

Jerome Hamilton "Pooch" Shaffer

WAYNESVILLE, IL - Jerome Hamilton "Pooch" Shaffer of Waynesville, left to be with the Lord on Friday, Nov. 28, 2014, at Heritage Health in Bloomington, Ill.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2014, at Calvert Funeral Home in Clinton, Ill., with the Pastor Becky Barrow officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery in Waynesville with military honors. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to: Waynesville United Methodist Church, Waynesville American Legion or a [charity of the donor's choice](#) .

He was born Nov. 5, 1930, in Waynesville, son of Jay and Bessie Shaffer. He married Waunita C. Ellington on Oct. 29, 1948, in Atlanta, Ill.

Surviving are children: Monty (Vicky) Shaffer of McLean, Linda (Charles) Marvel of Waynesville, Stewart (Marcia) Shaffer of McLean, Mark (Vicky) Shaffer of Shelbyville, Tami DeMay of Bloomington and Sheila (Lynn) Adams of McLean; one sister, Jean Spencer of Bloomington; and three brothers: Gary (Judy) Shaffer of Springfield, David (Sandi) Shaffer of Waynesville and Ron (Cheryl) Shaffer of Peoria. He has 17 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife; son, Jerry Lynn; parents; five sisters: Hazel Van Hook, Bessie Lovell, Gale Blakney, Nancy Carroll and Alma Shaffer; and four brothers: James, Raymond, Charles and Clarence.

He was a member of Waynesville United Methodist Church.

After serving in the military, he farmed northwest of Waynesville. Later he moved to Kenney where he farmed, was a welder for Cyrulik's and ran heavy equipment for Walters and Harris. After moving back to Waynesville in 1960, he worked as an operating engineer for Local 649. His last job until he retired in 2012 was Road Commissioner for Waynesville Township.

Jerry and Waunita loved camping and fishing. He was well-known for his honesty and work ethics. He loved spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Also he loved helping his family with any special projects that they had.

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

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Cheryl Lynn Himes

NEW HOLLAND, IL - Cheryl Lynn Himes, 61, of New Holland, passed away Nov. 29, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A time of visitation will be held from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday also at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Irish Grove Cemetery.

Cheryl was born April 11, 1953, in Springfield, Ill., the daughter of Richard Raymond Skelton and Mabel Ruth (Wilson) Skelton. She was employed at Eureka Williams in Bloomington, Ill., for 18 years. She also worked at the Labor Hall 362 in Bloomington for three years, for Precision Local 477 for seven years, and was most recently employed at Eaton.

She enjoyed crafts and sewing and playing her keyboard. She was the most happy when she was spending time with her grandchildren.

Surviving are her mother, Mabel Skelton (Bill Quast) of Middletown, Ill.; her children: Tracy Williams (Timothy Haney) of Heyworth, Ill., Stacy Fleming (Jeffrey Kelly) of Bloomington, Ill., and Frank Johnson (Brandy Bagby) of Springfield, Ill.; her siblings: Dick and Deb Skelton of Lincoln, Ill., Jenny and Harold Stout of Middletown, Ill., Jackie Poole of Mason City, Ill., Carol Renfro of Middletown, Ill., Sharon Marcum of Washington State, Deb and Bud Frakes of Middletown, Ill., Syb and Joe Liesman of Hartsburg, Ill., Billy Skelton of Middletown, Ill., Kelly and Rick Hoffert of Middletown, Ill., Tim and Judy Skelton of Mason City, Ill., and Rusty and Stacey Skelton of Middletown, Ill. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father and her siblings: Pip Skelton, Patsy Skelton, Kasey Brooks, Jerry Skelton, Deany Baker, Ruth Ann Hoffert and Joe Skelton.

Memorial donations may be made to the family and will be used to purchase a grave marker. They will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Carol Ann Howe

AUBURN, IL - Carol Ann Howe, 73, of Auburn, formerly of Lincoln, Ill., passed away Saturday, Nov. 29, 2014, at her home.

She was born Dec. 28, 1940, in Springfield, the daughter of John Lewis and Mary Arlene O'Brien Howe.

Carol Ann graduated from Southern Illinois University and obtained a Bachelor of Science in Education, and then finished most of her Master's of Education when she had the calling for what she loved most in life, helping those with special needs. She was an employee of Lincoln Developmental Center, and later was an administrator for numerous special need homes in Central and Northern Illinois. She spent most of her life devoted to these individuals and making sure they lived up to their potential. She was a basketball, softball, track, and Special Olympics coach along with their friend. She also had a passion for fishing and took time out in her life to manage Sportsman Marina on Kentucky Lake as well as their fishing guide and enjoyed every minute. She truly lived a life she enjoyed. She will be greatly missed by everyone that knew her and loved her.

She is survived by her sister, Pat (Bill) Ramsey Grossner, and brother, Jack (Judy) Howe, all of Auburn; special family members: DeeDee (Joe) Eck, Sean Ramsey, Shane (Holly) Norris, and Brittany Norris and Riley Ramsey

Cremation rites were accorded.

Graveside services will be held, along with a celebration of life, at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014, at Auburn Cemetery with the Rev. Aaron Griffith officiating.

Memorials may be made to: [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#)

Bramley Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be left online at [www.bramleyfh.com](http://www.bramleyfh.com).

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Judith Carpenter

LINCOLN, IL - Judith Carpenter, 71, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2014, at her home in Lincoln with her loving children at her side.

Funeral services for Mrs. Carpenter will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 5, 2014, at the Atlanta Christian Church. Father Gilbert L. Gandenberger will officiate.

Visitation will be held prior to the service on Friday from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the Atlanta Christian Church.

Burial will be at Atlanta Cemetery.

Judith Ann Deavers was born Nov. 30, 1943, in New York City, the daughter of George and Blanche Foster Deavers. She married Harold Carpenter in 1990. He preceded her in death.

Judith is survived by her daughter, Kim (Larry Begolka) Schmalshof of Lincoln, and son, Troy Rexroat of Lincoln; two grandchildren, Hannah and Keyton; and two brothers, Terry (Martha) Deavers of Clinton and Danny (Shawn) Deavers of Kenney.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband.

Judith graduated from Beason High School in 1961 and attended secretarial school at Illinois State University. She retired from Eaton Corporation in Lincoln after 25 years of employment. Judith was a member of Lincoln Christian Church, American Legion Auxiliary #263 and [VFW](#) Auxiliary.

Memorials may be made to: Safe Haven Hospice, Home Sweet Home Mission or the [Wounded Warrior Project](#).

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

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Leslie Vernon Jones

LINCOLN, IL - Leslie Vernon Jones, 68, passed away Dec. 1, 2014, at his home in Lincoln.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, Dec. 5, 2014, also at the funeral home with Pastor Larry Crawford officiating. Burial will follow at Zion Cemetery.

Vernon was born April 28, 1946, in Atlanta, Ill., the son of Leslie Wilson "Casey" Jones and Lois Daisy (Vannoy) Jones. He married Doris Swingle on Nov. 6, 1966, in Lincoln, Ill.

He retired from Norfolk Southern Railroad as Foreman after 35 years of service. In his younger years he enjoyed racing cars. He enjoyed going to the riverboat and playing the slot machines.

Surviving are his wife, Doris Jones of Lincoln Ill.; his children: Angie (Tim) Gallagher, Jeff (Linda) Jones, Missy Simpson, Jason Jones, Joshua (Amanda) Jones, and Jessica Jones, all of Lincoln, Ill.; 15 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; sister, Donna Fulk of Lincoln, Ill.; and brother, Harold (Leona) Jones of Clinton, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Mark Jones; grandson, Wyatt Jones; and seven siblings.

Memorial donations to help with funeral expenses may be made to: Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home.

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Jane Park Kent

MARYVILLE, TN - Jane Park Kent, 70, passed Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2014, in Maryville TN, where she lived with her loving husband of 49 years, Clifford Jr.

She was born and raised a farm girl in Lincoln, Ill., where she lived until she attended college in Lakeland, Fla., where she met Clifford. They were married in Illinois and resided in South Florida until they moved to Tennessee, where they have lived for the last 27 years. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother, and was most proud of her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Eloise Park.

She is survived by her husband, Clifford; brother, Arthur; and two sons, John Barton and Clifford III. She had two beautiful daughters-in-law, Lauren and Billie Jo, along with three beautiful grandchildren: John Barton II, Parker Nicole and Olivia Grace.

She will be forever remembered as a true friend to many, a perfect wife and adored mother.

Funeral service will be at 4 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5, 2014, at Smith Trinity Chapel with Pastor Greg Long officiating. Family will receive friends from 2:30-4:00 p.m., Friday, Dec. 5, 2014, at Smith Trinity Chapel.

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Ralph H. Schmidt

LINCOLN, IL - Ralph H. Schmidt, 82, of Lincoln, died at 8:46 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 1, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

Ralph was born May 16, 1932, in rural Lincoln, the son of Herman D. and Matilda Boerger Schmidt. He graduated from Lincoln Community High School in 1950 and enlisted in the [U.S. Air Force](#) in 1952. He served four years and was a Military Policeman stationed in Erding, Germany, French Morocco and Kansas City, Mo. After his military duty, he began farming with his father in West Lincoln Township and retired from farming in 2006. He also drove a school bus for West Lincoln School for a number of years.

He married Johanna Mankus in 1956 and they were the parents of four children. He married Betty Reiners of Lincoln in 1972.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; sons, Robert (Marcia) Schmidt of Coto de Caza, Calif., and Roger of St. Louis, Mo.; daughter, Carolyn Schenk of St. Louis, Mo.; two grandchildren, Stephanie Cochard of San Clemente, Calif., and Marc Schmidt of Coto de Caza, Calif.; and one sister, Helen Maaks of Lincoln.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son and two sisters.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Lincoln where he served for more than 40 years as a Sunday School and Bible class teacher. He also served as an elder, chairman of the church's Evangelism Committee, and was a member of the Lutheran Laymen's League of the church. He was a member of the Logan County Farm Bureau.

He was a former member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Assn., being a private pilot for more than 50 years, keeping his plane at the Logan County Airport. His other hobbies were listening to classical music and reading. In later years, he enjoyed assembling jigsaw puzzles.

Memorials may be made to: Zion Lutheran Church or School or the Lincoln/Logan Food Pantry.

Funeral Services will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014, at Zion Lutheran Church of Lincoln. Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Friday evening at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln and an hour prior to service from 9-10 a.m. at the church. Burial will be at New Union Cemetery with military rites accorded by Lincoln American Legion Post #263.

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Naomi J. Silvernail

MASON CITY - Naomi J. Silvernail, 97, passed away at 9:27 p.m. on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, at the [Mason City Area Nursing Home](#). She was born on October 14, 1917, the daughter of William and Naomi (Schenck) Fletcher in Happy, Texas. She married Clarence Silvernail ("Roundy") in 1933. Clarence preceded her in death in 1991.

Naomi is survived by one son, Mike (Mary) Silvernail of Green Valley; one son-in-law, Jim Maxwell of Pittsfield; three grandchildren, Melissa Johnson of Mason City, Jeff (Becky) Maxwell of Lincoln, and Janine Maxwell of Springfield; and three great-grandchildren she dearly loved, Jake Johnson, Adam Maxwell, and Anna Grace Maxwell. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Wilma Maxwell; three brothers; and two sisters.

She was a longtime member of the Assembly of God Church in Mason City and rarely missed a service in her healthy days. Even in her final weeks, like her many evenings when she was home, she enjoyed reading her well-worn Bible.

Family and friends of Naomi remember an open door, an always full cookie jar (and oh those raisin drop cookies), and a pot of coffee ready for some talk around her dining room table.

Funeral services will be held at the Assembly of God Church in Mason City at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 8, with visitation one hour prior to the services. Burial will follow the services at Mason City Cemetery. Rev. James Sprinkel will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the [Mason City Area Nursing Home](#) or to the Assembly of God Church. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com). Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Joyce Ann Grimsley

LINCOLN, IL - Joyce Ann Grimsley, 59, of Lincoln, died at 12:38 a.m., Dec. 5, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill.

Joyce was born Oct. 1, 1955, in Hopedale, Ill., the daughter of Eugene M. and Margaret Anne Stults Hilgendorf. She married John Grimsley on Oct. 13, 1979, in Lincoln. He survives in Lincoln.

Joyce is also survived by her father; one brother, William (Debbie) Hilgendorf of Broadwell, and one sister, Sue O'Hara of Lincoln.

She was preceded in death by her mother and a niece, Misty Johnson.

Joyce worked as a waitress at Wyse's Carry Out; Customer Service Rep. for State Farm at Lincoln Office Supply for over 10 years; and Illico Oil Company as receptionist for 22 years. She graduated from Lincoln Community High School and attended Western Illinois University. She was a member of Broadwell Christian Church, and American Legion Auxiliary, dedicating many hours for fish fry's, Monday night food, and projects for Veterans at Danville Hospital. She was a volunteer at St. Clara's Manor Activity Dept. and helped with crafts and serving juice to residents. She was "Volunteer of the Year" at St. Clara's Manor.

Services for Joyce will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. Burial will be at Hartsburg Cemetery following the service. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday evening at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given in her memory to: American Legion Auxiliary Post #263 or St. Clara's Manor Activity Department.

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David G. Evans

ATLANTA, IL - David G. Evans, 67, passed away at 3:15 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 5, 2014, at his home in Atlanta.

Funeral services for Mr. Evans will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2014, at Atlanta Christian Church. Mr. Maurice Stribling will officiate.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m., Monday, Dec. 8, 2014, at Atlanta Christian Church.

Burial will be at Atlanta Cemetery.

David Gene Evans was born July 9, 1947, in Bloomington, the son of Thomas and Janette Cox Evans. He was united in marriage to Linda Booher on Feb. 3, 1968, in Atlanta. She survives.

Dave is survived by his wife, Linda; their children: Timothy (Tonya) Evans of Fairbury, Cindy (Keith) Eimer of Atlanta and Sarah Evans of Champaign; his father, Tom, of Lincoln; his twin sister, Diane (Tom) Winkler of Bloomington; and six grandchildren: Carter Evans, Jackson Evans, Payton Evans, Marli Evans, Camden Boitnott and Elyse Eimer.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Dave continued a family tradition by purchasing his grandfather's implement dealership, turning Cox Implement Dealership in Lawndale into Evans Implement. He later became a partner in Central Illinois Ag.

Following graduation from Atlanta High School in 1965, Dave attended Eastern Illinois University. He was a member of the Atlanta Christian Church and enjoyed golfing, boating and going to ballgames. He especially loved spending time with family in the Ozarks.

Dave will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Memorials may be made to: The Atlanta Christian Church, Atlanta Fire Department or Atlanta Rescue Squad.

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

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Karen Mae Gathmann

MASON CITY, IL - Karen Mae Gathmann, 52, of Mason City, passed away Saturday Dec. 6, 2014, at Washington Christian Village in Washington, Ill.

She was born Aug. 21, 1962, in Lincoln, Ill., the daughter of Gerald and Joyce Gathmann.

Karen is survived by her mother, Joyce; one sister, Sheryl (Randy) Judd; one brother, Gregory Gathmann; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Gerald Gathmann; one brother, Steven; one sister, Sharon; and infant twins.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2014, at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City. A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2014, at Mason City Cemetery. Pastor. Joe Briseno will officiate services.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Tazewell County Resource Center, 21310 IL Rte. 9, Tremont, IL 61568.

Hurley Funeral Home is in charge of services.

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Lowell Dean "Doc" Klopp

DELAVAN, IL - Lowell Dean "Doc" Klopp, 90, of Delavan, passed away at 9:05 a.m. on Saturday, December 06, 2014, at Timber Creek Nursing Home in Pekin, IL.

Cremation rites were accorded. A graveside service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, December 15, 2014 at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield with Rev. John Schurter conducting the services. Full military rites will be accorded. A visitation will be held from 3-5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 19, 2014, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Emden, IL.

Memorials may be mailed to the Klopp family at 402 East 5th Street, Delavan, IL 61734.

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

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Elmond R. "Pick" Meyer

NEW HOLLAND, IL - Elmond R. "Pick" Meyer, 98, passed away at 10:34 a.m., Friday Dec. 5, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln, Ill.

Pick was born Sept. 27, 1916, in Hartsburg, Ill., the son of Herman and Caroline Bucholz Meyer. He was married to Mabel Campbell. She preceded him in death on Oct. 1, 1990. He later married Mary Armstrong on July 5, 1991, in Lincoln, IL. She survives him.

Pick is also survived by his son, Mike Meyer of Atlanta, Ill.; stepson, Scott (Gretchen) Johnson of Pekin, Ill.; stepdaughter, Terri Melton of Taylorville, Ill.; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; nephews: Dan, Terry, Leo Jr., Gordon, and Dave Meyer; and nieces: Janice Meyer, Cindi Eimer, and Jane Novak.

Pick was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, his brothers and sister.

Pick served his country during [WWII](#) in the U.S. Army in the 112th Calvary, where he was the recipient of the [Bronze Star](#) and a [Purple Heart](#). Following the war he worked as a farmer in the New Holland area. He attended Park Meadows Baptist Church.

Services for Pick will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11, 2014, at Park Meadows Baptist Church in Lincoln. Burial will be at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield, Ill., with full military rites accorded by the Lincoln American Legion Post #263. Visitation will be from 9-10 a.m. on Thursday at the church.

Memorial donations may be made in Pick's name to: American Legion Post #263.

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Keith Randall "Randy" Polley

SPRINGFIELD, IL - Keith Randall "Randy" Polley, 59, of Springfield, passed away Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill.

Randy was born May 19, 1955, in Lincoln, Ill., the son of Wayne and Helen Musick Polley. He married Bernetta Lee in May of 1981 in Elkhart, Ill.

He had a strong love for his wife, Bernie, and daughters, Rachael (David) Wachtveitl of Springfield and Jennifer (Zach) Musselman of Chatham, and his grandson, Ethan Wachtveitl. He is also survived by two brothers, Larry (JoAnne) Polley of Fenton, Mo., and Rod (Mary) Polley of Bloomington, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Randy spent his career as a carpenter for Union Local #16. He retired in 2009. Randy loved Caribbean vacations, NASCAR, hockey, western movies, and his granddog, Jaxy.

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

Memorial contributions may be made to: Memorial Medical Center MASH Program.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the entire staff on 2E at Memorial Medical Center for their outstanding care.

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Christeen Cowen

LINCOLN, IL - Christeen Cowen, 87, of Lincoln died at 3:10 a.m., Dec. 9, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

Christeen was born Sept. 25, 1927, in Kentucky, the daughter of John Givan and Katherine Lynn Moxley.

Christeen is survived by her children: Loretta (Bernie Cox) Ingram of Lincoln, Benetta (Jerry) Belt of Springfield, Ill., and Connie Chappel of Lincoln; grandchildren: Susan Ellis, Bobby Cowen, Christie Ozee, Janice Belt, Randy Ingram, and Brian Ingram; step-grandchild, Jolie Cox; great-grandchildren: Dalton March, Beau March, Jatrell Belt, Allie Belt, and Lauren Ingram; and godchildren, Rosalinda Sanchez and Raylee Sanchez.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Phillip; two brothers, Jepthea and Joseph; three sisters: Katherine, Roberta and an infant sister, Louise.

Christeen worked at the Bottle Factory and lived for and loved her kids.

Services for Christeen will be at 6 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with Henry Johnson officiating. Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. prior to the service. Cremation rites will be accorded following the service and burial will be at a later date at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln.

Memorials may be given in her memory to: The Humane Society of Logan County.

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Dr. Donald L. Goodman

ARCADIA, MO - Dr. Donald L. Goodman passed away Dec. 8, 2014, at his residence in Arcadia, Mo., at the age of 67 years.

Don was born Jan. 29, 1947, in Mt. Pulaski, Ill., the son of Carl J. and Olive Mae (Pope) Goodman.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Dennis Goodman.

Don married Leslie Thornton on Sept. 11, 1971, in Funk's Grove, Ill.

He is survived by his wife, Leslie Goodman of Arcadia, Mo.; their three children: Matthew (wife, Jennie) Goodman of Chesterfield, Mo., Nick Goodman of Farmington, Mo., and Elizabeth (husband, T.J.) Kennedy of Ballwin, Mo.; four grandchildren: Jacob and Jocelyn Goodman, and Kale and Violet Kennedy; three brothers: Carl Goodman Jr. of Lincoln, Ill., Gerald Goodman of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., and Robert Goodman of Tyler, Texas; and six sisters: Alice Geriets of Lincoln, Ill., Violet Beck of Atlanta, Ill., Marjorie Polk of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., Susan Roberts of Lincoln, Ill., Esther Gill of Lincoln, Ill., and Linda Goodman of Lincoln, Ill.

Visitation: 5 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2014, at Follis & Sons Funeral Home in Fredericktown, Mo.

Funeral services: 11 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 11, 2014, at Fredericktown United Methodist Church.

Interment: 1 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12, 2014, at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery.

The family is being served by Follis & Sons Funeral Home, Fredericktown, Mo.; 573-783-8336.

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Gregory Lyle Rager

LINCOLN, IL - Gregory Lyle Rager, 58, of Lincoln, passed away Thursday, Dec. 4, 2014, at Aperia Care in Springfield.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Burial will take place at 10 a.m., Friday, Dec. 12, 2014, at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial services will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12, 2014, at Lincoln Southern Baptist Church. There will be a time of visitation from 6 p.m. until the time of the service.

Gregory was born in Lincoln, Ill., on Feb. 28, 1956, to James Daniel and Margie Jean (Boyd) Rager.

Gregory proudly served his country in the [U.S. Marine Corps](#).

He is survived by his mother, Margie Rager of Lincoln, Ill., son, Michael DeWitt of Orange County, Calif.; siblings: Delores Kingsley (Lyndol) of Lincoln, Ill., Roger Steven Rager (Delores) of Decatur, Ill., David Eugene Rager (Kelly) of Orlando, Fla., Phillip Scott Rager (Maria) of Hurst, Texas, and Deborah Jean Wooldridge (Terry) of Fort Worth, Texas; a sister-in-law, Diane Rager of Niantic, Ill.; and his granddaughter, Elizabeth DeWitt.

He was preceded in death by his father and brother, Mark A. Rager.

Greg was an avid Chicago Bears fan and enjoyed racing, gardening, and being outdoors.

Memorial donations will be accepted at Holland Barry and Bennett Funeral Home and also at the church. They may be made to: The [American Cancer Society](#) or Roudebush VA Medical Center in Indianapolis, Ind.

Holland Barry and Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln, Ill., has been entrusted with his care.

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Marilyn Jean Wombacher

FLORIDA - Marilyn Jean Wombacher lost her battle with [breast cancer](#) on Dec. 2, 2014.

Born Aug. 22, 1924, in Peoria, Ill., Marilyn was the eldest of Wilbur and Irene Mehlenbeck's four children.

While in high school, she met John W. "Jack" Wombacher, Sr. They married on May 19, 1945, and began an adventure that lasted almost 70 years. Having started their married life at Opa Locka Naval Air Station in Miami, Fla., they returned to Peoria for a few years before moving to Lincoln, Ill., where they resided until relocating to Englewood, Fla., in 2012.

She is survived by her husband, Jack; her children: John W. Wombacher, Jr. (Patricia) of Bloomington, Ill., and Lynn Wombacher (Bruce Risen) of Newark, Ohio. She was blessed with three grandchildren: Natalie R. Wombacher of Ann Arbor, Mich., John W. Wombacher III of Indianapolis, Ind., and Michael D. Wombacher, currently a freshman at the University of Iowa. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Her parents, brothers, James and William Mehlenbeck, sister, Suzanne Mehlenbeck Avery, and grandson, James Davis Wombacher, preceded her in death.

Marilyn was a wonderful mother, grandmother and friend. Her quick wit, "shaggy dog stories", and sense of humor could brighten the darkest of days. The family has lost its brightest candle.

We would like to thank Dr. Ramon Deleon, and Dr. Noel Maun for their care during the past three years. We also thank the doctors and nurses at Venice Regional Medical Center's fourth floor, along with the caring staff and volunteers at Tidewell's Englewood hospice house. You are all wonderful.

To Marilyn's best friend, Carolyn Webster, her neighbors, friends and the staff at Boca Royale Golf and Country Club, we cannot thank you all enough for the laughter, prayers, and support. You have all wrapped your arms around us during this journey and we are forever in your debt.

A memorial celebration of Marilyn's life will be held at Boca Royale Golf and Country Club, 1601 Englewood Rd., Englewood, FL 34223, from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to: The Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Donations can be made via the BCRF website, [www.bcrfcure.org](http://www.bcrfcure.org), via phone by dialing 646-497-2600, or by mailing a check made out to The Breast Cancer Research Foundation, 60 East 56th St., 8th Floor, New York, NY 10022. Please indicate "in memory of Marilyn Wombacher" when donating.

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Sharon K. Finfrock

WAYNESVILLE, IL -Sharon K. Finfrock, 69, of Waynesville, died Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2014, at Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Bloomington, Ill.

Funeral services for Mrs. Finfrock will be at 11 a.m., Friday, Dec. 12, 2014, at the [Waynesville Christian Church](#). Mr. Dave Taylor will officiate.

Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. on Friday at the church.

Burial will be at Rock Creek Cemetery in Waynesville.

Sharon K. Organ was born Jan. 12, 1945, in Waynesville, the daughter of Harold and Wanda Gelsthorpe Organ. She married Bob Finfrock on March 19, 1982.

She is survived by her husband, Bob; children: Ronald (Angela) West, David (Kim) West, Brian (Stephanie) West, Stacy (Darren) Peifer and Lisa (Quentin) Quiram; 10 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents.

She retired from Nestle-Beich in Bloomington.

Sharon was a loving wife, mother, nana and great-grandmother. She enjoyed her golf cart, crocheting, her dogs, Oreo and Lucy, and most of all, her family. She will be missed by all.

Memorials may be made to: Waynesville Fire Department or [Waynesville Christian Church](#).

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

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Charles Edward "Chuck" Greer

LINCOLN, IL - Charles Edward "Chuck" Greer, 57, went Home to be with Jesus on Dec. 9, 2014, at home in Lincoln surrounded by love.

A memorial visitation will be from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Memorial services will follow at 1 p.m., also at the funeral home. Cremation rites have been accorded.

In lieu of flowers and plants, memorial donations may be made to: Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

Chuck was born Sept. 23, 1956, in Melrose Park, Ill., the son of Lou and Rita (Stitman) Greer. He married Laura Poole on May 26, 2006, in Lincoln, Ill.

He was a self-employed painter. He attended Lincoln Christian Church. Chuck collected knives, enjoyed woodworking, loved music, enjoyed traveling to Chicago with his wife, had a tremendous green thumb, and was an animal lover. He was a kind soul and a free spirit.

Chuck had a heart of gold. He loved to laugh and joke and most importantly he LOVED to love.

Surviving are his wife, Laura Greer of Lincoln, Ill.; his in-laws, Dave and Nancy Poole of Emden, Ill.; his children, Nicole Hoffman of Lodi, Calif., and Jason Hoffman of Palo Alto, Calif.; his brother, Thomas Greer of Milwaukee, Wis.; his animals: Dixie, Bud, Sophie, Stinky, Harvey, and Peanut; many friends and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Joyce Greer; and his, mother-in-law, Helen Poole.

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Betty Holmes

LINCOLN, IL - Betty Holmes, 72, of Lincoln, formerly of Delavan, Ill., passed away at 4:33 p.m., Monday, Dec. 8, 2014, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

She was born Oct. 22, 1942, in Hopedale to Leonard and Muriel Mercer Rhoades. She married Lewis Albert Bennett in 1958 in Elkhart, Ind. She later married Charles W. Holmes on Nov. 16, 1967, in Clinton, and he passed away on Sept. 29, 2007.

Surviving are one son, Lewis Bennett of Lacon; three daughters: Rosie Tuebner of Mason City, Betty Medina of Lincoln, and Debra (Isaac) Yeboah of Sherman; nine grandchildren: Joshua, Isaiah, Christopher, Jeffrey, Amanda, Mykal, Alex, Brittany and Micaela; and three great-grandchildren: Shaun, Natia, and Nakai.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Jerry; and one sister, Nancy.

Betty was a homemaker who enjoyed reading, and spending time with her family and her pet dogs, Snuggles and Sparky. She was very caring and giving.

Private family services will be at Davis-Oswald Funeral Home in Delavan. There will be no visitation. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in Delavan.

Memorials may be made to any [animal shelter of the donor's choice](#).

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

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Harold August Moldenhauer

DELAVAN, IL - Harold August Moldenhauer, 87, passed away at 11:15 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2014, at his home in Delavan.

He was born June 20, 1927, in Forest City to Christian and Mary Zimmerman Moldenhauer. He married Carol Rademaker on June 19, 1955, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, in rural Manito, and she survives.

Also surviving are his twin brother, Howard (Marilyn) Moldenhauer of San Jose; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters: Pauline (Art) Hanel, Pearl (Rodney) Ripper, Irene (Clarence) Pfeiffer, and Leola (Leo) Pfeiffer; four brothers: Fred (Libby), Herman (Wilma), Albert, and Bill (Vicky); one niece; one nephew; father- and mother-in-law, Elmer and Anna Rademaker; and one brother-in-law, Eldon Rademaker.

He graduated from Forest City High School in 1945.

Harold and his wife, Carol, farmed in the Forest City, Green Valley, and Delavan areas, retiring in 2009 and had a wood craft business traveling to many shows in the area.

He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in rural Manito, and Tazewell County Farm Bureau.

His hobbies included square dancing, attending music concerts, and watching his nieces and nephews coach and play sports.

His funeral will be at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Dec. 12, 2014, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in rural Manito. Pastor Eugene Haug will officiate. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday at Davis-Oswald Funeral Home in Delavan and one hour before the service at the church. Burial will be at Green Valley Cemetery in Green Valley.

Memorials may be made to: St. Paul's Lutheran Church in rural Manito or OSF St. Francis Hospice Care in Peoria.

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Emory R. Carson

CARTHAGE, IL - Emory R. Carson, 95, of Carthage, passed away at Blessing Hospital in Quincy at 6:10 p.m., Friday, Dec. 12, 2014.

Emory was born May 31, 1919, in Sullivan, Mo., the son of Roy and Ruby (Beebe) Carson. He graduated from Macomb High School in 1937 and attended Western Illinois University.

On March 3, 1941, he was united in marriage to Roberta Mae Webb. To them were born Judith (Lester) Thomson of Lincoln, Ill., Carla Zawadzki of Carmel, Ind., Jeanne (Bob) Jefferson of Carthage, Ill., and Dana (Joe) Szot of Minocqua, Wis. Also surviving are grandchildren: Scott (Angie) Thomson, Todd (Jennifer) Thomson, Lesli (Christopher) Hoagland, Brett Thomson, Frank (Jeri) Zawadzki, Jr., Daniel Emory (Jennifer) Zawadzki, Anthony and Brianna Zawadzki, Robert C. (Beth) Jefferson, Amy (Tom) Donovan, Jason (Sarah) Jefferson, and Jon Jefferson. He was blessed with 25 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Emory was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Roberta; his parents; three sisters: Reah Reisacker, Virginia Griffin, and Beebe Ambrosius; and a son-in-law, Frank Zawadzki, Sr.

Emory served in [WWII](#) including three years in the South Pacific, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. He served in the National Guard for 10 years. He worked as Superintendent of Spring Lake Park in Macomb for eight years and retired from being station manager of Kibbe Life Sciences Station in Warsaw for a total of 22 years.

He was a member of the Keokuk Evangelical Free Church and was a devout follower of Jesus Christ. Having sold his home in Carthage he resided for the past year at Hickory Grove assisted living in Carthage. He will be long remembered as an honest, upright man of great integrity who never failed to have a smile on his face or hope in his heart.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 16, 2014, at Printy Funeral Home in Carthage with burial to follow in Oakland Cemetery in Warsaw. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until time of services at the funeral home on Tuesday.

Memorials may be directed to [Samaritan's Purse](#).

Printy Funeral Home of Carthage is in charge of arrangements.

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Robert Owens

NEW HOLLAND, IL - Robert Owens, 88 , of New Holland, went to be with his beloved Oka at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

Robert was born June 29, 1926, in Hoopston, Ill., to James and Margaret L. Osman Owens. He married Oka Morris on March 23, 1947. She preceded him in death on Aug. 7, 2004.

Surviving him are two daughters, Janet (Mike) Buttitta of Bloomington, Ill., and Karen Sparks of New Holland, Ill.; one son, Bruce (Fran) Owens of Marion, Ind.; two brothers, James Owens of Paxton, Ill., and Danny (Susie) Owens of Danville, Ill.; one sister, Imogene (John) Swick of Fithian, Ill.; 11 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Robert and Oka were the owners of the New Holland Grain Company for 21 years. He was a previous mayor of New Holland. Robert graduated from Armstrong Township High School and served his country in [WWII](#). He was a member of New Holland Methodist Church.

Services for Robert will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2014, at [New Holland United Methodist Church](#) with the Rev. Becky Barrow officiating. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday evening at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. Burial will be at Richmond Grove Cemetery in New Holland.

Memorials may be made to: [New Holland United Methodist Church](#) or New Holland American Legion.

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Betty L. Thompson

PRESCOTT, AZ – Betty Lou "BLT" Thompson, 86, formerly of Coeur d Alene, Idaho, passed away peacefully the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2014, at The Margaret T Morris Center in Prescott, Ariz.

Betty was born Dec. 30, 1927, in Henryetta, Okla., to James Edward and Rosa Esta Radebaugh. She married Jodie Thompson in 1951, in Bethany, Okla. Jodie passed away in 1994.

Betty, the last of her family, was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Duane and Laverne Radebaugh; and one sister, E. Mae Bushong.

She is survived by daughters, Jennifer Thompson of Phoenix, Ariz., and Rita Thompson-Tinsley of Prescott, Ariz.; four grandchildren: Andrew Tinsley of Austin, Texas, and Sam, Josh and Rachel Harrison of Phoenix, Ariz.

Betty was retired and enjoyed time with family and friends, and especially grandkids. She was a beam of light, eternally optimistic, and a delight to be around.

A service is being planned for her at Orangewood Presbyterian Church in Phoenix, Ariz., and a private family celebration in Coeur d Alene, Idaho this summer.

Memorials may be made to: The Glaucoma Research Foundation ([www.glaucoma.com](http://www.glaucoma.com)) or The Margaret T Morris Center in Prescott, Ariz.

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Dorothy M. Noble

LINCOLN, IL - Dorothy M. Noble, 81, of Lincoln passed away Dec. 14, 2014, at St. Clara's Manor.

A visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2014, at Holland Barry and Bennett Funeral Home. The funeral service will take place at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014, at First Baptist Church in Lincoln. Burial will follow at Zion Cemetery in Lincoln.

Dorothy was born Jan. 14, 1933, in Lincoln. She was the daughter of James and Ruby (Simpson) Freeman. She married Charles T. Noble on Feb. 2, 1951, in Lincoln. He preceded her in death on March 24, 1994.

She is survived by one son, Timothy L. "Duke" Noble (Bev), and one daughter, Terri L. Jackson, both of Lincoln; sisters, the Rev. Mary Ann Freeman of Marion, Ind., and Phyllis Turley of Lincoln; grandson, Jacob Noble (Kate) of Evanston, Ill.; granddaughter, Kelli Wells (Jeremy) of Elkart, Ill.; step-granddaughter, Becca Tally of Carterville, Ill.; and great-grandchildren: Matthew and Lucas Noble and Carson and Carleigh Wells.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Jim Freeman; and one sister, Mildred "Mickey" Ewins.

Dorothy was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln. She worked at the Lincoln Garment Factory for 22 years, retiring in 1993. She had also worked at Lincoln College as a line server in the cafeteria and served as a foster grandmother.

Memorial donations will be received at the church or at Holland Barry and Bennett Funeral Home and may be made to: First Baptist Church of Lincoln.

Holland Barry and Bennett Funeral Home has been entrusted with her care.

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Weldon E. "Bud" Garber

WASHINGTON, IL - Weldon E. "Bud" Garber, 91, of Washington, Ill., and Naples, Fla., passed away on Friday, Dec. 12, 2014, in Naples, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Arlene (Mercier) Garber, whom he married on May 8, 1955. Bud and Arlene deeply loved and respected one another. Arlene passed away Oct. 28, 2006.

He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Carl Garber and Allen Garber; his sister, Marie Gallagher; and grandson, Andrew Kane.

Among those surviving are his children: Nancy (David) Quinn and family, Jacob, Joseph and Jessica of Washington, Ill., Connie Dyar and daughter, Nicole of Morton, Ill., Lisa Garber and son, Clayton Garber Ford of Naples, Fla., David (Jennifer) Garber and family, Jon Kane, Emily Schmitt-Woods, and great-granddaughter, Olivia, of Philpot, Ky. In addition, he is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Bud was born Feb. 8, 1923, in Emden, Ill., to Jesse and Lottie (Kaesebeir) Garber. He served in the [U.S. Navy](#) during [WWII](#). Upon completion of his service, he attended the [University of Illinois](#) in Champagne, Ill., earning a bachelor's degree in accounting. In further pursuit of his accounting career, he avidly studied for the CPA examination, obtaining an accreditation in accounting. This led to a long career with KMPG (previously Peat Marwick), where he worked over 30 years, retiring in 1981 as a partner. His hard work and dedication to his career served as inspiration, instilling a good work ethic in both his children and grandchildren.

A deeply spiritual man, Bud was an active member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Washington, Ill. He frequently served on several committees, donating his time for an institution and faith he cared for profoundly. Bud was also active in other organizations. He was a lifetime member and Paul Harris Fellow of the [Rotary Club](#) of Washington, serving on the executive board in several positions. He was also a member of the American Legion and previously, a member of the Washington Civic Association.

Bud had tenacity and a love for life and people. He frequently participated in annual fishing trips in Canada, surrounded by the Canadian terrain and his close friends. Bud and Arlene also attended monthly card club gatherings, and he continued to attend them long after Arlene's passing, maintaining long and enduring relationships with club members.

Bud will be remembered as inspirational husband, father, grandfather, mentor, and friend. He instilled faith, love, hard work, tenacity, and humor into the lives of those who surrounded him.

Funeral services for Bud will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 19, 2014, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church with Pastor John Bates officiating. Visitation will be held from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014, at Mason-White Funeral Home and also one hour prior to services at the church on Friday. Burial will be at Glendale Cemetery in Washington.

Condolences to the family may be made online at [masonfuneralhomes.com](http://masonfuneralhomes.com).

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Harold "Smitty" Schmidt

LINCOLN, IL - Harold Dean Schmidt "Smitty", 73, of Lincoln, passed away Dec. 16, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill.

A time of visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Memorial services will be held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, also at the funeral home with John Guzzardo officiating. Cremation rites will be accorded. Burial will take place at a later date.

Harold was born Nov. 23, 1941, in Lincoln, Ill., the son of Virgil and Florence Eleanor (Turner) Schmidt. He married Phyllis Wilson on Oct. 29, 1961, in Lincoln. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church. He was employed in sales for several local companies: Fuller Seed, Tom Ashley Ford, Jim Xamis Ford and Coy's. He was also a delivery driver for Guzzardo's Italian Villa.

Harold enjoyed golfing and playing cards. Smitty was always there to lend a helping hand. He mowed yards and did handiwork for the neighbors and was a friend to everyone.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis Schmidt of Lincoln, Ill.; his children: Greg (Kim ) Schmidt of Lincoln, Ill., Kimberly Decker of Lincoln, Ill., and Jeff (Dawn) Schmidt of Batavia, Ill.; his grandchildren: Austin Schmidt, Connor Schmidt, Ryleigh Schmidt, Joel Schmidt, Dakota Decker, Ethan Schmidt and Elliot Schmidt; his great-grandson, Gage Hickey; many cousins and friends, and his loving canine companion, Lucy.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial donations will be accepted at the funeral home and may be made to: The Humane Society of Logan County.

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Richard "Dean" Toohey

MT. PULASKI - Richard "Dean" Toohey, 81, of Mt. Pulaski, IL passed away at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, IL on December 17, 2014, at 4:38 p.m.

He was born March 19, 1933, in Oakford, IL the son of John M. and Anna (Brauer) Toohey. He was married to Lola Lounsberry on July 12, 1958, who survives.

Also surviving are his children: Michael (Kathy) Toohey, Susan (Jeff) Clements and Emily (Mike) Oberreiter; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Drusila Easley of Rochester, MN.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents and his brother.

Dean was a lifelong farmer, 43 year member of the Logan County Zoning Board of Appeals, member of The American Legion Post #447 and lifetime member of [VFW](#) Post 777. He served in the Navy from 1952-1954 aboard the USS Aucilla. He was also a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church.

Services for Dean will be at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, December 20, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski with Rev. Dean Follis officiating. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 P.M. on Friday evening at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski. Burial will be at Steenbergen Cemetery in Mt. Pulaski with full military rites accorded by the Mt. Pulaski American Legion Post #447.

Memorial donations may be made in Dean's name to: The Mt. Pulaski American Legion Post #447.

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Katherine A. Gehrke

HARTSBURG, IL - Katherine A. Gehrke, 72, of rural Hartsburg, passed away at 5:57 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014, at OSF Medical Center in Peoria.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 22, 2014, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Lincoln with the Rev. Jeffrey G. Laible officiating.

Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014, at Holy Family Catholic Church.

A Rosary Service will be conducted at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday prior to the visitation.

Burial will be at Richmond Grove Cemetery in rural New Holland.

Katherine A. Gehrke was born March 8, 1942, in Monticello, the daughter of George E. and Margaret Stoerger. She was united in marriage to Garland H. Gehrke on July 8, 1961, in Bement, Ill. He survives.

Also surviving Mrs. Gehrke are her children: Georgia (Todd) Lowman, Troy (Colleen) Gehrke, and Jennifer Gehrke; six granddaughters: Kelsey (Matthew) Boyer, Samantha Lowman, Danielle Gehrke, Alisha (Justin) Wahls, Rochelle Gehrke, and Haley Gehrke, one great-grandson, Isaac Gehrke; two sisters, Betty Lou (Woody) Dean and Pege (Paul) Barnes; two brothers, Rick (Lynn) Stoerger and Doug (Jody) Stoerger; and her beloved dog, Rocco.

She was preceded in death by one son, Christopher Gehrke; one infant sister, Georgia Lee Stoerger; and her parents.

Mrs. Gehrke graduated from Bement High School in 1960.

She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church.

Mrs. Gehrke and her husband have owned and operated Garland Gehrke Trucking since 1962.

Memorials may be made to: Holy Family Catholic Church or American Chianina Association to support the Summer 2015 NJHS.

Peasley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Bessie Lee Womeldorff

MASON CITY, IL - Bessie Lee Womeldorff, 85, of Mason City, passed away at the [Mason City Nursing Home](#) on Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014.

She was born Feb. 3, 1929, to Audrey (Mayberry) and Nathan Wadley in Paragould, Ark. She married Russell Evans Sr. who passed August of 1985, and later married Lewis Womeldorff, who also preceded her in death in 1999.

Bessie is survived by her children: Patricia (David) Bridgeman of Peoria, Joshua Evans of Mason City, David (Jeanette) Evans of Bath, Rodger Evans of Lincoln, Russell Evans of Mason City, and James Evans of Lincoln; 28 grandchildren; 57 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death her parents; a sister, Elizabeth Smith; son, Ronnie Evans; two stepsons, James and Robbie Womeldorff; and one granddaughter.

She was retired from the Lincoln Development Center. Bessie was a member of the Assembly of God Church. Bessie enjoyed embroidering, cross-stitching, cross-word puzzles, word searches, cooking, fishing, and spending time with her family and her beloved dog, "Lady".

Funeral services for Bessie will be held at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City on Monday, Dec. 22, 2014, at noon with visitation two hours prior from 10 a.m. to noon. Burial will be at the Mason City Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: [Mason City Nursing Home](#) or Hospice Compassus.

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

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Arthur "Art" Emil Buro

LINCOLN, IL - Arthur "Art" Emil Buro, 94, of Lincoln and formerly of Springfield, died at 1:35 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014, at Symphony Nursing Home in Lincoln.

He was born June 26, 1920, in Hallsburg, Texas to Herman and Hulda Kuehn Buro. He married Marietta Eilene Grant on Aug. 24, 1947, and she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Velda Ann (Dean) Baker of Lincoln; one son, Earl Wayne (Marla) Buro of Marietta, Ga.; two grandchildren, Grant (Rebecca) Buro and Dyanna (Justin) Motes; one great-grandchild, Jackson Buro; four step-grandchildren: Deanna (Gabriel) Peterson, Eric (Sara) Baker, Ryan (Katana) Baker and Monica (Robert) Smith; eight step-great-grandchildren: Elise Howell, Andrew Baker, Jacob Baker, Megan Baker, Isaac Baker, Emma Baker, Mara Baker and Aidan Baker; one brother Herman Buro of Waco, Texas; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Hertha; and one brother, Leonard.

He was a member of South Side Christian Church. He was a [U.S. Air Force](#) veteran serving during [WWII](#).

Art was a cabinet maker by trade. He was a manager for Myers Industries in Lincoln and Moline and Vice President at Coppes, Inc. in Nappanee, Ind.

Visitation: 12:30-1:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 22, 2014, at South Side Christian Church.

Funeral Service: 1:30 p.m., Monday, Dec. 22, 2014, at South Side Christian Church with Bob Green officiating. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Petersburg, Ill., where military honors will be conducted.

Memorial contributions may be made to: South Side Christian Church.

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Ruth E. Lucas

ASHLAND, MO - Ruth E. Lucas, 87, of Ashland, Mo., passed away at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 19, 2014, in her home at Bluegrass Terrace.

Ruth was born Aug. 31, 1927, in Lincoln, Ill., daughter of Floyd and Eleanor Sutton Worth. In early childhood, Ruth's mother passed away and was raised by her stepmother, Pearl Worth. She was united in marriage to Eugene C. Lucas on June 28, 1947, in Springfield, Ill. He preceded her in death on Aug. 8, 2008.

Ruth is survived by her children: Lynnette (Randall) Yaeger of Ashland, Mo., Leslie Lucas and Deborah Kelly of Lincoln, Ill., and Charlotte Pisarek of Ashland, Mo.; her brother, Fred Worth of Lincoln; eight grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and stepmother; son, Doug Lucas; grandchildren, Shawn Lucas and Michael Heyen; brother, Richard Worth; and sister, Devora Smith.

Ruth held many titles, including a housewife, an Avon Representative, and she assisted the cooks at the Elkhart grade school.

Services for Ruth will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. A visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 23, also at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery in Mt. Pulaski.

Memorials may be made to: Hospice Compassus in Columbia, Mo.

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Annetta H. "Tudie" Schleder

MASON CITY, IL - Annetta H. "Tudie" Schleder, 98, formerly of Delavan and San Jose, Ill., passed away at 10:17 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 20, 2014, at [Mason City Area Nursing Home](#) in Mason City.

She was born Jan. 8, 1916, in Emden to Eise and Anna Terviel Eeten. She married Louis A Schleder on Feb. 14, 1938 in Emden.

Surviving are two daughters, Linda (Don) Hoeft of Normal and Nancy Behrends of Delavan; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one sister, Elsie Mammen of Emden.

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

Tudie worked at Abraham Lincoln Hospital in Lincoln for 18 years.

She was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Emden and its Ladies Aid Society.

Her funeral will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2014, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Emden. Pastor John Schurter will officiate. Visitation will be one hour before the service at the church. Burial will be at Hartsburg Union Cemetery in Hartsburg.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Emden or [Mason City Area Nursing Home](#) Activities Department.

Davis-Oswald Funeral Home in Delavan is handling the arrangements. To express condolences online visit [www.davisoswaldfh.com](http://www.davisoswaldfh.com).

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Ruth Ann Austin

LINCOLN, IL - Ruth Ann Austin, 76, of Lincoln, died at 2:40 a.m., Dec. 23, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill.

Ruth was born Nov. 5, 1938, in Clinton, Ill., the daughter of Jean (Meachum) and William "Ted" Lillard. She was a graduate of Lincoln Community High School and Millikin University School of Nursing. She married V. James Austin on Dec. 24, 1960, in Lincoln, Ill.

He survives.

Ruth was a registered nurse, spending much of her career as Director of Nursing at the former Lincolnland Nursing Home and served as President of the Director of Nursing Council. Upon her retirement, she consulted on a number of long term care legal cases. She was considered an expert in the field of long term health care.

In retirement, Ruth became immersed in the standard bred horse industry, a passion she and Jim shared. The Logan County Fair racing program was a cherished event that involved the entire family.

In addition to her husband, Jim, Ruth is survived by children: Jodi Becker of Springfield, Jim (Gail) Austin of Pawnee and Julie (Todd) Campbell of Ballston Spa, N.Y.; brother, Rex (Janis) Lillard of Groveland; six grandsons: Ethan, Austin, and Owen Campbell of Ballston Spa, N.Y., Cory (Sarah) Sisk of Fort Worth, Texas, and Matthew (Maggie) Becker and Luke Becker of Springfield; one great-grandson, Austin Becker of Springfield; and one special niece, Grace Lillard of Groveland.

She was preceded in death by parents and son, Jon William, who died in childhood.

Services for Ruth will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. Burial will follow at New Union Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from 10-11 a.m.

Memorials may be given in Ruth's name to: West Lincoln Broadwell School.

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Wanda L. Langley

ROBINSON, IL - Mrs. Wanda L. Langley, 78, of Robinson, Ill., died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, Ill., following surgery earlier in the week.

Born Aug. 13, 1936, in Lincoln, Ill., she was the daughter of Edward and Dorothy Marie (Huskins) Charron. On Jan. 17, 1952, she married Marvin L. Langley and he survives.

Wanda was a homemaker, mother to three children and caregiver to special needs child, Margo Crosby of Robinson, Ill., for many years.

Survivors include her husband, Marvin L. Langley of Robinson; sons and daughters-in-law, Patrick and Donna Langley of Kokomo, Ind., and Dr. Michael and Jana Langley of Walnut Ridge, Ark.; daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Ralph Osborn of Robinson; brothers and sister-in-law, Arnold Charron of Lincoln, Ill., and Tom and Linda Charron of Lincoln, Ill.; sisters, Micky Mileham of Lincoln, Ill., and Mrs. Janet Woody of Sumner, Mo.; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchild; one great-great grandchild; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Preceding her in death were her parents; brother, Vernon Charron; brother and sister-in-law, Wayne and Dixie Charron; sister-in-law, Donna Charron; and brothers-in-law, Walter Mileham and Lloyd Woody.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m., Saturday Dec. 27, 2014, at Pulliam Funeral Home in Robinson, Ill., with Pastor Leland Culp officiating. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m., Friday Dec. 26, 2014, at the funeral home. Burial will be at Robinson New Cemetery in Robinson, Ill.

Memorial donations may be made to: The [American Cancer Society](#) with envelopes available at the funeral home.

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Gladys Shelton

NEW HOLLAND, IL - Gladys Shelton, 89, of New Holland, died at Vonderlieth Living Center in Mt. Pulaski, Ill., at 7:25 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 21, 2014.

Gladys was born April 6, 1925, in Logan County, the daughter of Alex and Truly Martin Theobald. She married Zane Shelton Sr. on April 24, 1948. He preceded her in death on July 16, 1996.

Gladys is survived by two sons, Zane (Jan) Shelton of Lincoln and Mike (Linda) Shelton of Rochester; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers, Gene and Bob Theobald; and one sister, Alice Henrichsmeyer

Gladys worked with her husband farming, and was a homemaker. She was a member of Middletown Methodist Church.

Services for Gladys will be at 10 a.m., Monday, Dec. 29, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with Paul Boatman officiating. Burial will follow at Richmond Grove Cemetery in New Holland. Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday afternoon at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given in her name to: Middletown Methodist Church or Vonderlieth Living Center.

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Ruth E. Coers Aper

EMDEN, IL - Ruth Eileen Coers Aper, 87, died at 4:00 p.m., Dec. 24, 2014, at her home in Emden.

Ruth was born May 29, 1927, in Emden, the daughter of Daniel and Martha Myer Coers.

She married Melvin D. Aper July 3, 1949, in Emden. He survives in Emden.

Ruth is also survived by one daughter, Gail Rein of Morton, and grandchildren: Kittie Rein of Ormond Beach, Fla., and Gabe and Grace Rein of Morton.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Frederick and Walter Coers.

Ruth worked for Deaconess Hospital, Dr. Donald Barringer's office, and was a bookkeeper for Fink Chevrolet for 37 years. She was a member of American Legion Auxiliary of Emden for 60 years and was an organist for 47 weddings and substitute organist at St. Peter Lutheran Church. She was a lifetime member of St. Peter Lutheran of Emden.

Services for Ruth will be at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2014, at St. Peter Lutheran Church of Emden with the Rev. Frank Pieper and the Rev. John Schurter officiating. Burial will follow at Hartsburg Union Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. on Monday at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Memorials may be given in Ruth's name to: Emden American Legion Auxiliary or American

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Nancy (Giffhorn) Eddy

MASON CITY, IL - Nancy (Giffhorn) Eddy, 67, of Mason City, passed away at 4:08 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2014, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

She was born June 12, 1947, in Peoria, to Leo C. and Mae E. Storrer Giffhorn. She married David Eddy on Oct. 15, 1977, in Tremont, and he survives.

Also surviving are one brother, John (Debby) Giffhorn of Pekin, and several nieces and nephews.

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

Nancy worked for the State of Illinois retiring in 2008.

She was a member of Tremont United Methodist Church and the American Business Women's Association. (ABWA)

She enjoyed reading, traveling, and going to movies.

Her funeral will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2014, at Davis-Oswald Funeral Home in Tremont. Visitation will be one hour before the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Mount Hope Cemetery in Tremont.

Memorials may be made to: [American Lung Association](#) or [American Heart Association](#)

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Doris Irene Lovell

LINCOLN, IL - Doris Irene Lovell, 91, passed away Dec. 25, 2014, at home in Lincoln, surrounded by her children.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Monday, Dec. 29, 2014, at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Lincoln. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m., also at the church. Burial will be at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2014, at Park Hill Cemetery in Bloomington.

Doris was born June 6, 1923, in Roodhouse, Ill., the daughter of Wayne Harmon Foley and Irene Dell (Bigham) Foley. She married Everett Henry "Buzz" Lovell. He preceded her in death in 1959.

She was a member of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Lincoln where she served as a Sunday School teacher, the head of the Crusader's Group, and as a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Group. Doris graduated from Illinois State Normal University with a degree in teaching. She taught elementary school at Irving Elementary School in Bloomington for many years. She also was a tutor and had a daycare in her home. Children were the light of her life and educating them gave her purpose and great joy.

Surviving are her children, Michael Everett Lovell of Lincoln, Ill., and Susan Marley of Bloomington, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Wayne Luke Foley; and her best friend, Betty Totzell.

Memorial donations may be made to: First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln is handling services.

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Dr. Lloyd Ludwick

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OTTAWA, IL - Lloyd Ludwick, 58, died Thursday night, Dec. 25, 2014, at his home in Ottawa.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 29, 2014, at the Central Church of Christ in Streator, with Dr. Chuck Richardson, officiating. Burial will be at a later date. Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. on Sunday at the Mueller Funeral Home in Ottawa.

Lloyd was born March 23, 1956, in Omaha, Neb., to Harland and Lillibelle (Cleaver) Ludwick. He married Pamela (Holt) Ludwick on May 23, 1981, in Streator. Lloyd was the Pastor of the Southside Christian Church, in Ottawa. Lloyd received his bachelor of arts in 1978 from Manhattan Christian College, his Master of Divinity in 1987 and his Master of Arts in 1988 both from Lincoln Christian Seminary and his Master of Theology in 1990 and Doctor of Ministry in 2006 both from the Covenant Theological Seminary. He enjoyed Nebraska Cornhusker football, writing for theological publications and preaching and teaching the word of God.

He is survived by his wife, Pamela; his father, Harland, and stepmother, Joan, of Omaha, Neb.; three children: Erin Ludwick of Savoy, Ill., Bruce (Cara) Ludwick of Tonica and Rachelle Ludwick of Ottawa; a brother, Leroy Ludwick of Baltimore, Md.; and three sisters: Linda (Jerry) Miles of Omaha, Lorie (Dave) Lammle of Great Bend, Kan., and Lilith (Rusty) Quebedeaux of Omaha.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Lillibelle.

Memorials may be directed to: Southside Christian Church or [National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation](#).

You may sign the online guestbook and share remembrances at [www.MuellerFH.com](http://www.MuellerFH.com).

Mueller Funeral Home, 800 First Ave., Ottawa, IL 61350; 815-434-4433.

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Brian Boyer

WILLIAMSVILLE, IL - Brian Boyer, 53, of Williamsville, went to meet his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln, IL.

Brian was born April 27, 1961, in Lincoln, IL, the son of Jack and Roberta Boyer. He married Cheryl Kern on June 30, 1994, and she survives.

He is also survived by his mother, Roberta Boyer of Beverly Hills, FL; a brother, Bill Boyer of Lincoln, IL; his stepsons: Tim (Kate) Kern of Sherman, Jeremy (Jessica) Kern of Springfield, Ryan (Heather) Kern of Williamsville, and Chad Kern of Lincoln; his step-grandchildren: John-Morgan, Zachary, Colton, Emma, Aiden, Madeline, Ethan, and Sydney Kern. He is also survived by his uncles, Dick (Shirley, deceased) and Jim (Colleen) Hayes; his cousins: Barbara Freer, Stephen Hayes, Jimmy Hayes and Tess Wright.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jack Boyer.

Brian graduated from Mount Pulaski High School and went on to graduate from Lincoln Land Community College. He was Parts Manager for Hayes Auto Supply in Mt. Pulaski, which was started by his grandfather. Brian's first job there was sweeping the shop floors at age 7. Brian never met a stranger, enjoyed all the people he met at the shop, told countless jokes, and loved to travel, especially to New Orleans. Brian touched the lives of many people and will be greatly missed.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bisch & Son Funeral Home, 505 E. Allen, Springfield, IL, 62703. There will be a visitation from 4-7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 29, at the funeral home. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 30 at Hope Church, 3000 Lenhart Rd., Springfield, IL 62711. Burial will follow at Walnut Hill Cemetery in Williamsville.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Mt. Pulaski EMS, Hope Church, or Williamsville Volunteer Fire Department.

Please share in Brian's online "Life Remembered Story" at [www.bischandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.bischandsonfuneralhome.com).

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Winifred Thompson

LINCOLN, IL - Winifred Thompson, 88, of Lincoln passed away at 11:45 p.m., Dec. 25, 2014, at The Christian Village Nursing Home.

Winifred was born March 11, 1926, in Lincoln, the daughter of William and Ida Krause. She married Rolland Wayne Thompson in 1948 in Lincoln. He preceded her in death in 2002.

Surviving Winifred are her children: Kathryn (Louis) Gietl of Springfield, Lisa Thompson (Michael Murray) of San Rafael, Calif., and Kevin Thompson of Lincoln; her grandchildren: Anna Gietl, Grace Gietl, Rachael Murray and Gabriella Murray; and one great-grandchild, Angela Gietl.

Winifred was preceded in death by her parents and 11 brothers and sisters.

Winifred had a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and was a Logan County nurse for many years, and was very respected in her profession. Above all else Winifred loved her family and was very involved in her children's lives.

A graveside service will be held for Winifred at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2014, at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln with Tim Searby officiating.

Memorials donations may be to [the donor's choice](#)

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

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Vernon Martin Voelker

MT. PULASKI, IL - Vernon Martin Voelker, 88, of Mt. Pulaski, passed away at 7:12 a.m., Dec. 26, 2014, at Vonderlieth Living Center in Mt. Pulaski.

He was born June 10, 1926, in rural Mt. Pulaski, Ill., son of Martin and Hilda Engel Voelker. He married Iris Bristow on Oct. 21, 1950; she preceded him in death. He married Louise Pittman Irish on Feb. 16, 1985; she survives him in Mt. Pulaski.

Also surviving Vern are his children: Steven (Linda) Voelker of Dixon, Ill., Alan (Debra) Voelker of Lake Fork, Ill., and Jane (Jim) Irish of Middletown, Ill.; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; four stepchildren: John Irish IV of Florida, Susan (Gerald) Turner of Sherman, Ill., Joe (Bonnie) Irish of Shelbyville, Ill., and Marianne Larson of Springfield, Ill., nine step-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Berniece Sisk and Carol (Gene) Matthews both of Lincoln, Ill.

Vern was a member of Scroggin-Gee [VFW](#) Post #777, Ryman Fiuiten American Legion Post #447, and was a member of Zion Lutheran Church. He was a licensed plumber and retired from Vern's Plumbing and Heating in Mt. Pulaski.

Services for Vern will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski, Ill., with Robert Twist officiating. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2014, also at the funeral home. Burial at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery will follow the service where full military rites will be accorded.

Memorials may be given to: Scroggin-Gee VFW Post #777, 106 Cooke St., Mt. Pulaski, IL or Honor Flight for Veterans.

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Timothy M. Wylder

CLINTON, IL - Timothy M. Wylder, 71, of Clinton, Ill., went to his Heavenly home on Christmas Day, 2014.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Dec. 29, 2014, at the United Methodist Church in Clinton with the Rev. Stephen Killion officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Park Cemetery in Clinton. Visitation will be 10-11 a.m., Dec. 29, 2014, prior to services at the church.

Memorials may be directed to the Clinton United Methodist Church or Dove.

Mr. Wylder was born Feb. 7, 1943, in Jacksonville, Ill., the son of Joseph George Wylder, Sr., and Mildred Rose (Miller) Wylder.

Tim graduated from Rockridge High School, then MacMurray College with a B.S. in Education. Just after college he was a radio announcer at Havana, Ill. Then he taught special education at Lincoln Developmental Center for 30 years, retiring in 1998. He received awards for being an outstanding employee. Tim lived in Clinton for over 40 years, taking care of his elderly parents for many of those years. Tim also volunteered for Dove and took people to doctor's appointments. He was a member of the Clinton United Methodist Church.

He loved all sports and was a big fan of the Clinton Maroons, Fighting Illini, Chicago Bears, St. Louis Cardinals and St. Louis Blues. He loved to read and was very interested in History, reading about Colonial America most recently. He liked politics and was interested in young people's opinions. He always engaged his great-nieces and -nephew in conversations about current political and social happenings.

Tim is survived by his brother, John Thomas Wylder (Viki) of Tallahassee, Fla.; sister-in-law, Carole Wylder of Clinton, Ill.; nephew and namesake, Timothy L. Wylder (Jeannine) of Clinton, Ill.; nephew, David Michel (Karen) of State College, Pa.; niece, Janet Eckland (Tom Dickson) of Andover, N.H.; two great-nieces, and two great-nephews; one great-great-nephew; and very special friend, Marsha Schleich.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Mary Jo Wylder Devereaux; and brother, Joseph George Wylder, Jr.

Calvert Funeral Home in Clinton, Ill., is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.calvertmemorial.com](http://www.calvertmemorial.com).

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Eric HJ Moxley

LINCOLN, IL - Eric HJ Moxley, 35, passed away at 11:06 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 26, 2014, in Lincoln.

Eric was born Oct. 29, 1979, in Lincoln, the son of Joseph and Brenda (McCabe) Moxley.

Surviving Eric are his mother; his children, Rebecca and Katelynn Moxley of Illiopolis; and his sister, April Austin of Lincoln.

Eric was preceded in death by his father.

A visitation will be held from 4–7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 2, 2015, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Memorials donations may be made in Eric's name to his family.

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Frank "Lindy" Fancher

MARIETTA, GA- Frank "Lindy" Fancher, 95, formerly of Lincoln, Ill., passed away at 6:40 p.m. on Dec. 26, 2014, at Manor Care Nursing Home in Marietta, Ga.

Frank was born May 19, 1919, in Hart County, Ky., son of Benjamin Franklin and Mattie L. Perkins Fancher. He was united in marriage with the love of his life, Vada G. Compton, on Feb. 19, 1949, in Lincoln, Ill., until she preceded him in death on Dec. 6, 2002.

Surviving Frank are his two daughters, Ara (Rich) Croce of Half Moon Bay, Calif., and Marianne Daughety, of Bethlehem, Ga.; his son, James "Jim" (Lori) Fancher of Milton, Ga.; five granddaughters; five grandsons; 17 great-grandchildren; and, two brothers, Dean (Ellen) and Dale (Ollie) Fancher.

His parents and one sister, Irene Lancaster, preceded him in death.

Frank enlisted in the 106 Calvary IL National Guard which entered federal service on Nov. 25, 1940. He served in the American Theater of Operations in Central and South America that included a significant covert operation for the FBI. During [WWII](#), Frank landed in Europe on D-Day + 3, helped liberate Paris and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He received a Silver Star for gallantry in action and a Battle Field Commission to 2nd Lieutenant in Luxembourg as bestowed by Gen. George Patton, whom he served under at the time, and who referred to him as "mad dog". While in Paris recovering from wounds, he conducted operations for the Criminal Investigations Division (CID). Memberships incl: the National Order of Battlefield Commissions, Military Order of the Ardens, Yugoslav War Cross, and Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge.

After WWII, Frank served as a civilian pilot, Captain Operation Officer in Lincoln Sq. Civil Air Patrol (Search and Rescue). Civic organizations include: [VFW](#); American Legion Post 263 & 201; Lincoln Recreation Dept. Photography Club; President, Officer and Director of Lincoln Ski Club; longtime member Tri-Police Assoc. – Illinois Sheriffs Assoc.; Experimental Aircraft Assoc. Ch. 129; longtime Director, Past President and VP of "Heritage in Flight Museum."

Frank retired from Lincoln Office Supply with a distinguished service award and was an attendee of Lincoln Christian Church. Later in life Frank authored and wrote his autobiography, "WWII: Through These Eyes"; and, up into the last year of his life, he continued volunteering his time in the nearby schools to teach young people about WWII and freedom.

Services for Frank will be 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2015, at Lincoln Christian Church with Tim Searby officiating. Visitation will be two hours prior to service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to an organization he loved: The Heritage in Flight Museum, 1351 Airport, Lincoln, IL 62656; 217-732-3333.

Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln has been entrusted with local arrangements.

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Darlene L. "Dar" Klopp

EMDEN, IL - Darlene L. "Dar" Klopp, 88, of Emden, passed away at 11:35 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014, at Timber Creek Nursing Home in Pekin, Ill.

Dar was born Sept. 15, 1926, in Emden, daughter of David and Leah Greussing Lessen. She was united in marriage to Lowell "Doc" Klopp on Sept. 29, 1946, in Emden. He preceded her in death on Dec. 6, 2014.

Survivors include her son, Matthew (Carol) Klopp of Emden; grandchildren: Mindy, Ryan, Noah, and Nathan; great-grandchildren: Peyton, Hayden, and Kelsey; and her brother, Harlan (Barb) Lessen of Greenview, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Ruth Struebing and Beverly Richards.

Dar was a housewife and she also ran the Emden News newspaper for many years. Dar was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Emden and she was very active in the Ladies Aid. She was also a member of the Emden Auxiliary Legion Post # 506.

Cremation rites were accorded. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 5, 2015, at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield with the Rev. John Schurter conducting the services. A memorial service will be held from 3-5 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 5, 2015, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Emden, Ill.

Memorials may be mailed to the Klopp family to help with expenses at 315 Pearl St., Emden, IL 62635.

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

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Phyllis J. Webster

LINCOLN, IL - Phyllis J. Webster, 80, of Lincoln passed away at 3:35 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2014, at St. Clara's Manor.

Phyllis was born Feb. 23, 1934, in Green Valley, daughter of John and Ada M. Goodin Harris. She was united in marriage to Joseph J. "Jack" Webster on July 2, 1959, in Lincoln. He preceded her in death on June 27, 1998.

Phyllis is survived by her three daughters: Mary (Bruce) Kelley of Lincoln, Cindy (Ron) Fleshman of Lincoln, and Carla Wolf of Bloomington, Ill.; son Joseph Webster Jr. of Palm Harbor, Fla.; six grandchildren: Amy Jo and Angela Kelley, Kristen (John) Harmsen, Michael Fleshman, Jennifer and Jacob Wolf; two sisters, Ruth Kurtz of Delavan, Ill., and Beverly Derry of Galva, Ill.; and one brother, John Harris of Westwego, La.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Virginia Moldenhauer; and one brother, Marshall Harris.

Phyllis spent her time as a homemaker. She worked for State Farm Ins., Lincoln Park District, and Haas Bakery. After retirement, Phyllis was a foster grandparent, proudly known as Grandma Phyllis to many young students. Phyllis was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, American Legion Auxiliary, [VFW](#) Auxiliary, and Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary. She was an avid Chicago Cubs Fan.

Cremation rites will be accorded. A private graveside service will be held at a later date.

The family wants to express a special thanks to St. Clara's Manor staff and Safe Haven Hospice.

Memorials may be made to: Carroll Catholic School or Safe Haven Hospice.

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