

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 1, 2010

Deceased Name: Betty J. Young

Betty J. Young, age 78, a resident of 207 Camelia Drive, Washington, died Sunday, March 28, 2010 at Beaufort County Medical Center.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Ms. Young was born in Mansfield County, IL on January 17, 1932 to James and Jesse Reed Fleenor. Betty was a homemaker and lived most of her life in Lincoln, IL.

She is survived by her daughters, Marcia Bidwell and husband Craig of Lincoln, IL, Deborah Pettyjohn of Lincoln, IL and Michelle Pettijohn of Washington, NC, her son, Roger Young of Clinton, IL, her sister, Marjorie Shaffer of California, 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers.

You may share a memory with the family by visiting www.hillsidefuneralservice.com

Hillside Funeral Service of Washington is serving the Young family.

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Deceased Name: Robert C. Arnold

Robert C. Arnold, 72, of Havana passed away at 7:15 p.m. Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at the Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 3, 2010 at the Hurley Funeral Home in Havana. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until time of services. Burial will follow in the Laurel Hill Cemetery in Havana.

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Deceased Name: John F. Guzouskis

John F. Guzouskis, 62, died at 9:30 a.m. March 25 at St. John's Hospital, Springfield, MO.

Guzouskis resided in Rockaway Beach, MO, and was formerly of Springfield, IL.

He was born September 8, 1945, in Chicago, IL.

Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, April 7, 2010, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Cemetery in Lincoln, IL, with the Rev. John Pham presiding. Interment will also be held at St. Mary's Cemetery, Lincoln.

Guzouskis, a carpenter, was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Gertrude Newell Guzouskis and a son, John Rentmeister. Guzouskis was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include one son: Richard "Butch" (Jo) Rentmeister of Mount Pulaski, IL; two sisters: Carolyn James of Lincoln and Barbara Guzouskis of Lincoln; One niece: Jennifer (Robert) Bailey of Lincoln, and three grandsons.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Ronald McDonald House.

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Deceased Name: Donald J. Ogden

Donald J. Ogden, 77, of Mason City died at 3:32 a.m. on Friday, April 2, 2010 at St. John's Hospital. He was born on July 7, 1932 the son of Clarence and Flossie (Stokes) Ogden in Isabel, IL. He married Paula Wooldridge on December 30, 1977, she survives.

Survivors are his wife Paula; three sons: Joe (Susan) Ogden of Springfield, Ronald (Candy) Ogden of Sherman, Thomas Eugene (companion, Michelle Wagner); three daughters: Donna (Doug) Meaker of Mason City, Kim (Donnie) Mast of Humboldt, Julie Phelps of Springfield; eight grandchildren: Natalie (John) Notto, Makalya Meaker, Noah Meaker, Christopher Hilscher, Derek Wooldridge, Dayton Leinweber, Dalee Leiweber, Collin Phelps; two great-grandchildren: Landon Notto and Ayla Wooldridge and two cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

Mr. Ogden graduated Redmon High School and served in the United States Navy during the Korean War. He was manager of Keiser Ag Chemicals and Specialty Seeds Salesman for Vigoro Seeds in Mason City. He was a member of the United Presbyterian Church in Mason City and Jackson Keen Post 496.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, April 5, 2010 at the United Presbyterian Church, visitation will start at 9:30am. Pastor Charlotte Poetschner will officiate with burial following at the Mason City Cemetery. Memorials may be left to the Chronic Disease Fund or his church. Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is in charge of arrangements.

Online memorials for the family may be left at www.hurleyfh.com

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Deceased Name: Kenton Matthew Fults

Kenton Matthew Fults, 16 months, of Lincoln, died at 5:35 a.m., April 1, 2010 at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, IL.

Fults was born November 12, 2008, in Lincoln.

He was the son of Jerod J. and Amanda L. Williams Fults of Lincoln, IL.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 6, at First United Methodist Church of Lincoln with visitation from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln. Rev. Mark Kaley will preside over the services. Interment will be held at Steenbergen Cemetery, Mount Pulaski, IL.

Fults' survivors include his parents, of Lincoln; one sister, Kelsey Fults of Lincoln, IL; one brother, J.J. Fults of Lincoln, IL; Maternal Grandparents: Allen and Tami Williams of Lincoln, IL; Paternal Grandfather: John Robert Fults of Broadwell, IL; Maternal Great Grandparents: Bill and Linda Martinie of the Villages, Florida; Uncle: Jason Williams of Lincoln; Aunts: Jenna Williams and Bobbie Fults, both of Lincoln, and Erica Brown of Texas.

Fults is preceded in death by his Paternal Grandmother: Sheila Mardis.

Memorials can be made to the Kenton M. Fults Memorial Fund.

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Deceased Name: Jewel N. Cook

Mr. Jewel N. Cook, 79, of Atlanta passed away on Saturday, April 3, 2010 at 1:10 a.m. at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Mr. Cook graduated from the Atlanta High School in 1948. He served in the United States Air Force. He retired from Saint Gobain Containers after seventeen years of service in the maintenance department.

Jewel N. Cook was born on October 31, 1930 in Lincoln the son of Icem and Perlina Cook. He married Karen Hill on December 11, 1964 in Pittsfield, Ill. She survives.

Also surviving is one daughter: Anita (Fred) Pyle of Champaign, one son: Jason (Anne) Cook of Bloomington, two grandchildren: Erik Pyle, Jacqueline Cook. One great grandson: Devin Pyle. One brother: Icem Hillard Cook Atlanta, one sister: Joan Lowery of Tucson, Arizona.

He was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

Funeral Services for Mr. Cook will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at the Quiram Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta with Mr. David Harmon officiating.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday prior to the visitation. Burial will be in the Atlanta Cemetery.

Memorials maybe made to the American Cancer Research.

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Deceased Name: William E. "Andy" Anderson

William E. "Andy" Anderson, 83, passed away at 3:15 a.m. on April 5, 2010 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, IL.

Mr. Anderson was a retired farmer and also retired from the Department of Agriculture.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 - 1946 during World War II and in 1952 - 1954 during the Korean War.

He was born in Elkhart on January 27, 1927, the son of James and Emma Olson Anderson. He attended Elkhart schools. He attended Illinois State University in the Navy V-12 program. He graduated from the University of Illinois in 1949 and also received a "Commission" as Ensign in the USNR. He began farming with his father until 1952 when he was recalled into the Navy and served in the Harbor Defense Unit in Yokosuka, Japan during the Korean War. He married Ann Haynes on June 13, 1954 on the United States Naval Base in Yokosuka, Japan. He was discharged in December 1954.

He served on many boards and commissions, was a deacon, elder, and Sunday school teacher at Elkhart Christian Church. He served on the Elkhart High School Board; was a Regional School Trustee for Logan-Mason-Menard County, where he served as the chairman for 12 years; Logan County FS Board; Logan Co. Development Foundation; FHA Board; served on the Regional Planning Commission; was a member of the Abraham Lincoln Hospital Healthcare Foundation; Logan Co. Fair Board, where he served as vice president and organized the first junior livestock show and served as the county's first fair superintendent; he was active in the Republican party where he served as the Logan Co. Coordinator for the Thompson campaign. He retired from farming in 1981 and was employed as a Bureau Chief in Illinois Department of Agriculture. While in Agriculture, Mr. Anderson served as the chairman of the interagency committee on pesticides and also served on the governor's chemical safety task force. He was named outstanding young farmer of Logan Co. by the Lincoln Jaycees in 1963. He enjoyed watching his grandchildren and great grandchildren' sporting events. He also enjoyed gardening and woodworking in his spare time.

He is survived by his wife of Elkhart; two sons, Mark Anderson of Elkhart and Jeff (Vicki) Anderson of Mt. Pulaski; one daughter, Sally (Chuck) Goff of Woodhull, IL; one sister, Jean Bobell of Lincoln; 15 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, James L. Anderson.

Services for Mr. Anderson will be held 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 8, 2010 at the Elkhart Christian Church with Rev. Robert Twist officiating. Mr. Anderson will be buried at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield, IL where full military rites will be accorded.

Visitation will be 4 - 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, IL.

Memorials can be made to the Elkhart Christian Church.

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Deceased Name: William E. Hunter, Jr.

RIVERTON - William E. Hunter, Jr., 55, of Riverton, died Saturday, April 3, 2010 at Maple Ridge Care Centre in Lincoln.

He served in the United States Marine Corp. from 1973 to 1977. He was a member of the VFW Men's Auxiliary Post 1756 and the Springfield American Legion Post 32.

He was born January 5, 1955 in Lincoln the son of William E. and Beulah M. Dennison Hunter, Sr.

Surviving are two daughters, Jennifer Huff of Divernon and Amy (husband Carlos) English of Springfield; one son, Samuel Hunter of Riverton; four grandsons, Sean, Evan, Aizik and Collyn; mother, Beulah Hunter of Lincoln; one brother, Dale Hunter of Lewisville, TX; three sisters, Earlene Lucas of Pekin, Ruth Ann Kaesebier of Broadwell and Tami Moore of Hartford, WI; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until time of services at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 9, 2010 at Jefferson Street Christian Church, Lincoln. Burial in Camp Butler National Cemetery with full Military Honors. Bramley Funeral Home, Divernon is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Bramley Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

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Deceased Name: Cecilia D. Krotz

NAPLES - Cecilia D. Krotz, 82 of Naples, FL. formerly of Decatur, IL. passed away peacefully on Friday, April 2, 2010.

Cecilia was a devoted wife and loving mother. She enjoyed volunteering her time especially with the St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary as a candy striper. Later she worked with Habitat for Humanity. Of particular enjoyment was working with former President Jimmy Carter on a project in South Dakota and another project in Poland. Many times she could be found in the basement of St. James school helping out on bake sales raising money for various projects.

While living in Florida she was an avid shell collector who could be found riding her bike to many of Naples beautiful beaches.

She was a loving and caring mother and leaves behind Edward, Mark, and Keith her sons in Naples, Florida and daughter Sheila Krotz of San Diego, Ca. Daughter in-laws Marlene, Belinda and Debbie. Grandchildren include Edward, Celia, Jennifer, Nicole, Jessica, and Karl. Great grandchildren Alex, Cassie, and Aden.

Cecilia was born on October 27, 1927 in Brooklyn, New York the daughter of Tom and Mary Shay. She married Edward W. Krotz in 1952. He preceded her in death in 1995.

Cecilia was preceded in death by her son Frank E. Krotz.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church and will be held on Thursday April 8th at 10 a.m.

Visitation will be at Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln, IL, Wednesday, April 7 from 5-7 with a Rosary service held at 4:45 p.m. before the visitation.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Lincoln.

The family would like to thank the staff of Barrington Terrace for their thoughtfulness and help during a difficult period for the family. We would also like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Hospice.

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Deceased Name: Mary L. Pate

Mary L. Pate, 82, of Springfield, passed away Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at Vonderleith Living Center in Mt. Pulaski, Illinois.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Easton, IL. For several years she worked as a line boat cook for the Iowa Marine Barge Company, retiring in 1987. Prior to that she was a long time chef at the Springfield Supper Club.

Mary loved to cook. She enjoyed going to garage sales, watching soap operas, visiting with her grandchildren, and refereeing her children. Her family was very important to her and she made it a point to keep them together.

Mary was born July 10, 1927 in Jacksonville, IL., the daughter of Charles and Emily (Bell) Campbell. She married Willi-am M. Pate. He preceded her in death on September 21, 1984.

Survivors include: her sons Rodney Pate and his wife Linda of Springfield, IL. and Randy Pate and his wife Tammy of Auburn, IL.; her daughters Becky Pate of Springfield, IL., Debbie Murphy of Pawnee, IL., and Sally Hampton and her husband Jerry of Spring-field, IL.; five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren also survive along with several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband William M. Pate, one brother, and six sisters.

Visitation will be 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM Friday, April 9, 2010 at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will be 1:00 PM on Friday also at the funeral home with Rev. Richard Stiltz officiating. Burial will follow in Jacksonville East Cemetery, Jacksonville, IL.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Deceased Name: Harry O. Jackson, Jr.

TUNNEL HILL, IL - Harry O. Jackson, Jr., 93, of Tunnel Hill, Illinois passed away at 11 a.m. on Sunday, April 4, 2010 at his home.

Harry was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He served as a Pharmacists Mate 3rd class.

He was a graduate of Lincoln Community High School and Lincoln College. He earned a Masters Degree in Biology from Illinois State University. He taught science and industrial arts the Lincoln Junior High School and later served as principal of the Lincoln elementary school.

His educational career continued at ISU where he taught Biology prior to his retirement in 1973. He was a member of the Alpha Phi Omega, an honorary biological fraternity, the National Education Association and the Illinois Educational Association. For many years, he was named among the Top 10 Scientists in the United States.

In his youth, he was a Boy Scout and his interest in scouting continued throughout his life. He served as a Boy Scout leader and was the recipient of the Silver Beaver award. He organized many canoe trips for scouts and youth and was the original author of the Illinois State Canoe Guide, which he was asked to update periodically, even within the past few years. For many summers, he operated the Illinois State Crippled Children's Camp at Lake Bloomington. In his 85th year, he undertook writing his memoirs, "Hab-His Life & Times."

He was born June 10, 1916 in Channing, Texas. He is the son of Harry O. Jackson, Sr. and Viola Jackson. He married Joy Boatman. They enjoyed over 39 years of marriage prior to her death in June 1978. He then married Dolores Jackson and they enjoyed over 30 years of marriage prior to her death in March 2010.

Survivors include a son Ken (Judi) Jackson of Derby, Kansas; two granddaughters, Candace (Travis) McKenzie of Ft. Collins, CO; and Beth (Patrick) Murphy of Moore, OK; seven great grandchildren, Morgan Ann, Barrett James, Taggart John, Canon Robert, Cain Joshua, Chauncy Alyssa and Autumn Joy. He was anticipating the birth of another great grandchild in April 2010. He is also survived by 11 nieces and nephews and his extended family though Dolores: James and Marge VanScyoc; William Wandrey, Jeff Wandrey, Lisa Wolf, Zoe Vakoc, Michael VanScyoc, Shelly Maddy and 19 great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wives, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Clarice Jones and Frances Lalicker and a brother Lee Jackson.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Harry Jackson will be held at 4 p.m. on April 10 at Baily Funeral Home in Vienna. Dr. Ed Hollis will officiate. The family will receive friends from 3 to 4 p.m. prior to the celebration. Military honors will be accorded by the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post 5222 of Vienna and the Illinois Burial Honors Detail.

Private inurnment will be held in the Reynoldsburg Cemetery, near Tunnel Hill, Ill.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Southern Illinois, 204 Halfway Road, Marion, IL 62959.

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Deceased Name: Edith Marie Bumgardner

Mrs. Edith Marie Bumgardner, 67, of Sulphur Springs, Arkansas departed this life on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 at the Bentonville Manor in Bentonville, Arkansas after several months of declining health.

Edith entered this life on February 7, 1943 in Lincoln, Illinois born to Lena Marie (Schaub) Hoffert and the late Arthur Lewis Fredrick Hoffert. She was raised in Lincoln, IL and was a 1961 graduate of Lincoln High School.

On January 13, 1962 she married James Franklin Bumgardner and they had two daughters and two sons.

She had resided in Sulphur Springs, AR since September of 1982, moving from northern Missouri.

Throughout her life she was a devoted homemaker to her husband and family. She enjoyed quilting and was instrumental in helping make the centennial quilt for Sulphur Springs.

She is survived by her husband of 48 years, Jim Bumgardner at home; two daughters, Robin Bumgardner of Sulphur Springs, AR and Pam (Jim) Beasley of Gruver, TX; two sons, Todd (Dee) Bumgardner of Joplin, MO; Rod Bumgardner of Sulphur Springs, AR; 16 grandchildren; five great grandchildren; her mother, Marie Felton of Lincoln, IL; two brothers, Rick Hoffert and Ernest Hoffert both of Middletown, IL; several nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other family and friends.

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Deceased Name: James Carl DeCanter

James Carl DeCanter, 66, of Mason City died at 2:30 a.m. on April 5, 2010, at the Titus Regional Medical Center in Titus, TX.

James was a member of the Mountain Man Organization and loved going on rendezvous and enjoyed camping in his T.P. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and was also a Buck Skinner.

He was born on April 26, 1943, the son of George W. and Mamie L. (Lollar) DeCanter in New Albany, Mississippi.

Survivors are his companion: Luella Willis; three sons: James W. (Heather) DeCanter of Manito, IL; David W. (Amy) Decanter of Mason City; John M. (Christina) DeCanter of Manito, IL.; one daughter: Patti A. Vannice of Salisbury, Maryland; three step sons: Russell L. Willis of Mason City; Jackie J. Willis of Mason City; and Scott D. Willis of Palmyra, IL. Seventeen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 9, 2010, at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City. Visitation will start at 11 a.m. until 12:45 p.m. at this time the Masonic Service will begin. Pastor Curt McCallister will be officiating. Burial will be at the Mason City Cemetery.

Memorials may be left to the Mason City Community Chapel. Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is in charge of arrangements.

Online memorials for the family may be left at www.hurleyfh.com

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Deceased Name: Charles L. Yates

McLEAN - Charles L. Yates, 79, of McLean passed away on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, at 3:35 p.m. at his home.

Mr. Yates was a member of the International Operators Engineering Union for over 60 years. He owned C. L. Yates Excavating and farmed in rural Atlanta.

Charles L. Yates was born on May 11, 1930, in Camden, Illinois the son of Charles J. and Violet Logsdon Yates. He married Irma Parn on June 18, 1949. She survives.

Also surviving are one son:

Kenneth (Bobbie Sue) Yates of Atlanta; two daughters: Charlene (Capt. Larry) Cripps of Norfolk, Virginia and Debra (Scott) Wilcox of McLean. One brother: Gerald (Dorothy) Yates of Timewell, Ill.; one sister-in-law: Jan Yates of Quincy; Six grandchildren: Angelea (Brian) Karr, Josh Baxter, Heather (Thomas) Miller, Theron Yates, Amanda (Ryan) Oehler, Pfc. Drew Wilcox and five great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother: Harlan Yates.

Funeral Services for Mr. Yates will be held on Saturday, April 10, 2010 at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) at the Quiram Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta with Mr. Chuck Brannock officiating. Burial will be in Roaches Chapel Cemetery in rural McLean.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until time of service on Saturday.

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Deceased Name: Charles Buxton Spaugh

DECATUR - Charles Buxton Spaugh, 88, of Lincoln, went to be with Jesus at 11:40 pm Thursday, April 8, 2010 at Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Services to celebrate Charles' life will be held at 1:00 pm Monday, April 12, 2010 at Resurrection Life Church in Decatur with Pastor James McGee and Reverend Roger Spaugh officiating.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 pm Sunday, April 11, 2010 at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Interment will be at Graham Chapel Cemetery in Allenville, Illinois. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Tupelo Children's Mansion in Tupelo, Mississippi or to the United Pentecostal Church of Virden. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.

Charles was born September 13, 1921 in Allenville, Illinois, the son of William and Gertrude (Buxton) Spaugh.

He was a WW II veteran serving in Germany as a machine gunner in the 104th infantry. He was a fireman on the Wabash Railroad, a contractor and realtor.

He will be sadly missed by his wife Judith E. Hackney Spaugh of Lincoln. His children Richard of Girard, Charles Jr. of Lincoln, Roxanne Williams of Springfield, David of Decatur, Rhonda (Joe) Morley of St. Louis, MO, Julia (James) McGee of Virden, Roger (Elizabeth) of St. Louis, MO, Carrie (Rick) Orth of Burlington, Iowa, sister Audrey (Sam) White of Parawan, Utah, brothers David (Colleen) and Dwight (Lucille) of Decatur, John (Darlene) of Warsaw, MO, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

He was reunited in heaven with his parents, sons Ronald and Mike, daughter Sandra Tornabeni, two grandsons William Russell Spaugh and John Allen McGee.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 13, 2010

Deceased Name: Daniel Ray Walton

MANTACHIE, MS - Daniel Ray Walton, 62, of Mantachie, MS, formerly of Mt. Pulaski, IL, passed away on Monday April 5, 2010 at North Mississippi Medical Center after a long battle with cancer.

Mr. Walton lived all over the U.S. working as a company manager and glass installer specializing in windshields. He later moved to Mantachie, MS where he lived for the last 15 years. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Mt. Pulaski.

Daniel Ray Walton was born September 17, 1947, in Lincoln, IL, to Harold Avery Walton, Sr. and Wilma May belle Moore Walton.

Surviving Mr. Walton are his son, Ryan Walton of Mantachie, MS; daughter, Tara Bell of Springfield, IL; two brothers, Harold A. Walton, Jr. and George (Sharon) Walton of Mt. Pulaski, IL; granddaughter Kaitlyn Walton of Mantachie, MS; nephew, Chris (Diana) Walton of Mt. Pulaski, IL; niece, Jennifer (Bradney) Luckhart of Lincoln, IL; three great-nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services for Mr. Walton will be held at a later date.

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Deceased Name: Lowell Dean Short

Lowell D. Short reached for the hand of God March 31, 2010 in Iowa Park, Texas.

He was 87 years old. He was born July 4, 1922 in Logan County, Illinois to Lawrence and Grayce (Mammen) Short. Lowell was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Robert L. (Bob) Short, his first wife, Jeanette (Tinky) Van Horn Short, his second wife, Joyce L. Givens Short, and three brothers.

Lowell joined the Army Air Corps in August of 1941 and was a veteran of World War II, the Korean conflict and the Vietnam War. He was proud of his country and loved his friends and family. After serving 9 years in the Army Air Corps as a flight engineer on B-25's he joined the Air Force Reserve where he served for 26 years as a master flight engineer on C-130's stationed at Carswell Air Force Base in Fort Worth, Texas.

While in the reserves, he also worked civil service in Fort Worth at General Dynamics on the F-16 project. In the early to mid 70's, he was recruited to the Seattle Washington Boeing Aero Space plant to the quality control unit for the E-4 Project, Air Force One and the air command fleet, for which he received numerous Department of Defense commendations.

Mr. Short is survived by one son, James L. Short of Wichita Falls; one daughter, Suzy Short Powell of Sapulpa, Oklahoma; brother, Jim (Joyce) of Lincoln, Illinois, two sisters, Mary (Carl) Short Smith of Atlanta, Illinois, and Sue Van Horn, of Lincoln, Illinois; his cousin, tinkering buddy and best friend, Robert Wilcox; 6 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 3, 2010 at Highland Cemetery Pavilion, with Masonic rites and full Military Honors. Arrangements are entrusted to Dutton Funeral Home.

Visitation will be at Friday, April 2, 2010 from 6 until 7:30 p.m. at Dutton Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to Hospice of Wichita Falls or Scottish Rite Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be offered at www.duttonfuneralhome.com.

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Deceased Name: Juanita L. Kindred

Juanita L. Kindred, 83, of Atlanta, passed away April 12, 2010, at 6:20 p.m. at her home.

Mrs. Kindred was a 1944 graduate of Atlanta High School. She was a member of the Atlanta Christian Church.

Juanita loved to travel with family, visiting Europe, Hawaii and Florida. She was an avid bicyclist and golfer and spent much of her time playing cards with friends. Juanita retired from General Electric after working there for 33 years. She will be remembered for her carefree spirit and devotion to her family.

Juanita LaVerne Kindred was born on October 2, 1926, in Lincoln, the daughter of Donald C. and Nelva Wise Menzel. She married Arthur "Ed" Edward Kindred on February 2, 1945, in Atlanta. He preceded her in death on October 8, 2009.

Surviving Mrs. Kindred are one daughter, Betsy (Eric) Shifflet of Waynesville; two granddaughters, Erica (Mike) Roehm of Bloomington, and Andrea (Jim Rhoades) Shifflet of Galesburg; one sister, Bettie J. (Don) Turner of Atlanta; and one brother, Donald C. (Kay) Menzel, Jr. of Tampa, Fla.

Mrs. Kindred was preceded in death by her husband and her parents.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Kindred will be on Saturday, April 17, 2010, at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) at Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta. Mr. Maurice Stribling will officiate.

Burial will be in Atlanta Cemetery.

Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to Atlanta Rescue Squad or Friends of the Atlanta Museum, P.O. Box 166, Atlanta.

Final arrangements are entrusted with Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home.

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Deceased Name: Richard Dick Aery

Richard Dick Aery of Tempe, AZ, formally of Lincoln, died Sunday, April 11, 2010 at his home.

He was born in Lincoln and graduated from Lincoln Community High School. He was active with his LCHS class reunion project.

He worked for State Farm.

Survivors include his daughter, Connie Jo Aery and son, Rick Aery, both of Tempe.

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Deceased Name: Danny W. Wilcoxson

Danny W. Wilcoxson, 67, of Mason City died at 12:45 a.m. on April 10, 2010 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln, IL.

Danny was a member of the Christ Lutheran Church and Jackson-Keen Post 496.

He was born on August 8, 1942 the son of Luther T. and Ruby (Lile) Wilcoxson in Mason City, IL. He married Nina Croteau on June 4, 1961 she preceded him in death.

Surviving is his son: Tony (Terrie) Croteau of Greenwood, IN and his daughter: Michele (Todd) Arnold of Mason City, IL. Also surviving are two brothers: Lou (Helen) Wilcoxson of Golden, CO; Donny (Nina) Wilcoxson of Lincoln, IL and two sisters: Patricia (Bob) Lough and Margaret (Jr.) Dye both of Mason City, IL and four grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister: Bess and one son: Timothy.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at the Mason City cemetery. Pastor John Johnson will be officiating.

Memorials may be left to the Kidney Foundation. Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is in charge of arrangements.

Online memorials for the family may be left at www.hurleyfh.com

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Deceased Name: Norman L. Hunter

Norman L. Hunter, 83, of Lincoln passed away at 11:45 p.m. on April 7, 2010 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

Mr. Hunter worked for many years at Stetson China Factory in Lincoln. He retired in 1990 from Pittsburg Plate Glass where he worked as a sealer.

He was a U.S. Navy Seabees from 1944 to 1946. He was also a member of Elkhart Christian Church; the Knights of Columbus Lincoln Council #1250, where he was the former district director of Illinois; the Logan County Sportsman Club and the Wildlife Federation. He was well known in the area as a horseman.

He was born on December 11, 1926 in Springfield. He was the son of Ernest and Florence Phillips Hunter.

Survivors include one sister, Ethel Cecil of Lincoln; one sister-in-law, Eva Halladay of Elkhart; and many nieces and nephews.

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

Services for Mr. Hunter will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 16 at Elkhart Christian Church in Elkhart, IL. Rev. Robert Twist will officiate. Interment will be at the Elkhart cemetery in Elkhart, IL with full military rites.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Arrangements are being handled by Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Memorials may be made to the Elkhart Christian Church.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 14, 2010

Deceased Name: Grace Lorene Nichols

Grace Lorene Nichols, 83, Bloomington passed away Sunday morning (April 11, 2010) at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center.

Grace worked starting at the age of 14 starting in a local restaurant and retired from owning her own, called The Beanery, on S. Madison St., Bloomington. She worked at The Five Star, Streid's (Route 66), Cotton's Village Inn just to name a few of the restaurants. She also worked at Bloomington Pantagraph and Stationary, Ryan Pharmacy, Osco Drug, Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority, The Elks Lodge and the Salvation Army Thrift Store during her lifetime.

Born October 24, 1926 she was the daughter of Anna Nichols (Neblock-Baker) and Chester Arthur Nichols of Waynesville.

Surviving are three sons, Bob Nichols (Elizabeth) Bloomington; Walter Meeks III, Peoria; Bruce J. Meeks, Bloomington; sister Josephine Rich, Pekin; niece Sheila Rich, Deer Creek; brother Glenn Nichols of Elk Hart.

Other family surviving are Stella Gilbert (Baker) and Reid Baker. Nine grandchildren: Kent Nichols (Brenda), Cindy Bevers (Nichols), Andy Nichols (Amy), Matt Nichols (Amy), Aaron Meeks, Erik Meeks, Justin Meeks, Jonathan Meeks and Kayla Meeks. Eleven Great Grandchildren: Taylor Nichols, Logan Nichols, Adam James, Dallas James, Kiersteyn Bevers, Olivia Nichols, Madalyn Nichols, Mackenzie Nichols, Evan Nichols, Alexis Nichols, Kenley Nichols, Adam Dew and Carson Dew.

Her beloved son David B. Meeks, parents and siblings: Charles, Jack, Gilbert, Eddie, Glenna and Benjamin and step-father Norris Neblock proceed her in death.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home, Captain Jolinda Shelbourn will officiate. The dignified repose will be at Park Hill Mausoleum.

Visitation will be held 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at Kibler-Smith Memorial Home, Bloomington.

Grace loved her grandchildren, reading, spring's lilacs, cooking, and the Food Network. She will be missed and in our thoughts often. So in her memory, please plant a lilac tree or bush this spring.

Online condolences can be made to the family at www.kiblersmith.com

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 15, 2010

Deceased Name: Mark B. Rich

Mark B. Rich, 46, of Pekin passed away on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at his home. He had been ill for the last few months.

Mark Boyd Rich was born on December 24, 1964 in Lincoln the son of John Peter and Josephine L. Nichols Rich.

He is survived by his mother of Pekin, siblings: Loretta M. Shreve of Pekin, Vernon E. (Patricia) Rich of Lake Butler, Fl., Sheila Jo Rich of Deer Creek, several nieces and nephews.

Preceding Mark in death were his father and brother Kurt Wayne Rich.

Funeral Services for Mr. Rich will be held on Friday, April 16, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Quiram Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta.

Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery in Waynesville.

Visitation will be held for one hour prior to the service.

Mark loved to tell his stupid jokes. He will be missed by his family and friends. Now he is at peace.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 15, 2010

Deceased Name: Charles R. Fair

Mr. Charles Robert (Bob) Fair, 76, of Dublin, GA passed away Sunday morning April 11, 2010 at the Carl Vinson VA Medical Center.

Mr. Fair served in the US Army during the Korean War before moving to Dublin in 1979 from Lincoln, IL; he was a member of the Liberty Baptist Church, Elks, and Moose Lodge; and he worked at Allen-Bradley as an Industrial Engineer.

Survivors include two sons David Fair (Shannan) and Tom Fair both of Dublin; daughter Jodie Lotherington (Gordon) of Dublin; two sisters Mary Nolen and Jo Robinson both of Blue Mound, IL; eight grand children, 3 great-grand children and many nieces and nephews also survive.

Mr. Fair is predeceased by his wife Marilyn Jo; parents Ora and Lucille Fair; three brothers Ray Fair, Thomas Fair, and Donald Fair; two sisters Norma Atchison, and Daisy Kay.

Memorial services will be held on Sunday, April 18, 2009 at 2 pm at the Liberty Baptist Church with Rev. Chris Dixon officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Advocates For Alzheimer's Care Lighthouse, 611 Bellevue Ave., Dublin, Ga 31021.

Adams Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements for Mr. Charles Robert Fair.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 16, 2010

Deceased Name: Christina M. Leesman

Christina M. Leesman, 93, of Hartsburg, passed away April 14, 2010 at St. Clara's Manor in Lincoln, IL.

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Hartsburg, and worked at Tommy Birches Egg Plant in Lincoln, IL. She loved to crochet and made several things for her family and friends. During her time at St. Clara's Manor she was an avid bingo player, winning countless stuffed animals and jewelry prizes. She was also an avid Cubs fan.

Chrisina was born July 16, 1916 in Hartsburg, IL to the late Edward J. and Lena (Hellman) Luken. She married Raymond Leesman on June 28, 1938 in Hannibal, MO. He preceded her in death on January 27, 1988.

Surviving are her children: son Dean Leesman and his wife Marilyn of Hartsburg, IL.; son Ronald Ray Leesman and his wife Ann of Mt. Pulaski, IL.; daughter Sandra Jane Gleason of Lincoln, IL.; daughter Mary C. Duffey and her husband Charles of Cedar Hill, MO.; sister Agnes Klockenga of Novinger, MO.; sister Erna J, Post of Normal, IL.; eleven grandchildren and several great grandchildren and great great grandchildren also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Raymond, three brothers, and six sisters.

Funeral services will be 10:00 AM on Monday, April 19, 2010 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Hartsburg with Pastor David Russell officiating. Burial will follow in Hartsburg Union Cemetery.

Visitation will be 5-7 PM Sunday, April 18, 2010 at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church or to the donor's choice and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 16, 2010

Deceased Name: Anna Mae Knoles

MASON CITY - Anna Mae Knoles, 90, of Mason City died at 9:03 p.m. on April 14, 2010 at the Mason City Area Nursing Home.

Anna Mae was a member of the United Presbyterian Church. She was also a florist in Mason City for many years.

She was born on December 26, 1919 the daughter of Roy and Enid (Black) Hess in Mason City, IL. She married G. Kenneth Knoles on January 4, 1938, he preceded her in death.

Survivors are one son: Kenneth (Mary Ann) Knoles of Mason City. Three grandchildren: Amy (Keith) Sikir of Camby, IN, Tracy (Marc) Tiritilli of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Kevin Knoles of Mason City. Two great-grandchildren: Molly Whitley of Camby, IN and Miranda Tiritilli of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and one daughter.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City. Visitation will start at 11:00 a.m. Nash Shawgo will be officiating. Cremation rites will be accorded. Burial will be at the Mason City Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be left to the Mason City Food Pantry or Mason City Area Nursing Home. Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is in charge of arrangements.

Online memorials for the family may be left at www.hurleyfh.com

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 17, 2010

Deceased Name: Brenda Cooper Martin and Mary Ann Cooper

Brenda Cooper Martin, 52, of Springfield, passed away April 14, 2010 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, IL. and her mother Mary Ann Cooper, 74, of New Holland, passed away April 16, 2010 at Mason City Area Nursing Home.

Graveside services for mother and daughter will be held Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at Richmond Grove Cemetery in New Holland, IL. at 1:00 PM. Private family visitation will be held at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Mary Ann was born September 5, 1935 in Peoria, Illinois to the late James and Mary Francis (Lee) Parsons. She married Donald Cooper. She was of the Catholic faith. She retired from Eaton after 25 years of service. She enjoyed garage sales and spending time with her family.

Surviving her are her husband Donald Cooper of New Holland, IL.; her son Jeff "Opie" Cooper and his wife Tammy of New Holland, IL.; her son in law James Martin of Springfield, IL.; five grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Brenda Lee was born March 31, 1958 in Lincoln, IL the daughter of Donald and Mary Ann (Parsons) Cooper. She married James Martin on October 11th, 29 years ago in Lincoln, IL.

Surviving her are her husband James Martin of Springfield, IL.; her father Donald Cooper of New Holland, IL.; her brother Jeff "Opie" Cooper and his wife Tammy of New Holland, IL.; her daughter Leandra Palmer of Lincoln, IL.; her daughter Angela Marsaglia of Jacksonville, IL.; her son Zachary Martin of Peoria, IL.; her daughter Megan Phillips of Lincoln, IL.; six grandchildren; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Memorial donations in Mary Ann's memory may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or to the American Cancer Society and donations in Brenda's memory may be made to the Vine Street Clinic in Springfield, IL. and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 17, 2010

Deceased Name: Robert W. Bismark

Robert W. Bismark, 92, of Lincoln, IL, died at 6:50 A.M. April 15, 2010, at Christian Village, Lincoln, IL.

He was a retired insurance agent and owned and operated Bismark Insurance Agency for 40 years in Lincoln.

Robert was a member of St. John United Church of Christ, Lincoln, and was a member of Elks Lodge #914, Sherman Lodge #553, Orion, IL, Order of Easter Star Chapter #218, and Eagles Lodge #2708 of Lincoln.

He was born January 29, 1918, in Geneseo, IL, to William A. and Helen Hamilton Bismark. He married Violet Vance on April 13, 1941, in Marengo, Iowa. They just celebrated 69 years of marriage.

Robert is survived by his wife of Lincoln; three sons, Wayne (Maureen) Bismark of Maryville, TN, Dean (Pam) Bismark of Hennepin, IL, and Larry Bismark of Jonesborough, TN; five grandchildren, Joshua Bismark, Andrea (Craig) Armstrong, Jeffrey Bismark, Andrew Bismark and Bryan Bismark; and five great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services are at 10:30 A.M. Monday, April 19, at St. John United Church of Christ, Lincoln, IL, Rev. Richard Reinwald and Ryan Edgecombe presiding. Interment will be held at New Union Cemetery, Lincoln, IL.

A visitation will be held Sunday from 2:00-5:00 P.M. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln. Masonic services will be held at 1:30 P.M. All Master Masons are invited to attend.

Memorials may be made to St. John United church of Christ or Christian Village.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 22, 2010

Deceased Name: Harold "Dale" Tammeus

Harold "Dale" Tammeus, 58, of Armington, passed away on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at 5:45 a.m. at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Mr. Tammeus graduated from McLean-Waynesville-Armington High School in 1969. He farmed in the Armington area and was a member of the Armington Christian Church.

Mr. Tammeus was born on May 3, 1951, in Peoria, the son of Harold Louis and Ollie Isreal Tammeus. He married Connie Leesman on July 2, 1988. She survives.

Surviving Mr. Tammeus are his wife, Connie; two daughters, Katie Tammeus of Suwanee, Georgia, and Leann Tammeus of Armington; his mother, Ollie Tammeus of Armington; one brother, Robert (Tami) Tammeus of Armington; and one sister, Nancy (Bruce) Lindenfelser of Armington; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harold Tammeus; and one niece, Niki Hutchcraft.

Funeral services for Mr. Tammeus will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at Armington Christian Church. Mr. Ed Loyd will officiate. Burial will be in Oak View Cemetery in Armington.

Visitation will be held at Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 23, 2010, and for one hour prior to the funeral on Saturday.

Memorials may be made to an education fund for Leann at CEFCU located at 341 Fifth Street, Lincoln, 62656.

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

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 23, 2010

Deceased Name: Warren Monroe Fink

LINCOLN - Warren Monroe Fink, 65, of Lincoln passed away at 11:15 p.m. on April 20, 2010 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

Mr. Fink was a retired agricultural salesman and farmer.

In 1967, Warren graduated from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign with a degree in agricultural education. Over his lifetime, he was active as president of Illinois Durocs Association; served as the secretary/treasurer of the Logan County Producers; served on the Beason Grade School Board of Education for nine years; was a member of the Logan County Regional Planning Commission; was the 4-H Swine Superintendent for the Logan County Fair for 20 years; was a purebred duroc swine breeder; served as the president of Club DTN; a member of the Shriners; and he farmed for 17 years on family owned Spring Dale Stock Farm and Fink's Durocs. He was a member of Holy Family Church.

He was born in Lincoln on March 27, 1945 to Charles E. and Helen (Colburn) Fink. He married Teri Spiegel on September 11, 1966 in Urbana, IL.

He is survived by his wife Terri of Lincoln; two daughters, Dawn Fink of Denver, CO; and Cari (Jimmy) Smith of Denver, CO; three grandchildren, Connor, Collin and Brigid; two brothers, Ronald (Katy) Fink of Tempe, AZ; and Norman (Barb) Fink of Belleville, IL; and one sister-in-law, Carol (Schmidt) Fink of Lincoln.

His parents; and his brother Melvin, who died in 1978, preceded him in death.

A memorial mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 26 at Holy Family Church in Lincoln with Rev. Jeff Laible officiating.

Interment will be at Harmony Cemetery in Beason, IL.

Family will meet with friends and relatives at the Knights of Columbus in Lincoln following the services.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society, Holy Family Church or the donor's choice.

Arrangements are being handled by Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, IL.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 23, 2010

Deceased Name: Sandra Kay Weakley

LINCOLN - Sandra Kay (Sandy) Weakley, 64, of Lincoln died at 12:02 a.m. on April 22, 2010 at her home in Lincoln.

Mrs. Weakley was a cook assistant at Friendship Manor in Lincoln, Ill.

She was born November 17, 1945 in Lincoln to Claude and Helena "Sis" Sloan Hurley.

Mrs. Weakley is survived by two daughters, Lori (Derrill) Schroth of Lincoln; Jodi Jeramy) Berglin of Lincoln; two brothers, Larry Doody) Newberry of Sherman, IL; Jerry (Diana) Newberry of Elkhart, IL; seven grandchildren: Jessica Rice; Eddie Rice; Jeanette Rice; Dalton Schroth; Joel Robison; Lane Berglin and Jake Berglin.

Her parents and one brother, William Newberry, preceded her in death.

The funeral will be on Saturday, April 24 at 10:30 a.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. Interment will be at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln.

Visitation will be Friday from 4 to 7 at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Memorial Home Hospice Services; Friendship Manor; or to the family.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 24, 2010

Deceased Name: Joseph G. Eimer

Joseph G. Eimer, 61, of New Holland, IL, died at 10:53 P.M. April 22, 2010, at his home.

He was a supervisor at Eaton Corporation.

He was a member of Holy Family Church of Lincoln and served in the U.S. Navy from 1966-1969.

Mr. Eimer was born on October 19, 1948, in Lincoln, IL, to Joseph G. and Helen Moore Eimer. He married Karol Gaston on Oct. 6, 1979, in Lincoln, IL.

He is survived by his wife of Lincoln; one son, Seth (Audra) Eimer of New Holland; one daughter, Leigh Ann (Dick) Altman of New Holland; four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Services will be held at 1:30 P.M. Monday, April 26, at Holy Family Church, Lincoln, Rev. John Pham presiding. Interment will be held at St. Mary's Cemetery.

A visitation will be held Sunday from 2:00-4:00 P.M. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 24, 2010

Deceased Name: Nancy H. Croteau

Nancy H. Croteau, 67, of Mason City, IL, died at 10:32 p.m. Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at her residence.

She was a beautician at Louise's Beauty Shop for 13 years. She worked at Knoles Flowers before owning and operating All Occasions Flowers and Gifts in Mason City. She was a member of St. Colombus Catholic Church and served as a eucharistic minister and treasurer of Alter and Rosary Society. She also taught Catechism.

Ms. Croteau was born on July 4, 1942, in Springfield, IL, to Raymond and Helen Bridge Robson.

She is survived by two daughters, Lisa Croteau of Mason City and Dr. Amanda Baldwin of Wheaton, IL; one son, James Long of Mason City, IL; five grandchildren; one sister, Betty (Leland) Legg of Springfield, IL; one aunt and uncle; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her parents and former husband, Richard L. Long.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 24, 2010, at Staab Funeral Home, Reverend Christopher House presiding. Interment will be held at Oak Ridge Cemetery.

A visitation will be held from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 24, 2010, at Staab Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Litvian Neurological Foundation, Inc., www.litvianfoundation.com.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 24, 2010

Deceased Name: Larry L. Anderson

Larry L. Anderson, 70, of Lincoln, IL, died at 12:58 A.M. April 22, 2010, at Christian Village, Lincoln, IL.

He was a retired union plumber and attended Jefferson St. Christian Church.

Mr. Anderson was born Aug. 22, 1939, in Lincoln, IL, to Orville R. and Julia Shalla Anderson.

He is survived by three daughters, Rebecca (Paul) Foster of Escondido, CA, Diana Anderson-Zucco of Taylorville, IL, and Marsha (Jeff) March of Lincoln, IL; four brothers, Robert (Doris) Anderson of Lincoln, identical twin Gary Anderson of Carbondale, Ronald (Nancy) Anderson of Loami, IL, and Kenneth (Jo) Anderson of Lincoln; two sisters, Joyce (Marvin) Board of Lincoln and Carol (David) Young of Lincoln. He married Rosetta Dahman of Lincoln, for 17 years, then married Darlene Thompson of Lincoln for 17 years and longtime companion for 34 years.

Mr. Anderson is preceded in death by one brother, Walter E. "Bugs" Anderson.

A private family service will be held, Dustin Fulton presiding. The family would like to invite everyone to a luncheon at the American Legion in Lincoln at 3:00 PM, Monday, April 26, 2010.

There is no visitation. Funeral arrangements are handled by Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, IL.

Memorials may be made to the memory loss unit at Christian Village.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 24, 2010

Deceased Name: Thomas L. Bradley

Thomas L. Bradley, age 70, passed away Wednesday, March 24, 2010, in Sun City, AZ. He was born August 19, 1939 in Atlanta, IL, the son of Herbert and Bernice Bradley. His parents preceded him in death.

Tom graduated from Lincoln High School in 1957. He served with the U.S. Marine Corps from 1958-1961. After the military, he moved to Washington, D.C. In 1962, Tom married Ida Nash. They later divorced.

Tom spent most of his career with the U.S. Park Police in Washington, D.C. He retired in 1996 to Sun City, AZ, near his brother, Del.

He later married Pauline Criger. He is survived by his wife, Pauline; daughter, Stacey (Tim) Deibler of Prince Frederick, MD; son, Brian (Petra) Bradley of Severna Park, MD; brothers, Kenneth (Glenna) Bradley of Springfield, IL, and Raymond D. (companion Lynn Wright) Bradley of Sun City, AZ; grandchildren, Quenton and Olivia Deibler, Samantha and Doyle Bradley; and stepdaughters, Cynthia and Mindy; and several step-grandchildren.

His funeral and cremation service was held on March 29, 2010 in Anthem, AZ.

A memorial gathering for family and friends will be held Saturday, May 1 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Hampton Inn in Lincoln, IL.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 26, 2010

Deceased Name: James McAtee Jr

James McAtee, Jr., age 86, of Greenview, IL passed away on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at his residence.

He is survived by is wife, Mary Lois; daughter, Marilyn (Todd) Taylor of Forsyth, MT; son, David McAtee of Greenview; sister, Jean Kaiser of Normal; five grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

James was born on January 24, 1924 in Springfield, IL the son of James W. and Mary Agee McAtee.

He married Mary Lois Eldridge on April 6, 1947.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a brother.

He retired from the grain elevator business after 44 years. He owned and operated the grain elevator at Middletown for 20 years.

James served in the US Army during WWII in the South Pacific. He was stationed on the Island of Tinian in a B-29 outfit of the 505 Bomb Group.

He enjoyed fishing, golfing, and card playing. He was a member of the Greenview United Church serving as a deacon and elder. He was a member of the American Legion Post 116 for over 60 years. He was a member of the Greenview Lodge #653 for over 60 years.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 PM on Monday, April 26, 2010 at Mott & Henning Funeral Home in Athens with Masonic services at 6:45 PM. Services will be held at the funeral home Tuesday, April 27 at 11 AM, Rev. Julie Wells Blythe officiating.

Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Greenview United Church, the American Heart Association and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for research.

Online condolences can be sent at www.mottandhenning.com.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 26, 2010

Deceased Name: Raymond F. Dye

Raymond F. Dye, 72, a lifetime resident of Mason City, IL died Friday April 23, 2010 at Memorial Hospital in Springfield, IL. He was born on January 1, 1938 to Raymond and Lena (Rabbe) Dye.

"Ray" retired from Caterpillar and then remained active in construction, golfing, fishing and he loved spending time with his five grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Marg, one daughter Carrie (Joe) Schonauer of Lincoln, IL and one son Brad (Joline) Dye of Ames, IA. He is also survived by five grandchildren: Derrick and Christian Schonauer, Jamie (Erik) Bunker, Allison and Kelsie Dye. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

A memorial gathering to celebrate his life will be held Monday, April 26, 2010 from 4-7 p.m. at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City, IL. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorials may be made to the Raymond F. Dye Memorial Fund where donations will be made to St. Jude's and Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is in charge of the arrangements.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 27, 2010

Deceased Name: James Edward Skaggs

MASON CITY - James Edward Skaggs, 69, passed away on Sunday January 31, 2010 in the Winter Haven Florida Hospital.

Jack was retired from the telephone company of GTE Continental-Verizon. Having worked in the Mason City-Greenview-Bath-Kilbourne and Carthage offices. He loved horses and horse racing, camping, woodworking and golf. Spending the winters in Florida where he worked at the Willowbrook Golf Course.

He belonged to the Greenview Masonic Lodge #653, the Ansar Shrine of Springfield, Illinois and the New Salem Shrine Club and held his 32nd degree.

He was born July 8, 1940 the son of G.H. and Grace McCubbin Skaggs at the Lincoln hospital in Lincoln, IL.

He is survived by his wife: Mary Lumsden Skaggs. Three sisters: Margret Lynn of Mason City, IL; Mildred (Ed) Sheary of Mason City, IL and Ornetta (John) Perce of San Jose, IL. Three daughters: Shannon (Steve) Davin of Pekin, IL; Trish (Rob) Shelby of Macomb, IL and Amanda Skaggs of Springfield, IL, nine grandchildren and one great grandson. He was preceded in death by one daughter: Jamie Skaggs Kesterkey, his parents and special brother-in-laws: Bud Horner, Homer Lynn and Jim Brewer.

A visitation will be held at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City Illinois on Friday, May 14, 2010 from 5-7 p.m.

A graveside service with Masonic Rites will be held at the Mason City Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday morning May 15th.

A Celebration of Life was held on February 24th at the Lucerne Lakeside Community Clubhouse where he lived.

Memorials may be made to the Shrine Children's Hospital.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 27, 2010

Deceased Name: Darren Buse

CHESTNUT - Darren Buse, 50, of Chestnut, passed away April 25, 2010 at his residence.

Darren was born February 3, 1960 in Lincoln, Illinois. He retired from Lincoln Correctional Center after more than 20 years of service there. He loved pick up trucks and was an avid antique garden tractor collector.

He is survived by his brothers: Bob Buse and his wife Kathleen of Beason, IL. and Brendan "Lynn"

Buse and his wife Tamera of Hartsburg, IL.; 8 nieces and nephews; uncle Mel Buse of Lincoln, IL; and aunt Dorothy Chaney of Allenville, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be Wednesday, April 28, 2010 from 5-7 PM at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will be 10:00 AM Thursday, April 29, 2010 also at the funeral home.

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

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 28, 2010

Deceased Name: Gregory A. Koller

Gregory A. Koller, 50, of Atlanta passed away on Sunday, April 25, 2010 at 3:15 p.m. at Largo Medical Center, Largo, Florida.

Gregory Allen Koller was born on June 9, 1959 in Lincoln the son of Charles J. "Ozzie" and Elizabeth Marie Dano Koller.

Greg loved motorcycle riding and Nascar racing.

Greg is survived by his parents of Atlanta, one son: Gregory Robert Koller of Lincoln, one granddaughter: Keigan, two brothers: Charlie Koller of Hartsburg, Steve (Cindy) Koller of Atlanta.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Funeral Services for Mr. Koller will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at Eminence Christian Church in Atlanta with L. C. Sutton officiating.

Burial will be in the Atlanta Cemetery in Atlanta.

Visitation will be held Friday April 30, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Quiram Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Research Hospital, Eminence Christian Church or the charity of the donor's choice.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 28, 2010

Deceased Name: Mary Lonergan

LINCOLN - Mary Lonergan, 91, of Lincoln, IL and formerly of Jacksonville and Kampsville, IL died Monday, April 26, 2010 at Christian Village in Lincoln.

She was born November 14, 1918 in Calhoun County, IL; the daughter of Otto and Catherine Gansz Retzer. She married Donald E.

Lonergan on February 25, 1943 in Jacksonville, IL and he preceded her in death on January 26, 2009.

She is survived by a daughter, Kathryn Swanson (husband, John) of Lincoln; four grandchildren, Theresa Patterson (husband, John) of Alton, Mary Boyd (husband, Jeff) of Defiance, OH, John P.

Swanson of Aurora, and Thomas Swanson of Cleveland, OH; three great grandchildren, Jack Patterson, Emily Patterson, and Andrew Boyd; four siblings, Joseph Retzer of Jerseyville, Helena Roth (husband, Harold) of Michael, Eugene Retzer of Peoria, and Martha Childers of Herrin; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by eight siblings, Otto J. Retzer, Louise Kasinger, Katherine Bayless, Theresa Bowman Adams, Frank Retzer, Bertha Follis, Edward Retzer, and Robert Retzer.

Mrs. Lonergan owned and operated a restaurant in Jacksonville for several years and later worked as a seamstress for J. Capps & Sons.

She was a member of the Church of Our Saviour in Jacksonville and the Morgan County Home Extension. She enjoyed traveling, camping, and fishing with her husband and served as a volunteer at Passavant Hospital.

A funeral Mass will be held 11:00 AM Friday at the Church of Our Saviour in Jacksonville. Committal services will be held 2:30 PM Friday at St. Anselm Cemetery in Kampsville. The family will meet friends from 9:30 to 10:30 AM Friday at the Buchanan & Cody Funeral Home in Jacksonville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts are suggested to Memorial Home Services Hospice. Friends are invited to share their memories online at www.buchanancody.com.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 28, 2010

Deceased Name: Leonard Kamer

Leonard Kamer, 85, of Leesburg, Florida, formerly of Lincoln, passed away on March 6, 2010 in Sumterville, Florida.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church with Rev. John Pham officiating.

Burial will be in Elkhart Cemetery in Elkhart. Military rites will be accorded by the Lincoln American Legion Post 263.

Surviving are his wife Nancy (Bersch) Kamer, daughters: Marilyn Kamer, Lisa Langan and Debra (Paul) Sweeney, sons: David Kamer, Bill Kamer, Jeff Kamer, John (Lauren) Kamer; Nick Bersch and Greg Bersch.

Mr. Kamer served in the United States Army.

Peasley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 29, 2010

Deceased Name: Donald Gene Baker

JOSHUA TREE, CA - Donald Gene Baker, 78, of Joshua Tree, CA died at 03:45 p.m. on Friday, April 23, 2010.

Don was in the Navy and a veteran of the Korean War. He was an active member for many years in the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign War.

He had many occupations in his lifetime but worked as a millwright for many years before his retirement in 1996.

He was born on March 29, 1932 in Lincoln, Ill to Eva "Jeffers" Baker and George Baker. The youngest of 8 children.

He is survived by his wife Cheryl; one sister, Laveta Zurkhammer of Lincoln, IL; 6 children: Steven W. Baker, of Lincoln, IL; Pamela S. (Kevin) Baker of Lincoln, IL; Julie L (Scott) McKinney of Mt. Pulaski, IL; Lori L (Bill) Schaub of Hartsburg, IL; James (Julie) Brady of Joshua Tree, CA and Doug Brady, Palm Springs, CA. Don also had 12 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Don and Cheryl (Brady) Baker were married on June 2, 1989 and made their home in Joshua Tree, CA.

Don did not wish to have services but requested his ashes to be spread over the desert he so loved.

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Deceased Name: Dean E. -- Henrichsmeyer

LINCOLN - Dean E. Henrichsmeyer, 63, of Lincoln, passed away April 27, 2010 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, IL.

Mr. Henrichsmeyer was a member of Neighbors to Nations Community Church. He retired from Lincoln Correctional Center after more than 20 years of service. He was also employed at Hayes Auto Supply in Mt. Pulaski, IL. for 9 years.

Dean was born April 20, 1947 in Springfield, IL, the son of Roy and

Alice (Theobald) Henrichsmeyer. He married Sheron Landon on December 29, 1972 in New Holland, IL. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy.

Surviving are his wife Sheron of Lincoln; his sons: R. Dean Henrichsmeyer and his wife Krista of Bloomington, IL.; Mark W. Henrichsmeyer and John M. Henrichsmeyer both of Lincoln, IL; 5 grandchildren; sister Karen A. Fletcher of Cornland, IL.; and brother David Henrichsmeyer of Lincoln, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A memorial visitation will be from 5-7 PM on Friday, April 30, 2010 at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln with memorial services immediately following at 7:00 PM on Friday evening also at the funeral home. Burial will take place at a later date at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Riverton, Illinois.

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

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Deceased Name: Ruth Farrell

Ruth Farrell, 92, of Lincoln, formerly of St. Louis, MO died at 10:30 a.m. on April 27, 2010 at Maple Ridge Care Center in Lincoln, IL.

She was a registered nurse and a member of the St. Andrew Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, MO.

She was born on May 11, 1917 in Latham, IL to August and Ocie Skelton Lee. She married Gilbert E. Farrell on August 1, 1937 in Hartsburg, IL. He preceded her in death on March 22, 2008.

Survivors include one son: Gilbert L. Farrell of Paragould, ARK; one daughter: Diana Lee Yokley of Lake St. Louis, MO; three nieces: Sue Dixon, Janet Hayward and Sandra Swanson all of Illinois. Several nieces and nephews all of Illinois. She had three grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and four sisters and one son, David Farrell.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 30 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. Interment will be at Two Mile Grove Cemetery in rural Latham, IL.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from (10-11 a.m.) at the funeral home.

Memorials can be made to the American Heart Association or the Alzheimer's Association.

The family would like to thank the staff at Maple Ridge Care Center for their loving care during Ruth's stay.