

Deceased Name: Jeanne Schaub

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - September 2, 2016

- Section: Obituaries

Jeanne Schaub 1960 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL - Jeanne Schaub, 56, of Lincoln, passed away at 5:16 p.m. August 30, 2016 at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield. Jeanne was born March 16, 1960 in Lincoln, IL, the daughter of Millard and Dorotha (Allen) Bailey. She married Paul Schaub on August 16, 2014 in Las Vegas, NV. He survives in Lincoln. Jeanne is also survived by her daughter, Cherie Treackle; her step-children, Richard Schaub, Michael Schaub, Dustin Schaub, Brian Graack, and Jamie Graack; five brothers, Steven (Phyllis) Bailey, Ronald (Phyllis) Bailey, Denis (Linda) Bailey all from Mt. Pulaski, IL, Glenn (Joan Caplinger) Bailey, of Lincoln IL, Gary (Shirley) Bailey of Springfield, IL, and one sister, Jo Ann (John) Cravens of Springfield, IL; two grandchildren, Autumn Shaffer and Jenna Shaffer; and 16 step-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, step-daughter, Stacy Close, step-son, Daniel Schaub, and half sister, Shirley Shirle. Jeanne was a member of Mt. Pulaski Christian Church, American Pool Association, the Moose Lodge, and the Eagles Lodge. She retired from the bottle factory in Lincoln after 35 years. Services for Jeanne will be held at 10:00a.m. on Saturday, September 3, 2016 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, with Larry Crawford officiating. Visitation will be held from 4:00-7:00p.m. on Friday, September 2, 2016 also at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Zion Cemetery after the services. Memorial donations may be made in Jeanne's name to her family.

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Deceased Name: Glenys McWilliams

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Glenys McWilliams 1933 - 2016 LINCOLN- Glenys McWilliams of Lincoln passed away at 7:09 p.m. August 31, 2016 at Christian Village. Glenys was born February 2, 1933 in Olney, IL the daughter of Robert and Ilma Franklin Sprague. She married James Allen McWilliams March 25, 1951 in Olney IL. He preceded her death April 24, 2007. Glenys is also survived by her two daughters Lisa (Greg) Curry of Lincoln, Jamie (Don) Beers of Bainbridge NY, and son Bruce (Sue) McWilliams of Tremont, IL. one brother Ron (Mary) Sprague of Lincoln, sister-in-law Sue (Terry) Stanley of Carterville, IL. ten grandchildren and twenty-three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by parents, son-in-law Steve Gleason. She was a member of the Lincoln Christian Church, Harvest of Talents, and Beacon Sunday School Class. Services for Glenys will be 1:30 p.m. Tuesday , September 6, 2016 at the Lincoln Christian Church with Ron Otto officiating. Burial at New Union Cemetery will follow the service. Visitation will Monday September 5, 2016 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, IL and also a half hour prior to service at the church. Memorials may be given in her name to Harvest of Talents.

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Deceased Name: Leona M. Gesner

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Leona M. Gesner 1943 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL - Leona M. Gesner, 72, of Lincoln, passed away August 30, 2016 at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield. Visitation will be from 5-7 PM Monday, September 5, 2016 at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at 11 AM also at the funeral home with Ron Otto officiating. Burial will follow in New Union Cemetery. Leona was born September 25, 1943 in Buffalo, NY., the daughter of Henry and Amelia Spzaicher. She married Irv Gesner on July 27, 1989. She was a cashier at Wal-Mart, Lincoln and enjoyed her job and the people. She was formerly employed at the bottle factory and at the Glass House. She collected Betty Boop memorabilia and frogs. She was of the catholic faith. Surviving are her husband Irv Gesner of Lincoln; daughters Debbie Horwood of CA., Kimberly Haynes of CA., Candi Gesner of Lincoln, and Mary Ann Gesner of Lincoln; 10 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; and sister Carol Demme of NY. She was preceded in death by her parents and son Todd Gesner. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Deceased Name: Dallas D. Millard

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Dallas D. Millard 1943 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL - Dallas D. Millard, 73, passed away at 7:04 p.m., on Sept. 3, 2016, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill. Dallas was born Feb. 4, 1943, in Lincoln, Ill., son of Eldon and Juanita Kennett Millard. He married Sandy Sheley on June 14, 1964, in Lincoln, Ill.; she survives him. Also surviving are his children: Darla (Brett) Hamilton of Jacksonville, Ill., J.R. (Kelly) Millard of Mason City, Ill., and Darren (Dody) Millard of Sedalia, Mo.; six grandchildren: Nicholas Hamilton, Clark Hamilton, Paige Hamilton, Evan (Kristina) Millard, Josie Millard, and Devin Millard; one great-grandchild, Kennedy Millard; and one sister, Sandra Merrill of Sherman, Ill. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Alice May Millard and Beverly Ward. Dallas served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was a lifelong member of the Lincoln American Legion Post #263 and National Rifle Association. He was a member of the Lincoln Elks Lodge 914 and Lincoln Sportsman Club. He was a firefighter for the city of Lincoln for 27 years and retired as Assistant Chief; he was a life member of International Association of Fire Fighters. Dallas' favorite pastime was playing golf at the Elks Lodge with his golfing buddies. A celebration of life will be held from 5-7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 9, 2016, at the Elks Lodge 914 in Lincoln, Ill. A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m., Friday Sept. 9, 2016, also at the Elks Lodge 914 just following the celebration of life. Memorials may be made in Dallas' name to: The Elks 914 Charitable Trusts.

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Deceased Name: Harold Sterling Stout

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Harold Sterling Stout Jr. 1952 - 2016 MIDDLETOWN, IL - Harold Sterling Stout Jr., 63, of Middletown, passed away at 3:10 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 1, 2016, at the Christian Village in Lincoln. Harold was born Oct. 30, 1952, in Pekin, Ill., to Harold Sterling and Margaret Johnson Stout Sr. He married Jennifer Skelton on Sept. 20, 1985, in Lincoln. She survives him. Also surviving are: his mother, Margaret Stout Steiling; seven children: Jodi (Eric) Slater of Phoenix, Ariz., Travis (Rebecca) Stout of Bloomington, Ill., Michelle (Mario) Bonaparte of Lincoln, Ill., Lisa (Dale) Nelson of Lincoln, Ill., Jeffrey J. Renfro of Middletown, Ill., Cindy (Kurt) Wendlandt of New Holland, Ill., and Terri (Mike) Virgil of Middletown, Ill.; siblings: Betty Stout (Angie Younkens) of Atlanta, Ill., Judy (Greg Harris) Nichols of Bloomington, Ill., Sharon (Ric) Cheek of Atlanta, Ill., Rita (Steve) Billings of Emden, Ill., Rick Stout of Atlanta, Ill., and Dustin (Wendy) Steiling of Normal, Ill.; 19 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and multiple nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father. Harold was a supervisor at the Bottle Factory in Lincoln, and served his country in the U.S. Army for two years. He was a member of the Middletown American Legion Post #672. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016, at Irish Grove Cemetery with Casey Lore officiating. Following the graveside service, full military rites will be accorded by American Legion Post# 672. Memorials may be made to: Logan County Paramedic Association, or Middletown Rescue.

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Deceased Name: Tiffany N. Beggs

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Tiffany N. Beggs 1981 - 2016 MT. PULASKI, IL - Tiffany N. Beggs, 35, passed away at 6:25 a.m. on Sept. 3, 2016, at her home. Tiffany was born Aug. 18, 1981, in Springfield, Ill. She married Douglas Beggs on May 22, 2004, in Mt. Pulaski, Ill. He survives her. Also surviving Tiffany are her mother, Patty "Tootie" Riggs, and father, Mike Robinson of Lincoln, Ill.; her children, Trenton and Kelsey Beggs of Mt. Pulaski, Ill.; brother, Jeremy (Jamie) Riggs of Athens, Ill.; and father-in-law, Dennis Beggs of Mt. Pulaski. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Peggy Payne Fuhrer, and Delmar Payne; and her mother-in-law, Marilyn Beggs. Tiffany was a member of Mt. Pulaski Christian Church and loved going to church. She was an animal lover and especially loved her dogs; but, the most of all, she loved taking care of her children. Services for Tiffany will be 10 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 8, 2016, at Mt. Pulaski Christian Church with Mark Weber officiating. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski, Ill. Memorials may be made in Tiffany's name to: The Trenton and Kelsey Beggs Education Fund.

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Deceased Name: Stella B. Rinehart

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - September 7, 2016

• Section: Obituaries

Stella B. Rinehart 1921 - 2016 DECATUR, IL - Stella B. Rinehart, 95, of Decatur, formerly of Atlanta, passed away at 7:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016, at Decatur Memorial Hospital in Decatur. Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016, at Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta, and for one hour prior to the funeral on Thursday. Funeral services for Mrs. Rinehart will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8, 2016, at Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home. Pastor Dave Brown will officiate. Burial will follow at Atlanta Cemetery. Stella B. Ryan was born Feb. 5, 1921, in Peoria, the daughter of Arthur Merle and Letha May Snyder Ryan. She married Earl Lee Rinehart on Aug. 23, 1938, in Covington, Ind. He preceded her in death on April 25, 1994. Stella is survived by their children, Loretta Taylor of Decatur, and Thomas Merle Rinehart of New Braunfels, Texas; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 15 great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Goldie Ball of Eureka. She was preceded in death by her husband, one grandson, J.D. Buckley, two brothers and one sister. Stella was a longtime member of Atlanta Christian Church, Atlanta VFW Auxiliary Post 1824 where she served as the first president, and the Atlanta Women's Club where she was a past president. She was a life member of VFW Post 1756 in Lincoln and the National Children's Homes of Eaton Rapids, Mich. Stella also belonged to Atlanta American Legion Post 341 Auxiliary. She was a frequent volunteer at the Soldier and Sailors Home in Quincy, and Christian Village Nursing Home in Lincoln. Stella worked at Lehn & Fink in Lincoln for 35 years. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: The American Cancer Society, or an organization of the donor's choice. Final arrangements entrusted with Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home of Atlanta.

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Deceased Name: Charles A. Sparks

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Charles A. Sparks 1936 - 2016 MASON CITY, IL - Charles A. Sparks, 79, of Mason City, passed away Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016, at his home after a long illness. Charles was born in Dover, Ill., on Dec. 24, 1936, to Henry and Bernice Sparks. He married Patricia Freeman on Nov. 20, 1960, in Princeton, Ill.; she survives. Also surviving are two children, Terri (Kirk) Blunt of Mason City and Michael Sparks of Lincoln, Ill.; grandchildren, Josh Hoff and Chris (Lexi) Hoff, both of Mason City; great-grandchild, Oliver Hoff; one sister, Mildred Willett of Fairfield, Ill.; and a brother-in-law, Gerald (Marie) Freeman of Princeton, Ill. Charles served in the Illinois National Guard, farmed in Salt Creek Township, and worked at Logan/Mason Rehab before retiring January of 2016. Cremation rites have been accorded. Services will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to: The Charles Sparks Memorial Fund c/o First State Bank of Mason City for his great-grandson's education, or Sherman Lutheran Church. Condolences for the family may be left at www.hurleyfh.com. Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Deceased Name: Robert M. Kirk

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - September 9, 2016

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Robert "Bob" M. Kirk Sr. 1954 - 2016 LONOKE, AR - Robert "Bob" Mark Kirk Sr., 62, of Lonoke, Ark., passed away Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2016, surrounded by his family. Robert is survived by his wife, Beth Kirk; his children, Robert Kirk Jr., Matthew Kirk, and Kathryn Knapp; and their mother, Kay Kirk; his mother, Mary Kirk; brother, Patrick Kirk; sister, Dianne Kirk; sister, Michelle Kirk, and his grandchildren: Cody, Tristan, Jessica, James, Gavin, Jasmine, and Mason. Robert was born Jan. 3, 1954, in Lincoln, Ill., to James and Mary Kirk. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1972 and University of Kansas in 1984 with a major in communications. Robert Kirk was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He served his country in the U.S. Navy for 20 honorable years, retiring as a Lieutenant. During his service he was stationed on the USS Bradley, USS Denver, USS Tuscaloosa, USS Chandler, USS George K. McKenzie, and ended his career at Fleet Combat Training Center in Point Loma, Calif. While stationed in San Diego, Calif., he enjoyed family camping trips in the Ocotillo Wells. Robert was active in the Boy Scouts of America as an assistant Scout Master and was a member of Order of the Arrow. He had a lifelong fascination with science, especially chemistry and physics. He spent many hours with his family building and launching model rockets and fireworks. As a ham radio operator he loved teaching electronics. Robert was a man loved dearly by friends and family. A memorial service celebrating Robert's life will be held Friday, Sept. 9, 2016, at First United Methodist Church in Jacksonville at 10 a.m. Robert will be laid to rest with military honors at Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation for Research. Arrangements by Smith-North Little Rock Funeral Home. Online obituary at www.SmithFamilyCares.com.

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Deceased Name: Alice M. Jodlowski

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Alice M. Jodlowski 1944 - 2016 ATLANTA, IL - Alice M. Jodlowski, 72, of Atlanta, passed away at 8:20 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield after a brief illness. Visitation will be held for Alice from 4-7 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Atlanta. A Rosary service will be held at 3:30 p.m. prior to the visitation. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 12, 2016 at St. Mary's Church in Atlanta. Private burial will be held at a later date. A Celebration of Life Service will be held in her hometown of Alma, Kan., over Thanksgiving weekend. Alice Marie Berroth was born Feb. 21, 1944, in Wamego, Kan., to Osborne "Obbie" and Evelyn Moege Berroth of Alma, Kan. Both her parents preceded her in death. Alice married Byron Jodlowski on July 15, 1967, in Alma. He survives. Also surviving are one son, Ed (Colleen) Jodlowski; four grandsons: Cameron, Evan, Kenyon, and Griffen Jodlowski; one special "adopted" son, Greg (Melodye) Crabtree; and special "granddaughter," Cassie Crabtree. Alice is also survived by two brothers, Jim Berroth and Bruce (Mary) Berroth; two sisters, Ruth Messer and Janet (Donald) Hafenstine, all of Alma, Kan.; and two sisters-in-law, Mary Bischoff of Hibbing, Minn., and Teresa Berroth of Alma, Kan. Alice was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Atlanta and the Altar & Rosary Society. She went to school at St. John's Lutheran School and graduated from Alma High School. She worked for the State of Kansas Highway Department, followed by the State of Illinois at Soldiers and Sailor's Children's Home in Normal, and then the Logan Correctional Center until her retirement. Alice enjoyed attending her grandchildren's many events. They were her pride and joy. Memorial contributions may be made to: Logan County 4-H Foundation. Funeral arrangements are entrusted with Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home of Atlanta.

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Deceased Name: Elsie Christine Cunningham

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Elsie Christine Cunningham 1938 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL - Elsie Christine Cunningham, 78, of Lincoln, passed away September 2, 2016 at The Christian Village with her family by her side. Visitation will be from 5-7 PM Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 AM Thursday, September 15, 2016 also at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Zion Cemetery, Lincoln. Elsie was born February 5, 1938 in Lincoln, IL., the daughter of Hal and Helen (Sapp) Taylor. She married Joseph Dean Cunningham October 1, 1971 in Lincoln, IL. He survives. She was a member of Park Meadows Baptist Church in Lincoln. She retired from Lincoln Developmental Center. Surviving are her husband Joseph D. Cunningham of Lincoln and son Joseph "Jay" Cunningham also of Lincoln. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Kenneth Taylor, and sisters Glodean Hoyt and Imogene Maston. Memorial donations may be made to The Christian Village and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Deceased Name: Walter E. Behm

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Walter E. Behm 1935 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL -Walter E. Behm, 81, of Lincoln passed away on September 9, 2016 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, IL. Walter was born on July 29, 1935 in Lincoln, IL the son of Walter A. and Edna B. (Maaks) Behm. He married Patricia Zieglowsky on August 7, 1955. She preceded him in death on January 16, 2012. Walter is survived by his children: Cynthia (David) Haseley of Castle Rock, CO. Beth (Roy) Seaney of Tallula, IL. his seven grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and his sons Stephen and Walter II. Services for Walter will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, September 12, 2016 at Zion Lutheran Church with Rev. Mark Thompson officiating. Burial will be in Zion Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 9:00-11:00am prior to services at the church. Memorials may be given in his name to Zion Lutheran Church or Zion Lutheran School. Services have been entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, IL.

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Deceased Name: Bruce Dale Shore

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Bruce Dale Shore 1968 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL - Bruce Dale Shore, 48, of Lincoln, passed away September 7, 2016 at his home after a courageous battle with cancer. Bruce was born May 18, 1968 in Urbana, IL., the son of Glen and Margaret (Moen) Shore. Surviving are his mother Marge Shore of Lincoln, brother Timothy (Shirley) of St. Joseph, IL., step mother Freda Shore of St. Joseph, IL., and his nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews. He was preceded in death by his father and his brother David. Bruce was employed at Mel-O-Cream in Lincoln. He loved fishing and helping others. He was a faithful member of AA/NA. Cremation rites have been accorded by Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home. There will be no services at this time. Memorials may be made to Memorial Hospice Services or to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

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Deceased Name: Vernon Rodman

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• Section: Obituaries

Vernon "Wayne" Rodman 1923 - 2016 ATLANTA, IL - Vernon "Wayne" Rodman, 93, of Atlanta, passed away Saturday, September 10, 2016, at Timber Creek Village, Lincoln. Cremation rites have been accorded by Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home, Lincoln. Graveside services will be held Saturday, September 17, 2016, at 12:30 p.m. at Laenna Cemetery, Chestnut with full military rites provided by American Legion Post 263. A time of visitation will be held from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, September 17, 2016, at Zion Lutheran Church, Chestnut. Memorial services will follow at 4 p.m. Saturday, also at the church with Pastor David Dunlop officiating. Wayne was born May 31, 1923, the son of Douglas and Sadie (Rodman) Stewardson. He married Opal Irene Jones on October 27, 1946, in Shelby County, Ill. She preceded him in death on August 17, 2013. He was a member of the Chestnut United Methodist Church; the Lin-Pro square dance club; and the American Legion Post 848. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during WWII and was stationed in Sweden and England. He was a former milk man at Meadow Gold Dairy in Decatur. Wayne farmed in the Chestnut/Beason area. He was a former member of the Logan County auxiliary police force. He was a skilled woodworker, making treasured gifts for his family. He was the father of Carol Ann (Wes) McCoy of Champaign, Ill. and Martha Irene (Dean) Sasse of Atlanta, Ill. In addition to his children he is survived by grandchildren Diedra (John) Stewart of Mt. Pulaski, Ill.; Kurtis (Laura) Cowgur of Mooresville, Ind.; Heather (Scott) Martin of Atlanta, Ill.; and Allen (Heather) Sasse of Beason, Ill. His great grandchildren include: Emma, William, and Paige Stewart; Chloe, Corinne, and Wayne Cowgur; Lauren, Erin, and Jordyn Turner; and Tyler and Peyton Sasse. He was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved wife Opal. Memorial donations may be made to the Chestnut United Methodist Church.

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Deceased Name: Don F. McCann

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Don F. McCann 1929 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL - Don F. McCann, 87, of Lincoln passed away at 1:05 p.m., Sept. 13, 2016, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital. Don was born June 6, 1929, in Chestnut, Ill., to Leonard and Amy Irene Israel McCann. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Patty Jean Wagner McCann; one son, Kim (Janice) McCann of Sarasota, Fla.; and daughter, Amy Jones of Springfield, Ill. He is also survived by grandson, Drew Jones of Springfield; step-granddaughter, Karen Adame; and step-great-grandchildren: Cody, Logan, and Kaydin of Naples, Fla. Don graduated from Mt. Pulaski High School in 1947, and Bradley University where he earned a bachelor of science degree in 1951. He then enlisted in the Army for three years during the Korean conflict. In 1957, he had the privilege of being the first local individual employed by Cutler-Hammer, Inc., as Personnel Manager, with responsibility for staffing their new manufacturing facility in Lincoln. He retired in 1993 after serving as Human Resource Manager. He was a member of St. John United Church of Christ. Don served on several local committees including terms on the board of Lincoln Chamber of Commerce and Abraham Memorial Hospital. He was a member of the Lincoln American Legion, life member of Lincoln Elks Lodge #914, Mt. Pulaski Masonic Lodge #87, Mt. Pulaski Commandery # 39, Springfield Consistory Ansar Shrine, Logan County Shrine, and Logan County Shrine Club. Services for Don will be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 16, 2016, at St. John United Church of Christ with the Rev. Dan Dexter officiating. Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 15, 2016, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. Donations can be made to: St. John's Children Hospital, or The Shriners Hospital for Children, or donor's choice.

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Deceased Name: Donald L. Tigges

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Donald L. Tigges 1947 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL - Donald L. Tigges, 69, of Lincoln, passed away at 3:13 a.m., Sept. 13, 2016, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill. Donald was born March 20, 1947, in Dubuque, Iowa, the son of Arthur and Delores Young Tigges. He married Barbara Schaub on Sept. 12, 1975, in Pekin, Ill. She preceded him in death. He is survived by one sister, Judy Morris of Lincoln, Ill.; two nephews, John Cramer and Nathan Morris; and one niece, Tammy Cramer. He was preceded in death by his parents. Graveside services for Donald will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, Sept. 19, 2016, at Zion Cemetery in Lincoln, Ill., with the Rev. Michael Mallick officiating. Services are entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, Ill.

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Deceased Name: Nellie B. Renfrow

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - September 17, 2016

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Nellie B. Renfrow 1937 - 2016 ATLANTA, IL - Nellie B. Renfrow, 79, of Atlanta, passed away at 2:29 a.m. on Friday, September 16, 2016, at Heartland Health Care in Normal. Funeral services for Nellie will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 20, 2016, at the McLean Christian Church. Mr. Tony Billingsley will officiate. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 2016, at the Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta. Nellie B. Horath was born September 10, 1937, in Edgewood, Ill., the daughter of Andrew and Lily Horath. She married Wendell Bruner in 1955. She later married James Renfrow in 1982. He preceded her in death in 2000. Nellie is survived by one son: Ray Bruner of McLean and one daughter: Melinda (Don) Storm of Atlanta; five grandchildren: Brayden (Donna) Bruner, Zack (Ashley) Bruner, Natasha Bruner, Tyler Bruner, and Austin Bruner; two great-grandchildren: Natalie Bruner and Julie Bruner; and one sister: Thelma (Bill) Allin of McLean. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and twelve brothers and sisters. Nellie worked on the farm and was a homemaker. She was a member of the Atlanta Christian Church and Atlanta Women's Club. Memorials may be made to Atlanta Rescue Squad. Final arrangements entrusted with Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home of Atlanta.

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Deceased Name: Paula Jo Smith

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - September 20, 2016

• Section: Obituaries

Paula Jo Smith 1948 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL - Paula Jo Smith, 68, of Lincoln passed away at 5:10 a.m., Sept. 17, 2016, at The Christian Village in Lincoln, Ill. Paula was born Aug. 7, 1948, in Vandalia, Ill., the daughter of Paul Joseph and Betty Jane Cheshier Bates. She married Timothy Harold Smith on May 31, 1968, in Wilmington, Ill. He survives in Lincoln. She is also survived by her daughters, Erin Elizabeth Smith (Michael) Gates of Yucaipa, Calif., and Tara Jane Smith of Phoenix, Ariz.; and one sister, Rebecca Jane Rippetoe of Altamont, Ill. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Joseph Paul Bates. Paula retired from Senior Services of Central Illinois. She was a member of the Junior Women's Club, Lincoln Public Library Board, and she was an avid St. Louis Cardinal fan. A memorial service for Paula will be held at later date for family and friends with Chuck Sackett officiating. Memorial donations may be made in Paula's name to: Logan County Humane Society, or CCAI Adoption Services. Services have been entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, Ill.

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Deceased Name: Bertha Leesman

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Bertha Leesman 1926 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL - Bertha Leesman, 89, of Lincoln, passed away Sept. 18, 2016, at St. Clara's Manor in Lincoln. Bertha was born Nov. 13, 1926, in Champaign County, the daughter of Walter and Blanche (Pointer) Bloemker. She married Leroy "Bud" Leesman in Lincoln, Ill. He preceded her in death in 1967. Bertha is survived by her son, Aaron Leesman; sister, Bessie Budde; two grandchildren, Chelsea (Paul) Johnson and Aaron Leesman Jr.; and five great-grandchildren: Maya Leesman, Brinleigh Leesman, Carter Johnson, Cooper Johnson, and Bennett Johnson. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and sisters, Eileen, Ruby, Ruth, and Juanita. Bertha was a member of Lincoln Christian Church. A graveside service will be held for Bertha at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016, at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln, Ill., with Ron Otto officiating. Services have been entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln.

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Deceased Name: Lorena Bell Prather (Walker)

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Lorena Bell Prather (née Walker) 1923 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL - Lorena Bell Prather (née Walker), 92, passed away peacefully at 11:33 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016, at St. Clara's Manor in Lincoln, Ill. Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016, at Pagel Funeral Homes in Edgewood, Ill. There will be a one hour viewing prior to the service. Burial will be at Edgewood Cemetery in Edgewood, Ill. Memorials may go to the donor's choice. Lorena was born Dec. 23, 1923, in Effingham, Ill., the daughter of William and Carrie (Ledbetter) Walker. She married Verl Roy Prather on Feb. 16, 1944, in Edgewood, Ill. She belonged to the White Shrine, Eastern Star and the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary. She worked at Brown's Egg Plain in Farina, Ill., Norge in Effingham, Ill., and retired from Lincoln Developmental Center with over 30 years. She is survived by her son, Roger Prather (wife, Joyce) of Lincoln, Ill.; daughter, Peggy Payne (husband, Tom) of Lincoln, Ill.; two brothers, Tom and Bob Walker, both of Watson, Ill.; two sisters, Sally Rush of Watson, Ill., and Louise French of Watson, Ill.; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Carrie Walker; husband, Verl Prather Sr.; two sons, Roy Lee Prather and Verl Renis Prather; daughter, Stella Marie; brother, Lee "Bill" Walker; and three sisters: Glenna Arnold, Albina Jameson, and Lenora Rainey. Online condolences may be expressed at www.pagelfuneralhome.com.

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Deceased Name: Christopher John Howdeshell

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Christopher John Howdeshell 1981 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL - Christopher John Howdeshell, 35, of Lincoln, passed away Sept. 16, 2016, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 23, 2016, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. Cremation rites will then be accorded. There will be no burial at this time. Christopher was born April 23, 1981, the son of Michael N. Howdeshell and Mary Kahleen "Kathy" Freeman. He married Melissa Lange Jackson on July 10, 2015. He was employed at Cracker Barrel and was formerly employed at Precision. He loved music, being in nature, and being with his family. He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him. Surviving are his wife, Melissa Howdeshell of Lincoln; father, Michael Howdeshell of Springfield; mother, Mary Kathleen "Kathy" Freeman of Elkhart; children: Heaven Jackson, Dakota Howdeshell, and Elizabeth Howdeshell; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and his brother, Bill Howdeshell. Memorial donations may be made to the family and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Deceased Name: Merlin Gene Billington

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Merlin Gene "Butch" Billington, Jr. 1958 - 2016 BEULAVILLE, NC - Merlin Gene "Butch" Billington, Jr., 57, formerly of Atlanta, Ill., passed away Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016. Butch was born Oct. 25, 1958, in Lincoln, Ill. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Butch loved NASCAR especially Dale, Jr., and when he wasn't fishing he enjoyed watching NFL. He is survived by: wife, Monica K. Billington of the home; sons, Jeremy Billington and Lazlo Billington, both of Lincoln, Ill.; daughter, Kayla Jackson of Lincoln, Ill.; brother, Stephen Billington (Penny) of Hubert, N.C.; sisters: Theresa Miley (David) of Fort Worth, Texas, Sherrilyn Foss (Lawrence) of Lincoln, Ill., and Donna Knight (Gary) of Rogersville, Mo.; parents, Merlin and Delores M. Billington of Atlanta, Ill.; seven grandchildren; and one step-granddaughter. Arrangements are by Jones Funeral Home of Swansboro, N.C. Online condolences may be made at jonesfh.org

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Deceased Name: Margaret Ruth Baker

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Margaret Ruth Baker 1927 - 2019 MT. PULASKI, IL - Margaret Ruth Baker, 88, of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., passed away at 11:45 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield. Margaret was born Nov. 23, 1927, in Mt. Pulaski, Ill., the daughter of Orville and Marjiella (Jones) Martin. She married Don Eldon Baker on May 11, 1946, in Lincoln, Ill. He preceded her in death in 2008. Margaret is survived by her children: Ronn (Joann) Baker of Streator, Ill., Larry (Pam) Baker of Mt. Zion, Ill., Debra (Steve Battin) Pollock of Lincoln, Ill., Candy (Gary) Foss of Camp Point, Ill., and a special son, Kevin Baker of Dwight, Ill.; her grandchildren: Seth, Audra, Bethany, Julie, David, Clint, Ian, and Ashley; her great-grandchildren: Trenton, Dawson, Cade, Owen, Lydia, Julian, Brock, Wyatt, Vincent, Kyrah, Adalyn, Ruby, Eli, Rylin, Hudson, and Olsen. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter, Mary Eileen; and brother, John W. Martin. Margaret worked for Judge Leland Simpkins before staying home to raise a family. She later worked as the credit manager for Bo-Jac Seed Co. She made over 600 quilt tops that were donated to the Lutheran World Relief and also enjoyed painting nature scenes. She was fortunate to have the opportunity of taking her entire family on a cruise last summer. She was a lifelong resident of Mt. Pulaski and member of the First Christian Church. Services for Margaret will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016, at First Christian Church in Mt. Pulaski which will be officiated by Mark Weber. Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 23, 2016, also at the church. Burial will follow the services at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made in Margaret's name to: First Christian Church in Mt. Pulaski. Services have been entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski.

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Deceased Name: Elma Davis

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Elma "Toots" Davis 1929 - 2016 ELKHART, IL - Elma "Toots" Davis, 87, of Elkhart, Ill., passed away at 5:09 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield. Toots was born Feb. 18, 1929, in Milaca, Minn., daughter of Arvid and Tilda Johnson Anderson. She married Louis James Davis on March 3, 1947, in Minneapolis, Minn. He preceded her in death on June 27, 2003. Surviving are her children: Jerry (Sharon) Davis of Sherman, Ill., Ronald (Ronda) Davis of Elkhart, Ill., Peggy (Jeff) Blackburn of Sherman, Ill., and Anita Davis of Elkhart, Ill.; one brother, Roy (Shirley) Anderson; one sister, Ruth Carlson of Minneapolis, Minn.; 13 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband; one son, James Davis; one sister, and four brothers. Services for Toots will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016, at Elkhart Christian Church with Stacy Popejoy officiating. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 23, 2016, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski. Burial will be at Elkhart Cemetery in Elkhart, Ill. Memorials may be made to Elkhart Christian Church.

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Deceased Name: Ronna Nicole Yoakum

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Ronna Nicole "Niki" Yoakum 1985 - 2016 CLINTON, IL - Ronna Nicole "Niki" Yoakum 31 of Clinton, IL passed away 6:20 PM September 20, 2016 at her family residence, Clinton, IL. Private services were held at the Assembly of God Church, Clinton, IL with Pastor Dan Bell officiating. Private burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery, Waynesville, IL. Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, IL was in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be directed to the education fund for her children. Niki was born September 5, 1985 in Bloomington, IL the daughter of Ricky L. Burden and Laurie L. Johnson. She married Bruce James Yoakum in Bloomington, IL. Survivors include her husband: Bruce James Yoakum, Clinton, IL; children: Isaiah Yoakum, Elijah Yoakum and Marley Yoakum all of Clinton, IL; father: Ricky L. Burden, Clinton, IL; mother: Laurie L. Green, Clinton, IL; step-father: Glenn R. Conard, who along with Laurie raised Niki, Clinton, IL; maternal grandparents Jacob (Ruth) Johnson, Clinton, IL; paternal grandparents: Ronnie (Jill) Burden, Waynesville, IL; siblings: Joshua Baker, Chicago, IL; Jacalyn Destiny Green, Clinton, IL; Cameron Green, Clinton, IL; and several cousins also survive. Niki was a stay at home mom. Her children's hobbies were her hobbies and she loved spending time with them. Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com

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Deceased Name: Patricia J. Thompson

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Patricia J. Thompson 1935 - 2016 JOHNSBURG, IL - Patricia J. Thompson, 80, of Johnsburg, passed away early Wednesday morning, July 27, 2016, at Wauconda Care Center. She was born Dec. 22, 1935, in Findlay, Ill., to Alva and Nellie Mae (Stretch) Thompson. Pat was a hard-working single mother, who dedicated over 25 years to helping intellectually challenged adults at the Lincoln Developmental Center. She also would deliver over 300 newspapers to the entire town of Atlanta, Ill. She taught her son, Jeff, that anything can be obtainable with hard work and determination. She struggled with health issues for nearly 30 years, deciding to move closer to her son's family in the last 15 years. She adored her granddaughters, and was very proud of their accomplishments. Pat enjoyed spending time with her family, especially birthdays, barbecues, and holidays. Pat is survived by her son, Jeff (Kristen) Thompson; two granddaughters, Kate and Abby Thompson; and three sisters: Eileen (Jay) Smith, Maryanna Thompson, and Cookie Thompson. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her five brothers: Ed Dale (Ethel), Dean, Kenneth, Walter (Eileen), and Owen Thompson; and her sister, Lucille (Fred). The cremation rite was accorded privately. A graveside service and inurnment will be held at 1 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 2, 2016, at Mound Cemetery. For those wishing to send an expression of sympathy, her family suggests memorials to: WAVE Animal Rescue, P.O. Box 176, Wauconda, IL 60084, or visit www.wave-animalrescue.org. Arrangements were entrusted to Lockart-Green Funeral Home of Cowden and Justen Funeral Home & Crematory of McHenry. For information, please call the funeral home at 815-385-2400, or visit www.justenfhome.com.

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Deceased Name: Joan Leach

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Joan Leach 1929 - 2016 MANHATTAN, KS - Joan Leach (née Baldwin) passed away at home in Manhattan, Kan. on Sept. 23, 2016. She died of lung complications at age 87. Born in Louisville, Ky., she grew up near Campbellsville, Ky., and worked in her parents' country general store in Roley, Ky. She received a master of arts degree from Lincoln Christian College in 1969. She taught at the college from 1969-1972, and was an active member and Sunday School teacher at Lincoln Christian Church and Jefferson Street Christian Church from 1959-1972. Services and burial are at 10 a.m., Sept. 27 at University Christian Church in Manhattan under the auspices of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home.

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Deceased Name: Dorothy Rae Ott

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Dorothy Rae Ott 1934 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL - Dorothy Rae Ott, 82, of Lincoln, passed away Sept. 23, 2016, at her residence. Cremation rites were accorded by Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home. There will be no services at this time. Dorothy was born April 1, 1934, in Chicago, Ill., the daughter of Earl and Gertrude (Dorsett) Pinney. She married Joe Ott on Oct. 31, 1952. He preceded her in death on April 21, 2003. Dorothy was employed at the Logan County Clerk's Office for more than 20 years. Prior to that she was a homemaker and farm wife. She was an active volunteer at The Christian Village and the Oasis Senior Center, where she was also a member. She enjoyed Bingo, Bunco, and gambling. She was always on the go, staying active volunteering, traveling, and having fun with family and friends. Surviving are her children, William "Bill" Ott of Middletown, and Marsha Rae (Boone) O'Donoghue of Lincoln; grandchildren: Jamie, Angela, Steven and Chance, Kelsey Rae O'Donoghue and Stacy Leonard; brother, James (Joyce) Pinney of Lincoln; and faithful feline companion, Ebby. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 50 years, Joe Ott; brother, William Pinney; and sister, Virginia Steffen. Memorial donations may be made to: Humane Society of Logan County.

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Deceased Name: Troy D. Martinie

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Troy D. Martinie 1974 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL - Troy, 41, of Lincoln, passed away Sept. 25, 2016. Cremation rites were accorded. No services are being planned at this time. Troy left behind his father, Ron "Doc" Martinie; mother, Kathy (Berger) Martinie; sister, Tiffany (Donnie) Wheeler; daughter, Autumn; and three nieces, Patience, Cydnee and Kyra. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

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