

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 1, 2011

Deceased Name: Kenneth E. Thompson

Kenneth E. Thompson, **born** in Lincoln, Illinois, October 30, 1932 to Harry and Ola Thompson, passed away peacefully at home on March 25, 2011. Ken is survived by his cherished wife of 56 years, Nancy (Tesh), three sons, Jeff, Greg (Stephanie) and Corby (Julie) and a daughter, Jill (Michael) Briggs. Preceded in death by brothers, Wayne and Paul, he is survived by sisters, Ruby Paice, Las Vegas, Nevada and Viola McNally, Sacramento, CA. Raised in a humble two bedroom home, Ken volunteered for the Army and served his country in the 76 th Engineer Constructions Battalion during the Korean War. Owing to the guidance of a benevolent sergeant, Ken returned from overseas bent on pursuing a college degree. He married Nancy, began a family and enrolled in Tri-State University as it was "the only place that would have me". With his GI benefits running out, Ken finished a Civil Engineering degree in three years, while providing for his wife and three sons by milking and wrestling unsympathetic cows every day at 4:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

With degree in hand and a daughter on the way, Ken began his career with Paul Cripe. His common sense and engineering skills soon opened many doors. Ken worked for Milton Feinberg, developing many projects before heading off on his own with then partner Tom Schutz to form Schutz and Thompson. From an airplane over what was then the far north side of Indianapolis, Ken recognized the low area that would become the lake at Woodland Springs. Moving on, the pair developed the Woodlands, the Eden projects, and many other Carmel landmarks. In 1978, Indiana National Bank asked Ken to come across the White River and assist with a large, struggling real estate venture in the little Town of Fishers.

As a labor of love, Ken made sure that recreational areas, churches, municipal facilities and adequate infrastructure were incorporated into the development of the Town. Many flood prone areas in "Mudsock" were relieved with his guidance. The land that is now Holland Park and Harrison Park were his donations. When Town funds were not available to acquire the land that is now the Thomas A. Weaver Municipal Complex, Ken borrowed the funds, purchased and held the land at a loss as Councilor Roy Holland chuckled to his friend, "we don't have the money to pay you interest." Likewise, when Town funds were not available and no other land owners would participate, Ken founded Hamilton Southeastern Utilities in order to serve the areas east of State Road 37 with sanitary sewers. Ken enjoyed seeing thousands of diverse families welcomed to Fishers in great communities such as Sunblest, River Glen, River Highlands, Fawnsbrook Woods, Harrison Park, Weaver Woods, Sweet Briar, etc

Never seeking recognition, Ken received the First Key to the Town of Fishers presented by his friends Walt Kelly and Gaye Cordell. Ken loved a practical joke and made sure, first and foremost, that everyone shared a good time. Ever humble, he only needed enough money in his pocket to buy lunch, which very few if any were ever allowed to reciprocate. He never turned down a donation request or a friend who needed help. He never expected anything in return. Those were the days, when golf was played with the headlights of cars on the old Sunblest course, those were his days.

Ken is also survived by ten grandchildren: Emma (Dan) Bowman, Megan (Mike) Pratt and their daughter Camryn, Zachary, Sam and Abby (children of Jeff); Corby, Rachel and Jake (children of Greg and Stephanie); Cole and Cooper (children of Corby and Julie). Calling was held at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary in Fishers. Memorial contributions may be made to East 91 st Street Christian Church Building Fund.

Online condolences may be made at:

www.randallroberts.com

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Deceased Name: John W. Hunter

LINCOLN - John William Hunter, 80, of Lincoln passed away on March 30, 2011 at 11:40 a.m. at his home. He is retired from Ball-Incon as an IS Specialist and worked in maintenance.

John was **born** on April 13, 1930, the son of Darius D. and Anna Moss Hunter in Lincoln, Illinois.

He married Shirley Anderson on July 19, 1968 in Lincoln. She survives in Lincoln. Also surviving him are two daughters: Linda Wilson of Lincoln and Beverly (Rod) Lewis of Lincoln; four sons: John D. (Dorell) Hunter of Litchfield; Bill J. (Kim) Hunter of Westport Connecticut; Richard Root of Denver, CO; Kenny (Kay) Root of Durango, CO.; one sister: Jane Horn of Ft. Meyers, FL.; thirteen grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

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

He served in the U. S. Army - Air Corps. He was a member of the American Legion Post #263; Veteran's of Foreign Wars; Eagles Lodge; and he camped for many years at Robin hood Woods in Shelbyville, IL. He was an avid fisherman and hunter.

Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 2 at Zion Cemetery with Jim Barry officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln. Burial at Zion Cemetery, Lincoln.

Memorials may be given to American Cancer Society or Memorial Home Hospice.

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Deceased Name: George John Nilhas, Jr.

George John Nilhas Jr., 92, of Sherman, formerly of Buffalo, died at 1:00 A.M. Thursday March 31, 2011 at Villa Health Care East in Sherman.

Mr. Nilhas was **born** on December 15, 1918 in Cornland, the son of George and Lilly Shannon Nilhas Sr. He married Iva Marie Pope on January 26, 1945 in Dawson, IL. She preceded him in death on May 28, 1994. He started working at the age of 16 for the Illinois Central Railroad. He also worked as a farmhand for many years and was a custodian in the Tri-City School district when he retired in 1980. Surviving are one son Kenneth (Mari) Nilhas of Springfield, four daughters, Anna Floyd of Illiopolis, IL, Joan Gettings of Illiopolis, IL, Mildred (George) Etter of Ashland, IL and Barbara (Michael) Nation of Springfield. He is also survived by one sister Martha Pruitt of Stonington, 15 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. His parents, brother Arthur and two grandchildren preceded him in death.

He served in the United States Army during WWII, was a member of the Buffalo Christian Church and the Mt. Pulaski Masonic Blue Lodge #87 AF and AM. He loved pitching horseshoes, camping and bowling.

Services for Mr. Nilhas will be 2:00 P.M. Monday April 4, 2011 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Mt. Pulaski, with Mark Weber officiating. Visitation will be from 2:00-5:00 P.M. Sunday April 3, 2011 also at the funeral home. Memorial s may be made to the American Lung Association. Burial will be in Constant Cemetery, Buffalo where full military rites will be accorded.

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Deceased Name: Frances (Deuterman) Murray

Frances (Deuterman) Murray, 90, of Atlanta passed away on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at The Christian Village Nursing Home in Lincoln.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Murray will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Quiram Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta with Mr. Ryan Edgecombe officiating.

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

Burial will be in Atlanta Cemetery.

Frances V. Deuterman Murray was **born** May 23, 1920 in Atlanta the daughter of Louie and Mary Charlotte Hawes Deuterman. She married Cyril Murray on December 26, 1942. He preceded her in death on August 8, 1980.

Surviving Mrs. Murray are her grandchildren: Barbara (Larry) Michael of Normal, Mike Flynn of Bloomington, Patti (Courtney) Dorrell of Orlando, Fla., Mark (Brenda) Flynn of Atlanta; nine great grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her step-daughter: Ina Mae Flynn, and one brother, Robert Deuterman.

She was a member of Atlanta Christian Church, American Legion Auxiliary, Order of The Eastern Star and Daughters of American Revolution.

She was a co-owner of the Palace Theatre in Atlanta for many years.

Frances played the piano her entire life. She enjoyed performing for the members of Oasis Senior Center and at Christian Village Nursing Home.

Memorials may be made to Atlanta Rescue Squad or The Christian Village Nursing Home Activity Department.

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

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Deceased Name: Bernadine T. Houghton

Bernadine T. Houghton, 94, a retired homemaker formerly of Atlanta, died of pneumonia at 5:48 p.m. on Friday, March 25, 2011, in Columbus, Ohio, having been ill only two days.

The loving care provided by the staff of Worthington Christian Village in Columbus was greatly appreciated by Bernadine and her family. She had been a resident since April 2003 and in the skilled care unit since December 2008.

The daughter of Roy H. and Mona B. Bishop Thompson, Bernadine Thompson was **born** on the family farm in Eminence Township, Logan County, Ill., on July 17, 1916.

Mrs. Houghton graduated from Atlanta High School in 1934 and that fall went to Gregg Business College in Chicago to study secretarial science. The program was competency-based, so she graduated when she passed exams in typing, shorthand, and business English. Bernadine worked as a legal secretary for Frank Bevan in Atlanta for two years prior to her August 6, 1936, marriage to Eldon E. Houghton. She was an executive secretary for the vice president of Cussins & Fearn Co. in Columbus, Ohio, from 1956 to 1962.

Over the years, due to his employment, Bernadine and Eldon lived in Dunlap, Ill.; Springfield, Ill.; Grove City, Ohio; Falls Church, Va.; and Columbus, Ohio. Following his retirement, they lived for 13 years in Port Richey, Florida. In 1995, they moved to Worthington Christian Colony on the north edge of Columbus, Ohio.

Throughout her life, Bernadine was a member of Christian churches, often serving as pianist, organist, and Sunday school teacher. She generously shared her skills as musician, seamstress, gardener, and flower arranger with family and friends. She was a Girl Scout leader in Springfield, Ill., Grove City, Ohio, and Falls Church, Va.

Mrs. Houghton is survived by her daughter, Carolyn Chapman (husband, Samuel) of Reno, Nevada; granddaughters, Laura Hughes Wynia (husband, Scott) of Hilliard, Ohio, and Lisa Hughes Kouta (husband Ehab) of Brooklyn, NY, 8 great-grandchildren, Nathanael, Benjamin, Elisabeth, Timothy, and Stephanie Wynia, Brian and David Campbell, and Rebecca Boggs. She is also survived by her brother, Jim Thompson (wife Marian) of Atlanta, and 8 nieces and nephews.

Bernadine's family will receive family and friends from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 3, 2011, at Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta. A funeral service will follow at 3:00 p.m. with L.C. Sutton officiating. Burial will be Monday morning, April 4, at 10:00 a.m. in Mountjoy Cemetery in Logan County.

Memorial contributions may be made to Eminence Christian Church, P. O. Box 478, Atlanta, Ill., 61723.

Local arrangements are entrusted with Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home, Atlanta.

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Deceased Name: Mildred L. Donath

Mildred Louise Donath, 89, of Lincoln, died March 31, 2011 at St. Clara's Manor, Lincoln, Illinois. Mildred was **born** April 28, 1921 in Lincoln, the daughter of William Paul and Hannah Caroline (Hoffert) Heinzl. She married Raymond Anthony Donath January 31, 1941 in St. Louis, Missouri. He died November 06, 1998.

Mildred was a homemaker. She worked at Seib's Hatchery in the 1930's and 1940's.

Surviving are four children: Tony Donath, Stanford, Illinois; William (Shirley) Donath, Lincoln; Linda (Tim) Madigan, Quincy, Illinois; and Edward (Karol) Donath, Dawson, Illinois. Seven grandchildren: Sherry (Rich) Henninger, Manito, Illinois; Lisa (Chad) Cale, Lincoln; Cindy (Jeremy) Cale, Indianapolis, Indiana; Tom Madigan, Middletown, Illinois; KimMadigan-Vought, Decatur, Illinois; Crystal (James) Taylor, Harrisonville, Missouri; Edward (Bobbie) Donath, Jr., Decatur, Illinois; three step-grandchildren: Melody Bukowski, Bloomington, Illinois; Christina (Anthony) Miller, Stanford, Illinois; Jessica (Kevin) Maurer, Stanford, Illinois; fifteen great-grandchildren, five step-great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Geraldine Heinzl of Lincoln and Rita Donath Queen of Titusville, Florida and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and five brothers: Fred Heinzl, Bill Heinzl, Carl Heinzl, Paul Heinzl and Edward Heinzl.

Mildred was cremated. Her ashes will be interred at St. Mary's cemetery. There will be no visitation. A private memorial service will take place at a later date. Memorials may be made to the American Red Cross or the cause of the donor's choice.

Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

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Deceased Name: Ruth Goebel Aldendifer

Ruth Goebel Aldendifer, of Lincoln, IL, died on Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at 2:05 A.M. She was **born** Ruth Marie Groff on July 24, 1920 in Lincoln. She married Dr. Robert Goebel August 16, 1941. He preceded her in death in 1983. She married Dr. James Aldendifer on August 30, 1997. He preceded her in death in 2006. She is survived by her sons: Judge E. Robert Goebel (wife Maxine) of Owensboro, KY, and Stephen Goebel (wife Carol) of Shelbyville, IL; daughter-in-law: Martha Goebel of Harding, IL; and two stepsons: James Aldendifer (wife Stephanie) of Plano, TX, and Robert Aldendifer of Redondo Beach, CA. Surviving grandchildren include: Adrienne Smith (husband Vernon), Robert E. Goebel (wife Hannah), Nicole Pierce (husband Eric), Michelle Angel (husband Travis), Todd Goebel (wife Julie), Drew Goebel (wife Amanda), Greg Goebel; and step grandchildren: James III, Brent, and Peter Aldendifer. Surviving great grandchildren are: Bennett Smith, Vernon Smith IV, Silas Goebel, Saegan , Seda and Sulus Pierce, Maya and Finn Angel, Nathan, Scott, Connor and Lauren Goebel, Kate, Benjamin and Lukas Goebel. Mrs. Goebel Aldendifer was preceded in death by her mother: Grace Lee Scott Groff DeLap; father: Thomas Talmadge Groff; son: J. Bruce Goebel; and sister: Juanita Evans.

Mrs. Goebel Aldendifer was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Abraham Lincoln Hospital Auxiliary, the Hospice Board, Friday Book Club and P.E.O. She graduated from Lincoln High School in 1938 and Lincoln College in 1940 with an Associate Arts degree. She taught for two years at Mt. Pleasant School (one room schoolhouse) one mile north of Lincoln. Memorials can be made to the Pink Shutter (c/o A. Lincoln Hospital Auxiliary) and the First Presbyterian Church in Lincoln, IL. Special thanks to the staff of The Christian Village Nursing Home for their loving care of Mrs. Goebel Aldendifer.

Services will be held at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln on Monday, April 4, 2011, at 11:00 A.M. with Rev. Phillip Blackburn and Ryan Edgecombe co-officiating. There will be an hour prior visitation starting at 10:00 A.M. on Monday. Burial will be at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln following the service.

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Deceased Name: Ruth I. Beard

Ruth I. Beard, 77, of Mason City died at 5:55pm on Friday, April 1, 2011 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital. She was **born** on December 6, 1933 the daughter of Henry and Martha (Schantz) Klokkenga in Harstburg. Ruth married Russell Beard on August 21, 1954 in Mason City. He died in 1996.

Survivors are two daughters: Marlene Doggett of Greenview, Barb (Tom) Jackson of Springfield; two sons: Kenneth (Rhonda) Beard of Mason City and William (Companion Denise Justice) Beard, of Easton. Also surviving are six grandchildren: Jason and Jeffrey Doggett, Michael, Mici and Channing Beard, and Daryn Hony; seven great-grandchildren: Logan, Parker, Emerson and Ayden Doggett, Kayla and Vyla Beard and Kendal McWherter. She is preceded in death by her husband, parents and two brothers, William and Donald.

Mrs. Beard was a member of the Mason City Christ Lutheran Church. She worked at Lincoln Bottle Factory for many years.

Services will be at 11:00am, Monday, April 4, 2011 at Hurley Funeral Home. Visitation will be one hour prior to service. Pastor John Johnson will officiate. Burial will be at Mason City Cemetery. Memorials can be left to Christ Lutheran Church. Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is in charge of arrangements.

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

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Deceased Name: Rodney R. Metzger

Rodney R. Metzger of Indianapolis, IN, formerly of Lincoln passed away on March 20, 2011 at his home.

He was the youngest son of Phyllis and Maurice "Gene" Metzger. He was **born** Feb 28, 1965 in Elgin. He attended Lincoln schools, kindergarten through high school, attended L.L.C.C. in Springfield with an Associated Degree. He was a computer programmer.

He went to Lincoln's Catholic Church and St. Pat's in Indianapolis. He went to see his Lord. He will be greatly missed.

He is proceeded in death by his father.

Survivors: mother, Phyllis Ely of Decatur, brothers, Gene Metzger, Jr. of Phoenix, Phillip Dean and Michael of Indianapolis.

Grave side services in Arthur by Father Jim Ghiglione.

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Deceased Name: Roger Eugene Leesman

Roger Eugene Leesman, 73, of Armington, IL, passed away at 3:00 PM. Sunday, April 3, 2011 at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington, IL.

He was **born** June 17, 1937 in Atlanta, IL to Lawrence and Bernice Amberg Leesman. He married Erma Jane Powell on February 14, 1959 in Armington, and she survives.

Also surviving are three sisters, Frances Nollman and Sandra (Michael) Beck both of Atlanta, IL, Connie Tammeus of Armington, IL; three brothers, Raymond (Irma) Leesman of Harrison, AR, Russell (Geraldine) Leesman of Atlanta, IL, Stanley (Kathy) Leesman of Sun City Center, FL, and 13 nieces and nephews.

Roger was a member of the Armington Christian Church where he served as deacon and elder. He was a member of the Armington Fire Department for 41 years, serving as Chief for the past 31 years. He also served as an E.M.T. on the Armington Rescue Squad for 38 years. In 2002 he received the Lincoln Jaycees outstanding fireman award and the Larry Schoyer award for many years and professional service dedicated to the betterment of emergency and disaster response for Logan County. In 2004 he was named LEPC member of the year. He was also an avid St. Louis Cardinal baseball fan.

He was employed at Caterpillar Inc. in Decatur, IL for 41 years, retiring in 1992 as a supervisor.

His funeral will be at 10:30 AM. Friday, April 8, 2011 at the Armington Christian Church. Pastor Ed Lloyd will officiate. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 PM. Thursday, April 7, also at the church. Burial will be in Oak View Cemetery in rural Armington. Davis Mortuary in Hopedale is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Armington Fire Dept., Rescue Squad, or Christian Church.

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Deceased Name: Louise T. Ahrens

Louise T. Ahrens, 98, of, Lincoln, formerly of Hartsburg, IL passed away on April 4, 2011 at 1:08 a.m. at St. Clara's Manor.

Louise was a homemaker. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Hartsburg, and the Ladies Aid. She enjoyed quilting.

Mrs. Ahrens was **born** on July 14, 1912 at Hartsburg, the daughter of Jacob and Mary Fauth Seitzer. She married John D. Ahrens on October 23, 1937 in Hartsburg, IL. He preceded her in death January 6, 2007. She is survived by one daughter: Nancy (Ron) Robbins of Lincoln, and one son: Donald Ahrens of Hartsburg, IL.; three grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She is the last of her immediate family. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sisters and one brother.

Services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 7 at St. John's Lutheran Church of Hartsburg, IL with Rev. Barbara Stroud-Borth officiating. Burial will be in Hartsburg Union Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the Church. Arrangements by Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln. Memorials may be given to St. John's Lutheran Church of Hartsburg or St. Clara's Manor.

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Deceased Name: Mary A. Carlton

Mary Anna Carlton, 81, of Lincoln, formerly of Germantown Hills, passed away April 3, 2011 at The Christian Village in Lincoln.

Funeral services will be 10:00 AM Thursday, April 7, 2011 at the Holiness Church in Prim, Arkansas. Visitation will be from 5--8 PM Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at the Olmstead Funeral Home in Heber Springs, Arkansas. Burial will be in Everett Cemetery, Prim, Arkansas.

Mary Anna was **born** February 16, 1930 in Salado, Arkansas, the daughter of Harvey P. and Ruth M. (Sproul) Stephens. She married Jasper H. Carlton. He preceded her in death in 2004.

She retired from the Bemis Company in Peoria, IL after many years of service. She attended Neighbors to Nations Community Church in Lincoln, IL.

Surviving are her daughter Retha (Terry) Jermac of Peoria, IL.; son Timmie Owen (Lana) Carlton of Lincoln, IL.; son Terry (Pat) Carlton of Lincoln, IL.; son Christopher (Thelma) Carlton of Prim, AR.; 10 grandchildren; 4 step grandchildren; many great grandchildren; brother Carl Stephens of Prim, AR.; and sister Emogene Lockard of Prim, AR.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three brothers, and one grandchild.

Memorial donations may be made to The Christian Village at 1507 7th Street Lincoln, IL 62656.

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

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Deceased Name: Evelyn Jenkins

LINCOLN-Evelyn Jenkins, 83, of Lincoln passed away on April 5, 2011 at 2:15 a.m. at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Lincoln.

She was **born** on April 26, 1927, the daughter of Raymond and Grace Deeter Shelby, at Petit Jean Mountain, Arkansas. She married Kenneth Jenkins on April 6, 1946 in Rock Island, IL. She is survived by one daughter: Marsha (Lyndall) Dallas of Lincoln; two grandchildren: John Kenneth and Kelsey Elizabeth; two sisters:

Pauline Denbo of Reseda, CA and Patricia (Gerald) Tayler of Loveland, CO; one sister-in-law: Caroline Shelby of Garden Grove, CA; and one brother-in-law:

Richard Gauger of Fairbury, IL. She was preceded by her parents, husband, one brother and two sisters.

Mrs. Jenkins was secretary to the superintendent of Fairbury-Cropsey and Prairie Central School Districts between 1973 and 1989. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Lincoln, Lincoln Woman's Club, and volunteered for many years at the Pink Shutter and the Logan County Food Pantry.

Services will be held Saturday, April 9 at 11:00am at First Presbyterian Church of Lincoln with Rev. Phillip Blackburn officiating.

Visitation will be Friday from 4-6:00pm at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln. Burial with graveside service will be Saturday at 2:30pm at Graceland Cemetery, Fairbury, IL. Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church or the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital Foundation.

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Deceased Name: Michael L. Fry

Michael L. Fry, 63, of Lincoln, passed away at 3:06 a.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2011 at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

He was **born** on July 6, 1947, of Robinson, IL, son of Byron and Mildred Ann Hickey Fry. He married Lonna R. Snyder on September 13, 1991.

Surviving are his wife of Lincoln; two sisters, Ann Mardis and Kathy (Brian) Diamond; two brothers, Patrick Fry and Ray (Katie) Fry, all of Lincoln; one stepson, Harold Mitchell of Clinton and four step-grandchildren, Tyler, Chris, Jeremy and Nicole Mitchell.

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

Michael was a Vietnam War Marine Corps Veteran and a Purple Heart Recipient. He was a lifetime member of the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) and a member of the American Legion Post in Clinton.

He worked at Revere Copper & Brass in Clinton, retiring in 1999.

The family will be providing a Celebration of Life Service at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 23, 2011 at the American Legion Post in Lincoln. Cremation rites will be accorded by East Lawn Funeral Home in Bloomington. A private inurnment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery in Lincoln, IL at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be submitted to www.eastlawnbloomington.com.

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Deceased Name: Robert E. "Bob" Jackson

Mt. Pulaski - Robert E.

"Bob" Jackson passed away on Tuesday, April 7, 2011 at 5:25 p.m. at Vonderlieth Nursing Home in Mt. Pulaski.

Funeral Services for Mr. Jackson will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln.

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

Robert E. Jackson was **born** on April 9, 1929 in Ottawa, Illinois the son of Vaughn Eldon and Nellie Crawford Jackson. He married Betty Mae Utterback on January 1, 1953. She preceded him in death on March 14, 2005.

Surviving Mr. Jackson are his daughters: Jane Ellen (Randy) Morris of Beason and Doris Jean (Byron) Helton of Mt. Pulaski; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Juanita Jackson.

Mr. Jackson was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Mae; one daughter, Margaret Sue Challans; one grandson, Robert Lee Morris; one brother, William Clyde Jackson and one sister, Margie Groves.

Robert was employed as a truck driver for Empire Gas and Pittsburgh Paint - Glass in Lincoln for 10 to 12 years and was a member of the Lincoln VFW having served in the United States Army.

Memorials may be made to the Illinois School for the Blind in Jacksonville or United Cerebral Palsy.

Final arrangements are entrusted with Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln.

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Deceased Name: Ardyce L. Olsen

LINCOLN - Ardyce L. Olsen, 81, of Lincoln, died at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Lincoln, at 6:35 P.M. April 8, 2011.

Ms. Olsen was **born** on March 30, 1930 in Timberlake, S.D. to Rev. Henry and Marian Mapes Olsen. Ms. Olsen moved to Lincoln 1966. She worked at Lehn and Fink in Lincoln for 29 years. She is survived by her sister Yvonne (Bob) Otto of Clearwater, FL, her brother, Orlin (Ruth) Olsen of Rariton, IL as well as several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Ms. Olsen was a member of the First Baptist Church where she was in the B 1-2 Sunday School Class, sang in the choir and was a member of the Marlin Salzman Circle. She also loved to read and do hand embroidery crafts Services for Ms. Olsen will be 10:30 Wednesday at the First Baptist Church of Lincoln with Rev. Robert Henderson officiating.

Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 P.M. Tuesday evening at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Burial will be in Zion Cemetery, Lincoln.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Lincoln.

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Deceased Name: Laverda L. Pelc

LINCOLN - Laverda L. Pelc, 85, of Lincoln passed away on Saturday, April 9, 2011 at 12:02 a.m. at St. Clara's Manor Nursing Home in Lincoln.

A Memorial Mass for Mrs. Pelc will be held on Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Lincoln with Rev. Jeffrey G. Laible officiating.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. at the church prior to the service.

Laverda Lucille Pelc was **born** on March 19, 1926 in Lincoln the daughter of August and Lillie Sanders Bree. She married Edward Joseph Pelc on March 19, 1947. He preceded her in death on August 21, 2008 in Lincoln.

Laverda is survived by her daughter Mary Ann (Terry) Stokes of Decatur, one brother: Herb (Doris) Bree of Lincoln.

She was preceded in death two brothers: Ralph Bree Sr. and Wayne Bree.

Laverda graduated from Lincoln Community High School in 1945.

She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, Oasis Senior Center and Elks Lodge 914.

She and her late husband owned The Radio Lab and TV Repair Shop in Lincoln for over 40 years.

Laverda loved to play cards and watch Western Movies.

She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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Deceased Name: Maria Romana "Mary" DeJesus

LINCOLN - Maria Romana "Mary" DeJesus, 86, of Lincoln, passed away April 9, 2011 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, IL. Visitation will be Tuesday, April 12, 2011 from 5-7 PM at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln, with a prayer service performed by Father John Pham at 7 PM. Cremation rites will be accorded.

Maria was **born** October 6, 1924 in the Phillipines, the daughter of Benito and Maria Baz StaJuan DeJesus.

She was a member of Holy Family Parish in Lincoln, IL. She retired from Lincoln Garment Factory. She loved sewing, embroidery, and gardening.

Surviving are her sisters: Maria Dolores Reyes of Chicago, IL; Theresita DeJesus of Lincoln, IL; and Fay Arulfo also of Lincoln.

She is also survived by seven nephews and seven great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, and four sisters.

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

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Deceased Name: Robert W.Dambacher

WILLIAMSVILLE - Robert W. Dambacher, 45, of Williamsville, died at his home on April 10, 2011 at 6:02 p.m.

Robert was an industrial painter at Eaton Corporation, Lincoln.

Robert was **born** on December 15, 1965, the son of Darrel and Shirley Gill Dambacher in Lincoln, IL. He is survived by parents of Lake Fork, IL; his partner: Stacy Meister; Children: Justin (Amanda) Dambacher of Williamsville; Nathan W. (April) Dambacher of Monticello, IL; Matthew (Carrie) Dambacher of Springfield; Jenna Meister of Williamsville; Jacob Meister of Williamsville; Two sisters: Sheryl (Daniel) DeWitt of Mt. Pulaski, IL; JoAnne (Steve) Kindred of Lincoln, IL; Two grandchildren: Hope Hibbs and Tyra Dambacher; one nephew: Cameron Dambacher, and two nieces: Marissa and Miranda Kindred.

Funeral services will be Thursday, April 14 at 11:00 a.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Mt. Pulaski, IL with Rev.

Daniel Shreve officiating.

Burial at Carlyle Cemetery, Lake Fork. Visitation will be Wednesday from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to the Dambacher family.

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Deceased Name: Rodney W. Robb

LINCOLN - Rodney W. Robb, 61, of Lincoln died at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital at 7:01 p.m. on April 10, 2011.

He was a construction equipment operator for the Illinois Department of Transportation. He served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the American Legion Post #263; Sportsman Club of Lincoln; and he was an avid John Wayne fan.

Rodney was **born** on Feb. 5, 1950, the son of Wayne and Betty Jo Smalley Robb in Lincoln, IL. He married LaVerne Percefull on April 10, 2000 in Lincoln. She survives in Lincoln. Other survivors are his mother of Lincoln; one son: J. W. (Leah) Robb of Nashville, TN; two daughters: Charlene Robb of Lincoln and Jennifer (Jim) Addison of San Diego, CA.; three step daughters: Sherri (Quent) Newton of Taylorville, IL; Mandee Bush of Lincoln, IL; and Katie Williamson of Taylorville, IL; one brother: Keith (Terrie) Robb of Lake Havasu, AZ; two sisters: Tanita Wagner of Lincoln, IL and Brenda Loy of Lincoln, IL; four grandsons: Evan, Aaron, Luke, and Mason and one granddaughter: Grace. He was preceded in death by his father and maternal and paternal grandparents.

Services will be held on Friday, April 15 at 10:00 a.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln. Burial will be in Harmony Cemetery, Beason, IL with full military rites accorded by the Lincoln American Legion Post #263. Visitation will be Thursday from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to American Legion Post #263.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 12, 2011

Deceased Name: William H. "Bill" Slayton, Jr.

William H. "Bill" Slayton Jr., 69, of Lincoln, passed away April 9, 2011 at St. John's Hospice in Springfield, IL. surrounded by the love of his family.

A memorial gathering will be held Thursday, April 14, 2011 from 5-7 PM at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln with a service at 7PM.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

William was **born** September 10, 1941 in Lincoln, IL., the son of William H. Slayton Sr. and Ruth Louise (Sapp) Slayton.

He married Patricia Sue Cook on June 18, 1960.

They celebrated 50 love filled years of marriage.

He retired from the Laborers Local 895 after 55 years. He then was a transportation driver for Community Action. He loved the people that he encountered through Community Action and loved his job there.

Surviving are his wife Pat Slayton of Lincoln, IL.; son William H. "Billy" Slayton III (Carolyn) of Mt. Pulaski, IL.; daughter Kimmy Lucas of Lincoln, IL.; daughter Shelley Lynn Lemme-Luster of Lincoln, IL.; grandchildren: Amanda Rogers of Lincoln, Vesta Slayton of Mt. Pulaski, Ami Lucas of Lincoln, Krista Slayton of Lincoln, Thomas Slayton of Mt. Pulaski, Stephanie Slayton of Mt. Pulaski, Scott Lemme of Lincoln, Nolan Slayton of Mt.

Pulaski, and Luke and Lynzie (twins) Luster of Lincoln; great grandchildren: Cameron Nichols of Lincoln, Kiara McCain of Mt. Pulaski, Jessalyn McCain of Mt. Pulaski, and Serenity Cronin of Lincoln; sisters: JoAnn Cosby of Lincoln, Lucy Smith of Brandbury, TX., Frances Babbs of Lincoln, and GeeGee Baker of Lincoln; brother Thomas Slayton of Lincoln; and his faithful canine companion Nikki.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 13, 2011

Deceased Name: Larry G. Haley

CHESTNUT, IL - Larry G. Haley, 75, of Chestnut died April 10, 2011 at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield.

He was **born** December 10, 1935 in Mt. Auburn, IL, son of Lawrence Haley and Eileen (Montgomery) Haley.

He married Shirley J. Courtney on December 19, 1953 in Mt. Auburn and she survives. Also surviving are daughters Debra (Dennis) Wilham, Chestnut, IL, Brenda Haley, Lincoln, IL, sons Michael (Donna) Haley, Girard, IL and Jeff (Tricia) Haley, Chestnut, IL, brother Jerry (Rosalie) Haley, Gulf Port, MS, sisters Priscilla (Dale) Boehl, Mt. Pulaski, IL, Barbara (Robert) Kirkman, Greenville, IL, 8 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Larry had retired from Caterpillar after 36 years of service. He farmed part-time when he was younger. He was an Elder in the church and did many things such as hospital calling, riding the bus on Wednesday nights to pick up children for church, calling on the sick and was a member of the Primetimers. He enjoyed gardening, mowing and woodworking. He was a people person and he loved his Lord and family very much.

Visitation is 5-8pm Thursday at the Assembly of God Church, Clinton, IL. Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, IL is in charge of arrangements.

Services are at 10am Friday at the Assembly of God Church, Clinton, IL with Pastor Dan Bell officiating. Interment at Laenna Cemetery, Chestnut, IL.

Memorials may be made to Clinton Assembly Rock The Square Youth Group or Clinton Christian Academy.

Online condolences may be e-mailed to: www.calvertmemorial.com

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 13, 2011

Deceased Name: Margaret L. Reineke

Margaret L. Reineke, age 91 of Gainesville, FL passed away Sunday, April 10, 2011 at E.T. York Haven Hospice Center. She was **born** May 4, 1920 in Lakota, North Dakota to John and Olive Raudon Howen. Margaret and her husband farmed in North Dakota most of her life. She enjoyed traveling and visiting with friends and family and was a member of The Rock Church of Gainesville.

She is survived by daughters, Joan (Ron) Perint, Peggy (David) Kochert and Susan (Randy) Bozarth; sons, Jack (Betty) Reineke, Bob (Connie) Reineke and Dean (Patti) Reineke; sister, Eva Hayter; 18 grandchildren and several great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 28 years, John Reineke and 3 sisters and 4 brothers.

Funeral Services will be held Friday, April 15, 2011 at The Rock Church of Gainesville at 11:00 A.M. with Pastor George Brantley and Pastor Ron Hyatt officiating. Graveside Services will be held Saturday, April 16, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Cemetery in Lincoln, Illinois.

Those who wish may make memorials to Haven

Hospice 4200 NW 90th Blvd. Gainesville, FL 32606.

For further information Williams-Thomas Funeral Home Downtown 404 N. Main Street Gainesville, FL 32601 (352) 376-7556.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 14, 2011

Deceased Name: Marie K. "Sally" (Gaylor) Yarbrough

Marie K. "Sally" (Gaylor) Yarbrough, died at 2:10am, Saturday, April 9, 2011 at Fayette County Hospital Long Term Care.

Mrs. Yarbrough was **born** August 27, 1919 in Burnette, TN, to Mr. Frank Mc Clintock Gaylor and Bessie (Broyles) Gaylor. She married William "Bill" Yarbrough Jr. June 16, 1945 in Van Dyke, MI.

Mrs. Yarbrough is survived by daughters Shirley (Gaylor) Davison and husband George of Lincoln, IL, Georgia (Gaylor Bone) Krause and husband Roger of Vandalia, IL, and Tanya (Yarbrough) Jackson and husband Dallas of Urbana, IL; Step daughters Charlotte (Yarbrough) Bone of Vandalia, IL, and Shelby (Yarbrough) Lawler and husband Larry of Decatur, IL; brother Elmer Gaylor; eighty grandchildren, great grandchildren, and greatgreat grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; step son Maurice Yarbrough; sisters Amy, Gertrude, and Ruby; brothers Howard, James, and Raymond; half brother Mc Coy Gaylor; and four nephews Visitation for Mrs. Yarbrough will be held from 5-7pm, Friday, April 15, 2011 at the First Pentecostal Church of Vandalia and 1 hour prior to services Saturday, April 16, 2011 at the church.

Funeral Services will be held at 10:30am, Saturday, April 16, 2011 at the First Pentecostal Church of Vandalia with Pastor Paul Cagle Jr and Pastor Daniel McDonald officiating.

Burial will follow at Fairlawn Cemetery, Vandalia, IL Memorials may be made to the First Pentecostal Church of Vandalia or the Alzheimer's Association.

Arrangements by Hohlt & File Funeral Home, Vandalia, IL.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 15, 2011

Deceased Name: Dana Deniece Treuthart

LINCOLN - Dana Deniece Treuthart, 43, of Lincoln, passed away April 12, 2011 at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO. surrounded by the love of her family.

Visitation will be Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. A private family service will be held at 4:00 PM.

Cremation rites will be accorded.

Dana was **born** March 15, 1968 in Centralia, IL., the daughter of Carl Glenn and Carolyn Kay (Melton) Hill. She married Kenneth Treuthart on July 5, 1986 in Lincoln, Illinois.

She was employed as a Human Resources Team Lead for State Farm Insurance in Bloomington, IL.

Surviving are her mother Carloyn Kay Hill of Bloomington, IL.; her husband Kenneth Treuthart of Lincoln, IL.; daughter Cyra Buttell and her husband Mark of Bloomington, IL. and her soon to be **born** granddaughter Carlie Jo Buttell; her son Nathan Treuthart of Lincoln, IL.; brother Jeffrey Hill of Petersburg, IL.; brother Tim Hill of Wisconsin; sister Robin Farkas of Quincy, IL.; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father Carl Hill and her nephew Alex Farkas.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or to the family and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 18, 2011

Deceased Name: Irene L. Jackson

ATLANTA - Irene L. Jackson, 86, of Atlanta passed away on Sunday, April 17, 2011 at 2:56 a.m. at St. Clara's Manor in Lincoln.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Jackson will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Quiram Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta with Rev. Rob Roy officiating.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Kinder Cemetery in rural Hornsby, Illinois.

Irene Lucille Jackson was **born** on November 10, 1924 in Worden, Illinois the daughter of Edward and Rose Kayser. She married Alfred Leo Jackson on July 1, 1943 in St. Louis. The family moved to Atlanta in 1953 where Alfred was a dispatcher for the Southern Transportation. He preceded her in death in 1964.

Surviving are her two sons: Kenneth E. (Barbara) Jackson of Katy, Texas, Thomas G. (Julie) Jackson of Atlanta. Two daughter-in-laws: Rose Jackson of Tyler, Tx., Irene Jackson of Morton, Il., Three grandchildren: Dawn (Ben) Davis of Decatur, Chris Jackson, Cindy (Mark) Leesman both of Atlanta, Four Great grandchildren: Jackson and Alex Davis, Jessica and Dustin Leesman, four step grandchildren, seven step great grandchildren, one brother: Albert (La Van) Kayser of Pocahontas, Ill.,

She was preceded in death by her two eldest sons: William Jackson, Robert Jackson, three sisters.

Irene spent her life working endlessly at many area businesses, including the Atlanta Grade School, Short's Nursing Home, and restaurants in Atlanta and Lincoln. She retired from Area Disposal as a bookkeeper. She continued her love for gardening, baking, and caring for others after her retirement.

Memorials may be made to the Atlanta Public Library, 100 SE Race St. Atlanta, or St. Clara's Manor Activity Department 200 Fifth Street Lincoln.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 18, 2011

Deceased Name: Mary C. Jones Aper

LINCOLN, IL - Mary C. Jones Aper, 92, of Lincoln died April 15, 2011 at St. Clara's Manor, Lincoln, IL.

Mary was **born** November 13, 1918 in Lincoln, IL., the daughter of Barney and Lela Sullivan Maloy. She was united in marriage to Melvin Jones in 1937. He preceded her in death. She is survived by one son, Ronald L. (Kay) Jones of Lincoln, 5 grandchildren, Renee Jones of Lincoln, Rod (Mary) Jones of Williamsville, IL., Randy Jones of Destin, Florida, Robbie (Gretchen) Jones of Lincoln, IL. and Richie (Jani) Jones of Lincoln, IL., 10 great grandchildren, two sisters, Betty Purdue and Marjorie Fitzsimmons both of Lincoln. Mary was preceded in death by one brother, William (Bud) Maloy and one sister, Henrietta Gillard.

Graveside services for Mrs. Aper will be Monday at 2:00 P.M. at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lincoln, IL. with Rev. John Pham officiating. Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, IL. is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be made to St. Clara's Manor, Lincoln, IL.

Mary worked for Lincoln Daily Courier for 25 years. She was a member of Holy Family Church of Lincoln, IL., Eagles Lodge and Knights of Columbus Auxiliary.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 18, 2011

Deceased Name: Robert M. Shattuck

LINCOLN - Robert M. Shattuck, 50, of Lincoln, died Friday April 15, 2011 at Advocate BroMenn Medical center, Normal, after a 2 year battle with cancer.

A Memorial Mass and Celebration of Life Service will be at 10:00 A.M. Wednesday April 20, 2011 at Holy Family Church, 316 S. Logan, Lincoln, with the Rev. Jeff Laible officiating. Visitation will be from 4-7 P.M. Tuesday at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with a prayer service at 3:00 P.M. Bob was cremated and burial will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Logan County Bank, Robert Shattuck Benefit Fund, 303 Pulaski St., Lincoln, IL 62656 to cover his medical expenses and for a memorial at the Lincoln Elks Golf Course.

Bob was **born** March 1, 1961 in Grayling, Michigan, the son of Lorraine Larive and Paul Shattuck. He married Mary Stahlhut on Oct. 2, 1982. She survives. He is also survived by three children, Craig (Thomas Modzelewski), West Bloomfield, MI, Emily, Bloomington, Maggie, Bloomington, mother Lorraine, Roscommon, MI, brother Matthew (Addie) of Milford, MI and sisters, Susan (Russ) Lindsey, Denver, Co and Ann (Mike) Murphy, Livonia, MI. He was preceded in death by his father.

Bob grew up in Roscommon, MI and attended Ferris State University. He later received an associate degree from Lincolnland Community College. Bob was an architectural designer for JH Petty Associates in Springfield for 14 years. With his work as a designer/project manager, he had designed and managed over 100 projects in the Lincoln area, including West Lincoln-Broadwell School, Lincoln City Hall, Lincoln Recreational Center, Collision Concepts, and the new Humane Society building. For his tremendous contributions to the City of Lincoln, the City Council declared April 9, 2011 as "Bob Shattuck Day".

Living in Bears country Bob was proud to admit he was a Lions fan and became a true Lincolnite when he moved to Lincoln. Bob was an Eagle Scout and scout master in Lincoln for several years. He was also a board member and past chairman of the corporate board of the B.P.O.E. #914 of Lincoln Elks Club. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Lincoln, IL.

Bob felt that his family was his greatest accomplishment in life. Golf and his golfing family became his devotion. His loyal golfing friends became a solid support team who practiced God's love through their great compassion as they helped the family through his long battle with cancer.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 19, 2011

Deceased Name: Gene R. McDonald

LINCOLN - Gene Robert McDonald, age 80, of Lincoln died at 5:40 A.M. on April 17, 2011 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Lincoln, Il.

Gene was **born** on December 12, 1930 in West Frankfort, Il. the son of Leo and Golda Hamilton McDonald. He married Billie Jean (Toni) Thompson August 11, 1957 in Camden, TN. She survives. He is also survived by two sons, Rob (Fawn) McDonald of Murray, Kentucky and Andy (Lisa) McDonald of Lincoln, Il., 5 grandchildren, Amanda, Grant, Rachel, Annalise and Logan.

Services will be Thursday April 21, 2011 at 10:30 A.M., at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, Il. Visitation will be Wednesday from 4-7 P.M. at the funeral home. Burial will be in New Union Cemetery, Lincoln. In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Lincoln Community High School Weight Room fund.

Gene graduated from West Frankfort High School in 1948 and Murray State University in 1952.

He played on three Ohio Valley Conference Champion football teams, being quarterback and team captain his senior season. He served 40 months in the U.S. Navy attaining the rank of Lieutenant. Gene served as a physical training instructor at U.S. Naval Pre-Flight School at Pensacola, FL. He served as graduate assistant coach in the University of Illinois football program from 1956-1957. Gene joined Lincoln Community High School faculty as Physical Education teacher and Asst. football coach for the 1957-58 school year. He compiled an 88-84 record in 20 years as Lincoln's head football coach with the 1975 team going undefeated in the regular season, then losing 8-7 to Griffin in the playoffs. The 1973 and 1975 teams were Big 12 Conference Champions. He was inducted into the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame on April 3, 1982. He assumed duties of L.C.H.S. Athletic Director for 23 years, during which was the introduction of girl's sports under the federal Title Nine Act. Gene was a member of Lincoln Christian Church, Illinois High School Athletic Directors Association and Illinois High School Football Coaches Association.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 22, 2011

Deceased Name: Mary Katherine Etter

WILLIAMSVILLE - Mary Katherine Etter, 75, of Williamsville passed away Wednesday, April 20, 2011, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

She was **born** in Carlinville on October 30, 1935, to Roy N. and Mary J. (Smith) Etter. She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Eileen; a niece and a nephew.

Mary was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Sherman.

She is survived by a sister, Lucille (Gene) Geyer of Mt. Pulaski and three nieces.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of a funeral service at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 23, 2011, at Vancil-Murphy Funeral Home, with the Rev. James A. Stuenkel officiating. Burial will follow in Roselawn Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Williamsville EMS or a charity of the donor's choice.

Visit www.vancilmurphy.com to offer your condolences.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 23, 2011

Deceased Name: James Simons

LINCOLN - James Simons, 63, of Lincoln, passed away April 16, 2011 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Burial will take place Monday, April 25, 2011 at 11:00 AM at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Riverton, IL. with military honors.

James was **born** July 23, 1947 in Lincoln, IL. the son of Raymond E. Simons and Mary G. Kerr. He proudly served our country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

He is survived by: his brother Jerry Ray Simons of Lincoln; brother Larry W. Simons (Patricia) of Morris, IL.; brother John W. Simons (Linda) of Lincoln; sister Brenda Simons of Lincoln; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Judy.

Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 23, 2011

Deceased Name: Edith Talkington

ATHENS - Talkington, Edith (Di Salvo-Perna) from Athens, passed away peacefully on Holy Wed.

She was **born** Feb 15th, 1916 in Wilburton, Ok.

Last surviving child of Anastasio Perna and Maria Di Salvo from Pietrabbondante, Molise, formally Abruzzo, Italy.

She was the first Perna child **born** in the USA in Wilburton, Ok. The Perna family moved to Springfield in 1922.

She met and married Harold J. Talkington in 1936.

They moved to Ath-ens in 1942. Harold pre-ceded her in passing in 1974.

Edith was a selfemployed homemaker, church and community volunteer.

She made and altered band uniforms, cheerleader outfits, Priest robes, Alter boy robes, and Altars cloths.

She was very active within the Holy Family Catholic Church in Athens. She was also active in the Alter and Rosary Society now called the Holy Family Women Society. She helped with fundraising with the Helpers for Christ.

Her outstanding cooking abilities lead her to volunteer to cook for fundraisers for both Athens School bands, the Athens Library, the Athens Boy Scouts and many other noteworthy causes. Some of her recipes are in an Athens library cookbook.

Her crotchet and knitting skills awarded her many best of class in the Menard and Logan county fairs, and also the Illinois State fair.

She worked for the State of Illinois - Department of Revenue from 1964 to retirement at age 72.

Mother to Sharon "Don" Awe, Elkhart, Steve "Jean" Talkington Denver Co, and Jerry "Ruth" Talkington, Pleasant Hill, Mo.

She has 8 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.

Donations can be made to Holy Family Catholic Church, Athens or Zion Lutheran School in Mt Pulaski

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 23, 2011

Deceased Name: Julie K.Young-Dahl

LINCOLN-Julie K. Young-Dahl 45, of Lincoln died on Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 4:39 P.M. at her residence.

Julie was **born** on July 7, 1965, daughter of Ronald and Mary K. Bergman Young. They reside in Lincoln. She is survived by two brothers Clark (Joan) Young of Woodridge, IL and Craig (Stefanie) Young of Shorewood, IL; three nephews Erik and Ryan of Woodridge; Henry of Shorewood and a niece, Sofie, of Shorewood. She was preceded in death by her grandparents Harold and Helen Young and Offie and Fannie Bergman.

Julie worked as a Clerk for the Illinois Retail Merchant Association. She was a graduate of Lincoln Community High School and Western Illinois University majoring in Marketing. She was a member of Holy Family Church of Lincoln.

Services will be held at 10 A.M., Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Lincoln. A visitation will be held from 4-7:00 Monday, April 25 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, IL. Burial at Lucas Chapel Cemetery rural Lincoln. Memorials may be given to Logan County Humane Society.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 25, 2011

Deceased Name: Richard F. "Fuzz" Froschauer

MT. PULASKI - Richard F.

"Fuzz" Froschauer, 73 of Mt. Pulaski, died at 7:19 P.M. Friday April 22, 2011 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

Fuzz was **born** on May 1, 1937 in Lincoln, IL to Edward V. and Hazel Gasaway Froschauer. He married Juanita Hein and later married Janice Troutwine who survives in Mt. Pulaski. Also surviving is one son Rick (Diana) Froschauer of Lincoln, one daughter Denise (Ronnie) Merold of Mt. Pulaski, one step-daughter Debbie (Terry) Maurel of Omaha, NE, one brother Eugene "Frog" Froschauer of Springfield, 5 grandchildren, Alyssa McBenge, Leslie Froschauer, Lindsay Hollomon, Brittany Merold and Brooke Merold and 2 great grandchildren Emma Joyner and Raegan Watts.

Fuzz worked for Lehn and Fink in Lincoln for 32 years in shipping and receiving. He was a member of the Latham United Methodist Church, the Decatur Moose Lodge, Clinton Elks # 785, the Lincoln Eagles #2708, the Air National Guard in Springfield, the Lincoln American Legion Post # 263 and the Wild Wednesday Golf Group of Springfield.

Services will be held on Thursday April 28, 2011 at the Family Life Center in Mt. Pulaski at 10:00 A.M. with Rev. Rachel Stockle officiating. Visitation will also be at the Family Life Center on Wednesday evening from 4:00-7:00 P.M. Memorials may be made to the Latham United Methodist Church. Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Mt. Pulaski, is handling arrangements.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 26, 2011

Deceased Name: Andrew S. Hill Allison P. Hill

BLOOMINGTON - Andrew Steven Hill entered this world stillborn at 7:25 p.m., April 17, 2011, Palm Sunday, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria, IL.

Allison Paige Hill was **born** at 11:37 a.m., April 22, 2011, Good Friday, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria, IL. Allison graced us with her presence for over an hour before God called her home to be with Him, dying peacefully in the arms of her parents at 12:45 P.M.

Andrew Steven and Allison Paige are the twin son and daughter of Theresa (Ebelherr) and Steven Hill of Bloomington, IL. Andrew and Allison are survived by their loving sister, Cadence Nicole Hill.

Andrew and Allison's maternal grandparents are Douglas and Debra Ebelherr, Lincoln, IL and paternal grandparents are Randal Hill, Nicoma Park, OK and Mary Schroeder (deceased).

The twins maternal great-grandparents include Kenneth B. (Deceased) and Marie Ebelherr and Robert and Theresa Minick of Lincoln. Their paternal great-grandparents include Verne (deceased) and Ruth Hill of Mustang, OK and Robert Millikan of California, and Kay Nation (deceased).

They are survived by numerous Great-Uncles, Great-Aunts, Uncles, Aunts and Cousins.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 am on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Lincoln, IL. The Reverend Father Gregg Petri will celebrate Mass, immediately followed by repose in their final resting place at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lincoln, IL. No visitation will be held prior to Mass.

Holland, Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln is handling arrangements.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 26, 2011

Deceased Name: Grace Saylor

LINCOLN - Grace Saylor, 79, of Lincoln, passed away on April 24, 2011 at 12:49 a.m. at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, IL.

She worked in the Deli at Krogers for 10 years. Then she did home health care for 12 years. She loved to cook and tending to all her family.

Grace was **born** December 25, 1931, the daughter of William and Leatha Talbert Allensworth in Canton, IL. She married Alvin (Bud) Saylor on August 27, 1950 in Pittsfield. He preceded her in death. She is survived by three sons: Roger Saylor of Lincoln; David Saylor of Lincoln; Greg (Judy) Saylor of Gravois Mills, MO; and one daughter: Kathy (Roger) Miller of Lincoln; nine grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one brother, one sister and one grandson.

Services will be held on Wednesday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln. Rev. Ron Otto will officiate. Visitation will be from 4-7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Following services, Mrs. Saylor will be cremated. Memorials may be given to the family.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 26, 2011

Deceased Name: Susan Kathleen Stringfellow

LINCOLN - Susan Kathleen Stringfellow, 64, of Lincoln, passed away April 21, 2011 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be no services.

Susan was **born** February 19, 1947 in Muncy, Indiana, the daughter of Ivy Cruce and Ruth McCorder.

She married Howard Stringfellow on February 14, 1997 in Lincoln.

Susan attended Park Meadows Baptist Church in Lincoln.

Susriving are her husband Howard Stringfellow of Lincoln; sons Patrick McCullen and his wife Monica of Lincoln; son Chris McCullen of Lincoln; and grandson Michael McCullen also of Lincoln.

She was preceded in death by her parents, numerous siblings, and her aunt Dorothy.

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

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 26, 2011

Deceased Name: Melvin H. Jacob

Green Valley-Melvin H.

Jacob, 87, of 1296 Jacob Rd. Green Valley passed away at 6:41 PM Saturday, April 23, 2011 at Mason District Hospital. He was **born** July 31, 1923 near Green Valley the son of Benjamin and Margaret Nannen Jacob. He married Dorothy Gockel September 10, 1950 in Lincoln and she survives. He has three daughters Pamela (Tom) Johnson of San Jose, Sandra (Barry) Gager of Sedalia, Colorado and Mary (Ron) Gilman of Maroa. One son Mark (Kelly) Jacob of Green Valley also survives. There are seven grandchildren: Ben and Kate Johnson, Erin, Austin, and Ethan Gager, and Sarah and Julia Jacob. He was preceded in death by one infant son Richard Jacob.

Melvin graduated from San Jose High School in 1941. He attended Lincoln College and later was inducted into the U.S. Army during WW II in April of 1943. During his time in the service he attended the University of New Hampshire. He served in the Rhineland, Central Europe, and Japanese campaigns during WW II and was awarded two bronze stars. After his discharge from the service in 1946, he returned home to farm and raise livestock in the Green Valley area. He was a member of the Emden American Legion Post #506 and St. Paul's Lutheran Church near Manito. He served on the San Jose School Board for many years and was on the Logan-Mason-Menard Regional Board of Trustees.

Funeral services will be 10 AM Thursday, April 28, 2011 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church near Manito. Rev. Derek Riddle will officiate. Visitation will be 5:30 to 8 PM Wednesday at the Maas Funeral Home in Manito. Internment will be in Mason City Cemetery. The American Legion Post #506 of Emden will conduct military honors following the committal service. Memorials may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church 21189 CR 3300 E. Manito, Illinois 61546 or to the donor's choice.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 27, 2011

Deceased Name: Marie Ahrens

LINCOLN - Marie Ahrens, 100, of Lincoln, passed away April 26, 2011 at 5:32 a.m. at Christian Village, Lincoln.

Mrs. Ahrens was **born** on December 13, 1910 in Mason County, IL the daughter of George W. and Clara Dierker Deverman.

She married George C. Ahrens on August 18, 1937 in Lincoln, IL. He preceded her in death. She is survived by one son: Kenneth (Linda) Ahrens of Normal, IL; two daughters: Jean (Ronald) Crane of Decatur, IL and Lois (David) Graney of Fayetteville, Arkansas; four granddaughters; 2 step grandsons; 3 great grandchildren; 5 step great grandchildren and one step great great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister and three brothers.

Marie was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Mt. Pulaski. She built and sold craft items for many years after she and her husband retired.

Services will be held Saturday, April 30 at 10:30 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, Mt. Pulaski.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be at New Union Cemetery, Lincoln, IL. Memorials may be given to Zion Lutheran Church of Mt. Pulaski.

Arrangements by Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - April 28, 2011

Deceased Name: Shirley A.Naffziger

ARMINGTON - Shirley A.

Naffziger, 77, of rural Armington, passed away at 7:00 PM Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at Hopedale Nursing Home.

She was **born** October 10, 1933 to Haskel and Ruth Meins Dorsey. She married Dean Naffziger on August 28, 1953 in Pekin, and he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Janet (Paul) Gordon of Atlanta, IL and Karen Naffziger of Apache Junction, AZ; three grandchildren, Tracy (Jason) Trimble, Tiffany Naffziger, and Gina (Denny) Small; three step grandchildren, Kim (Davey) West, Tammy (Matt) Bode, and Misty Snyder; 13 great grandchildren; 2 great great grandchildren; one brother, Eldon Dorsey of Delavan.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Rick, two daughters, Marcia and Janice, and one brother.

Shirley was a homemaker and cleaned several houses in the Armington area.

She attended Armington Christian Church, a member of Pekin VFW Post 1232, and a member of Armington American Legion Auxiliary.

A grave side service will be at 11:00 AM Friday, April 29, 2011 at Union Cemetery, rural Emden.

Pastor Ed Lloyd will officiate.

There will be no visitation.

Davis Mortuary in Hopedale is handling the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Armington Christian Church or Armington Rescue Squad.

To express condolences online visit www.davismortuaryinc.com.

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Deceased Name: Dr. Robert A. Lowery

Lincoln - Dr. Robert A.

Lowery, 62, of Lincoln passed away on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln after a long, courageous battle with cancer.

Funeral Services for Dr.

Lowery will be held on Monday, May 2, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the Earl C.

Hargrove Chapel on Lincoln Christian University campus in Lincoln.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Jefferson Street Christian Church in Lincoln. Additional visitation will also be for one hour prior to the funeral on Monday, from noon until 1:00 p.m., at the Earl C.

Hargrove Chapel at Lincoln Christian University. Burial in New Union Cemetery in Lincoln will be at a later date. Robert A. Lowery was **born** on October 4, 1948 in Indianapolis, Indiana, the son of Ercel and Velma Lowery. He married Marilyn M. Gaddis on June 5, 1971, in Villa Grove, Illinois He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; one daughter:

Rachel (Joe) Mollet of Pana, one son: Brian (Sarah) Lowery of Avon, Indiana; four grandchildren:

Carissa MaryLyn, Jocelyn Ainsley, Dawson Robert Mollet and Eden Grace Lowery.

He was preceded in death by his mother, father, and one brother, Donald.

Dr. Lowery attended Lincoln Christian College, Lincoln Christian Seminary and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He received his Ph.D from Aberdeen University in Aberdeen Scotland. He taught at the college and seminary levels for 36 years while also preaching at numerous churches throughout the United States. He also taught for 19 summers in Vienna, Austria and Haus Edelweiss. He had been published in various writings and most recently penned Revelation's Rhapsody and was in the process of writing his second book.

He was a member of Jefferson Christian Church.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren, as well as traveling to Disney World on many occasions.

His love and passion for his wife, children and grandchildren was only exceeded by his love and passion for God.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to TCM International Institute (designated for the Dr. Robert Lowery Faculty Chair Endowment Fund) or Carcinoid Cancer Foundation.

Final arrangements are entrusted with Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln.