

**Deceased Name: Elmer M. Ruple**

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• Section: Obituaries

Elmer M. Ruple 1947 - 2017 Elmer M. Ruple, 69, of Decatur, died Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at Decatur Memorial Hospital. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 AM, Thursday, March 9, at Camp Butler National Cemetery, Springfield, with Military Rites provided by the Sangamon County Inter-Veterans Burial Detail. Visitation will be 5:00-7:00 PM, Wednesday, March 8, at Brintlinger and Earl Funeral Home, Decatur. Information on memorials may be found on Elmer's GoFundMe page. Elmer was born September 10, 1947, the son of Robert and Eleanor (Auer) Ruple. He proudly served his country as an electronics engineer in the U.S. Navy. Elmer owned RS Electronics in Decatur, and was an electrical engineer for WAND for 40 years. He enjoyed electronics and had his own internet radio station. He is survived by his mother, Eleanor Lamm of Fountaintown, IN; daughter, Amy (Zachery) Crose and son, Bryan (Nicole) Ruple, all of Decatur; grandchildren, Ryan, Bryce, and Brayden; sisters, Roberta Joy Wadman of St. Augustine, FL and Denise Williams of Fountaintown, IN; several nieces and nephews. Elmer was preceded in death by his father, Robert and brother, Jerry. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family in care of Brintlinger and Earl Funeral Homes at [www.brintlingerandearl.com](http://www.brintlingerandearl.com)

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**Deceased Name: Ruth H. Nickols 1920 - 2017**

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Ruth H. Nickols 1920 - 2017 CHAUTAUQUA, IL - Ruth Elizabeth Harms Nickols, 96, of Chautauqua, Ill., formerly of Lincoln, Ill., died peacefully on Feb. 23, 2017, at her home in Chautauqua. She was born Nov. 27, 1920, in Washburn, Ill., to Gerhardt H. and Anna Meta Harms. She married Daniel F. Nickols, Jr. of Lincoln, Ill., in 1943. He preceded her in death in 1983. Also preceding her in death were her six brothers and sisters: Francis Henry Bernard (Augusta) Harms, Lydia Marie Harms (Kibb) Oliver, Eileen Henrietta Harms (James) McNally, Julia Regina Harms (Elmer) Wilts, William Gerhardt (Eunice) Harms, and Adelbert Meno (Rose Irene) Harms. She graduated from Lincoln College in Lincoln, Ill., in 1940. Ruth was a deacon at the First Presbyterian Church in Lincoln. She was chairman of the Cancer Society, president of the PTA, and a member of P.E.O. in Lincoln. After a long career, Ruth retired from the Lincoln Savings and Loan of Lincoln, Ill. The family moved to Chautauqua, Ill., where she was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, a member of P.E.O. in Jerseyville, and was an active community member of Chautauqua. Ruth lived every day to be a blessing to others. She was a figurehead within the Chautauqua community to both young and old. She worked hard to keep the young connected to the church, and would volunteer tirelessly for everything and anything. Ruth had quite the connection with Nature; countless strays would be drawn to her nurturing spirit. She fell in love with the TreeHouse Wildlife Center, even feeding a few orphaned babies in the springtime. Her fondest memories included bicycling with friends to Grafton for breakfast every Saturday, keeping her garden teeming with blooms, scooping ice cream for the children from the Chautauqua Station Stand, dancing when her favorite song comes on, and surrounding herself with those she loves. Surviving are three children: Carolyn N. (David) Simons of Raleigh, N.C., Daniel F. Nickols III of Portland, Ore., and Elizabeth N. McGinley, of Chautauqua, Ill. Also surviving are four grandchildren: James D. Wilde V, Dr. Caroline H. Wilde, Amanda E. McGinley, and Michael Nickols McGinley; two step-grandchildren, Laurie (Gary) Doliber, and Greg (Melissa) Simons; and seven great-grandchildren: Anna Schindler Wilde, Gary, Landry, and Wyatt Doliber, and Mackenzie, Connor, and Emma Simons. Services were held at First Presbyterian Church in Jerseyville, Ill., on Thursday March 2, 2017. Pastor John Beehler officiated. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: TreeHouse Wildlife Center, 23956 Green Acres Rd., Dow, IL 62022; First Presbyterian Church of Jerseyville, Illinois 62052; or Global H2O, 2117 Cowper Dr., Raleigh, NC 27608. Alexander & Gubser Funeral Home in Jerseyville was entrusted with arrangements.

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## Deceased Name: Carol O'Rourke 1947 - 2017

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Carol O'Rourke 1947 - 2017 LINCOLN, IL - Carol O'Rourke, 69, of Lincoln, passed away at 11:00 p.m. on Feb. 25, 2017, at Symphony of Lincoln. Carol was born Aug. 15, 1947, in Lincoln, Ill., daughter of Cal and Alyce (Bridges) Martin Jr. She married Donald O'Rourke in 1982. He preceded her in death in 1994. Surviving Carol are her mother, Alyce Marie Martin of Lincoln, Ill.; daughter, Christina (Daniel) Teague of Jacksonville, Fla.; and two grandchildren, Madison Marie and Jack Daniel Teague of Jacksonville, Fla. She was preceded in death by her father and husband. Services for Carol will be at 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, Ill., with Ron Otto officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to service. Burial at New Union Cemetery will follow the service. Memorials may be made in Carol's name to: The American Cancer Society.

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**Deceased Name: Rose Rupnik 1918 - 2017**

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Rose Rupnik 1918 - 2017 SHERMAN, IL - Rose Rupnik of Sherman, Ill., went home to be with our Lord on March 4, 2017. Rose was born May 16, 1918, in Mulberry, Kan., to Johann and Rose (Gracner) Rupnik. She was preceded in death by her parents, as well as siblings: John Rupnik Jr., Ann (Frank) Natale, Mary (John) Ippoliti, Herman Rupnik, and Ronald Rupnik. Rose is survived by her dear sister, Louise Fedor of Lincoln, Ill.; several nieces and nephews; many great-nieces and -nephews; and great-great-nieces and -nephews. Her family meant a lot to Rose. Rose enjoyed her childhood years in Auburn, Ill., and moved to Springfield as a young adult. During WWII, Rose worked at Armbruster's Tent Factory making tents for the troops. Later she worked a Punch Press for 38 years at Hobbs Factory on behalf of the war effort. Rose enjoyed reading, loved to listen and dance to Slovenian music, polkas, the Jitterbug, and waltzes. She attended the Slovenian Wine Festivals in Springfield, and the Slovenian Picnics in her hometown of Auburn, Ill. Rose was a member of the Slovenian SNPJ Society for 80+ years. In her later years, she enjoyed visits with her family; singing with her family; watching the Lawrence Welk Show, Antiques Road Show and major league baseball; and participating in the activities at the Villa. Rose moved to the Villa East in 2001 and called the Villa home the remainder of her life. It was easy for her to call the Villa home with the great care she received there from the nursing team at her station. Rose was especially fond of and grateful for the special loving care she received from Tammie at the Villa East. Graveside services will be held at a later date.

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## Deceased Name: Larry Wayne O'Brien 1937 - 2017

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Larry Wayne O'Brien 1937 - 2017 MT. PULASKI, IL - Larry Wayne O'Brien of Mt. Pulaski passed away March 3, 2017, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital. Mr. O'Brien chose to donate his body to medical science research. There will be no services at this time. Larry was born Nov. 19, 1937, in Mt. Pulaski, Ill., the son of Lawrence and Mary (Zimmerman) O'Brien. Until recently, he was employed in the meat department at IGA. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. Survivors include his siblings, Nancy Mittelsteadt of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., and Danny (Sheila) O'Brien of Elkhart, Ill.; nieces and nephews: Mike Mittelsteadt, Lorna Woods, Cory O'Brien, Britney O'Brien, Audra O'Brien, Danna Buche, and Heather Baker; and many great-nieces and -nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Bill O'Brien; sister-in-law, Winnie O'Brien; and brother-in-law, Loren Mittelsteadt. Memorial donations may be made to the family in care of Danny O'Brien. Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home assisted the family.

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**Deceased Name: Frederick Blaum**

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Frederick Blaum 1931 - 2017 DELAVAN, IL - Frederick "Dale" Blaum, 86, of Delavan, passed away at 3:45 a.m. on Friday, March 3, 2017, in the emergency room of St. Joseph Hospital in Bloomington, Ill. Dale was born in New Holland, Ill., on Feb. 21, 1931. He was the second son and third of six children born to Fred B. and Emma Berns Blaum. He married Carol Joy Mammen on Nov. 22, 1951, in Delavan. Carol preceded Dale in death in 2004. Together they had three children who survive: Ronald (Cheryl) Blaum of Beaumont, Calif., Renee (Brad) Hutchison of Bloomington, Ill., and Rodney of Morton, Ill.; four grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; two sisters, Shirley Lohrenz and Rita Cole of Mason City; and two brothers, Raymond "Jack" Blaum of New Holland, and Robert Blaum of Divernon, Ill. One brother, Donald also preceded him in death. Dale joined the National Guard at the age of 17, and was a veteran of the Korean War, where he was based in Japan. In the Guard, he trained to be a mess hall cook; but, once in Japan, he was reassigned to drive a tank and later became a tank platoon commander. He was an active member of the Delavan American Legion Post 382. Dale was honored to be a part of the "Greater Peoria Honor Flight" to Washington D.C. in May of 2015. Dale spent 37 years working at Caterpillar prior to his retirement in 1992. The last 25 of those years were spent working as a journeyman electrician. Following his retirement, he found satisfaction working as a handyman in Delavan and the surrounding area. He was often contacted to repair electrical devices, make electrical home repairs, and other jobs for people in the community. He greatly enjoyed helping others; serving on ESDA; camping, and gardening. His funeral will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at Mennonite Church of Dillon where he attended. The Rev. Robert D. Nafziger will officiate. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday at Davis-Oswald Funeral Home in Delavan. Burial will be at Prairie Rest Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: The Apostolic Christian Home for the Handicapped in Morton, or Delavan American Legion Post 382. To express condolences online, visit [www.davisoswaldfh.com](http://www.davisoswaldfh.com).

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**Deceased Name: Norma Jane Schroeder 1926 - 2017**

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Norma Jane Schroeder 1926 - 2017 LINCOLN, IL - Norma Jane Schroeder, 90, of Lincoln, passed away at 6:08 a.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at The Christian Village in Lincoln. Norma was born Nov. 26, 1926, in Lincoln, Ill., daughter of S. Harold and Ruth (Crumback) Fay. After Ruth's passing, S. Harold and Dorothy L. (Crumback) Fay raised Norma. Norma married Paul Cosby on Jan. 17, 1945; he preceded her in death. She later married Paul Schroeder on April 21, 1978. He preceded her in death on Aug. 7, 2004. Norma is survived by her son, Robert T. (Mona) Cosby from Broadwell, Ill.; two daughters, Barbara (Rodney) Oltmanns of Elkhart, Ill., and Ruthie L. (Lester) Marten of New Holland, Ill.; one sister, Linda S. Fay of Chicago, Ill.; stepson, Dale E. (Kathy) Schroeder; two stepdaughters, Connie R. (Steve) Haseley, and Cathy A. Baker; seven grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Ruth Lucille. Norma retired from Regions Bank in Lincoln; she also worked at the ASCS office. Norma enjoyed being outdoors and traveling. She was a lifeguard when she was younger and has always loved being near water; especially the beaches in Florida. Norma enjoyed serving the church, food pantry, and her neighbors; her volunteering was a true labor of love. Services for Norma will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 10, 2017, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, Ill., with the Rev. Mark Thompson officiating. Visitation will be held two hours prior to the service from 9-11 a.m. on Friday, March 10, 2017, also at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Zion Cemetery after the services. Memorial donations may be made in Norma's name to: Zion Lutheran Church, or Broadwell Christian Church.

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**Deceased Name: Mary Jane Voyles**

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Mary Jane Voyles 1949 - 2017 LINCOLN, IL - Mary Jane Voyles, 67, of Lincoln, formerly of Atlanta, passed away at 12:38 a.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at Mercy Hospital Jefferson in Festus, Mo. Graveside services will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 2017, at Harmony Cemetery in rural Beason. Burial will immediately follow. Mary Jane was born July 28, 1949, in Lincoln, the daughter of Ralph W. and Lorene Divine Yeazle. She was united in marriage to Larry D. Voyles on May 25, 1968, in Lincoln. Mary Jane is survived by her husband, Larry; her children: Bryon (Ronda) Voyles of Farmington, Mo., Troy (Marketta) Voyles of Boonville, Ind., and Renee (John) Steffen of Lincoln; one sister, Donna (Glenn) McCrea of Lincoln; eleven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and three sisters-in-law: Donna DeRight of Lincoln, Maxine Nielson of Lincoln, and Linda Blair of Lincoln. She was preceded in death by her parents, and two brothers, Marion "Butch" Yeazle and Kenneth Yeazle. Mary Jane was a member of the Christian Life Church of Farmington, Mo. She retired from St. Clara's Manor where she had worked as the Activity Director. Memorials may be made to the family of Mary Jane Voyles. Final arrangements are entrusted with Peasley Funeral Home of Lincoln.

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**Deceased Name: Carol S. Sutton**

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Carol S. Sutton 1957 - 2017 MT. PULASKI, IL - Carol S. Sutton, 60, passed away at 6:40 a.m. on March 7, 2017, at Vonderlieth Living Center of Mt. Pulaski. Carol was born Feb. 8, 1957, in Lincoln, Ill., daughter of John and Geneva Belle (Sharp) Troyer. She married William Larry Sutton on Oct. 5, 1986, in Lake Fork, Ill. He preceded her in death on Aug. 3, 2003. Surviving Carol are her children: Chris (Stacy Menard) White of Lincoln, Ill., Matt (Angela) White of New Holland, Ill., and Nick (Erica) Sutton of Springfield, Ill.; mother, Geneva Troyer; three sisters: Geneva Snapp of St. Joseph, Mo., Eleanor (Donald) Sharp of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., and Marcia (Paul) Strieker of Breese, Ill.; two brothers, John (Nadine) Troyer of Park Falls, Wis., and Brian (Jane) Troyer of Wausau, Wis.; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her father. Carol was a member of Buffalo Christian Church. She enjoyed watching Cardinal baseball and Illini basketball. Services for Carol will be 11 a.m., Saturday March 11, 2017, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski, Ill., with Grant Ray officiating. Visitation will be two hours prior to service from 9-11 a.m. A private burial at Laenna Cemetery will follow the service. Memorials may be made in Carol's name to: The National Multiple Sclerosis Society, or The family of Carol Sutton.

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**Deceased Name: Jennifer Leigh Dehner**

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Jennifer Leigh Dehner 1973 - 2017 NORMAL, IL - Jennifer Leigh Dehner, 44, of Normal, passed away at 3:29 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, in Normal, Ill. Jennifer was born Jan. 9, 1973, in Springfield, Ill., the daughter of Gerald and Susan (Kinsey) Dehner. Jennifer is survived by her parents; brother, Brian Dehner of Lincoln; sister, Meredith (Todd Marcum) Dehner of Bloomington; aunts and uncles: Carol (Mark) Davison, John (Marcia) Kinsey, Nancy A. Matthews, Valerie (Gary Crawford) Dehner, and Thomas C. Tiffany; nephew, Ethan; nieces, Natalyn and Lillian; and several cousins. She was preceded in death by her maternal and paternal grandparents. Jennifer enjoyed art and making jewelry. She absolutely loved children, especially her nieces and nephew. Services for Jennifer will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, Ill., with Pastor Adam Quine and Deacon Rich Simpson officiating. Visitation will be held prior to the services from 9:30-11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, also at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Pleasant Valley Cemetery after the services. Memorial donations may be made in Jennifer's name to: Lincoln Public Library.

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**Deceased Name: Frances I. Naugle 1930 - 2017**

*Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - March 14, 2017*

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Frances I. Naugle 1930 - 2017 Frances I. Naugle, 86, of Springfield, passed away on Sunday, March 12, 2017 at her home. She was born on June 25, 1930 in Middletown, IL, the daughter of the late George Morris and Margaret Irene (Kattner) Snyder. She married Robert L. Naugle on August 27, 1957 in Alton, IL, and he survives. Frances worked as an office clerk for IL Meter Co. She was a member of Harvard Park Baptist Church in Springfield and she enjoyed sewing and gardening. Besides her husband, she is survived by her children, Carol Carbiener of Zion, IL, Nancy (husband Ralph) Grant of Petersburg, IL, Glen (wife Debbie) Naugle of Springfield, and Dean Naugle of Springfield; 6 granddaughters; 1 grandson; 6 great-grandsons; 2 great-granddaughters; and her sister Margaret Browne of Maryland Heights, MO. Arrangements are under the direction of Bisch and Son Funeral Home, 505 E. Allen, Springfield. Per her wishes, cremation rites will be accorded. No services are scheduled at this time. Her family would like to offer a special "thank you" to St. John's Home Health and Home Hospice, and the staff at the Oncology department and the Infusion Center at Simmon's Cancer Institute in Springfield for the wonderful care they provided her. Memorials may be made to Harvard Park Baptist Church, Springfield. Please visit the online obituary at [www.bischandsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.bischandsonfuneralhome.com) where tributes and condolences may be left for the family.

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**Deceased Name: Mary A. Sloan 1929 - 2017**

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Mary A. Sloan 1929 - 2017 STEWARTSVILLE, MO - Mary Alice Sloan, 87, Stewartsville, passed away March 12, 2017. Mary was born April 1, 1929, in Cameron, Mo., to Daniel and Naomi Ruth (Sloan) Stade. On April 5, 1947, Mary married Melvin D. Sloan in Cameron, Mo. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Melvin; infant twin daughters; son, Roy Dan Sloan; great-granddaughter, Gabrielle Yocum; sister, Jane MacDonald; and brother, Charles J. Stade. Mary was a member of Freeman Freewill Baptist Church in St. Joseph, Mo. Survivors: two sons, James Ray (Judy) Sloan of Lincoln, Ill., and Melvin E. Sloan of Stewartsville, Mo.; two daughters, Mary Naomi (Mark) Traeger of Williamsville, Ill., and Elaine (Melvin) Berndt of Williamsville, Ill.; daughter-in-law, Rita Sloan of Springfield, Ill.; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; sister, Joan Robinson of Brookfield, Mo.; brother, Dan Edward; sister-in-law, Doris Keller; and brother-in-law, Carl Sloan. Services: 11 a.m., Thursday, March 16, 2017, at Poland-Thompson Funeral Home in Cameron, Mo. Visitation: 10-11 a.m., prior to the service. Burial: Mirabile Cemetery in Mirabile, Mo. Memorial donations: Freeman Freewill Baptist Church in St. Joseph, Mo. Online condolences: [www.polandthompson.com](http://www.polandthompson.com).

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## Deceased Name: Marianna Taylor 1958 - 2017

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Marianna Taylor 1958 - 2017 EDWARDSVILLE, IL - Marianna Taylor, 58, of Edwardsville, Ill., formerly of Lincoln, Ill., passed away Thursday, March 9, 2017. Marianna was a member of Leclaire Christian Church in Edwardsville, Ill. She was a member of the Illinois Nursing Home Association and the Alzheimer's Association. She was formerly employed at Eberhardt Senior Community, Leclaire Christian Church, and also Christian Homes in Springfield, Ill. She also enjoyed reading and working puzzles. She was a friend to all and will truly be missed by all who knew her. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harry D. and Lillian G., nee Gregory, Taylor; and a sister, Alice Taylor. Surviving are her siblings: Carl Taylor, David Taylor, Douglas Taylor, and Marcy Taylor; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Funeral: A Memorial Service will be held at 6 p.m., March 17, 2017, at Leclaire Christian Church in Edwardsville, Ill.

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**Deceased Name: Phyllis A. Hickey 1932 - 2017**

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Phyllis A. "Pat" Hickey 1932 - 2017 LINCOLN, IL - Phyllis A. "Pat" Hickey, 84, passed away at her home in Lincoln at 9:18 a.m. on March 16, 2017, surrounded by her loving family. Phyllis was born Dec. 29, 1932, in Urbana, Ohio, daughter of Marion and Bertha (Huffman) Detwiler. She married T. Edward Hickey on June 29, 1957, in Lincoln, Ill. He survives her. Also surviving are her daughter, Debbie (Ron) Ackerman of Lincoln, Ill.; her siblings, Richard (Jane) Detwiler, and Kathryn Sapp, both of Urbana, Ohio; sisters-in-law, Adele Detwiler of St. Paris, Ohio, and Pauline Williams of Lincoln, Ill.; three grandchildren: Chris (Katelyn) Ackerman of Plainfield, Ill., Craig (Ellen) Ackerman of Lincoln, Ill., and Sarah Fuller of Columbia, Mo; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Lisa Fuller; three brothers: Donald, John, and Thomas Detwiler; and one sister-in-law, Phyllis Smith. Pat worked at Lehn and Fink and State Bank of Lincoln, where she retired from after 29 years of service. She loved to read and spend time with friends and family. Services for Pat will be at 11 a.m., Monday, March 20, 2017, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral home in Lincoln, Ill., with the Rev. Jeffrey Laible officiating. Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, March 19, 2017, also at the funeral home. There will be a prayer service at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, March 19, 2017, a half hour prior to visitation. Burial at Holy Cross Cemetery will follow the service on Monday. Memorials may be made in Pat's name to: Memorial Home Hospice.

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**Deceased Name: Ruth Irene Sturgeon 1932 - 2017**

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Ruth Irene Sturgeon 1932 - 2017 KENNEY, IL - Ruth Irene Sturgeon, 84, of Kenney, Ill., passed away at 6:42 p.m., March 15, 2017, at her family residence in Kenney, Ill. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 18, 2017, at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Kenney, Ill., with Ernie Harvey, Jr. officiating. Burial will follow. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m., Friday, March 17, 2017, at Calvert Funeral Home in Clinton, Ill. Memorials may be directed to: The Kenney Fire Dept. Ruth was born Nov. 25, 1932, in Braymer, Mo., the daughter of Charles L. and Leota May (Summers) Phillips. She married Lawrence Eugene Sturgeon on Jan. 23, 1950, in Clinton, Ill. He passed away Dec. 17, 1989. Survivors include her children: Linda Coleman of Clinton, Ill., and Mike Sturgeon of Kenney, Ill.; four grandchildren: William Coleman of Maroa, Ill., Teresa (Dale) Jimison of Kenney, Ill., Michelle (Andrew) Fortune of Clinton, Ill., and Kaitlin Sturgeon of Kenney, Ill.; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by her parents, and two brothers, Gene Phillips and Dale Phillips. Ruth was a member of Kenney Christian Church, and a member of the Kenney Cemetery Board. She had been involved with several cemeteries in the DeWitt County area. She worked as an in-home caregiver and became very close with the families she served. Along with being a St. Louis Cardinals fan, she enjoyed gardening, flowers, and farming. Online condolences may be made at [www.calvertmemorial.com](http://www.calvertmemorial.com).

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**Deceased Name: Judith Ann Poggi (Renfro) 1949 - 2017**

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Judith Ann (Renfro) Poggi 1949 - 2017 MIDDLETOWN, IL - Judith Ann (Renfro) Poggi, 67, of Bloomington, formerly of Middletown, passed away Sunday, March 12, 2017, at Heartland Rehab Manor Care, Normal, Ill. Cremation rites have been accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Memorial services will be Thursday, March 23, 2017, at 11 a.m., also at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Irish Grove Cemetery in Middletown. Following graveside services a luncheon will be held at Middletown American Legion. Judith was born July 5, 1949 in Middletown, Ill., the daughter of James E. and Arvena P. (Ellegood) Renfro. She graduated from nursing school and worked for many years as an LPN. She was employed at Lincoln Developmental Center as a nurse for many years. She was a member of Middletown Presbyterian Church. Surviving are her children, Lacy (Kenny) Flowers of Bloomington, Ill., and Robert Flowers of Middletown; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brothers: Frank (Xiao) Renfro of Curran, Ill., Terry Renfro of Decatur, Ill., John Renfro of Middletown, Ill., Gary (Barb) Renfro of Greenview, Ill., and Dave (Lois) Renfro of Lincoln, Ill., and sisters, Kay (JR) Ware of Lincoln, Ill., and Janet Castleman of Williamsville, Ill. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother-in-law, Norman Castleman. Memorial donations may be made to the family and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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**Deceased Name: Joseph Powell Bennett 1929 - 2017**

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Joseph Powell Bennett 1929 - 2017 SHERMAN, IL - Joseph Powell Bennett, 87, of Sherman, Ill., formerly of Greenview, Ill., and Elkhart, Ill., passed away at 9:04 a.m., Saturday, March 18, 2017, at Villa Health Care East in Sherman. Joe was born July 26, 1929, in McDaniels, Ky., the son of Julian Joseph and Nellie Ray (Powell) Bennett. He married Erma Fae Heissinger on Feb. 14, 1954, in Williamsville, Ill. She preceded him in death on Jan. 10, 2016. Surviving Joe are his daughters, Brenda (Roger) Doll of O'Fallon, Ill., Jill (Dan) Urish of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., and Jodi (Randy) VanKeuren of Champaign, Ill.; three grandchildren: Abby Doll of Washington, D.C., Tyler Urish of St. Louis, Mo., and Reed VanKeuren of Champaign, Ill.; and one sister, Clara Jane (Ken) Johnson of Lincoln, Ill. Joe was preceded in death by his parents; wife; one brother, Ralph; and one sister, Nell Boner. Joe served his country during the Korean War. He was a member of Elkhart Christian Church, Middletown American Legion, and Williamsville Masonic Lodge AF & AM. He was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. A graveside service for Joe will be at 1 p.m., Friday, March 24, 2017, at Walnut Hill Cemetery in Williamsville. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., Thursday, March 23, 2017, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, Ill. Following the graveside service, the family would like to invite everyone back to the Huddle House in Williamsville for a celebration of life. Memorials may be made to: Land of Lincoln Honor Flight, or Logan County 4H.

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**Deceased Name: Katherine E. Courson Blackburn 1940 - 2017**

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Katherine E. Courson Blackburn 1940 - 2017 GALESBURG, IL - Katherine E. Blackburn, 76, of Galesburg, died at 12:15 a.m. Saturday, March 18, 2017 at home. Katherine was born December 11, 1940 in Galesburg, the daughter of Karl A. and Mildred M. Tuthill Sandburg. She married Robert E. Blackburn of Galesburg on July 14, 2001 in Tacoma, WA. She is survived by her loving husband; two sons, Jeff (Lynne) Cunningham of Olympia, WA and Timothy Courson of Galesburg; two step sons, Ryan (Rachael) Blackburn of Chicago and Duffy (Rachel) Blackburn of Joliet; 8 grandchildren; and 2 great grandchildren. She is also survived by one sister, Karen Moon of Franklin, VA. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, B. Karlene Miller. Katherine worked at Ball Foster in Lincoln, IL for many years, retiring in 1995. She later worked as the warehouse manager for Blackburn Sampling in Galesburg. She was a longtime member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and was a member of the B. Karlene Relay for Life team. Katherine operated K's Krafts with her sisters for several years. She also enjoyed bowling and playing bingo. The rosary will be prayed at 5 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at Watson-Thomas Funeral Home and Crematory, Galesburg, with visitation following from 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Rev. Msgr. Ernest Pizzamiglio will officiate. Burial will follow in Oak Lawn Memorial Gardens, Galesburg. Memorials may be made in Katherine's memory to the Ladies of Mary or the GHS Girl's Soccer Program. Online expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at [www.watsonthomas.com](http://www.watsonthomas.com).

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**Deceased Name: Judith Anne Connor (Eimer) 1940 - 2017**

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Judith Anne (Eimer) Connor 1940 - 2017 BEASON, IL - Judith Anne (Eimer) Connor, 77, of Beason, passed away March 17, 2017 at St. Clara's Manor. Visitation will be from 5-7 PM Friday, March 24, 2017 at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10AM Saturday, March 25, 2017 also at the funeral home with Ryan Edgecombe officiating. Burial will follow in Harmony Cemetery. Both Judy's parents John Jacob Eimer and Opal (Devine), along with her older brother, were born in or around Lincoln. In the mid-1930s, they moved from Lincoln to Dubuque, Iowa where Judy was born on February 17, 1940. She grew up there working in her parents' florist business, Eimer's Greenhouse. In her late teens, she married Jack Schueller and had her first son, Randy. Sadly, she was widowed at the young age of 20. A few years later she was remarried to Jerry Connor and moved to Illinois. She and Jerry had two more sons over the next several years, Bill and Steve. They lived in various small towns in central Illinois before settling down outside of Lincoln in Jerry's hometown of Beason. After raising 3 sons, Judy went to work at the Lincoln Medical Center where she was in charge of medical records. She retired in 2000. Judy enjoyed annual vacation trips to the Ozarks with family and friends and for several years she and Jerry would spend much of the winter months in Cancun. Survivors include her husband Jerry Connor of Beason; sons Randy (Nadia) Schueller of Park Ridge, IL., Bill Connor of Springfield, IL., and Steve (Anna) Connor of Lincoln, IL.; grandchildren: Matt Schueller, Nicole Schueller, Laura Connor, Ryan Connor, and Evan Connor; her brother John Eimer Jr. of Lincoln, IL also survives. She was preceded in death by her parents and her infant sister Phyllis Eimer. Memorial donations may be made to St. Clara's Manor and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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## Deceased Name: Patricia Anne Woodard 1949 - 2017

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Patricia Anne Woodard 1949 - 2017 BLOOMINGTON, IL – Patricia Anne Woodard, 67 of Bloomington, formerly of Lincoln passed away Monday March 20, 2017 at 10:40 AM at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center in Normal. There will be a funeral service for Patricia on Saturday March 25, 2017 at 12 Noon at Beck Memorial Home in Bloomington. Pastor Nicki Green will officiate. There will be a visitation from 10-12 Saturday at the Memorial Home. Interment will be in Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Bloomington. Patricia was born September 3, 1949 in Decatur to Leigh and Rena McAfee Berry. She married Thomas Woodard June 3, 1967 in Mt. Pulaski. He survives. She is also survived by her mother, Rena Berry of Mt. Pulaski, two children, Thom (Beth) Woodard of Bloomington and Cherrilyn Sutton of Bloomington, four grandchildren, Caitlyn Sutton, Gabi Woodard, Isa Woodard and Amy Overbey and one brother Mike Berry of Mt. Pulaski. She was preceded in death by her father and one grandson George Woodard. She was a member of Eastview Christian Church in Normal and a former member of Jefferson Street Christian Church in Lincoln. Patricia loved gardening and looked forward to spring every year when the flowers would begin to grow. For many years she worked day care in Lincoln and had many families she watched over multiple generations. She also worked ten years at State Farm Insurance as a Caterer. She retired in 2012. She also loved volunteering her time at the David Davis Mansion and working Craft shows with her husband. Memorial contributions may be made to David Davis Mansion. Online condolences may be left at [www.beckmemorial.com](http://www.beckmemorial.com)

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**Deceased Name: Dara R. Tesh 1961 - 2017**

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Dara R. Tesh 1961 - 2017 LINCOLN, IL - Dara R. Tesh, 55, of Lincoln, passed away at 3:10 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at her home. Funeral services for Dara will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 25, 2017, at Lincoln Christian Church with Mr. Jack Getchel officiating. Casual dress is requested. Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2017, at Lincoln Christian Church. Burial will be at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln. Dara Renee Tesh was born July 23, 1961, in Lincoln, the daughter of Laverne "Louie" and Marcella Brosamer Tesh. She is survived by her parents; one sister, Dawn Marie (Randy) Pettus; one brother, Daryl Ray Tesh; two nephews, Alex Howard, and Jeremy Howard; two great-nieces, Samantha Howard, and Taylor Carter; many aunts, uncles, and cousins; and her beloved "CAT". Dara graduated from Lincoln Community High School in 1979. She was employed at Meyers Industries for 20 years, and later at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital for 10 years. She was a member of Lincoln Christian Church. Dara loved music, but her biggest joy was gardening and genealogy. She loved her friends and co-workers, and was loved by all who knew her. Memorials may be given in Dara's name to: Lincoln Christian Church Harvest of Talents, or the S. Edward Tesh Scholarship Fund at Lincoln Christian University. Peasley Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.

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**Deceased Name: Kaye Patterson Paris 1949 - 2017**

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Kaye Patterson Paris 1949 - 2017 LINCOLN, IL - Kaye Patterson Paris, 67, of Lincoln, passed away March 21, 2017, at Memorial Medical Center. Cremation rites have been accorded by Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. A memorial visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., Saturday, March 25, 2017, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. A time of visitation will also be held at 9 a.m., Saturday, April 1, 2017, at Kerr Brothers Funeral Home in Lexington, Ky. Burial will follow at Blue Grass Memorial Park in Nicholasville, Ky. Kaye was born June 10, 1949, in Lexington, Ky., the daughter of Julian and Etta (Prewitt) Paris. She was a 1967 graduate of Bryan Station Senior High. She took classes at Lincoln Christian University, Lincoln College, and Heartland Community College. She was employed as an accountant/bookkeeper for several businesses: First National Bank, Langellier Ford Mercury, The Christian Village, Christian Homes, and Sheridan Healthcare. She was a member of Lincoln Christian Church and attended Dieterich Christian Church while camping. Kaye enjoyed travel and camping. Survivors include her best friend, Karen Hargis, and her family, Scott and Tiffany Hargis; sisters, Doris (Paris) Clark and her husband, Roy, and Dale (Paris) Seggelke; and several nieces and nephews that she loved dearly. She was preceded in death by her parents. Memorial donations and will be accepted at the funeral home and may be made to: The American Cancer Society of Logan County; Pregnancy Resource Center; Logan County YMCA; or the organization of the donor's choice

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**Deceased Name: John Henry Hilliard 1932 - 2017**

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John Henry Hilliard 1932 - 2017 DECATUR, IL - John Henry Hilliard, 84, of Decatur, passed away Monday, March 20, 2017, at Decatur Memorial Hospital. John was born June 12, 1932, in Shelbyville, Ill., the son of John Emerson and Margaret I. (McNew) Hilliard. He served his country proudly in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a member of Ss. James & Patrick Parish, Castle William American Legion Post #105, and Darrell W. Beck Knights of Columbus Council #577. He married the love of his life, Rosalie Ewald, on April 30, 1955, in Decatur. He was a dedicated husband and father to his family. He became a bricklayer, retiring from the state of Illinois after 18 years, and worked for many local contractors. But John was no ordinary man. He loved watching his grandchildren's school functions and sporting events, rarely missing events they were in. John and Rose continued to support St. Teresa sporting events long after their children were grown as honorary grandparents. He was also a volunteer with Habitat For Humanity, building the foundation that would one day give a family a home to call their own. He loved all his guy buddies, Charlie, Bill, Dale and Travis, meeting them almost every morning for breakfast at Debbie's Diner. The stories those tables could tell. He leaves behind his wife of 62 years, Rosalie; sons: John W. Hilliard (Jo) of Mt. Pulaski, David D. Hilliard (Lori) of Oakley, Kevin A. Hilliard (Tammy) of Decatur, and Brian L. Hilliard (Debi) of Murphysboro, Tenn.; daughters, Anne C. Blackburn (Jeff) of Decatur, and Karen S. Houston (Quincy) of Decatur; brothers, David Hilliard (Jeannie) of Sarasota, Fla., and Donald Hilliard (Pat) of Sarasota, Fla.; sister, Addie McQuire of Delavan; 11 grandchildren: Christi Lotz (Justin), Heidi Hilliard, Nick Blackburn (Taylor Hull), Gabe Hilliard, Luke Hilliard, Miranda Hilliard, John Hilliard, Donell Hilliard, E.J. Hart (Gianny), Lester Hart (Linda), and Kendall Hart; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Kenneth Hilliard, James Hilliard, and Bill Hilliard; and sisters, Mary Durbin and Helen Coates. John will be missed by all who knew him. There wasn't a life he didn't touch or a stranger he didn't know. His dedication to his family and friends is a great loss for all. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Friday, March 24, 2017, at St. James Catholic Church with the Rev. John Burnette as Celebrant. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. on Thursday at Moran & Goebel Funeral Home with a Vigil Prayer Service at 4:30 p.m. Burial will be at Brown Cemetery in Blue Mound Township with military honors conducted by the Macon County Honor Guard. Memorials are suggested to: Ss James & Patrick Parish, or Habitat for Humanity. The family of John Henry Hilliard is being served by Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2801 N. Monroe Street, Decatur, IL 62526. Share memories and send condolences to the family at [www.moranandgoebel.com](http://www.moranandgoebel.com).

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**Deceased Name: June Butler 1922 - 2017**

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June Butler 1922 - 2017 LINCOLN- June Butler, 94, of Lincoln, Ill., passed away at 8:57 a.m., Sunday, March 26, 2017, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield. June was born June 11, 1922, in Buffalo Hart, Ill., the daughter of Leslie and Teanie Judy Ridgeway. June married Dale Boyd on Aug. 22, 1940; she later married Wilbur Butler on June 8, 1974, in Springfield, Ill. He preceded her in death on Aug. 19, 1989. Surviving June are two daughters, Rita (Lenny) Remmert of Lincoln, Ill., Lana (Bart) Miller of Lincoln, Ill.; one son, Danny (Nancy) Boyd of Linn Creek, Mo.; five grandchildren: Chad (Sandee) Remmert, Josh (Heather) Boyd, Shauna Marino, Dr. Zachary (Lauren) Boyd, and Brandon (Emily) Miller; three great-grandchildren: Lacey Remmert, Logan Remmert, and Kinley Marino; and one brother, Charles Ridgeway of Broadwell, Ill. June was also preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and seven sisters. June was a beautician and musician. She enjoyed entertaining in Lincoln, Ill., and surrounding areas; as well as Yuma, Ariz., and Texas. June worked and taught music at Lincoln Developmental Center, and after retiring she enjoyed traveling and loved entertaining with her keyboard and fiddle. Services for June will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at Jefferson Street Christian Church in Lincoln. Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, also at the church. Burial will take place at Kline Cemetery in Broadwell, Ill., after the services. Memorial donations may be made in June's name to: Friendship Manor, or Jefferson Street Christian Church. Services have been entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, Ill.

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**Deceased Name: Doris B. Hopper 1919 - 2017**

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Doris B. Hopper 1919 - 2017 JACKSONVILLE, IL - Doris B. Hopper passed away Sunday, March 26, 2017, after living a long and exciting life. She is survived by two sons, E. Charles (wife, Roberta) and J. Mitchell (wife, Ruth); three grandsons: Cory, E. Mitch, and R. Timothy; and four great-grandchildren. Her husband, Edward Paul, preceded her in death. Mrs. Hopper's two sisters, Ruth Ortega and Eddie Camp, also preceded her in death. Doris B. Hopper was born in Logan County, Ill., and attended public schools in Elkhart. She is a graduate of Illinois College in Jacksonville, Ill., was granted a master's degree from Western Illinois University, and was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters by her Alma Mater. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, March 31, 2017, at Williamson Funeral Home in Jacksonville, with burial at Hebron Cemetery. Family will meet friends from 12-2 p.m. on Friday. Memorials are suggested to: Illinois College for the Edward Hopper Memorial Scholarship Fund. Condolences may be left online at [www.airsman-hires.com](http://www.airsman-hires.com).

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## Deceased Name: Mary L. Anderson 1929 - 2017

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Mary L. Anderson 1929 - 2017 LINCOLN, IL - Mary L. Anderson, 87, of Lincoln, passed away March 20, 2017, at the Christian Nursing Home in Lincoln. Cremation rites were accorded by Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m., Friday, March 31, 2017, at New Union Cemetery. Mary was born June 28, 1929, in West York, Ill., the daughter of Guy and Elsie (Burnham) Rash. She married William "Bill" Anderson in June of 1970. She retired from Lincoln Developmental Center after more than 25 years of service. She was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan and collected cardinal birds. Survivors include her husband, Bill Anderson of Lincoln; children: Linda (Morrow) Gephart and husband, Bob, David Morrow, and Dennis Morrow; granddaughter, Pamela Loveall; great-grandchildren, Shelby Leigh and Kelsey Gephart; and great-great-grandson, Cole Robert Gephart. Memorial donations may be made to: The Alzheimer's Association.

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## Deceased Name: Dorothy Coleen Schilt 1927 - 2017

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Dorothy Coleen Schilt 1927 - 2017 MT. PULASKI, IL - Dorothy Coleen Schilt, 89, of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., passed away Sunday, March 12, 2017, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln, Ill. Dorothy Colleen Schilt was born April 7, 1927, in West Salem, Ill., to Daisy Wilma (Smith) and Victor Paul Kerster. She graduated from West Salem High School in 1945. She taught in one-room schools in West Salem for two years following her graduation. She married Paul E. Schilt in West Salem on July 10, 1947. He preceded her in death on May 5, 2007. Dorothy had been a childcare aide at Lincoln Developmental Center, and later a nursing assistant at Horizon Hospital in Pinellas Park, Fla., before retiring in 1989. At Horizon Hospital, she was highly regarded by residents and staff, earning an Employee of the Year award. Dorothy enjoyed sewing, crafts, bird watching, picture-taking, the daily news, and especially, spending time with her family. She delighted in vegetable and flower gardening, and for many years grew and sold hybrid iris bulbs. In recent years, she enjoyed telling stories of her childhood on a family farm (without running water or electricity) and teaching in one-room schools immediately after WWII. She is survived by two daughters, Heidi C. (Mark) McCormick of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., and Arlene Rose (Jeff Burgett) Schilt of Honolulu, Hawaii; son, F. Steven Schilt of Mt. Pulaski and Portland, Ore.; sister, Betty Matthes of West Salem, Ill.; brother, Richard (Ida Mae) Kerster of Naperville, Ill.; brother-in-law, Wayne D. (Bonnie) Schilt of West Salem, Ill.; granddaughter, Elyse C. McCormick of Mt. Pulaski; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and husband, Dorothy was preceded in death by two infant brothers; sister, Wilma Holsapple; brother, William Kerster; one nephew; and four nieces. The celebration of life services will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 2, 2017, at United Methodist Church in Mt. Pulaski, Ill., with the Rev. Zoila Marty officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to service from 2-3 p.m. Interment will be at Macedonia Cemetery in West Salem, Ill. In lieu of flowers, donations in Dorothy's memory may be made to the Mt. Pulaski Library, the Lincoln Logan Food Pantry, or the donor's choice. The family thanks Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home for their assistance.

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**Deceased Name: Janice Bridges 1957 - 2017**

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Janice Bridges 1957 - 2017 HARTSBURG, IL - Janice Bridges, 59, of Hartsburg, passed away on Thursday, March 30, 2017 in Zion, IL. Janice was born on October 17, 1957 in Lincoln, IL the daughter of Lewis and Audrey (Davies) Eyrse. Janice married Rodney Bridges on October 20, 1984 in Lincoln. He survives. Janice is also survived by her father; her daughter, Alicia (Brian) Mayberry of Atlanta, IL; her siblings, Judy (Loren) Laubenstein of Lincoln, Shirley Carter of Emden, Alan Eyrse of Lincoln, David (Michelle) Eyrse of Hartsburg, and Tracy (Reggie) Payne of Hartsburg; her grandchildren, Allyxandrea, Cohnor, and Laurynn, and numerous nieces and nephews. Janice was preceded in death by her mother, father-in-law, Carl Bridges, her grandparents, and her nephew, Gerard Carter. Janice worked at St. Clara's Manor as a housekeeper for many years. She loved her German Sheppard, Jax. She enjoyed being outdoors in the country and gardening. She liked to decorate and write poems, and her grandkids were everything to her. Services for Janice will be held at 7:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with Joe Sanders officiating. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 P.M. prior to services also at the funeral home. Burial will take place at Hartsburg Union Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be made in Janice's name to St. Clara's Manor.

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