

Laura J. Singleton

LINCOLN, IL - Laura J. Singleton, 88, passed away Saturday, May 31, 2014, at her home in Lincoln.

Private graveside services are scheduled. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Burial will be at Glenhaven Cemetery in Taylorville.

Laura Jean Singleton was born Sept. 9, 1925, in Kincaid, the daughter of Paul and Rose Burder Vecchie.

She is survived by her four grandchildren: Crystal Otter, Robert Otter, Steven Otter and Wes Otter.

She was preceded in death by her two sons: Curtis Paul Richardson and Steven Bruce Richardson; and one daughter, Cathy Wetzell.

Laura retired from the City of Lincoln as a Clerk Assistant.

Memorials may be made to the

[charity of the donor's choice](#)

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Mary Beth Bushnell

SALISBURY, IL - Mary Beth Bushnell, 59, of rural Salisbury, passed away Sunday, June 1, 2014, at 3:26 p.m. at St. John's Hospital.

Mary Beth was born July 16, 1954, in Lincoln, Ill., the daughter of Doris and George Hoepfner, who preceded her in death. She was the youngest of four sisters: Janice Loeffelholz of Palmetto, Fla., Nancy Miller of Mahomet, Ill., and Alice (Sam) Madonia of Springfield (all surviving).

She is survived by her husband, James Bushnell; her daughter, Jaime (fiancé, Drew); and numerous nieces and nephews.

On Sept. 22, 1979, she married the love of her life, Jim, in Springfield, Ill.

Their only child, Jaime, was born in 1985. After a few years, they said goodbye to city life and bought a house with acreage in the country. The Bushnell house, known as The Funny Farm, was never empty of animals, a wide variety which included horses, llamas, goats, cats, dogs, guinea pigs, degus, and even an opossum.

Mary's true passion in her recent years was rescuing pit bulls. She was personally responsible for the incarceration of two animal abusers. She enjoyed reading novels, laying out in the pool, camping and listening to music on the porch while surrounded by family and friends.

She functioned in many roles at the Illinois State Police and retired after 35 years of service. In retirement, she wrote for the St. Louis Examiner as a pet enthusiast.

Mary had an old soul which was immediately apparent to all who knew her. Even complete strangers would come up to her and tell her their life stories. Many stray animals were attracted to the Bushnell property, probably for the same reason. Her sense of humor and laughter will be missed by everyone who knew her.

Visitation: 4-7 p.m., Wednesday, June 4, 2014, at Staab Funeral Home.

Funeral Service: 10 a.m., Thursday, June 5, 2014, at Staab Funeral Home with Pastor Kreston Lipscomb officiating.

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Margaret M. Hagen

LINCOLN, IL - Margaret M. Hagen, 91, passed away at 8:06 a.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2014, at the Symphony of Lincoln Nursing Home in Lincoln.

Graveside Services for Mrs. Hagen will be at St. Mary's Cemetery at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 5, 2014, with Rev. John Pham officiating.

No visitation is scheduled.

Peasley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Margaret May Hagen was born on Oct. 30, 1922, in Lincoln, the daughter of Stanley and Catherine Pelc Pushala.

She was united in marriage to Edgar T. "Tony" Hagen. He preceded her in death.

Surviving her are one brother, Leo Pushala, niece, Diane (Bob) Farmer, and nephew, Richard Caplinger.

She was preceded in death by five sisters and three brothers.

Memorials may be made to either Holy Family Catholic Church or Carroll Catholic School.

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Kenneth J. Granda

LINCOLN, IL - Kenneth J. Granda, 64, passed away May 29, 2014, in Springfield, Ill.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., Friday, June 6, 2014, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will also be Friday, June 6, 2014, at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with Father Simon officiating. Burial will follow in Holy Cross Cemetery, Lincoln.

Kenneth was born Sept. 15, 1949, in Lincoln, Ill., the son of Louis Albert Granda and Mary Ellen (Daugherty) Granda. He married Debra Lee McDaniel on May 25, 1974, in Lincoln.

Mr. Granda was previously employed at Lincoln Developmental Center, Meyer's Industries, and the Bottle Factory in Lincoln, Ill. He was a member of the Eagle's Lodge 2708 in Lincoln, Ill. He practiced martial arts in his younger years and loved music.

Kenneth was a loving husband and a proud father and grandfather. He enjoyed his family more than anything else in the world. He will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered.

Surviving are his wife, Debra Granda of Lincoln; his children, Jeff Granda of Chicago, Sheila Granda and Jim Granda, both of Lincoln; grandson, Zach Ollis of Lincoln; and his siblings, Bill (Helen) Granda of Indiana, Gerald Granda of Springfield, Robert Granda of Springfield, and Joan Dieterle of Ariz.

Memorial donations may be made to Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Robert Lee "Bob" Hopp

SPRINGFIELD, IL - Robert Lee "Bob" Hopp, 63, died at 3:15 p.m., June 3, 2014, at Auburn Rehab and Health Care Center, Auburn, Ill.

Bob was born Jan. 12, 1951, in Lincoln, Ill., the son of Magnus and Bertha Philhowrer Hopp. He married Mona Donath Lewis in 1980 at Funk's Grove and divorced in 1987.

Bob is survived by one daughter, Lindsey (Billy) Gibbs of Roseville, Ill.; two grandchildren, Dean and Libbey Gibbs; one brother, Danny (Harriett) Hopp; and three sisters, Wanita Przykopanski, Doris Spencer, and Sharon (Bill) Kennett. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Butch, and one brother-in-law, Frank Przykopanski.

Bob had worked for the State of Illinois Child Support Services.

Cremation rites will be accorded. Visitation will be at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, Sunday, June 8, 2014, from 2-4 p.m. prior to the Memorial Service at 4 p.m. Memorials may be given in his name to Memorial Home Services, Auburn Rehab and Health Care Center, or to the family.

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Karen Kathleen Newman

LINCOLN, IL - Karen Kathleen Newman, 71, passed away at 8:50 a.m. on June 5, 2014, at her home in Lincoln.

Karen was born Oct. 31, 1942, in Taylorville, the daughter of James Henry and Gladys Benewitz Adams. She married Gary "Beaver" Newman on Dec. 22, 1962, at the First United Methodist Church of Lincoln. He survives in Lincoln.

Karen is also survived by her son, Henry Dean Newman of Lincoln; one daughter, Andrea (Mike) Hinton of Lincoln; grandchildren: Devon Jacob and Mason Taylor Newman of Lincoln, Mallory (Clint) Garey of Atlanta, and Madelyn Hinton of Lincoln; and one great-granddaughter, Mariah Newman of Taylorville.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Gayle Ladson. She is the last of her immediate family.

Karen is a retired employee of the State of Illinois and a member of First United Methodist Church of Lincoln.

Services for Karen will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 7, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, with Henry Sills officiating. Burial will be at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, June 6 at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given in her name to: Memorial Home Services or the

[American Cancer Society](#)

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Berneda L. "Birdie" Biggs

PALM COAST, FL - Berneda L. "Birdie" Biggs, 96, passed away Wednesday, June 4, 2014, at her home in Palm Coast surrounded by family.

A memorial service for Mrs. Biggs will be held at a later date. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Berneda Lois Biggs was born June 6, 1917, in rural Easton, the daughter of Thomas Cook Stout and Sarah Rebecca White Stout.

She is survived by one son, Milton Lee Biggs of Lincoln; one daughter, Barbara Ann Biggs Canaday of Palm Coast, Fla.; three grandchildren: Michael E. Canaday, Lisa Marie Rowe, and Jeremy Lee Biggs; one great-grandson, Jady Demetrius; and many nieces and nephews.

Berneda was the last surviving member of her immediate family. She was preceded in death by her nine siblings: Louis Joseph Stout, Dewey Thomas Stout, Golda Frances McCallister, Irene Mae Carpenter, Karrie Belle Purdue, John William Stout, Earl Howard Stout, Eunice Pearl Stout, and Dwayne Harrison Stout.

She was a charter member of the Lincoln Church of the Nazarene where she taught Sunday School, was a member of the church board, and Song Leader for many years. She loved her church family and wanted to serve in any capacity through the years. She loved to sing and sang at a variety of churches throughout Illinois and on the local radio church programs.

She worked at Gullets Greenhouse for many years, until its closing, in the roses department and making corsages. She retired from the housekeeping department at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital after working there for many years.

Memorials may be made to either the Church of the Nazarene, Gentiva Hospice, or Safe Haven Hospice.

Peasley Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

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William Lee

Hedrick

LINCOLN, IL - William Lee Hedrick, infant son of Ami Falcon and Jeremy Hedrick, passed away June 4, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. on Monday, June 9, 2014, at St. Mary's Cemetery in Lincoln.

Surviving are his parents, Ami Falcon and Jeremy Hedrick of Lincoln, Ill.; siblings: Mia Rose, Emma, Hannah, Lillie and Martha; grandmother, Gitana Young of Lincoln, Ill.; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Martha Falcon.

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

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

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Dixie E. Doty

LAKELAND, FL - Dixie E. Doty, 67, formerly of Lincoln, Ill., died at 11:10 p.m. on June 5, 2014, at her home in Lakeland.

Dixie was born April 9, 1947, in Lincoln, Ill., the daughter of John William and Betty Louise Karrick Denny. She married Gale Doty on Sept. 4, 1985, in Lincoln. He survives in Lakeland, Fla.

She is survived by children: Edward (Terra) Viner, Kevin Viner and Deborah Viner, all of Lincoln; stepchildren: Robin (Juan) Lopez, Erin (James) Maffucci and Kim Pinizzoto, all of Florida; siblings: Richard Denny, Jean Entwistle, Rebecca Tellefsen, Donald Fulmer, Ronald Fulmer, Chris Miller, and Donna Barry; 10 grandchildren; 15 step grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two siblings, Dale Denny and Margaret Joann Steffens.

Dixie donated a lot of her time doing volunteer and charitable work for different organizations, including making quilts and donating them to soldiers, wounded veterans, and senior citizens.

Services for Dixie will be 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with Larry Crawford officiating. Burial will be at Zion Cemetery in Lincoln. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10 at the funeral home.

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William D. "Billy Dale" Sullivan

SPRINGFIELD – William D. "Billy Dale" Sullivan, 62, passed away Monday, June 9, 2014, at his home.

He was born Dec. 2, 1951, in Lincoln to William A. and Harryet (Read) Sullivan. He married Delores Bishop on Aug. 8, 1974.

William was a guard and janitor for the State of Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. He was an avid Minnesota Vikings fan. He enjoyed trains and the history of Abraham Lincoln and WWII.

He is survived by his wife, Delores; mother, Harryet of Lincoln; brothers, Richard Thomas (Dorothy) of Lincoln and Kenneth Eric of California; sisters, Janet (Herb) Pryor and Jane Sullivan of Espanola, Wash.; niece, Angela (Desi) Rodriguez of Bloomington; nephews, Richie Sullivan of Lincoln and Kenneth (Kelly) Pryor of Fort Dix, N.J.; great-nephews, Andrew and Lucas Pryor of Fort Dix, N.J.; cousin, Lyle Read and family of New Holland; brothers and sisters-in-law; Mary (Ron) Smith of West Plains, Mo., Shirley Bishop, Ted (Karen) Bishop, John (Kay) Bishop and family, all of Springfield, Loren Bishop of Ohio, and Tony Bishop and family of Auburn; nieces and nephews, Lynda (Lance) Ott and family of Dover, Del., Richard (Stacey) Holder and family of Waverly, Jack Holder of Springfield, Johnny (Liz) Bishop and family of Riverton, Billy Bishop and Wayne Bishop of Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his father, William A., and a brother, Harry Glenn.

Per William's request, remains were donated to medical science and no services will be held.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to [American Diabetes Association](#) ,

[American Heart Association](#)

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[Muscular Dystrophy Association](#)

or Living Water Church.

Visit [vancilmurphy.com](#) to offer condolences.

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Robert L. Anderson

LINCOLN, IL - Robert L. Anderson, 80, passed away at his home in Lincoln at 2:30 a.m. on June 12, 2014, with family by his side.

Robert was born Aug. 3, 1933, in Lincoln the son of Orville and Julia Shalla Anderson. He married Mary Watson in 1951 and she preceded him in death. He married Doris Munsch Boling in July of 2001. She survives in Lincoln.

Bob is survived by three sons: Mike (Jean) Anderson of Lincoln, Mark (Karla) Anderson of Streator, Ill., and Marty (Pam) Anderson of Jupiter, Fla.; stepchildren: Elizabeth Grigg of Lincoln, Kathy (Mike) Buck of Lincoln, and Christy Boling of Springfield; siblings: Ronald (Nancy) Anderson, Kenneth (Jo) Anderson, Joyce Board and Carol (David) Young, all of Lincoln; six grandchildren; six step grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and one step great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Mary; and brothers: Larry, Garry and Bugs.

Bob worked as a factory worker at Stetson China Co., Pittsburg Plate Glass Co. and for the State of Illinois as a truck driver. He was a member of the Model T Ford Club of America. He rebuilt and restored Model T's, and, as a young man, he raced stockcars.

Graveside services for Robert will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 14, 2014, at Zion Cemetery with the Rev. Jan Johnson officiating. Burial will be at Zion Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to: St. John's Hospice.

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

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Harold H. Pankey

ELKHART, IL - Harold H. Pankey, 91, passed away on Wednesday, June 11, 2014, at his home in Elkhart.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Louise; children: Gene (Joan) Pankey, Larry (Diane) Pankey, Donald (Stephania) Pankey and Deanne (David) Barker; siblings: Ruth (Fritz) Werkman, Gladys Guinn and Nancy Pankey; 12 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his siblings: Eugene, Inez, Imo, Harland, Edna Maude and Donald.

He was born Dec. 30, 1922, in Elkhart, Ill., the son of Eugene and Nancy Jane (Merritt) Pankey. Harold married Mary Louise Baugher on Nov. 11, 1945, in Fancy Prairie at Mary's mother's home by the Rev. Bryan Miller.

Harold proudly served his country in the U.S. [Army](#) during [WWII](#). Harold was in the 1st Division and was a D Day survivor. He landed on Omaha Beach at Normandy. He returned to Normandy with his wife, Mary, on the 50th anniversary of D Day and reunited with a group of other surviving veterans.

He attended Elkhart High School. Harold was a member of the American Legion 616, [VFW](#), WWII Illinois Veterans Memorial Board, and Elkhart United Methodist Church.

Visitation will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, June 15, 2014, at Mott and Henning Funeral Home in Athens.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, June 16 at Elkhart United Methodist Church in Elkhart. The Rev. Paul Wehner will officiate. Burial will follow at Elkhart Cemetery with military honors.

Memorials can be made to: WWII Illinois Veterans Memorial Board, Elkhart United Methodist Church or Elkhart United Methodist Church Women.

Family is being served by Mott & Henning Funeral Home in Athens, Ill. Online condolences can be shared at www.mottandhenning.com.

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Shirley M. Dodson

MT. PULASKI, IL - Shirley M. Dodson, 82, passed away at 3:20 p.m. on Saturday June 14, 2014, at Lewis Memorial Christian Village in Springfield, Ill.

Shirley was born Oct. 17, 1931, in Chestnut, Ill., daughter of Todd D. and Nancy F. Crowe Buehler. She married Paul Dodson. He preceded her in death on Sept. 12, 1986.

Shirley is survived by her children: Bill (Tracey) Dodson of Springfield, Ill., Nancy (Shawn) Beasley of Springfield, Ill., and Dan (Lisa) Dodson of Peoria, Ill.; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Rex Buehler.

Shirley attended West Side Christian Church in Springfield, Ill.

A memorial service for Shirley will be held at noon on Friday, June 20, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski with Vaughn Beeman officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to service. Burial at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery will follow the service.

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Kenneth "Kenny" Wayne Harris

LINCOLN, IL - Kenneth "Kenny" Wayne Harris, 76, died Wednesday, June 11, 2014, surrounded by his loving family.

Kenny was born to Humbert Jefferson and Ellen Levina Goldsmith-Harris on Aug. 26, 1937, in Troy, Ill. He married Judy Ann Logan on July 15, 1961, in Lincoln, Ill. They have resided in Lincoln for the past 52 years.

Kenny is survived by his wife, Judy; son, Larry; daughter, Karrie Boch; seven grandchildren: Beth (Zizou) Jean Baptiste, Spencer Harris, Madison Harris, Cassidy Harris, Samantha Harris, Rita Harris and Olga Harris.

He was preceded in death by his son, Robert "Bob" Harris; his parents; two brothers; one half-brother and one sister.

Kenny worked for American Water Corporation, Firestone Tire Company and Stetson's throughout his lifetime. He served three years in the Army Airborne Division.

Kenny enjoyed a long musical career playing in bands throughout Central Illinois for over 28 years. He played bass guitar in the local band "The Chapparells" and in his later years he played mandolin in a bluegrass band.

Kenny's joy of life was shown in many ways: he spoiled and loved on his grandchildren; he was an avid painter; he made furniture; he played many musical instruments and he loved animals!

A memorial service in memory of Kenny will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 21 at the LifePointe Church of God in Lincoln with Pastor Henry Johnson officiating. A luncheon will be provided after the service. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church, prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in Kenny's honor may be made to: Lincoln Oasis, Jefferson Street Christian Church or the

[American Cancer Society](#)

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Sarah K. Jackson

MT. PULASKI, IL - Sarah K. Jackson, 80, passed from this life on Saturday, June 14, 2014, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Ill.

Sarah was born Jan. 5, 1934, in Clinton, Ill., the youngest child of Claude W. and Louise Thorp.

She married James R. Jackson in 1952 and they had four children: Alan (Judi) of Kalamazoo, Mich., Linda Stanfield (Rich) of Henderson, Nev., Doug (Janet, deceased) of Philo, Ill., and Kathy Boward (Dean, deceased) of Mt. Pulaski. Sarah was blessed with five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a half-brother, Carl Thorp; and half-sisters, Evelyn Thorp and Mary Alice Moberly.

She is also survived by her siblings: Ernest Thorp (Helen) of Clinton, Andrea Miller (Phillip, deceased) of Winston-Salem, N.C., Ruth Lutz (Elmer, deceased) of Dewey, and Norma Wedekind (Gerald) of Raymond.

Sarah was a loving wife, mother, homemaker and also worked at various jobs during her life. Family and church were always important to her. She was a member of Mt. Pulaski First United Methodist Church. Sarah was very active in her children's activities as a room mother, Scout leader, Sunday School teacher and "taxi" driver. Sarah had several lifelong passions; she was an active cook, gardener and caregiver to pets. She is now in the care of her Savior and with friends and family who have passed.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 21 at the Methodist Church in Mt. Pulaski, with Pastor Rachel Stockle officiating. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Clinton. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, June 20 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Mt. Pulaski First United Methodist Church, the Humane Society of Logan County, or to the donor's choice.

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MSGR Richard G. Fitzsimmons

BATAVIA, IL - Msgr. Richard G. Fitzsimmons, 83, formerly of Lincoln, Ill., and the Mendota area, died June 16, 2014, at his residence in Batavia.

Services will be 11 a.m., Friday, June 20, at Holy Cross Church, Mendota, with the Bishop Daniel Jenky, C.S.C., officiating. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Lincoln, Ill. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m., Thursday, June 19, and 9-10 a.m., Friday, June 20, at Holy Cross Church, Mendota.

He was born June 29, 1930, in Lincoln, Ill., to Joseph Emmette and Mary Catherine (Fahey) Fitzsimmons. He attended St. Patrick School in Lincoln, Ill., 1936-1946; St. Bede Academy, Peru, Ill., 1946-1948, St. Bede College, Peru, Ill., 1948-1950; St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Iowa, 1950-1952; and Our Lady of the Lake Seminary, Mundelein, Ill., 1952-1956. He was ordained May 27, 1956. He served as Assistant Pastor at St. Roch's, LaSalle, 1956; Pastor at St. Patrick's, Wapella, and St. Mary's, Downs, 1968; Vicar Adjutor at St. Roch's, LaSalle, 1970; Pastor at Resurrection, LaSalle, 1979; St. Mary's, Westville, 1984; Holy Cross, Mendota, 1988; College of Consultors, 1990; Pastor of Holy Cross, Mendota, and Sts. Peter and Paul, Peterstown, 1991; Vicar, LaSalle Vicariate, 1992; Prelate of Honor, 1993; Senior Priest status and Pastor Emeritus, 2000.

Survivors are many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and caregivers, the Albright Family of Batavia, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, Joe, Bob, Pat, Tommy and Jack Fitzsimmons, and loving companions, Martha and Mary.

Memorials may be directed to donor's choice. Pallbearers will be nephews.

Schwarz Funeral Home, Mendota, Ill., is in charge of arrangements.

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John Humbert

LINCOLN, IL - John Humbert, 54, died at 2:52 p.m., May 18, 2014, at St. John's Hospital, 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 was 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 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 21, 2014, at Zion Cemetery, Lincoln, with Ron Otto officiating. Memorials may be given to donor's choice.

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

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Norman F. Knollenberg

LIINCOLN, IL - Norman F. Knollenberg, 83, passed away on Saturday, June 14, 2014, at St. Clara's Manor in Lincoln, Ill.

He was born June 16, 1930, to Herman and Bertha Knollenberg of New Holland, Ill.

He is survived by a son, Allen Knollenberg of New Castle, Del., two brothers, William and Kenneth, both of Lincoln; one sister, Dorothy (Hampe), of Lincoln; and a granddaughter, Kimberly (Griffin), of Rutland, Vt. He was preceded in death by a brother, Walter, a sister, Ruby (Aper), and his wife, Gwendolyn.

Norman served in the U.S. Marine Corp during the [Korean Conflict](#) where he was stationed in Oceanside, Calif., and Boston, Mass. While stationed at Oceanside he was an amphibious landing craft mechanic and a member of the Camp Pendleton trapshooting team. Later, after being transferred to Boston, he served as a MP. Upon completion of his tour of duty, he returned to Lincoln where he began farming near Lawndale and Beason until he retired in 2005. He was also a DeKalb Seed Dealer for over 50 years.

Norman was a longtime fan of Lincoln High School Railer basketball serving many years as a member of the fan club Board of Directors. He was an avid Cardinals fan who also enjoyed ballroom dancing. Norman was a lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

A service in memory of Norman will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, August 23, at Immanuel Lutheran Church with Pastor Turner officiating. A luncheon will be provided after the service. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. at the church, prior to the service.

Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Elizabeth A. "Betty" McKinlay

LINCOLN, IL - Elizabeth A. "Betty" McKinlay, 83, of Lincoln passed away Tuesday, June 17, 2014, at The Christian Village Nursing Home in Lincoln.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 23, 2014, at Holy Family Catholic Church, the Rev. Jeffrey G. Laible officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Lincoln.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Sunday, June 22, at Peasley Funeral Home. A Rosary Service will be held at 4:30 p.m. prior to the start of the visitation.

Elizabeth Ann McKinlay was born April 25, 1931, in Creston, Iowa, the daughter of Floyd and Gertrude Schmitt Derrickson. She was united in marriage for 62 years to Don E. McKinlay on Jan. 12, 1952, in Lincoln. He survives.

Also surviving are her children: Kathleen Jacques, Jane (Dennis) Carroll, Nancy (Dennis) Netoff, Kent (Rhonda) McKinlay, Mary (Tim) Hallissey, Mark (Angie) McKinlay, and Karen McKinlay; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Marilyn Taylor and Diana Powell.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, William "Bill" Derrickson and Jesse Derrickson.

Betty graduated from Lincoln Community High School. She retired from State Bank of Lincoln. She had previously worked for Rep. Jack Lauer in his Lincoln office.

She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church.

Memorials may be made to:

[American Cancer Society](#)

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Warren Delano Rogers

ELKHART- Warren Delano Rogers, 75, of Elkhart, passed away at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, June 20, 2014, at Vonderlieth Living Center in Mt. Pulaski.

Warren was born April 20, 1939, in West Frankfort, Ill., son of Harry Delano and Geneva Pearl Bowman Rogers. He was united in marriage to Suzann Tesmer on Dec. 19, 1970, in Lincoln. She survives him in Elkhart.

He is also survived by his daughters: Susan J. (Reggie) Lyons of Odin, Ill., Christina "Tina" Smith of Lincoln, and Carrie L. (Matt) Fights of Elkhart, Ill.; grandchildren: Benjamin, Christopher, and Katie Lyons of Odin, Ill., and Faith J. and Jaxson W. Smith of Lincoln; great-grandchild, Braedon Lyons; "adopted" daughter, Marilyn Renner of Chicago, Ill.; and "adopted" grandson, Cole Eimer of Springfield, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister and granddaughter, Hope Fights.

Warren retired from the Illinois State Police, and he owned/operated a construction company since 1986. Warren was an active member of the Elkhart Christian Church.

He attended Lincoln Christian University; he received a President Life Saving Award in 1975 through the American Red Cross, and he was a Courier Citizen of the Month in 1982. Warren also served as an Elkhart Fire Chief for 11 years and as a Logan County Deputy Coroner.

Cremation rites will be performed. A memorial service will be held in his honor at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, at Elkhart Christian Church. A visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln and an hour prior to the service on Wednesday at Elkhart Christian Church.

Memorials may be made to: Elkhart Christian Church Building Fund or Lincoln Christian University.

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Mark E. Meyer

EDWARDSVILLE, IL - Mark E. Meyer, 59, of Edwardsville, Ill., died at 2:47 p.m. on Sunday, June 22, 2014, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

Mark was a chemist and worked at Missouri Electrochem in St. Louis, Mo. He was born Oct. 3, 1954, in Alton, Ill., the son of the late Eugene and Ruth (Long) Meyer. He married Evelyn "Evie" Beccue on March 21, 1980, in Lincoln, Ill.

Besides his wife, he is survived by one son, Verl Prather (wife, Kim) of Springfield, Ill.; two daughters, Lori Prather of Prairietown and Tammy Scully (husband, John) of Springfield; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; six brothers; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John Meyer.

Mark was an alumni of Illinois State University. He was a loving husband and affectionately known by his children and grandchildren as "Poppy".

Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25, 2014, at Weber & Rodney Funeral Home in Edwardsville. Services will follow at 6 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home with the Rev. John Shank officiating. Mark will be cremated following services.

Family requests memorials to

[St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#)
or Trinity Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.weberfuneralhome.com.

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Dorothy E. Ludolph

ST. LOUIS, MO – Dorothy E. Ludolph, 93, formerly of Peoria, passed away at 5:10 p.m., Monday, June 23, 2014, at Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Louis.

She was born on May 16, 1921, in Indianapolis to William and Florence Fries. She married Elmer F. Ludolph on June 5, 1976. He preceded her in death.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; ten brothers and sisters; and two stepsons, Thomas Ludolph and E.J. Ludolph.

She is survived by five stepchildren: Cathie Ludolph Perry of Minnesota, Michael (Jan Lawson) Ludolph of California, Christopher (Kim) Ludolph of Illinois, Richard (Darla) Ludolph of Illinois, and Mary Ludolph (Tony) Aliaga of California; 15 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; her sister-in-law, Penny (Albert) Fries of Minnesota; and several nieces and nephews.

Dorothy attended Sacred Heart Grade and High Schools in Indianapolis. She received her B.A. from Fontbonne College in St. Louis and her M.A. from Notre Dame University in South Bend, Ind.

She retired from teaching in 1984, after 45 years. She taught in St. Louis and Ste. Genevieve, Mo., Littleton, Colo., Valdosta, Ga., Peoria, Denver, Colo., Champaign, Ill., and Chicago, last teaching at St. Thomas School in Peoria Heights where she worked from 1976 to 1984.

A funeral Mass will be 10 a.m., Monday, June 30, 2014, at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Father Thomas Taylor will officiate. Visitation will be 4-6 p.m., Sunday, June 29, 2014, at Wright & Salmon Mortuary. An additional visitation will be 30 minutes prior to the Mass at the church. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, West Peoria.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Little Sisters of the Poor, 3225 N Florissant Ave., St Louis, Mo. 63107, or the

[charity of the donor's choice](#)

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Edward H. Schultz

PHOENIX, AZ - Edward H. Schultz, formerly of Lincoln, Ill., passed away peacefully Saturday, June 21, 2014.

He was born Oct. 31, 1928, in Broadwell, Ill., to Albert and Florence Gross Schultz. He married his beloved wife, Ruth Ilene Jackson, on Nov. 20, 1945. She preceded him in death.

He was also preceded in death by his grandson, Michael Edward Clinard.

Ed is survived by their two children, Sandra Jean Schultz, of Phoenix, Ariz., and Larry Edward (Holly) Schultz, of Bloomington, Ill.; three grandchildren; five great- grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Ed was a hardworking man. He spent 35 years working as a machinist for Caterpillar, Inc., in both Peoria and Decatur, Ill. When Ed retired he moved to Phoenix and worked under contract for Valley National Bank for 20 years.

In retirement he found he was still young at heart and could keep up with the younger crowd. In 1993 Ed would find happiness again with his companion, Mallory King. They spent almost 20 wonderful years together laughing, loving and enjoying life. Mallory preceded him in death.

Memorials may be made to the

[American Heart Association](#)

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Jacob Travis Bowersock

MASON CITY, IL - Jacob Travis Bowersock, 16, of Mason City, passed away at 10:05 p.m. on Friday, June 27, 2014, in San Jose.

He was born Feb. 24, 1998, in Springfield, Ill.

Jacob leaves behind his mother, Misty Bell; his father, Michael (Jennifer) Bowersock; and stepfather, Jeffrey Bell. He is also survived by his brothers and sisters: Hannah Bowersock, Tanner Bowersock, Taylor, Jackson, and Madelyn Bell, Ashlee Orme and Caine McLaughlin. Jacob is also survived by his grandparents: Danny and Carol Tackett, John and Deborah Schmalshof and Jean Bowersock.

He was preceded in death by his grandpa, Robert Bowersock.

Jacob had a great sense of humor. He loved music and loved playing his guitar.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Visitation for Jacob will be held July 5, 2014, at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City from 10 a.m. until noon.

Memorial donations can be made to Hurley Funeral Home to help the family with expenses.

Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

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Lowell "Bud" Petty

LINCOLN, IL - Lowell "Bud" Petty, 87, passed away at 10:00 p.m. on June 26, 2014, at the Christian Village in Lincoln, Ill.

Bud was born Feb. 6, 1927, in Lincoln, Ill., son of John and Nova Petty. He married Norma Thompson in 1948. She preceded him in death in 1981. He married Jacqueline Brannan of Lincoln on Jan. 1, 1982. She survives him in Lincoln.

He was raised in the Odd Fellows Children's Home from an early age until he enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve at the age of 17. He finished high school and went on active duty in [WWII](#) at the age 18. As an officer in the reserve he was again called to active duty in the [Korean Conflict](#).

He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Lincoln for over 60 years; the American Legion, where he served in the Legion Band and Honor Guard after WWII; the Odd Fellows Lodge, Masonic Lodge, Ansar Shrine Temple, life member at the Elks Lodge; the Barbers Union for 40 years (he was a barber in Lincoln for 40 years as well); Trustee of Chester Township where he served 20 years as supervisor; a Boy Scout Leader for many years; and was a part-time bailiff in the Logan County Courthouse.

Also surviving are one son, David (Tina) Petty of Lincoln, and one brother, Huie Petty of Lancaster, Pa.

Bud was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers: Harold, William, Jim, and Forrest Petty.

Services for Bud will be at 11 a.m. on July 2, 2014, at United Methodist Church in Lincoln with Pastor Michael Paulson officiating. Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. on July 2, 2014, two hours prior to the service. Burial at Zion Cemetery will be held at a later date where full military rites will be accorded.

Memorials may be given to: Elks Crippled Children,

[American Diabetes Association](#)

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[American Heart Association](#)

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Services are entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln.

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