

Deceased Name: Jay H. Diers 1949 - 2016

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 1, 2017

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Jay H. Diers 1949 - 2016 Jay H. Diers, 67, of Springfield, entered into the presence of the Lord at 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 24, 2016 at St. John's Hospice. Jay was a man of faith, a tremendous father and grandfather, and he loved the St. Louis Cardinals. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer; sons, Jason (Christina) Diers of Lake St. Louis, MO and Jeremy (Jennifer) Diers of Lawrenceville, GA; five grandchildren, Jacob, Kristen, Jordan, Joshua, and Jon; and siblings, Joe (Sue) Diers and Jon (Jane) Diers, both of Lincoln; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Cremation was accorded by Lincoln Land Cremation Society. The family will host a Celebration of Life at Erin's Pavilion, 4965 S. 2nd Street, Springfield, on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. The family will receive visitors and host a meal following the Celebration of Life. In lieu of flowers or donations to various organizations, the family asks for assistance with medical expenses accrued during treatment of pancreatic cancer. Donations may be made directly to the family. Please visit lincolnlandcs.com to offer your condolences and to read the complete obituary.

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Deceased Name: Virgil F. Douglas 1936 - 2017

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Virgil F. Douglas 1936 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL - Virgil F. Douglas, 80, passed away at 10:32 a.m. at his home surrounded by his loving family on January 1, 2017. Virgil was born on December 17, 1936 in Lincoln, IL; son of Ross and Zora (Pharis) Douglas. He married Geneva Foley on December 6, 1958 in Joliet, IL. She survives him. Also surviving Virgil are his children: Dwayne (Ruby) Foley of Lincoln, IL, Victor Douglas of Arlington, TX, and Sherry (John) Schonauer of Lincoln, IL; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, with one great grandchild expected in January; many loving nieces and nephews that were with him every step of the way. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, two sisters, and one grandson. Virgil served in the United States Army from 1957-1959. He worked at Stetson China Factory in Lincoln for 6 years before they closed; he then went on to work at Lehn and Fink for 30 years as a line mechanic. He loved to hunt for mushrooms, shoot pool, gamble, sit at the park by the water, flying in hot air balloons, hunting for minerals and rocks, and loved watching the St. Louis Cardinals play. A celebration of life will be held at 3:00 p.m. Thursday January 5, 2017 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, IL with Darren Palmer officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service also at the funeral home. Memorials may be made in Virgil's name to the Purple Heart Memorial of Springfield, Salvation Army, Shriner's Hospital in St. Louis, Mo , or Memorial Home Hospice.

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Deceased Name: Paul William Dumser 1917 - 2016

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Paul William Dumser 1917 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL - Paul William Dumser, 99, of Lincoln, passed away at 7:12 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln. Paul was born March 23, 1917, in Lincoln. He married Irma Hedgcock-Wright on Dec. 15, 1973, in Lincoln; she survives. Paul is also survived by his children, Paul L. Dumser of Lincoln, and Judith Alexander of Decatur; stepchildren, Gregg Wright of Ashburn Va., and Kimberlee Wright of Madison, Wis.; grandchildren: Eydie (Todd) Doehring of Savoy, Ill., Leigh (Amy) Dumser of Plainfield, Ill., Lane Dumser of Florida, and Jenna (Kolby) Jeffers of Mahomet, Ill.; step-grandchildren, Eli (Kelly) Miller of White Fish Bay, Wis., Frank Crocker of Madison, Wis., Sarah (Tim) Wright-Burns of Fairfax, Va., and Neil Wright of Ashburn, Va.; eight great-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren. Paul was preceded in death by his parents and his children's mother, Marian Lane. Paul was a lifelong resident of Lincoln. After completing his education, he joined his father in the family business at Sieb's Hatchery - later to take over Sieb's Die Cut until he retired. A memorial service for Paul will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 6, 2017, at Fricke-Calvert Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, with Ron Otto officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service from 10-11 a.m., also at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Zion Cemetery after the service. Memorial donations may be made in Paul's name to: Safe Haven Hospice, or donor's choice.

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Deceased Name: Cliff D. Perkins 1941 - 2016

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Cliff D. Perkins 1941 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL - Cliff D. Perkins, 75, of Lincoln, passed away at 1:20 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 30, 2016, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Ill. Cliff was born Dec. 10, 1941, in Russell County, Ky, the son of George and Ina (Poppewell) Perkins. He married Judy Lohrenz on Aug. 29, 1975 in Lincoln. She survives. Cliff is also survived by his children: Leslie (Rick, also considered as a son) Hoefle of Lincoln, Ill., Angela (Doug) Mahler of Lincoln, Ill., Teresa (Jim) Smith of Naperville, Ill., and Debra Jordan of Lincoln, Ill.; his siblings, R.V. (Roberta) Perkins, Hattie Hughes, Kenny (Mary) Perkins, Norma Ramlow, Roger (Freida) Perkins, and Janice (Ronnie) Decker, all of Kentucky; and his seven grandchildren. Cliff was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, one brother, and one grandson. Cliff was a born entertainer who loved life and his precious dog, Thunder. The word "Can't" was not in his vocabulary, and he never thought twice if someone needed help. Cliff retired as Illico Oil T.B.A. Division Sales Manager. He was affiliated with Jefferson Street Christian Church; and was the Exalted Ruler of The Grand Elks Lodge #914 from 1997-1998. This very giving and loving man from Kentucky will be greatly missed. A graveside service for Cliff will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2017, at New Union Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made in Cliff's name to the donor's choice. Services have been entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln.

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Deceased Name: Patricia Ann Wilson 1940 - 2016

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Patricia Ann "Pat" Wilson 1940 - 2016 MIDDLETOWN, IL - Patricia Ann "Pat" Wilson, 76, of Middletown, passed away Dec. 30, 2016 at her residence. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2017, also at the funeral home with Larry Crawford officiating. Burial will follow in Irish Grove Cemetery in Middletown. Pat was born Nov. 18, 1940, in Lincoln, Ill., the daughter of Vincent Boice and Joanna (Harrison) Boice. She married William Wilson. He preceded her in death in 1997. Pat retired from Eaton after more than 40 years of service. She enjoyed playing Bunco and going out to lunch with her friends. Pat was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. She enjoyed Bingo, gambling, camping, country music, and spending time with her family. Surviving are her sons, Dennis Wilson of Lincoln and Tracy Wilson of Goreville; grandchildren: Aaron, Nathan, DJ, Adam, Ryan, Christopher, Jordan, Allie, Justin, Lindsey, and Matt; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. Memorial donations will be accepted at the funeral home and may be made to: Middletown Fire and Rescue.

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Deceased Name: Robert Downey Wertheim 1941 - 2017

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Robert Downey "Tom" Wertheim 1941 - 2017 ATLANTA, IL - Robert Downey "Tom" Wertheim, 75, of Atlanta, passed away at 12:35 p.m. on Monday, January 2, 2017, at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center in Normal. Visitation will be Friday, January 6, 2017, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Atlanta Christian Church. Masonic Rites will be accorded at 7:00 p.m. Memorial services for Mr. Wertheim will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. at the Atlanta Christian Church. Mr. Maurice Stribling will officiate. Burial will be at a later date. Cremation Rites have been accorded. Robert Downey Wertheim was born November 30, 1941, in Lincoln, the son of Robert "Bob" Glenn and Nancy Hoblit Wertheim. He married Connie Renfrow on July 8, 1966 at the Eminence Christian Church in rural Atlanta. She survives. Tom is also survived by their children: Amy Wertheim of Atlanta, Greg Wertheim of Normal, and Julie (Erin) Mulliken of Bloomington; three grandchildren: Nicholas Flach, Annika Wertheim, and Tatum Mulliken; two sisters: Lynd Corley of Glenview, Ill., and Elizabeth (Ed) Lenz of East Peoria. He was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister: Frances Wertheim, M.D. Tom was owner of the R.G.W. Candy Company in Atlanta. He was a graduate of Atlanta High School and attended the University of Illinois Urbana. He had farmed in the rural Atlanta area and worked for the Atlanta Township road commissioner. Tom was a member of Atlanta Masonic Lodge #165 and is a past Master. He was a member of the Atlanta Christian Church where he had served as a Deacon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Atlanta Christian Church. Funeral arrangements are entrusted with Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home of Atlanta.

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Deceased Name: Andrew Lee Buckles 1953 - 2017

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Andrew Lee "Andy" Buckles 1953 - 2017 MT. PULASKI, IL - Andrew Lee "Andy" Buckles, 63, of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., passed away at 3:15 p.m., Jan. 1, 2017, at Vonderlieth Living Center in Mt. Pulaski. Andy was born Oct. 8, 1953, in Lincoln, Ill., the son of Henry Frank "Hank" and Irma Jean (Baker) Buckles. Andy is survived by his mother, Irma Jean Buckles of Mt. Pulaski; three brothers: John (Cindy) Buckles of Mt. Pulaski, Frank (Brenda) Buckles of Mt. Pulaski, and Jim Buckles of Springfield, Ill.; one sister, Mary Jane (Floyd) Yeck Jr. of Springfield; his seven nieces and nephews; and three great-nephews. Andy worked in the parts department of Stahl's Implement before working at Caterpillar where he retired after 30 years; he also helped on the family farm. He was a member of The Sons of The American Legion #447. He was also associated with UAW Local #751. Services for Andy will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017, at Mt. Pulaski Christian Church in Mt. Pulaski, with Mark Weber officiating. Visitation will be held two hours prior to the service from 12-2 p.m. also at the church. Burial will follow the services at Steenbergen Cemetery in Mt. Pulaski. Memorial donations may be made in Andy's name to: Mt. Pulaski Christian Church, or The Sons of The American Legion Post #447. Services have been entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski.

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Deceased Name: Cheryl Gee 1947 - 2016

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Cheryl "Susie" Gee 1947 - 2016 MT. PULASKI, IL - Cheryl "Susie" Gee, 69, of Mt. Pulaski passed away at 6:26 A.M. on Friday, December 30, 2016 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield. Cheryl was born on July 31, 1947 in Decatur, IL, the daughter of Mary Howe. She married David Gee on June 28, 1969 in Mt. Pulaski, IL, he survives in Mt. Pulaski. Cheryl is also survived by her daughters, Angela (Brian) Arteman of Bellflower, IL, and Karen (Bob Goodpaster) Gee of Mt. Pulaski, IL; her grandchildren, Nathan Gee, Ben, Lauren, and Lane Arteman. A private family service will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made in Cheryl's name to The Latham Fire Dept. Services have been entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Mt. Pulaski.

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Deceased Name: Elizabeth Wirth Churchill 1937 - 2016

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Elizabeth "Betty" Wirth Churchill 1916 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL - Elizabeth "Betty" Wirth Churchill peacefully passed away on Jan. 2, 2017, at St. Clara's Manor. She was born in Carlstadt, N.J., on Oct. 18, 1916, to George and Elizabeth (Eitel) Wirth. She married Frank Churchill on June 5, 1937, in Wappinger's Falls, NY. He preceded her in death in 1991. She worked as a "Rosie the Riveter" during World War II at Grumman's on Long Island, NY. Betty helped her husband run a linotype business from their home in Baldwin, N.Y., and worked at Pickering/Stanton in Freeport, N.Y., before retiring in 1982. She enjoyed being a member of the Eastern Star and working on crafts for the Newark Valley Methodist Church bazaars. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Alice Pierson; and brother, George Wirth. She is survived by her son, Stuart (Linda) Churchill; granddaughters, Pamela (Bill) Kunkel, and Angela (John) Stoltzenburg, all of Lincoln; and her great-grandchildren: Nathan Kunkel of Danvers, Ill., Jordyn Kunkel of Bloomington, Ill., Ethan Kunkel of Macomb, Ill., Henry and Theodore Stoltzenburg of Lincoln; and several nieces and nephews. Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be no services. Burial will be at a later date in Newark Valley, N.Y. Memorials may be made in her name to: ALMH Foundation (memo line: Healthy Communities Partnership), 200 Stalhut Drive, Lincoln, IL 62656, or charity of choice. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln, Ill., and MacPherson Funeral Home in Newark Valley, NY.

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Deceased Name: Carol Kodatt 1932 - 2017

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Carol Kodatt 1932 - 2016 MORTON, IL – Carol J. Kodatt, 84, of Morton, passed away Saturday, Dec. 31, 2016, at her home. She was born Sept. 19, 1932, in Broadwell, Ill., to Frederick Glenn and Helen Charlotte (Brown) McGee. She married Eugene A. Kodatt in Feb. 1951, in Lincoln, Ill. He preceded her in death on Dec. 17, 2016. She was also preceded in death by four brothers and seven sisters. Surviving are two sons, Steven Kodatt of Lincoln, Ill., and Bruce (Teresa) Kodatt of Morton, and two grandchildren, Hilary Kodatt and Zachary Kodatt. Carol was a bank teller for First of America Bank, retiring in 1997 after 25 years of service. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 6, 2017, at Knapp-Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Center in Morton, with the Rev. Gary Motta officiating. Visitation will be from 9 to 9:45 a.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln, Ill., at 2 p.m., Friday, Jan. 6. Memorials may be made to: St. Jude Runners' Association, 4722 N. Sheridan Rd., Peoria, IL 61614. To view Carol's video tribute or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit www.knappjohnson.com.

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Deceased Name: Santos Zayas 1954 - 2017

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Santos Zayas 1954 - 2017 MT. PULASKI, IL - Santos Zayas, 62, of Mt. Pulaski, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2017, at Abraham Lincoln Medical Hospital in Lincoln, with his family by his side. Santos was born Dec. 28, 1954, in San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico to Pablo and Eulogia (Correa) Zayas. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps. He married Pamela D. Saulsberry on June 2, 1984, in Chicago, Ill. Santos loved fishing and traveling all over the world. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Pamela of Mt. Pulaski; his son, Alejandro Zayas of Mt. Pulaski; two brothers, Jose (Maria) Zayas of Lake Placid, Fla., and Pablo (Maria) Zayas of Chicago, Ill.; three sisters: Carmen (Milton) Rodriguez of Lake Placid, Fla., Rafaela Zayas of Berwyn, Ill., and Ruth Zayas of Allentown, Pa. He was preceded in death by his parents and 12 siblings. The family will be hosting a memorial service to celebrate the life of Santos Zayas at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017, at the United Pentecostal Church, 1422 Pekin Street, Lincoln, IL 62656. Memorials may be directed to: Davita Dialysis, 2100 5th St., Lincoln, IL 62656. The family of Santos Zayas is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur, IL. View the online obituary and send condolences to the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.

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Deceased Name: Mark S. Ingram 1955 - 2017

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Mark S. Ingram 1955 - 2017 LINCOLN, IL - Mark S. Ingram, 61, of Lincoln, passed away Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017, at HSHS St. John's Hospital in Springfield. A Visitation will be held from 6-7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017, at Peasley Funeral Home. A Memorial Service will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday following the visitation with Mr. Ryan Edgecombe officiating. Cremation rites have been accorded. Mark Steven Ingram was born May 20, 1955, in Lincoln, the son of Donald Dean and Geneva Spurling Ingram. He is survived by his son, Steven Ingram of Lincoln. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Dennis Ingram and David Dean Ingram; and one sister, Genadean Ingram. Mark was employed at Hardees in Lincoln as a Shift Manager. Memorials may be made to his family.

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Deceased Name: Wayne Denney 1932 - 2017

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Wayne Denney Sr. 1932 - 2017 LINCOLN, IL - Wayne Denney Sr., 84, of Lincoln, passed away Jan. 8, 2017, at home with his loving wife. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017, at New Union Cemetery. Military rites will be performed by American Legion Post 263. There will be no visitation. Wayne was born Oct. 13, 1932, in Lyons, Ill., the son of Leo and Adeline Denney. He married Esther McBenge on July 5, 1955, in Shelbyville, Ill. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. Wayne was formerly employed at Caterpillar, spent more than 20 years at PPG, and was briefly employed at Friendship Manor. He enjoyed fishing. He was a simple man and enjoyed time with his family. Surviving are his wife, Esther Denney of Lincoln; children: Kathleen (Steve) Twente of Springfield, Wayne Denney Jr. of North Vernon, Ind., Terry Lee Denney of Lawndale, Deborah Kay Denney of Lincoln, and Scott (Debra) Denney of Oakland City, Ind.; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Lee James Denney; son, Daniel Denney; and grandson, Chad Twente. Memorial donations may be made to: St. John United Church of Christ. Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home has been entrusted with his care.

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Deceased Name: Rodney Lloyd Polley 1959 - 2017

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Rodney Lloyd Polley 1959 - 2017 BLOOMINGTON, IL - Rodney Lloyd Polley, 57, of Bloomington, Ill., unexpectedly passed away at 9:10 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017, at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington, Ill. A celebration of his life will be held at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bloomington with Pastors Christine McNeal and Brian Goke officiating. Visitation will be held prior to the service from 3:30-5 p.m. on Thursday at the church. Cremation rites will be accorded. Family has suggested that memorials be made to: The Alzheimer's Association, or American Red Cross. Rodney was born May 6, 1959, in Lincoln, Ill., the son of Lawrence Wayne and Helen Pearl Musick Polley. He married Mary Mikelson on Oct. 6, 1984, in Lincoln, Ill. Rodney is survived by his father, Lawrence "Wayne" Polley of Lincoln; his wife, Mary, and their daughters, Krista (George Henderson IV) Polley of Champaign, and Ellyn (Mike Chwistek) Polley of Chicago; and two grandchildren, Hasaan Polley and Kyngston George L. Henderson. He is also survived by his brother, Larry (JoAnne) Polley of Fenton, Mo., and sister-in-law, Bernetta Polley of Springfield. He was preceded in death by his mother, Helen Pearl Polley, and brother, Keith Randall "Randy" Polley. He graduated from Lincoln Community High School Class of 1977 and received his bachelor's degree in computer science with a minor in math from Illinois State University in 1984. Rodney began his career at Country Company's, then he moved to the Systems Department at State Farm Insurance Company. Over his 27 years at State Farm, he held many positions, and for the past several years worked as a Project Manager. He and his wife are members of St. John's Lutheran Church of Bloomington. Rodney was a huge supporter of the Red Cross and donated blood any chance he could. He enjoyed playing golf, fishing, working in his yard and especially loved spending time with his grandsons. Family was the most important aspect of his life. Rodney had a giving heart and always placed others needs before his own. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him. Calvert & Metzler Memorial Home in Bloomington, Ill., is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made to www.calvertmemorial.com.

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Deceased Name: Phyllis C. Gordon 1927 - 2017

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Phyllis C. Gordon 1927 - 2017 ATLANTA, IL - Phyllis C. Gordon, 89, of Atlanta, passed away at 8:10 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 9, 2017, at The Christian Village Nursing Home in Lincoln. Funeral services for Mrs. Gordon will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 13, 2017, at 10 a.m. at Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home. Mr. Ryan Edgecombe will officiate. Burial will be at the Atlanta Cemetery. Phyllis was born May 10, 1927, in Atlanta, the daughter of Leonard and Nannie Bicknell Chrisman. She married William Martin Gordon on June 15, 1945. He preceded Phyllis in death on Nov. 16, 1982. Phyllis is survived by one daughter, Susan Gordon, and one grandson, Scott Hern. She was preceded in death by three brothers: Lyle Chrisman, Wayne Chrisman, and Wendell Chrisman; one sister, Eva Lake; and two great-grandsons, Scott Dean Hern and Trayce Martin Hern. Phyllis was a graduate of Atlanta High School. She retired from General Electric in Bloomington. She was a member of the Atlanta Christian Church. Memorials may be made to: The Christian Village Nursing Home Activity Department. Funeral arrangements are entrusted with Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home of Atlanta.

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Deceased Name: Charles Allen Purseglove 1927 - 2017

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Charles Allen Purseglove 1927 - 2017 LINCOLN, IL - Charles Allen Purseglove, 89, passed away Saturday, Jan. 8, 2017. He was a resident of Lincoln, Ill. He was born Dec. 1, 1927, in Northampton, Mass., to Havelock Joseph and Arleen (Fitzgerald) Purseglove. He had one sister, Maryalice Purseglove. He married Patricia Ann Messer, 64 years ago, on Sept. 6, 1952, in Anaconda, Mont. Survivors include his wife, Pat; three children: Elizabeth (James) Webb of Indianapolis, Sara (Anthony) Milano of Greenwood, and Paul M. Purseglove of Sherman, Ill.; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He attended Purdue University. He was a member the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, and received his Bachelor of Science in Engineering. Charley was a U.S. Army veteran serving as a Technician Grade 4 Medic. He was employed by Cutler Hammer as a mechanical engineer, and later by the State of Illinois in the Nuclear Regulatory Agency. He was also registered for many years as a State of Illinois Registered Tree Expert. Charley was active in Lincoln civic organizations. He was in the Jaycees, the Young Republicans, served on the Salvation Army and Scully Park boards. He was a city alderman, instrumental in establishing the United Fund, and a Boy Scout Assistant Leader. He was a member of the Elks club. He enjoyed tennis and riding bikes. He was helped by the Red Cross in a time of need, and as a result he donated blood every 56 days from age 18 until nearly 83. He loved his family, teaching us all about the love of the outdoors, honesty, swimming, working hard and instilling in his family a sense for adventure. A memorial service will be held in Lincoln at a later date. Burial will take place in Montana. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: the Red Cross online or by mail at American Red Cross, PO Box 37839, Boone, IA 50037-0839. Or, donate a pint of blood in his honor! Arrangements were cared for by Wilson St.Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Greenwood Chapel. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.wilsonstpierre.com.

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Deceased Name: Dorothy Lois May 1926 - 2017

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Dorothy Lois May 1926 - 2017 TOLEDO, OH - Dorothy Lois May, 90, passed away Jan. 8, 2017, at Swan Creek Retirement Village in Toledo, Ohio. She was born Feb. 5, 1926, in Lincoln, Ill., to John and Irene (Dierker) Zurkammer. Dorothy Lois was baptized, confirmed, and married in what was the St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church in Lincoln. She graduated from Lincoln High School in 1944 and took a job at Armour's. In 1949 she married Richard May of Lawndale, Ill. The couple soon moved to Toledo, Ohio, where Dorothy Lois worked briefly at Textileather before starting her family. Beginning in 1967 she enjoyed a career as an executive secretary in the Psychology Department at the University of Toledo retiring in 1992. She was a longtime member of Faith United Church of Christ where she enjoyed faith and fellowship. Dorothy Lois was an avid reader and even after losing her sight in 2001 enjoyed many hours listening to a talking book player. During her lifetime she was able go on numerous vacation trips including Europe, and different parts of the United States. Besides her husband, Richard, Dorothy Lois is survived by: sister, Mary Jean Cummings of Lincoln, Ill.; brother, Dean (June) Zurkammer of Montgomery, Texas; daughters, Susan May of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and Karen May of Seattle, Wa.; son, Alan (Hope) May of Half Moon Bay, Calif.; granddaughters: Andrea (Kirk) Kissner of Seattle, Wa., Elizabeth May of Los Angeles, Calif., and Caroline May of Lake Forest, Ill.; and many loving nieces, nephews, in-laws, and close friends. The family wishes to thank the staff of Swan Creek Retirement Village for their care and concern during her residency there. A memorial celebrating the life of Dorothy Lois will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 21, in the chapel of Swan Creek, 5916 Cresthaven Lane, Toledo. A memorial celebration will also be held in Lincoln, Ill., this Spring with interment taking place at Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be given to: Swan Creek Life Fund, The Toledo Sight Center, or the charity of choice.

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Deceased Name: Robert Lee Tumbleson 1943 - 2017

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Robert Lee "Bob" Tumbleson Sr. 1943 - 2017 LINCOLN, IL - Robert Lee "Bob" Tumbleson Sr., 73, of Lincoln, formerly of California, passed away January 6, 2017 at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial services will be held at 11 AM, January 19, 2017 at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home. Burial will be at a later date in California, with his wife. Bob was born May 3, 1943 in Port Smith, Ohio, the son of Sherril and Anna (Renz) Tumbleson. He married Eva Mitchell on January 26, 1962. She preceded him in death on June 3, 2005. Mr. Tumbleson proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corp. He retired as a Master Gunnery Sergeant after 20 years of service. Bob enjoyed bowling and pool. The family wishes to extend a special thank you to his Logan Lanes family and friends for making him feel at home for the last 10 years. Survivors include: his children Robert Lee Tumbleson Jr. (Leanne) of Mantorville, MN.; Damon Tumbleson (Elizabeth "Beth") of Decatur, AL; Beckie Taylor (Shawn) of Lincoln, IL.; and Christy McCafferty (Rick) of Highland, CA.; grandchildren: Amanda, Troy, Melissa, Jill, Steven, Tawnie, Ashley, Carissa, and Kyle; great grandchildren Carmine and Lynnox; and brother Jim Tumbleson (Roberta) of Sharon, MA. He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife. Memorial donations may be made to United Way of Logan County and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Deceased Name: Robert W. Westen 1935 - 2017

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Robert W. "Bob" Westen 1935 - 2017 Robert W. "Bob" Westen, 81, of Mt. Pulaski, passed away at 7:20 A.M. Thursday January 12, 2017 at his residence. Bob was born on August 2, 1935 in Logan County, IL, the son of Harm and Louise (Sams) Westen. He married Donna Allison on December 17, 1954 in Latham, IL. Bob is survived by his wife Donna, his children Kim (Doug) Chandler, Kristy Westen, Casey (Stephanie) Westen, "adoptive son" Bruce (Sue) Lamb, his brother Roger "Butch" (Judy) Westen, his four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sons Terry and Randy Westen. Bob was a retired farmer and Lake Fork Township Road Commissioner for many years. Bob was very active in the Show Cattle Circuit. Services for Bob will be at 6:00 P.M. Monday January 16, 2017 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski. Visitation will be two hours prior to services from 4:00-6:00 P.M. Memorials may be made in Bob's name to the Logan County 4H.

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Deceased Name: Robert A. Cowan 1933 - 2017

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Robert A. "Bob" Cowan Sr. 1933 - 2017 MT. PULASKI, IL - Robert A. "Bob" Cowan Sr., 83, passed away at 7:58 p.m. on Jan. 15, 2017, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill. Bob was born Nov. 1, 1933, in Warrensburg, Ill., son of Harry and Velma (Schroeder) Cowan. He married Dorothy Jean Hupp in 1951 in Mechanicsburg, Ill. She survives him. Also surviving Bob are his children: Robert (Nancy) Cowan of Springfield, Ill., Randy (Paula) Cowan of Spaulding, Ill., Scott (Debby) Cowan of Dawson, Ill., Michael (Melinda) Cowan of Beason, Ill., Wayne (Ann) Cowan of Lexington, Ky., and Christopher (Amy) Cowan of Mt. Pulaski, Ill.; one sister, Carolyn (Ted) Roth of Williamsville, Ill.; 31 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents. Bob was a graduate of Tri-City High School; a member of Latham Baptist Church since 1945, Lake Fork Township Board for 28 years, church board for 55 years, Sunday School teacher for 30 years, school board for 22 years - eight years as president, leader of the Land of Lincoln Antique Tractor and Engine Club - President from 2000-2012, and National JICCA Board from 2005-2013. Services for Bob will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, Jan. 20, 2017, at Latham Baptist Church with the Rev. Mark Morgan officiating. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 19, 2017, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski, Ill. Burial at Lake Bank Cemetery will follow the service. Memorials may be made in Robert's name to: Latham Baptist Church, Land of Lincoln Antique Tractor and Engine Club, or Navajo Ministries.

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Deceased Name: Mary Loeffler 1922 - 2017

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Mary Loeffler 1922 - 2017 Mary Loeffler, 94 of Lincoln passed away at 3:30 a.m. January 17, 2017 at Memorial Medical Center of Springfield IL. Mary was born February 7, 1922 in Middletown, IL; daughter of James W. and Matilda Marie Steinhour Davison. She married William D. Loeffler on October 14, 1950 in Lincoln, IL. He preceded her in death in 1987. Surviving Mary are her children: Jay (Debbie) Loeffler of Normal, IL, Marcia Horn of St. Charles, IL, and Jim (Diana) Loeffler of Lincoln, IL; one sister: Delores Berger of Lincoln; one brother: John Davison of Middletown, IL; eleven grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and three siblings: Ruby, Raymond, and William. Mary was a member of Lincoln Christian Church, ABWA, lifetime member of the Women of the Moose, lifetime member of the Legion, Amvets, and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. She worked at the Logan County Treasurers for 23 years, worked as a Post Mistress in Middletown for 2 years, worked at Stetson China Factory, and volunteered for election days for over 40 years. Services for Mary will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday January 21, 2017 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, IL with Ron Otto officiating. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Friday January 20, 2016 also at the funeral home. Burial at Zion Cemetery will follow the service. Memorials may be made in Mary's name to Lincoln Christian Church.

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Deceased Name: William Henderson 1959 - 2017

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William Henderson 1959 - 2017 MAROA, IL - William Henderson, 57 of Maroa, IL passed away 12:58 P.M. January 16, 2017 at his family home in Maroa, IL. Services to celebrate his life will be 11:00 A.M. Saturday, January 21, 2017 at Calvert Funeral Home, Maroa, IL with Greg Taylor officiating. Private family burial at Maroa Cemetery, Maroa, IL. Visitation will be 10 - 11 A.M. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be directed to the William Henderson memorial fund. William was born February 11, 1959 in Lincoln, IL the son of Ralph William and Judith (Fortner) Henderson. Survivors include his mother: Judy Coffey, Clinton, IL; children: Steven W. (Michelle) Henderson, Lincoln, IL and Stephanie Henderson, Lincoln, IL; grandchildren: Annalynn Henderson, Triston Henderson and Levi Mayberry; siblings: Marjorie (Gordan) Foster, Heyworth, IL, Julie (Mark) Guzouskis, Lincoln, IL, Vonda (Bubba) Cable, Clinton, MS, Dawn Jackson, FL, Michelle (Dave) Turner, Madison, WI and Chad Henderson, Oreana, IL. He was preceded in death his father. William was a construction contractor and all around "Mr. Fixit". Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com a href="http://www.calvertmemorial.com" target="_new" rel="nofollow" http://www.calvertmemorial.com /a br/

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Deceased Name: Gene M. Hilgendorf 1925 - 2017

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Gene M. Hilgendorf 1925 - 2017 Lincoln- Gene M. Hilgendorf, 91, passed away at 7:09 p.m. at Memorial Medical Center of Springfield on January 19, 2017. Gene was born on September 6, 1925 in Lincoln, IL; son of William and Minnie (Carnahan) Hilgendorf. He married Anne Stults on March 15, 1952; she preceded him in death. Surviving Gene are his children: Sue O'Hara of Lincoln, IL and William (Debbie) Hilgendorf of Lincoln, IL; two grandchildren: Nathan and Emily Hilgendorf; three great grandchildren: Lillian Hilgendorf, Skylar Hashman, and Tyler Scott. He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter: Joyce Grimsley, granddaughter: Misty Johnson, two brothers: Earl and Richard, and one sister: Rachel Eeten. Gene began farming in rural Delavan, moving to Lincoln in 1952 where he continued farming until his retirement in 1992. He enjoyed working with his son on the farm until the age of 89. He was a member of Lincoln Christian Church, Emden American Legion Post #506, former Broadwell Grade School Board of Education Member, and Broadwell Township Trustee. He was a United States Navy veteran serving during WWII. Services for Gene will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday January 24, 2017 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, IL with Ryan Edgecombe officiating. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Monday January 23, 2017 also at the funeral home. Burial at Hartsburg Union Cemetery will follow the service where full military rites will be accorded by the Emden American Legion Post #506. Memorials may be made in Gene's name to the Christian Village.

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Deceased Name: James L. Clifford 1930 - 2017

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James L. Clifford 1930 - 2017 MASON CITY, IL - James L. Clifford, 86, of Mason City, passed away Thursday, January 19, 2017 at the Mason City Area Nursing Home. Jim was born September 11, 1930 to William and Margaret Isabelle (Peck) Clifford in Mason City. He married Patty Kirby April 18, 1954, she preceded him in death August 1996. He later married Marlene Rhoades September 13, 1997. Jim is survived by: his wife Marlene; his children Terri (Joe) Allen and Cindy (Danny) Fletcher of Mason City; his step-children Alisha Simer of Michigan, Bradley (Trudy) Simer of Australia, and Kandi Burlingame of Granville; eleven grandchildren Jonathan (Barbie) Allen, Ryan (Kisha) Allen, Miles (Katie) Allen, Brandon (Shari) Fletcher, Anthony Fletcher and Laura (Jeff) Denney; five step grandchildren Bobby Simer, Daphne Simer, Victoria Burlingame, Arek Burlingame, and Zoe Simer; twelve great grandchildren; three siblings Russell (Toady) Clifford, Richard (Carol) Clifford and Anna Mae Adams. He was preceded in death by his wife Patty, his parents and one brother William Clifford Jr. Jim was a lifetime member of Christian Church where he served as a youth leader, choir member and 30 years as an elder. Jim served as a lifetime manager of the Mason City Memorial Pool. He worked for the State of Illinois for over 40 years, retiring in 1995. He was a member of the Pinochle Card Club and lifetime Cubs fan! Funeral Services for Jim will be held Wednesday, January 25 at 11:00 am at the Christian Church in Mason City. Pastor Bill Boyce will officiate. Visitation will start one hour prior at 10:00. Burial will follow at the Mason City Cemetery. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Mason City Area Nursing Home or to the Christian Church. Condolences for the family may be left online at www.hurleyfh.com Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Deceased Name: William A. Moos 1947 - 2017

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William A. Moos 1947 - 2017 Springfield -- William A. Moos, 69, of Springfield, passed away on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at his home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Lincoln with Rev. Simon Taabu officiating. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery in Lincoln. Military Rites will be accorded by Lincoln American Legion Post # 263. Visitation will be held from 10:30 a.m on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 until time of service at the church prior to the Mass. William Anthony Moos was born June 20, 1947, in Lincoln, the son of William Franklin and Ruth Irene Watson Moos. He is survived by one sister: Kay Moos, four brothers: Daniel (Rosemarie) Moos, Tim Moos, Jerry Moos, and Patrick Moos; nieces and nephews: Megan Moos, Brian (Shannon) Moos, Brandy (Rachad) Bradley, Dawn (Mileham) Zastrow, Rob (Megan) Mileham, Myles (Maddie) Moos, and Hope Moos. He was preceded in death by his parents. Bill graduated from the Lincoln Community High School in 1965. He then served in the United States Marines for four years during the Vietnam Conflict. He retired from the State of Illinois where he worked for Central Management Service. Bill was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #1250 where he is a 3rd Degree Knight, and Lincoln American Legion Post # 263. Memorials may be made to Carroll Catholic School. Final arrangements are entrusted with Peasley Funeral Home.

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Deceased Name: Roland E. Doom 1944 - 2017

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Roland E. Doom 1944 - 2017 Roland E. Doom, age 72, of Athens, passed away on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield surrounded by his family. Roland was born on August 10, 1944 in Springfield, IL the son of William and Grace Grieme-Doom. He is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Alice (Jack) Hatten. He is survived by his wife Cheri of 51 years; one son, Stuart R. Doom of Athens, two daughters, Stephanie (Darryl) Powers of Sumter, SC and Samantha (Doug) Detmers of Hartsburg, IL; four grandchildren, Lindsay Shull of Anchorage, AK, Chelsea (Cody) Miller of Fort Worth, TX, and Jordan and Xavier Detmers of Hartsburg, IL. He was a lifelong farmer and he ran his family business. He was currently employed at BUNN O-Matic as a laser operator. Roland was on the board of trustees for nearly 40 years at Williamsville United Methodist Church. He was also in the choir and served in other various capacities over the years. Roland was also a lifetime member of the Williamsville FFA Alumni. In his earlier years he was a Shriner. Roland was a Golden Harvest seed dealer with his son Stuart. Roland served as a member of the Illinois Army National Guard from 1962-1970. Visitation for Roland will be on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 from 4-7 PM at Williamsville United Methodist Church. The funeral service will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 10 AM at Williamsville United Methodist Church. Burial will be held at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield. Rev. Dick Piscatelli will be officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Williamsville United Methodist Church. Mott & Henning Funeral Home is assisting the Doom family. On-line condolences can be shared at www.mottandhenning.com.

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Deceased Name: Marvin Paul Johnson 1942 - 2017

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Marvin Paul Johnson 1942 - 2017 LINCOLN, IL - Marvin Paul Johnson, 74, of Lincoln, formerly of New Holland, passed away Jan. 21, 2017, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital surrounded by his loving family. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017, also at the funeral home with the Rev. Ken Kramer officiating. Burial will follow at Richmond Grove Cemetery in New Holland. Marvin was born July 13, 1942, in Lincoln, Ill., the son of Franklin Benjamin and Esther (Erdman) Johnson. He married Janet Franz of Aug. 12, 1961, in Lincoln, Ill. He was formerly employed at Lehn and Fink, was a longtime farmer in the New Holland area, and worked for Stine Seed Company. Marvin was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ, was a past president of the New Holland Middletown School Board, sat on the Church Council and the Logan County Zoning Board of Appeals, and was a Logan County Farm Bureau member. He enjoyed fishing, camping, vacation, traveling in the car, AJ Foyt racing, and never missed an opportunity to watch the Indianapolis 500. Marvin's greatest joy was his family. His love, laugh, stories, and chocolate treats will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Surviving are his mother, Esther Johnson of Lincoln; wife, Janet Johnson of Lincoln; children: Aaron (Debbie) Johnson of Monticello, Amy (John) Tabor of Lincoln, and Ryan (Becky) Johnson of Springfield; grandchildren: Michelle Schneider, Megan Johnson, Ethan Tabor, Seth Johnson, Andrew Tabor, Shelbie Nevill, Max Johnson, and Tanner Johnson; great-grandchildren, Emersyn Schneider and Clark Kristufek; and brother, Franklin "Frank" (Norma) Johnson of Cantrall. He was preceded in death by his father. Memorial donations will be accepted at the funeral home and may be made to: St. John's United Church of Christ, or the American Diabetes Association.

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Deceased Name: Floyd E. Payne 1929 - 2017

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Floyd E. Payne 1929 - 2017 LINCOLN, IL – Floyd E. Payne, 87, of Lincoln, passed away at 12:05 a.m., Jan. 23, 2017, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital of Lincoln, Ill. Floyd was born March 1, 1929, in Union, Ill., the son of Everett and Edna (Oltman) Payne. He married Norma JoAnn Teaney on Feb. 4, 1950, in Hartsburg, Ill. She survives him. Also surviving are his children: Kerry Payne of Lincoln, Roger (Randy) Payne of Lincoln, Reggie (Tracy) Payne of Hartsburg, and Robyn Redfairn of Lincoln; two brothers, Ray (Charlene) Payne of Lincoln, and Harold (Ann) Payne of New Jersey; nine grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by parents and one brother, Howard. Floyd was a member of Jefferson Street Christian Church. He worked and retired as a forklift operator at PPG. A memorial service for Floyd will be held at 6 p.m., Friday, Jan. 27, 2017, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, Ill., with Joe Sanders officiating. Visitation will be from 3-6 p.m. prior to the service. A private family burial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Floyd's name to: American Cancer Society or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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Deceased Name: Frances I. Constant 1945 - 2017

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Frances I. Constant 1945 - 2017 LINCOLN, IL - Frances I. Constant, 71, of Lincoln, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017, at her home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017, at Park Meadows Baptist Church in Lincoln. Burial will be at Walnut Hill Cemetery in rural Williamsville. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until time of the service on Thursday at the church. Frances Irene Constant was born Oct. 10, 1945, in Springfield, the daughter of Abel and Rose Gold Everheart. She was united in marriage to Dean Edward Constant on Oct. 12, 1963. He preceded her in death on Jan. 5, 2006. Surviving Frances are her children: Vickie Buss, Cheryl (Terry) Lee, Terry Constant, Irene (Greg Riedle) Daniels, and Diane (Scott) Martin; 21 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Ruth Gee, and four grandchildren. Frances was a member of Park Meadows Baptist Church. Memorials may be made to the family in care of Diane Martin to help pay for funeral expenses. Peasley Funeral Home is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

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Deceased Name: Robert C. Leckrone 1929 - 2017

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Robert C. Leckrone 1929 - 2017 SOUTH ROXANA, IL - Robert C. Leckrone, 87, passed away and went to be with the Lord at 6:15 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017, at Eunice Smith Nursing Home in Alton. He was born June 7, 1929, in Lincoln, Ill., the son of the late Charles E. and Mary M. (McGregor) Leckrone. He married the former Edna Bubb on June 2, 1972, in Arkansas, and she survives. Other survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law: Rita and Tom Kinney of Petaluma, Calif., and their sons, Tom Kinney, Jr. and Jesse Kinney, and Linda and Karl Kilgore of Denver, Colo., and their sons, Kyle and his wife: Dalen, Kameron; one son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Annette Leckrone of Rushville, Ill., and their sons, Nick and his wife, Leanna, and Brandon Larsen; four great-granddaughters: Cortnee, Madelyn, Harlie, and Molley; brother-in-law, Carroll Bubb of Hartford; many nieces, nephews, cousins, many dear friends from the Shell Refinery family, Bethel Free Will Baptist Church family, and his hunting friends, Lee Rapp and Lyle Ruff. Robert attended Shurtleff College and graduated from Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville. He was employed as a draftsman at Shell Refinery for 41 years prior to his retirement. Robert was a veteran of the U.S. Army where he was a paratrooper. He was a member of Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in South Roxana. He loved to fish and hunt. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Edward Leckrone; three sisters-in-law: Joyce Leckrone, Betty McCombs, and Janice Hardwick; and a brother-in-law: Darrell Bubb. In celebration of his life, visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 30, 2017, at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church in South Roxana. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2017, at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church. Pastor Ricky Ham will officiate. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017, at Union Cemetery in Lincoln, Ill. Memorials are suggested to: The Leckrone Scholarship at Welch College, or The Bethel Christian Academy Scholarship Fund. Pitchford Funeral Home in Wood River is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook available at www.pitchfordfuneralhome.com.

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Deceased Name: Wilma E. Parrish 1935 - 2017

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Wilma L. Parrish 1935 - 2017 LINCOLN, IL - Wilma L. Parrish, 81, of Lincoln, Ill., passed away at 2:10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2017, at her home surrounded by her loving family. She was born Feb. 10, 1935, in Patoka, Ill., the daughter of James W. and Eunice (Snyder) Meridith. She graduated from Stonington High School in 1953. She married Robert E. Parrish on Dec. 23, 1956, in Stonington Methodist Church in Stonington, Ill. Wilma worked for Dr. Rose, Brown, Jack in Decatur, Ill., a licensed beautician, the University of Illinois, a caregiver in Lincoln, Ill., and retired from Lincoln Developmental Center in Lincoln, Ill. She was a 50 year member of Eastern Star, 26 year member of White Shrine of Jerusalem, Oasis Red Hats, AFSCME Union, and enjoyed eating with the monthly Methodist luncheon group. She loved her family, all her friends, and the USS Ashland Reunion group. She enjoyed reading books, painting in her early years, cross-stitch, old movies, playing Bingo and card games. Surviving are her husband, Robert E. Parrish of Lincoln, Ill.; sons, Robert R. Parrish of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., and Meridith L. Parrish of Mt. Pulaski, Ill.; daughter, Deborah L. (John) Ewins of Lincoln, Ill.; grandchildren: Jennifer (Isaac) Sheley of Chestnut, Ill., Christopher Parrish of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., Tiffany Parrish of Decatur, Ill., Sylvia M. and Margo Bobbi Parrish of Lincoln, Ill.; great-grandchildren: Layla S. Parrish, Tatum S. Bateson, Colton Edwards, Keaton W. Dinger, and Addison M. Sheley; one brother, James (MaryLou) Meridith of Highland, Ill.; brother-in-law, Harold (Dottie) Parrish of Taylorville, Ill.; sister-in-law, Edmona Vitali of Taylorville, Ill.; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents; her in-laws, Harold and Clara Parrish; brothers-in-law, Charles Davis and Aldo Vitali, sister-in-law, Virginia Davis; and grandson, James R. Ewins. Services for Wilma will be 9 a.m., Monday, Jan. 30, 2017, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, Ill., with the Rev. Michael Paulson officiating. Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017, also at the funeral home. Burial at Camp Butler National Cemetery will follow the service. Memorials may be made in Wilma's name to: Shriners Hospital for Children in St. Louis, Mo., or Logan County Oasis Senior Center in Lincoln, Ill.

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Deceased Name: Deborah Eckert 1949 - 2017

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Deborah Eckert 1949 - 2017 LINCOLN, IL - Deborah Eckert, 67, of Lincoln passed away at 1:51 a.m. on Jan. 25, 2017, at Abraham Lincoln Hospital in Lincoln. Deborah was born March 31, 1949, in Terre Haute, Ind., the daughter of Richard Cooley and Juney Cooley-Rowe. She married Robert Eckert on Sept. 4, 1978, in Tuscola, Ill., her home town. He survives. Deborah is also survived by her daughter, Jamie Lee (fiancé, Seth Peacock) Eckert of Peoria, Ill.; son, Dr. Andrew R. (Rene) Eckert of Dillsburg, Pa.; grandchildren: Isabella Eckert, Ethan Eckert, Zoey Peacock, Austin Musser, and Tyler Musser; sister, Cathie Bradley of Auburn, Ill.; stepmother, Ruth Cooley of Harrisburg, Ill.; and her special baby, Oreo. Poodle. Deborah was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Charles Williams. Deborah graduated from Tuscola High School in 1967 and from Eastern Illinois University in 1972. She was employed at Logan/Mason Rehab Center as a QMRP and retired from there. Deborah loved collecting anything Raggedy Ann and Andy and had enough Raggedy ornaments to entirely decorate her Christmas Tree. She also collected Pipka old fashioned Santa Clauses, and anything black and white chickens. She loved learning about family history. She was a member of Holy Family Parish in Lincoln. Services for Deborah will held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, Ill., with the Rev. Curt Weaver officiating. A visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017, also at the funeral home. Burial will take place at St. Mary's Cemetery in Lincoln, Ill. Memorial donations may be made in Deborah's name to: Disabled American Veterans, or American Diabetes Association.

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Deceased Name: Beverly Jean Irving 1940 - 2017

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Beverly Jean Irving 1940 - 2017 SPRINGFIELD, IL - Beverly Jean Irving, 76, of Springfield formerly of Mason City, passed away Thursday, January 26, 2017 at Memorial Medical Center. She was born October 14, 1940 the daughter of Alfred S. and Bessie F. (Prettyman) Barnes in Canton, Illinois. She married William P. Irving in 1971, he preceded her in death. Beverly is survived by two daughters: Debbie Quick of Springfield, Illinois and Dan and Paula Hall of Beason, Illinois and one grandson Byron Hall. She is also survived by her brother: Lendall Barnes of Linn Creek, Missouri, and two sisters: Nancy Barnes of Monticello, Illinois and Sandra Williams of Mason City, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her husband and son: M. Lee Quick. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Mason City. She enjoyed bowling and was in a bowling league in Mason City and Springfield. Beverly was a member of the Mason County Audubon Society and the Mason City CB Club. She enjoyed volunteering her time at Lincoln's New Salem and she also volunteered at the Illinois State Fair. Beverly was a L.P.N and also worked many years with the Mason County Health Department. She was also an E.M.T and worked many years on the ambulance. Funeral Services will be held on Monday, January 30, 2017 at 10:00 am at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City. Visitation will be Sunday, January 31 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, also at the Hurley Funeral Home. Pastor Jacob Barnett will officiate. Burial will take place at the Mason City Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to Emiquon Audubon Society or Mason County Ambulance Fund. Online memorial messages can be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com. Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is assisting the family with the arrangements.

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Deceased Name: Joyce A. Compton 1936 - 2017

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Joyce A. Compton 1936 - 2017 ATLANTA, IL - Joyce A. Compton, 80, of Atlanta, passed away at her home, surrounded by her loving family, on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2017. Graveside services and burial for Mrs. Compton will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2017, at the Atlanta Cemetery. Mr. Andy Johnson will officiate. Joyce Ann Johnson was born June 29, 1936, in Atlanta, the daughter of Oren Brock and Alma Leesman Johnson. She married Orville E. "Speed" Compton on July 10, 1954. He preceded Joyce in death on March 25, 2012. Joyce is survived by their children: Peggy Aper of Atlanta, Susan (Dean) Benedict of Atlanta, and Matthew (Nancy) Compton of Colorado Springs; nieces, Shelly (Randy) Brooks of Atlanta and Julie (Paul) Homan of El Paso, to whom she was a caring mother; six grandchildren: Angie Neville of Atlanta, Elizabeth (Darrell) Miller of Danvers, Elaina (R.J.) Romani of Washburn, Lyndi (Kory) Leesman of Hartsburg, and Meghan and Rachel Compton of Colorado Springs; five great-grandchildren: Kolton Neville, Raelyn and Clayto Romani, and Levi and Luke "Little Speed" Leesman; one brother: James L. (Barbara) Johnson of Minier; two cousins, Gaylord Wikle of Waynesville and Ben Leesman of Florida; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Jane Bottoms and Judy Ford, and one son-in-law, Ron Aper. Joyce was a 1954 graduate of Atlanta High School. She had served as president of the Atlanta VFW Post 1824 Auxiliary. Joyce enjoyed reading, playing cards, crocheting, hunting for morel mushrooms, and fishing at Patterson Bay. Memorials may be made to the Atlanta Christian Church or the Atlanta Public Library. Final arrangements are entrusted with Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home.

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