Slack of Lincoln; Paternal Grandmother: Heidi Cook of Lincoln; Maternal Aunts: Chelsie (Adam) Campbell of Lincoln; Jessie (Kyle) Clark of Lincoln and Paternal Aunts and Uncles: Leticia Cook of Lincoln; Alejandro Cook of Norwalk, IA; Chaka (Harley) Utterback of Lincoln; Allissa Martin of Lincoln and Cameron Cook of Lincoln. She was preceded in death by her Maternal Grandparents: Roy and Marjorie Slack; Don and Ilene Southern; Paternal Grandparents: Pete and Norma Moxley.

Private family services will be held Wednesday, May 21, 2014 with Rev. Mark Peters officiating. Services were entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln. Memorials may be given to the Ronald McDonald House.

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Robert "Bobby" Eugene Keihn

MASON CITY, IL - Robert "Bobby" Eugene Keihn, 79, passed away Sunday, May 18, 2014, at his residence. Bobby was born July 30, 1934, to Gilbert R. and Mary A. (Bishop) Keihn in Dublin, Ind. He married Thelma Ballard Jan. 22, 1958, in Liberty, Ind., she survives.

Bobby is also survived by his children, Michael (Ed Jr. Fickett) Keihn of Mason City, and Gilbert Keihn-Woods; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sister, Kay Ann Guadagnoli of Milton, Ind. He was preceded in death by one son, Ricky Keihn, his parents, a sister, and a brother.

Bobby served in the U.S. [Army](#), and later in life retired as a construction electrician. Bobby was a [Korean War](#) Veteran and was active in several organizations including The [VFW](#), American Legion, Shriner's, Mason's and ABATE.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, May 22, at 11 a.m. at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City. The visitation will be Wednesday night, May 21, from 5-7 p.m. Burial will follow at Mason City Cemetery with military honors.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hurley Funeral Home to assist the family with arrangements. Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

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Johnny Ray Aaron Jr.

LINCOLN, IL - Johnny Ray Aaron Jr., 45, passed away May 18, 2014, at his home in Lincoln.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., Thursday, May 22, 2014, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Friday, May 23, 2014, also at the funeral home. Burial will be at a later date in Arkansas.

Johnny was born July 18, 1968, in Fort Smith, Ark., the son of Johnny Ray Aaron Sr. and Erma (Smiley) House.

He married Dena Greer on Feb. 14, 2013, in Lincoln, Ill.

Johnny was an employee in the buildings and grounds department at Lincoln College.

Surviving are his wife, Dena Aaron, and stepson, Andrew Greer, of Lincoln, Ill.; his sisters: Jody (John) Hallman of Van Buren, Ark., Wanda (Charlie) Martin of Mountainsburg, Ark., and Tina (Donnie) Adams of Fort Smith, Ark.; daughters, Billie Jo Aaron and Misty Lynn Aaron; son, Daniel Ray Aaron; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father; his brother, John C. Aaron; his grandmother, Charlotte Smiley; grandmother, Pearl Purcell; and his nephew, Troy Don Cowan Jr.

Memorial donations may be made to the family or to Lincoln College and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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John Humbert

LINCOLN, IL - John Humbert, 54, of Lincoln, died at 2:52 p.m. on May 18, 2014, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Ill.

John was born Nov. 29, 1959, in Lincoln, the son of Charles L. Wheeler and Anna Simpson McMullen. He married Kellee Miller and was later divorced.

John is survived by Eddie Jester, raised as a son, of Riverton; a special niece, Trisha Armbrust, and a special nephew, Charles Samuel Cox; siblings: Randy Wheeler, Donnie E. Wheeler, Terri Wheeler, Mark Humbert, Robert Humbert, and Gary Humbert, all of Lincoln.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Kathy Prather.

John was a self-employed contractor/carpenter. He was a hard worker and always helped others. He was an avid fisherman.

A Celebration of Life graveside service for family and friends for John will be at noon on Saturday, June 21, 2014, at Zion Cemetery in Lincoln with Ron Otto officiating.

Memorials may be given to donor's choice.

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

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Loretta Jean Jones

LINCOLN, IL - Loretta Jean Jones, 78, passed away May 18, 2014, at Symphony of Lincoln.

It was Loretta's wish to be cremated. There will be no services at this time.

Loretta was born March 22, 1946, in Greenview, Ill., the daughter of James Harp and Wilma (Stone) Harp. She married Willis Jones. He later preceded her in death.

She graduated from Mt. Pulaski High School and was a former employee of Lincoln Developmental Center. She was of the Pentecostal faith.

Surviving are her son, Don Michael Gillum of Lincoln, Ill.; son, Glen Brian (Rhonda) Gillum of Lincoln, Ill.; brother, Marvin (Suzanne) Harp of Mt. Pulaski, Ill.; sister, Yvonne (Mark) Cheek of Lincoln, Ill.; grandchildren: Jennifer Gillum, Jeremy Gillum and Joshua Florey; great-grandchildren: Baliegh, Bricon and Kylan Gillum, and Jayme, Breanna and Brooklyn Florey; step granddaughters: Holly (Shaun) Long, Crystal (Craig) Siegel, Veronica Langley, Hope (Anthony) Cook, and Paula (Jay) Moore; step great-grandchildren: Tyler, Lyndsay and Gracie Long, Alexis Bakken, Hunter White, Isaac, Madeline, Ava and Abram Cook, and Brent Siegel.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her brother, Dick Harp.

Memorial donations may be made in her name to:

[St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#)

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

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Melva Irene Neaville

MT. PULASKI, IL - Melva Irene Neaville, 81, of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., passed away at 2:45 p.m. on May 18, 2014, at Heritage Manor in Carlinville, Ill.

Graveside services will be at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, May 22, 2014, at Evergreen Cemetery in Waynesville, Ill., with James Morrill officiating.

Visitation will be 10-11 a.m., Thursday, May 22, 2014, at Calvert Funeral Home in Clinton, Ill.

Memorials may be directed to the Mt. Pulaski Ambulance.

Melva was born Nov. 30, 1932, in Waynesville, Ill., the daughter of Carl and Anna (Ruble) Halsey. She married Donald Dale Neaville on March 6, 1954 in Lincoln, Ill. He passed away Oct. 11, 2002.

She is survived by two sons, Chris (Debbie) Neaville and Brian Neaville, both of Mt. Pulaski, Ill.; three grandchildren: Dustin (Kari) Cumming of Stuart, Fla., Ben Neaville of Mt. Pulaski, Ill. and Andrew (Megan) Neaville of Mt. Pulaski, Ill.; three great-grandchildren: Kaylee Cumming, Summer Neaville and Oliver Neaville; and one brother, Tom (Virginia) Halsey of Normal, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and two sisters.

Melva was a member of the Wapella Christian Church. She was a cook at Mt. Pulaski Grade School for 40 years. Melva was a volunteer EMT on the Mt. Pulaski Ambulance and worked at the Mt. Pulaski Library.

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

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Lillian E. Schaub

BEAVER DAM, WI - Lillian E. Schaub, 84, formerly of Lincoln, Ill., died on Monday, May 19, 2014, at Charleston House Memory Care in Beaver Dam, Wisc.

The visitation will be at Fricke Calvert Schrader Funeral Home, 127 S. Logan St., in Lincoln, Ill., on Saturday, May 24, 2014, from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. with Pastor Greg Wooten officiating. Burial will be at Zion Cemetery in Lincoln.

Lillian Elaine Bishop was born on Jan. 18, 1930, to Roy V. and Edith (Salstrand) Bishop in Omaha, Neb. On May 21, 1950, she was united in marriage to Riley Schaub in Omaha. Lillian worked for many years as bookkeeper at Central Christian College in McPherson, Kan. Riley and Lillian loved entertaining family, friends, and college students. Together they would play games or relax at the lake. Lillian's passion was music, and she played organ for the McPherson Free Methodist Church and also for the Nazarene Church of Aurora, Mo. Lillian's greatest joy was her family. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

Survivors are her husband, Riley of Beaver Dam, Wisc.; children, Bonnie (Jack) Egan of Elkhart, Ind., and Randy (Judy) Schaub of Beaver Dam, Wisc.; grandchildren, Matthew (Jamie) Lehl, Mary (Benji) Oswald, Ryan (Jodie) Schaub, Jordan Schaub, Bill (Kat) Egan, and Chris Egan; great-grandchildren, Finn, Briar, and Follie Lehl, Thomas and Nathan Oswald, Haydn, Riley and Hudson Schaub, and Zeke and Kya Mistark.; brothers, Harold (Bonnie) Bishop of Midwest City, Okla., and Clarence (Helen) Bishop of Seattle, Wash.; and nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Lillian was preceded in death by her parents.

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Katie Lee Beckman

MASON CITY, IL - Katie Lee Beckman, 23, of Mason City, Ill., and formerly of Murphysboro, Ill., passed away at 6:33 p.m., Monday, May 19, 2014, at Memorial Hospital in Springfield, Ill.

Katie was born Sept. 7, 1990, in Murphysboro, Ill. Her parents are Amy (Massey) Cochran and Christopher Cochran of New Holland, Ill., and Richard and Gail Beckman of Carbondale, Ill.

Katie was a full time mom to her son, Derrick, and was studying to be a Medical Assistant at the Midwest Technical Institute in Springfield, Ill.

Besides her parents, she is survived by her son, Derrick Renfro III, and his father, Derrick Renfro Jr.; one brother and sister-in-law, Dustin and Katherine Beckman of Lincoln, Ill.; two nieces and one nephew: Emma, Ansley, and Kameron Beckman of Lincoln; her great-grandparents, Charles (Chuck) and Harriott Cochran of Pontiac, Ill.; her grandparents: Mesker and Sara Massey, and Norman and Betty Beckman, all of Murphysboro, Richard and Carol Leggans of Elkhartville, Gary and Jerri Cochran of Taylorville, and Betty Perkins of Murphysboro; several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by great-grand parents: Fred and Ruth House of Murphysboro, and Deleane and Florence Marie Smith of Alto Pass, Ill.

In lieu of flowers, a fund has been set up for funeral costs and a trust fund for her son. Donations can be made to: Amy Cochran, 104 N. Peoria St., New Holland, IL 62671.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 24, 2014, at Pettett Funeral Home in Murphysboro. Burial will be at Pleasant Grove Cemetery. Friends may call from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Cheryl Joyce Sutton Daniel

TUCSON, AZ - Cheryl Joyce Sutton Daniel, 69, passed away Tuesday, May 13, 2014.

Mrs. Cheryl Joyce Sutton Daniel was born May 17, 1944, daughter of George and Minnie Buse Sutton. She married Jerome Daniel. He preceded her in death.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Kenneth and Robert Sutton; and four sisters, Doris Sutton Allen, Norma Sutton Landers, Phyllis Sutton Reynolds and Ruth Ann Sutton Joyce.

She retired from Villa Maria Nursing Home after 30 years of service.

She is survived by one sister, Linda Sue Sutton Shawgo of Tucson, Ariz.; four brothers, Ronald (the late Lydia) Sutton of Bloomington, Ill., Thomas Sutton of Lincoln, Ill., David (Marilyn) Sutton of Taylorville, Ill., and Roger (Nancy) Sutton Elkhart, Ill.; and lots of nieces and nephews.

Cremation rites were accorded. No service at this time.

Memorial contributions may be made to TMC Hospice Peppi's House. Send to Jean Tripplett, 309 N. Sangamon St., Lincoln, IL 62656.

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Rev. Daniel John Wissmann

APPLETON, WI - Pastor Daniel John Wissmann, 67, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014, at his home in Appleton, Wis. He passed from this life to eternal glory after fighting a 23 year battle with a brain tumor. He was given two years to live with no hope in 1990.

Daniel is survived by his wife, Camille; sons, Luke (Irina) Wissmann and Paul (Ming) Wissmann; brother, John (Nancy) Wissmann; brother-in-law, Ronald (Erlinda) Johnson; as well as nephews, nieces, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews. He also had been supported in his suffering by his Christian families in his present and former congregations and dear friends.

Daniel was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 1, 2014, at St. John Lutheran Church, 203 E. Church Street, Royal, IL followed by a dessert luncheon.

A full obituary can be found at [www.eberhardtstevenson.com](http://www.eberhardtstevenson.com).

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Matthew "Matt" James Bree

BATH, IL - Matthew "Matt" James Bree, 26, passed away Wednesday, May 21, 2014, at his residence in Bath.

He was born July 21, 1987, in Waukegan, Ill., the son of Scott Bree and Cindy (James) Holton.

Matt is survived by his parents; his great-grandma, Vivian Bree; grandpa, Bernerd Bree; grandma and grandpa, Dan and Mary Buckley; and many other family members.

He was preceded in death by his great-grandma and grandpa, Estella and Arvid Nelson; great-grandpa, Clarence Bree; great-grandma, Margaret Buckley; grandma, Nancy Bree; and his uncle, Bob Bree.

Matt was a member of the San Jose United Methodist Church. He loved hunting and fishing and was a member of the Bloomington/Normal Bass Club. He enjoyed spending time with his family, friends and Miss Maybel.

Services were held Friday, May 23, 2014, at San Jose United Methodist Church. Cremation rites will be accorded.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Maddie Whitehead Benefit Fund.

Hurley Funeral Home in San Jose assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences for the family may be left at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

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Christine A. March

LINCOLN, IL - Christine A. March, 97, of Lincoln passed away at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 24, 2014, at Symphony of Lincoln Nursing Home.

Christine was born Dec. 8, 1916, in Perry County, Ill., daughter of Michael and Mathilda Roemhild Mayer. She was united in marriage to LeRoy March on Oct. 2, 1943, in Bay City, Texas. He preceded her in death on Feb. 2, 1978.

Christine is survived by her children: George March of Lincoln, Ron (Georgianna) March of Lincoln and Betty Jean Blakley (Dave Hohl) of Dawson, Ill.; grandchildren: Clint Blakley, Kess Blakley-Dambacher, Jeff March, Kristy Ramlow, Michael March and Tenika Hervey; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, George Mayer; sister, Dolly Coleman; and one great-granddaughter.

Christine worked at the Lincoln Developmental Center as a Tech III and retired in September in 1978. She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Lincoln.

Services for Christine will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 29, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. A visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28 at the funeral home. Burial will be at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln.

Memorials may be made to the Oasis.

Published in The Lincoln Courier on May 26, 2014

Betty L. Gehlbach

LINCOLN, IL - Betty L. Gehlbach, 84, of Lincoln died at 12:14 a.m. on May 26, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill.

Betty was born March 28, 1930, in Lincoln, Ill., the daughter of Merlin B. and Beulah Loraine White Purkey. She married William P. Gehlbach on Sept. 12, 1948, in Lincoln. He preceded her in death on Sept. 17, 2012.

Betty is survived by her children: Linda (Terry) Leslie of Lincoln, Phillip (Becky) Gehlbach of Lincoln, Tom Gehlbach (Van Van Winkle) of Minneapolis, Minn., and Michael (Betsy) Gehlbach of Libertyville, Ill.; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. She is the last of her immediate family.

Betty was a homemaker and office manager for Gehlbach Construction. She was a member of St. John United Church of Christ bell choir, Charity Guild, Christian Seekers and had served on the church council. She had served on the City Planning Commission for 11 years and she had served as president of Home Extension.

Betty chose to be cremated. A one hour visitation will be held prior to service. A joint memorial service for William "Bill" and Betty will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, the Rev. Jan Johnson officiating. An inurnment of ashes will be held at Zion Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials may be given in her name to: St. John United Church of Christ.

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Walter W. "Bill" Reichle

LINCOLN, IL - Walter W. "Bill" Reichle, 86, passed away at 10:51 a.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

A Mass of Christian Burial Service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 30, 2014, at Holy Family Catholic Church with Rev. Glen Fontana officiating.

A Rosary Service will be held at 12:45 p.m. on Friday prior to the visitation at the church.

Visitation will be held from 1 p.m. until time of service at the church.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery following the service.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Peasley Funeral Home.

Walter William "Bill" Reichle was born on Dec. 9, 1927, in Lincoln, the son of Walter "Walt" William and Katherine Hink Reichle. He was united in marriage to Frances M. Eimer on March 17, 1951, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Lincoln. She survives.

Also surviving are his son, Bill (Julie) Reichle of Dubuque, Iowa; three grandchildren, Joe (Lisa) Reichle of Australia, Erin Reichle and Maria (Jake) Hedley, both of Iowa; a brother, Vern Reichle of Lincoln; and many nieces and nephews.

Bill graduated from Lincoln Community High School. He then served in the United States Army. He retired from Lehn and Fink.

Bill was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church.

He enjoyed golfing and watching all of the Chicago sports teams, Cubs, Bears and Blackhawks. His grandkids were the center of his life. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Bill's family would like to thank the staff of both St. Clara's Manor and Memorial Medical Center for the care given to him while he was a patient with them.

Memorials may be made to the

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William "Gene" Baker

LINCOLN, IL - William "Gene" Baker, 77, passed away at his home in Lincoln at 10:45 a.m. on Thursday, May 29, 2014.

Gene was born Feb. 4, 1937, in Lincoln, the son of Harold "Doc" and Marion Houston Baker. He married Shirley Montgomery on June 9, 1969, and later married Jean Ann Cutler on Dec. 30, 2005. Jean Ann survives in Lincoln.

Gene is also survived by children: Terry Baker of California, Larry Baker of Lincoln, Pamela (Robin) Goings of Maxton, N.C., Michael (Tracy) Baker of Winter Garden, Fla., Jay (Shannon) Baker of Illiopolis, Bevan (Angel) Baker of Atlanta, Billy (Charity) Baker of Lincoln, and Trisha (Jeff) Baker-Bonn of Edinburg; Siblings: Steve Baker of Dallas, Texas, Paul (Nita) Baker of DeSota, Texas, Terry Patterson of Ojai, Calif., and Cindy Patterson of Lincoln; 16 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his nana, Mae Houston; grandfather, Carl Baker; stepmother, Pat Baker; brothers, Bobby Baker and Denny Baker; nephew, Bob Goodey; and grandson, Dallas Baker.

Gene was owner and operator of Baker Masonry and Pool Crafters for 42 years and worked up until the time of his death. He was a member of the Lincoln Elk's for 40 years. He was a Knights Templar; an avid scuba diver; and loved motor cycles, fishing, and boating. He was an APA pool tournament winner and he was "probably the worst joke teller" ever.

Visitation for Gene will be from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, June 1, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. There will be no service. Gene chose to be cremated.

Memorials may be given to: Safe Haven Hospice.

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Deanna S. Graber

LINCOLN, IL - Deanna S. Graber, 50, passed away Wednesday, May 28, 2014 at her home in Lincoln surrounded by her loving family.

Funeral services for Mrs. Graber will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2014 at Quiram Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta with Mr. Maurice Stribling officiating. Burial will be at the Atlanta Cemetery.

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

Deanna Sue Graber was born July 23, 1963, in Lincoln, the daughter of Carl E. and Jeanine Carlin McCurry. She was united in marriage to Kenneth R. Graber on Nov. 15, 2007. He survives.

Also surviving are her siblings: Larry D. (Pam) McCurry of Arizona, Julie (Doug) Clampet of Chestnut, Christopher C. (Sarah) McCurry of Lincoln, and Scott E. (Insook) McCurry of Latham.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Dennis Ray McCurry.

Deanna graduated from the Mt. Pulaski High School in 1981. She was employed as an attendant at the Thorton's Gas Station in Lincoln.

Deanna enjoyed collecting porcelain dolls, crocheting, flower gardening, camping and putting together animal puzzles.

Memorials may be made to her family.

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