

**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 1, 2012

Deceased Name: Richard W. Dial

LINCOLN-Richard W. Dial, 75, of Lincoln passed away on Sunday, April 29, 2012 at 5:05 a.m. at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

At Mr. Dial's request funeral services are private.

He will be buried in Holy Cross Cemetery following cremations rites.

Richard Wayne Dial was **born** on December 16, 1936 in Lincoln the son of Virgi and Marguerite Cronin Dial.

He is survived by his children: Susan (Roger) Haseley of Findlay, Ohio, Richard J. Dial of Springfield, Donna M. Childs, Nancy K. (Bill) Jennings both of Myrtle Beach, S.C, Six grandchildren. One brother: Robert Dial of Lincoln.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Richard attended Lincoln Community High School.

He proudly served in the United States Army.

He retired from Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company in Mt. Zion.

He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, American Legion

Post # 263, Lincoln VFW, Lincoln Moose Lodge, Eagles Lodge 2708.

Memorials may be made to American Legion Post # 263 or the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital Building Fund.

Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln is in charge of arrangements.

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Deceased Name: Walter Edward Hagenbuch, Jr.

MT. PULASKI - Walter

Edward Hagenbuch, Jr., 88, of Mt. Pulaski, died at 8:40 P.M. Sunday, April 29, 2012 at Vonderlieth Living Center.

Walter was **born** January 16, 1924 to Walter Edward and Ruby Vetter Hagenbuch, Sr. He married Carlene Lingenfelter on August 14, 1949 in Mt. Pulaski. She survives.

Also surviving are 2 sons, Edward (Rebecca) Hagenbuch of Ham Lake, MN, Randy (Michelle) Hagenbuch of Chestnut, IL, one daughter, Jan (Gary) Hannam of Canton, IL and six grandchildren.

Walter retired as manager of shipping and receiving at Sears and Roebuck in Decatur working from 1948-1979 and was custodian at Mt. Pulaski School District #23 for many years. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Mt. Pulaski, an Army Air Corps veteran, serving during WWII, a member of the American Legion Post #447, Illinois State Police Auxiliary, he was a Mt. Pulaski Constable as well as an avid Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears fan.

Services for Walter will be 10:00 A.M. Thursday, May 3, 2012 at The Mt. Pulaski Christian Church with Mark Weber officiating. The Mt. Pulaski American Legion Post #447 will be conducting military services. Visitation will be Wednesday evening from 4:00-7:00 P.M. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Mt. Pulaski. Burial will be at a later date. Memorials may be made to Vonderlieth Living Center or Mt. Pulaski American Legion Post #447.

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Deceased Name: Homer Weidhuner

GREENVIEW-Homer Weidhuner, 81, of Greenview, passed away on Friday, April 27, 2012 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

Homer is survived by his wife Anna Weidhuner; a daughter Kathryn (Mark) Schreiner of Greenview; a son, Karl (Dawn) Weidhuner of Greenview; six grandchildren, Ashlei and Evan Birch, Allison, Amanda, and Austin Weidhuner, and Nicole Schreiner; brother-in-law Herbert (Judith) Albers & sister-in-law Edna (Tom) Vadbunker and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a daughter Carol Birch.

Homer was **born** July 15, 1930 in Sherman, Illinois, the son of Fred A. and Tina Simmering Weidhuner.

He married Anna Albers on June 25, 1955.

Homer was a livestock farmer for all his life. He served on the Zion Lutheran Church Board, the L.G. Co-op Board, and the Menard Rural Water Co-op Board, Greenview School Board, and the Middletown State Bank Board. Homer was a member of the Pork Council, FBFM Board and Menard County Pork Producers.

He graduated from Middletown High School and enjoyed operating his antique tractors.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 until 7:00 PM on Monday, April 30, 2012 at Mott & Henning Funeral Home in Athens. An additional visitation will be held from 9:00 until time of funeral service at 10:00 on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at the Zion Lutheran Church in New Holland.

Rev. Charles Olander will be officiating.

Burial will be held at Walnut Ridge Cemetery near Middletown.

Memorials can be made to the Zion Lutheran Church in New Holland & Middletown Volunteer Fire Protection District.

The family would like to thank all the doctors and medical staff for their care and kindness given to Homer.

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Deceased Name: Morgan B. Armbrust

EASTON - Morgan B.

Armbrust, 19 of Easton, died at 10:45pm on Monday, April 30, 2012 at St. Francis Hospital in Peoria. She was **born** on August 13, 1992 the daughter of Brian and Veronica (Haerle) Armbrust in Springfield.

Morgan is survived by her parents Brian and Veronica, one sister: Peyton Armbrust. Also surviving are her grandparents, Richard and Shirley Haerle of Franklin, Kenny and Dorothy Armbrust of Havana; several aunts, uncles and cousins. She is preceded in death by one sister, Kayleigh Byers and one uncle, Denney Armbrust.

Morgan graduated from Illini Central High School, a graduate from MTI in Springfield and was a Dental Assistant in Lincoln.

She was very active in sports throughout high school and was an outdoors person, loving life, spending time with family and friends.

Funeral service will be at 11:00am on Friday, May 4, 2012 at the United Methodist Church in Easton, Pastor Al Sample will officiate, and burial will be at Easton Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Thursday evening from 4pm to 8pm at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be left to Morgan Armbrust Memorial Fund.

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

**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 3, 2012

Deceased Name: Hazel M. Swaim

ATLANTA - Hazel M.

Swaim, 90, of Atlanta passed away on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at 9:50 a.m. at The Christian Village Nursing Home in Lincoln.

Funeral Services for Mrs.

Swaim will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at the Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta. Pastor Paul Weber will officiate.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Friday, May 4, 2012 at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Atlanta Cemetery.

Hazel M. Swaim was **born** November 19, 1921 in Crawford County, Missouri, the daughter of Henry and Mary Pinnell Schwidde.

She married Scott Braden Bell in June of 1939. He preceded her in death in July 1969. She later married Archie Ambrose and then Walter Swaim, who both preceded her in death.

Hazel is survived by her children: Wesley (Debbie) Bell of Lincoln, Margaret (Wayne) Leesman of Atlanta, Jim (Marilyn) Bell of Mason City, Gerald (Kitty) Bell of Middletown, Rick (Annette) Bell of Lincoln, 18 grandchildren, 52 greatgrandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son: Chester Bell, two brothers, and three sisters.

Hazel was a member of the Atlanta Assembly of God Church and Royal Neighbors. During her lifetime, she worked at Bill's Route 66 Restaurant, Stetsons and later for Ball Incon for twenty years.

Hazel enjoyed working with flowers and gardening.

She was a great quilter and made 32 quilts for her kids and grandkids.

Memorials may be made to the Atlanta Rescue Squad or Atlanta Assembly church.

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

**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 4, 2012

Deceased Name: Sharon Lee (Lambert) Wilson

LINCOLN - Sharon Lee (Lambert) Wilson, 71, of Lincoln, passed away April 28, 2012 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

There will be no public services. Cremation rites have been accorded and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Sharon was **born** June 9, 1940 in Monticello, IA, the daughter of Everett and Edith (Cooper) Lambert.

She graduated from Monticello High School in Monticello, IA in 1958. She retired from K-Mart and was also employed at Thornton's Fuel CO. She was a member of the Oasis Senior Center in Lincoln.

Surviving are her children: daughter Gail (Paul) Lemmer-Parson of Lincoln; son Gary (Linda) Lemmer of Alpharetta, GA; daughter Terri Jo Lemmer of Hawaii; daughter Sue (Greg) Smith of Lincoln; daughter Kelli Wilson-Todd of Linn, MO; 9 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren; sister Judy (John) Siebels of Springdale, AK; sister Bonnie (John) Shourek of Rockford, IL; and many nieces and nephews also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her grandson Christopher Todd, her great grandson Robbie Baldoni, and sisters June Bader-Bercaw and Carol Merfeld.

Memorial donations may be made to the family.

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Deceased Name: Marion W. "Doc" Henderson

LINCOLN - Marion W. "Doc" Henderson, 89, of Lincoln, passed away May 4, 2012 at home surrounded by his family.

Visitation will be Sunday, May 6, 2012 from 4-7 PM at Henderson Hall on the campus of Lincoln Christian University. Funeral services will be 10 AM Monday, May 7, 2012 at Lincoln Christian Church. Burial will follow at Zion Cemetery In Lincoln.

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

Marion was **born** December 22, 1922 in Sorrento, IL the son of Charles and Henrietta (Wright) Henderson. He married Vera Martin, his high school sweetheart, from Mulberry Grove, IL on March 28, 1943. She preceded him in death on April 16, 2009.

He served as a U.S. Army Medical Corpsman during WW II. Marion graduated from Lincoln Bible Institute and Greenville College and then went on to earn his PhD from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. He was a New Testament professor at Lincoln Bible Institute and then Lincoln Christian College from 1951-1976. He then moved to Florida Christian College where he served as a New Testament professor and then College President from 1976-1986. Mr. Henderson then retired from Lincoln Christian College where he served as a New Testament Professor, Special Assistant to the President, men's basketball and baseball coach for over 20 years, and Athletic Director.

His preaching ministries included Chandlerville, IL, Scottsburg, IN, and South Fork Church of Christ near Rochester, IL.

Surviving are his three daughters: Jane Vincent of Lincoln, IL; Jill Thornton (Don) of Auburn, IL; and Judy Givan (Todd) of Lincoln, IL, six grandchildren: Chad Givan (Liliana) of Springfield, IL; Kallie Truelove (Beau) of Ridgefarm, IL; Clint Thornton of Springfield, IL; Dusty Givan (Devlin) of Shelbyville, KY; Cole Thornton (Megan) of Springfield, IL; and Kade Vincent (Katie) serving in the USAF; great grandchildren: Kandon, Karson, Calvin, and Kristian Truelove; Maria Givan; Jackson Thornton; and Michael Givan; sisters: Marie Yates of Greenville, IL; Myrna Beesley of Taylor, MI; and Melba Bone of Florissant, MO; also surviving is special family friend and caregiver Paula Perrett.

Memorial donations may be made to Memorial Home Hospice or to the family to establish a scholarship fund for preaching ministry students.

**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 5, 2012

Deceased Name: William F. "Bill" Higdon

DELEVAN - William F. "Bill" Higdon, 82, of Delavan, passed away at 8:55 AM Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at his home.

He was **born** August 3, 1929 in Delavan to Elick M. and Ida Mae Pullum Higdon. He married Doris Newby Houghton on March 11, 1978, and she survives.

Also surviving are two step children, Ronald (Cheryl) Houghton of Saucier, MS and Susan (Jay) Whapham of Waverly, VA; two granddaughters and two grandsons; one sister, Elizabeth Gritton of Paxton.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers, and one sister.

Bill worked as a mechanic in the Delavan San Jose area and retired from Caterpillar Inc. after working for many years.

He and his wife owned and operated the New Salem Country Opry for over 28 years.

He was a United States Army veteran during the Korean War.

His funeral will be at 10:30 AM Monday, May 7, 2012 at Davis Mortuary in Delavan. Pastor Daniel Tuhy will officiate. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 PM Sunday and one hour before the service, both at the mortuary. Cremation will be accorded following the funeral.

Memorials may be made to Delavan Ambulance Service, OSF Hospice in Peoria, or St. Jude Midwest Affiliate.



**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 7, 2012

Deceased Name: Billy R. Kirk

LINCOLN - Billy R. Kirk, loving father and husband, passed away May 4, 2012 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, IL.

Visitation will be from 5-7 PM Monday, May 7, 2012 at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 PM Tuesday, May 8, 2012 also at the funeral home with Russ Johnson officiating. Burial will follow in Harmony Cemetery, Beason.

Billy was **born** July 21, 1959 in Lincoln, IL. the son of William and Myrtle (Frost) Kirk. He married Mariann Landers on December 30, 2005.

Surviving are his wife Mariann Kirk, son Kevin, and daughters Autumn, Elizabeth, and Rebecca; his brother Dean (Jason)

Kirk and sisters Cindy (Rick)

Williams and Barb (Troy)

Grass. Many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles also survive.

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

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Deceased Name: Dorothy Ruth Trapp

SPRINGFIELD - Dorothy Ruth Trapp, age 99, of Springfield, formerly of Lincoln, Illinois, died Friday, May 4, 2012 at Memorial Medical Center.

She was **born** in Williamsfield, IL on January 1, 1913, daughter of Stanley Ward and Nellie Shover Ward. On August 24, 1935 she was married to Dr. Robert N. Trapp in Bradford, IL.

Mrs. Trapp graduated from DePauw University in Greencastle, IN with a B.A. in History and then later earned a Masters Degree from the University of Illinois in Library Science.

She had 21 years experience teaching Latin, History and English and served as the Lincoln High School Librarian in Lincoln, IL.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Lincoln, IL and a life-long member of P.E.O.

She enjoyed playing bridge and traveling, especially for educational experiences at Elder Hostels with her sister Agatha. She also loved music, particularly playing the piano and attending performances of the Illinois Symphony Orchestra.

A son, Dr. Robert G.

Trapp, survives her. A sister, Agatha Sigmond, 10 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, a son-in-law, Gary Reinecke and two daughters-in-law, Ann Robert and Kathleen Trapp, also survive her. Preceding her in death are her parents, a daughter, Janet Reinecke, a son William Trapp, a brother Greig Ward and a sister Lois Browning.

Visitation will be at The First Presbyterian Church in Lincoln, IL, 301 Pekin Street Lincoln, IL, 62656, at 10 am followed by the funeral service at 10:30 on Thursday, May 10.

Cremation rites have been accorded with burial at Park Hill Cemetery in Bloomington, IL.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations in her name may be made to The Illinois Symphony Orchestra.

**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 8, 2012

Deceased Name: Mamie Lucille Mefford

LINCOLN - Mamie Lucille Mefford, age 88, of Lincoln, Ill. died at 7:55 A.M. May 6, 2012 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln, Ill.

Mamie was **born** February 25, 1924 in Cloverport, Kentucky. She was married to John Logan Mefford in 1945 in Tennessee. He preceded her in death. Mamie is survived by one son, William (Cheryl) Roy of Lincoln, Ill., 2 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren, 2 sisters, Anna Louise (Glen) Hamilton of Cloverport, Kentucky and Mary Ellen Payton of Pontiac, Ill. Mamie was preceded in death by her parents, husband and 1 brother.

Mamie was cremated and burial will be at a later date in Kentucky. There will be no services.

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

**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 8, 2012

Deceased Name: Norman F. Pyle

STILLWATER, MN - Norman F. Pyle, **Born** Sept 13th, 1924 Logan County Illinois, Died May 1, 2012.

Preceded in death by parents John L. and Mable L Pyle of Elkhart, IL Survived by: wife of 68 years Irma Jean Adams Pyle; son Norman D. Pyle of Stillwater, MN; granddaughter Cynthia J. Pyle Maiers; and great grandchildren Chloe, Jackson, and Drew Maiers of Woodbury, MN.

Norman was a Federal Employee for the United States for 33 years until retirement in 1980.

Internment: MountJoy Cemetery to be announced.

**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 9, 2012

Deceased Name: Kenneth M. Holmes

M. Holmes, 82, of Mt. Pulaski died at 9:52 P.M. Sunday May 6, 2012 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Kenny was **born** on May 9, 1929 in Mt. Pulaski, IL to Benjamin Franklin and Selma Grathwohl Holmes. He married Reva Bristow on August 15, 1954 in Mt. Pulaski. She preceded him in death on April 12, 2007.

He is survived by two sons, Marty Holmes of Lincoln and Kevin (Tammy) Holmes of Bloomington, IL, one daughter Karen M. Heaten of Farmersville, IL, one brother Charles (Betty) Holmes of Mt. Pulaski, one sister Dorothy (Richard) Palmer of Wentzville, MO, and four granddaughters, Amy (Brendan) Fitzsimmons, Alexandria Holmes, Samantha Holmes and Cecilia Holmes. He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, one brother, Bob Holmes, one sister, Mary Thompson and son in law, Shane Heaton.

Kenny was a self employed carpenter and brick layer with Holmes Construction. He served in the United States Army from January of 1951 to January of 1953 during the Korean War where he received the Korean Service Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars and the United Nations Service Medal. He was a lifetime member of The Mt. Pulaski VFW Post # 777 and he was a member of the American Legion Post # 447 for 34 years.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Friday May 11, 2012 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski with Mark Weber officiating. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 P.M. Thursday evening at the funeral home. Burial will be at Steenbergen Cemetery in Mt. Pulaski where full military rites will be accorded. Memorials may be made to the VFW Post # 777 or the American Legion Post #447.

**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 9, 2012

Deceased Name: Florence E. Gandt

LINCOLN - Florence E. Gandt, 92, of Lincoln passed away on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 12:45 pm at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Lincoln, IL.

Florence was **born** on February 6, 1920 in Lincoln, IL the daughter of Richard and Bertha Buchholz Gandt.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters: Frances McBenge; Leona Turner and Emma Gandt; one brother Raymond Gandt. She was the last of her immediate family.

Florence was survived by nieces and nephews: Edna (Wayne) Mara; Esther (Wayne) Denney; Ray (Carol) Turner; Cliff McBenge; Bill McBenge; Cheryl (Jim) Scales; and Donna (Randy) Buse and several great nieces and nephews and great great nieces and nephews.

Florence was retired from Kroger's after 32 years as head checker. She was a member of St. John United Church of Christ.

Graveside services will be held Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at New Union Cemetery, Lincoln, with Rev. Richard Reinwald officiating. Burial will follow. There will be no visitation. Memorials may be given to St. John United Church of Christ, Lincoln. Services were entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, IL.

The family would like to extend a gracious thank you to Dr. Sagins and the second floor nursing staff of Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Lincoln.

**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 9, 2012

Deceased Name: Betty M. Nichols

ELKHART - Betty M. Nichols, 84, of Elkhart passed away on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 11:10 a.m. at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

David A."Sabwah" Nichols passed away on January 13, 2011 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Nichols and her David A. Nichols will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, May 10, 2012 at the Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln with Rev. Dayle Badman officiating.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 at the funeral home.

Burial will be at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln.

Surviving Mrs. Nichols are her children: Steve (Cindy) Nichols and Suzann (Mark) Maxheimer all of Elkhart. Three grandchildren: Jessica Maxheimer, Garret Maxheimer and Whitney Nichols. Four sisters: Bernice "Totie" Hoffert, Mary Ann Underwood Bratcher, Nevie (Jim) Haseley all of Lincoln, Ruth Steffens of Litchfield.

She was preceded in death by her son David A. "Sabwah" Nichols, three brothers: Orville Liesman, Gerald Liesman, Wilbur Liesman.

Betty Marie Nichols was **born** on January 10, 1928 in rural Lincoln the daughter of Reynold Orville and Cora Baker Liesman. She married Glenn Arthur Nichols on September 14, 1954. He preceded her in death on June 17, 2010.

Betty graduated from Hartsburg High School in 1946.

Betty retired from the Illinois Secretary of State's office where she worked in the Title Department. She later worked at the Dollar Store in Lincoln.

She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Lincoln and the Wonderful Women & Wine Red Hat Society group.

Memorials may be made to The Christian Village Nursing Home 400 wing.

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Deceased Name: Lester Cox

MIDDLETOWN - Lester L. Cox, 77, died at 1:20 a.m. on Wednesday, May 2, 2012, at home.

He was **born** in Fidelity, Ill., on March 2, 1935, to the late Roy and Hazel (Peebles) Cox.

On Jan. 28, 1956, in Medora, he married Rebecca (Hunt) Cox. She survives.

Lester was in real estate sales at A, B, C and G Real Estate in Lincoln, Ill. He had also been in banking and an appraiser in the Middletown area.

In addition to his wife, he is also survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeff and Lisa Cox of Monroe, N.C. and Bill and Tammy Cox of Normal, Ill.; five grandchildren, Adam (Juli), Darcie and Nathan Cox, Sarah (Robbie) Denbow and Emma (Dane) Wear; two great-grandchildren, Isaiah and Mikalah Wear and Liliwyn and Selah Cox; sisters, Ruth Prather of Godfrey; brothers, Wayne and Viola Cox of Brighton and Ray and Linda Thurm of Wofford Heights, Calif.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother-in-law, Pete Prather.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until time of services at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 5, at Targhetta and Wooldridge Funeral Home in Medora, with the Rev. James Sprinkel officiating. Burial at Medora Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Mason City Assembly of God Church Building Fund.



**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 12, 2012

Deceased Name: Vera Christine Crane

WHEELER, TX - Memorial services for Mrs. Vera Christine Crane, 75, of Wheeler were held at 2:00 PM Sunday, May 6, 2012 at the Church of Christ in Wheeler, TX with Elder Stacy McCasland, officiating.

Mrs. Crane passed away Wednesday, May 2, 2012 in Wheeler, TX.

Vera Christine Crane was **born** December 20, 1936 in Peoria, IL to the late Mr. Lucien Poynter and Mrs. Lera (Stewart) Poynter. She attended school in Peoria, IL. She married the late Mr. John Crane on June 27, 1975 in Beason, IL. She moved from Lincoln, IL to Wheeler, TX in 2006. Vera was a homemaker. She was a member of the Church of Christ. She loved camping and painting, and she enjoyed listening to country music.

Mrs. Crane is preceded in death by two brothers.

Vera Crane is survived by 4 sons, Jim Hinton and wife Kathy of Springfield, IL; Mike Hinton and wife Andrea of Lincoln, IL; Bob Hinton and wife Dawn of Richland, NC; Gary Hinton of Lincoln, IL; two daughters, Joyce Walker and husband Steve of Wheeler, TX; and Judy Hinton and husband Charles Worley of Pampa, TX; one stepson, Jack Crane of Lincoln, IL; one stepdaughter, Jill Dews of Lincoln, IL; 18 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; two brothers; and one sister.

You may send condolences online at [www.peppersfuneralhome.com](http://www.peppersfuneralhome.com)

Per to her request, Vera will be cremated. Graveside service will be May 29th at 2:00pm. She will be laid to rest next to her husband at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery.

**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 14, 2012

Deceased Name: Vernon A. Hassebrock

MT. PULASKI-Vernon A.Hassebrock, 89, of Mt. Pulaski, passed away May 11, 2012 at Villa East Retirement Home in Sherman IL.

Vernon was the son of John W. and Anna Maxheimer Hassebrock. Vernon was **born** on November 30, 1922 in El Paso, IL. Vernon married Marcella Clancy on December 22, 1951 in Springfield, IL. She preceded him in death on January 15, 2005. Vernon was in the United States Army from December 1, 1942 to November 14, 1945; he was awarded 2 Bronze Stars for service in WWII. Vernon was an active member of Zion Lutheran

Church in Mt Pulaski.

Vernon was a carpenter with his brothers Loren and Ray Hassebrock. They built many homes in Mt. Pulaski, Lincoln, and Springfield.

Vernon is survived by his brothers: John Hassebrock of Lincoln; Glen (Muriel) Hassebrock of Decatur; sisters: Lois (Wilbur) Ruwe of Beason, IL; Alma Stoll of Mt. Pulaski; Ethel Hein of San Jose, CA; and he is also survived by many nieces and nephews. In addition to parents and wife, Vernon was preceded in death by his brothers Harold, Loren, Melvin, Ray, and his sister Anna Roos.

Services for Vernon will be Tuesday May 15 at 10:30 AM at Fricke Calvert Schrader Funeral Home in Mt Pulaski with Rev. David Ramirez officiating. Visitation will be from 9 to 10:30 A.M. prior to the service on Tuesday. Burial will be in Mt. Pulaski Cemetery with full military rites by Mt. Pulaski American Legion Post #447. Memorials may be made to the Zion Lutheran Church in Mt Pulaski.

**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 17, 2012

Deceased Name: Debra Dee Ackerman

LINCOLN - Debra Dee Ackerman, 58, passed away at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at her home.

Debra was **born** on October 11, 1953, daughter of Darrell Dean and Mary Lou Rau Mills. She was a RN, BSN, Pain Management Service coordinator and a Surgical Staff Nurse at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital for 37 years. She married Donald Wayne Ackerman on June 1, 2002 at Weldon Springs State Park in Clinton, IL. He survives her.

Also surviving are her parents of Clinton, IL, one son Adam (Kelly) Butts of Effingham, IL; one daughter Amy (Chris) Davenport of Lincoln; two brothers: David (Paula) Mills of Clinton and their children Marc, Carey and Jon; Daniel (Sharon) Mills of Clinton, IL, and their children Anna, Erica, Sarah and Leah; one brother-in-law Ron (Deb) Ackerman and their children Chris and Craig, and one sister-in-law Susie (David) Starkel of St. Johns, AZ and their children Mike and Missy.

Memorial services will be Saturday June 2, 2012 at 1:30 PM at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. Memorials may be made to the Dewitt County 4H or Springfield Memorial Home Services Hospice.

**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 17, 2012

Deceased Name: Elizabeth "Betty" Litherland

NORMAL - Elizabeth "Betty" Litherland, 72, of Normal, passed away at 11:05 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at Maple Ridge Care Centre in Lincoln.

She was **born** March 27, 1940 in New Holland, IL, daughter of Claus and Edith Trepel Wibben. She married Joseph "Joe" Litherland on August 16, 1990 in Clinton.

Surviving are her husband of Normal; two sons, Mark (Lena) Newby of Hartsburg, IL and Scott (Brenda) Newby of Clarksdale, IL; one daughter, Marla Wampler of Springfield, IL; 11 grandchildren, Kris, Danny & Jayden Newby, Jessie Rawlins, Joshua and Roni Wampler, Joshua, Alisha and Nathan Hawthorne and Austin and William Newby. Also surviving are one great-grandchild, Aidan Donavan; two sisters, Nancy Ritterbush of Hartsburg and Ruth (Larry) Reinhart of Bloomington; three brothers, Herman (Marty) Wibben of Emden, Duane (Barbara) Wibben and John (Pamela) Wibben of Tremont and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Margaret Conrady.

Betty was a 1958 graduate of Hartsburg-Emden High School. She enjoyed quilting and crafting and was a member of New Life Fellowship Church in Bloomington.

She worked as a nursing assistant and caregiver with LIFE-CIL in Bloomington-Normal area.

Funeral services will be held at 12noon on Friday, May 18, 2012 at East Lawn Funeral Home, where visitation will be one hour prior to services. Entombment will be at East Lawn Memorial Gardens Mausoleum, Bloomington.

Memorial contributions may be made to New Life Fellowship Church, Bloomington.

**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 18, 2012

Deceased Name: Orville Eugene Boyd

LINCOLN - Orville "Gene" Eugene Boyd, 70, of Lincoln passed away on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at 9:45 p.m. at Bella Vista Care Center in Peoria Heights.

Graveside Services for Mr. Boyd will be held on Monday, May 21, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at Harmony Cemetery in rural Beason, Illinois with Father Dave Klug officiating.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, May 20, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Orville Eugene Boyd was **born** on February 16, 1942 in Lincoln the son of Donald and Lucille Ollis Boyd.

He is survived by his children: Greg (Meg) Boyd of Waterville, Maine, Robert (LaVonna) Boyd of Lincoln, Tammy (Ron) Miller of Bethlam, Pennsylvania, Rhonda Coers of Normal.

Also surviving are two brothers: Ray Boyd of Bloomington, Don "Ted" Boyd of Leroy, and several grandchildren.

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

He was a self employed Truck Driver and also drove a semi for Boise-Cascade in Lincoln.

In lieu of flowers the family asks for you to send flowers to your loved ones.

Memorials may be made to the 1st Baptist Church of Lincoln.

**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 19, 2012

Deceased Name: Phyllis Jeanne Blaum

NEW HOLLAND - Phyllis Jeanne Blaum, age 78, of New Holland, IL died May 16, 2012 at 10:10 PM at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, IL, after a brief encounter with pulmonary fibrosis.

She was **born** on August 12, 1933 in New Holland, IL; daughter of Carl Curtis and Ruth Mountjoy Hawes. She married Raymond "Jack" Blaum on July 6, 1952 in New Holland, IL. He survives. Phyllis is survived by two sons: Curtis (Waynetta) Blaum and Brian Craig (Cheryl) Blaum both of Bettendorf, IA; one daughter Wendy (Tim) Custis of Washington, IL; one brother Jim (Joanne) Hawes of New Holland, IL; two sisters: Mildred (Robert) Struebing of New Holland, IL and Marjorie Hawes of Lincoln, IL; eight grandchildren: Matthew (Alaina) Blaum, Michael (Samantha) Blaum, Courtney (Aaron) Vercler, Cameron (Kristen) Custis, Collin Custis, Jessica Blaum, Jackie Blaum, Nicki Blaum; and six great-grandchildren. Phyllis was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters: Mary Nell Osborn and Helen Betzelberger.

Phyllis was retired from the New Holland-Middletown School District after serving many years as a music teacher. She was a wonderful, kind hearted woman, touching the lives of many by sharing her enthusiasm for music; by performing, teaching lessons, and directing. She never missed the opportunity to be involved in the lives of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She will always be remembered for her unique ability to "modify" a song to fit any occasion.

Phyllis' service will be Monday May 21, 2012 at 10:30 AM at the New Holland United Methodist Church with Rev. Becky Barrows officiating. Visitation will be 1:00 PM to 5:00PM Sunday May 20, 2012 at Fricke Calvert Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. Burial will be at Richmond Grove Cemetery in New Holland, IL. Memorials may be made to the Phyllis J. Blaum Music Scholarship Fund in care of New Holland Banking Center.

**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 19, 2012

Deceased Name: Larry D. Medaris

DECATUR - Larry D. Medaris, 73, of Decatur formerly of Mt. Pulaski died at 10:15 P.M. Thursday, May 17, 2012 at Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Larry was **born** on January 21, 1939 in Decatur, IL to Dale and Virginia Totten Medaris. He married Nancy Bolsen on August 7, 1960 in Bement, IL. She preceded him in death on July 23, 1970. He married Judith D. Leever on July 4, 1971 in Beason, IL. She survives.

Also surviving are seven children, Penny (Chuck) Fricke of Lincoln, IL, Pam (Jim) Brown of Beason, IL, Jan (Frank) Marsaglia of Thayer, IL, Tim (Mary) Southerlan of Mt. Pulaski, IL, Jack (Deb) Medaris of Blue Bell, PA, Jill (Brian) McElyea of Fleming Island, FL, Jennifer (Steve Cekander) Medaris of Mt.

Pulaski, IL, one sister Ellen (Ralph) Zoch of Bement, IL, twenty grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister Janet.

Larry was an agent and Country Financial representative for many years. Larry had been a multi-line agent with Country Financial in Mt. Pulaski for 26 years and was a member of the Macon/Piatt/Dewitt/Logan Agency of Country Financial. As a current member, and past President, of the NAIFA-Decatur Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors, he was active in the profession for 39 years. He received his Fellow of Life Underwriting Training Council (LUTCF) from The American College in 2002, and was an Investment Solutions Representative with County Trust Bank in Bloomington, IL. Larry earned his Financial Services Specialist (FSS) Designation in May 2008. He was a member of the Mt. Pulaski Christian Church where he served as a deacon for several years, being the Secretary of the Deacons Board as well as Chairman of the Deacons Board in 1990. He was also a member of the Gideon's.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 A.M. Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at the Mt. Pulaski Christian Church with Mark Weber officiating. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 P.M. Monday evening at the Mt. Pulaski Christian Church Family Life Center. Burial will be at Steenbergen Cemetery, Mt. Pulaski. Memorials may be made to The Gideon's, the Bri's Endless Horizon Playground for Disabled in honor of his granddaughter Brienna, or The Mt. Pulaski Christian Church.

**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 23, 2012

Deceased Name: Paul E. "Slick" Gordon

ATLANTA - Paul E. "Slick"

Gordon, 64, of Atlanta, passed away on Monday, May 21, 2012, at 10:22 a.m. at his home in Atlanta.

A visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 24, 2012, at Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home.

Cremation rites will be accorded.

Paul Edward Gordon was **born** December 16, 1947, in McLean, the son of James and Velma Smith Gordon. He married Janet Naffziger on February 9, 1984. She survives.

Surviving Mr. Gordon are his wife, Janet, of McLean; four daughters:

Kim (Davey) West of Waynesville, Tammy (Matt) Bode of Atlanta, Misty Snyder of Pekin and Gina Small of Bloomington; four sisters: Kathryn Marlett, Irene (Ben) Melton and Connie (Paul) Moran, all of McLean and Louise Tuggle of Clinton; nine grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers: Charles "Bussy" Gordon, Cecil Gordon and James William "Silent" Gordon; and by his parents.

Paul had been employed by PPG and then worked at local taverns as a bartender. He also served our country in the U.S. Army.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Final arrangements are entrusted with QuiramPeasley Funeral Home.



**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 23, 2012

Deceased Name: Shirley Rose Brown

WARRENSBURG - Shirley Rose Brown, 76, of Warrensburg, IL, passed from this world to be with Jesus, her husband, parents, brothers and sisters in Heaven on May 21, 2012 in Indianapolis, Indiana, surrounded by her family who loved her dearly.

Visitation will be from 5-7 PM Thursday, May 24, 2012 at Brintlinger and Earl Funeral Home in Decatur. Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM on Friday, May 25, 2012 at Brintlinger and Earl Funeral Home in Decatur with Pastor Travis Bodden officiating. Burial will follow in Boiling Springs Cemetery. Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln is in charge of arrangements.

Shirley was **born** April 22, 1936 in Herrick, Illinois to Elijah and Velma (Warren) Sarver. She married Derald A. Brown July 25, 1954 in Decatur, Illinois. He preceded her in death November 22, 2001.

Shirley is survived by her children Scott (Dawn) Brown of Lincoln, Illinois, Kathy (Rick) Fite of Warrensburg, Illinois, and Sarah (Donovan) Laco of Decatur, Illinois. Grandchildren; Karey (Rob) Vacca of Heyworth, Andy Brown of Lincoln, Taylor Wood of Warrensburg, Spencer Laco of Decatur, Loan (Binh) Nguyen of Lincoln, Thao (Michael) Mayberry of Atlanta, and Rick Fite, Jr. of Decatur. Great Grandchildren; Jessica Nguyen and Christopher Duong of Lincoln, Ayden and Michael Vacca of Heyworth, Chase and Emily Mayberry of Atlanta, and R.J. and Jaret Fite of Harristown. Also surviving are sisters Rubye (Wayne) Peckert and Joann Brewer, brothers Bob (Ursula) Sarver and Roger (Marilyn) Sarver, sister in laws Ruth (Charles) Hilliard and Lolela Freeman along with several loved nieces and nephews.

Shirley dedicated her entire life to her family. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was affectionately called "Old Grandma" by her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Shirley loved to see her family smile when all gathered together for holiday festivities and would spend her last dime to achieve this. Shirley stayed active and was a hard worker up to her last day on this earth.

She was equally devoted to a very special group of friends from Warrensburg who regularly played cards, ate out, traveled and visited the "River Boat".

Shirley was loved and admired by everyone around her. She will be sorely missed, but has left pleasant memories of dedication to family and friends that will often bring smiles to all who knew her.

**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 23, 2012

Deceased Name: Lorraine Jeckel

DELAVAN - Lorraine Jeckel, of Delavan, passed away at 9:35 p.m. Saturday, May 19, 2012, at Hopedale Nursing Home, where she had been a resident since January of this year.

Named Mary Angeline Lorraine, she was **born** in Tazewell County on March 28, 1915, to Don and Nettie Dickson Leach. Her primary and secondary education took place in Armington schools. She graduated from Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Peoria on September 25, 1938, and just a few hours later on that same day, she married Nelson B. Jeckel, in Emden. He preceded her in death on December 14, 1995. She was also preceded in death by her son, Rodney L. Jeckel, on April 7, 1979.

Survivors include one sister, Eleanor Burt of Delavan, a daughter-in-law, Sue (Dick) Byrd of Delavan, a daughter, Nancy Oates (Ron Clauser) of Waynesville, NC, and five grandchildren: Doug Jeckel of Delavan, Steve (Jacque) Jeckel of Pekin, Matt Byrd of Washington, Heather (Steven) Wheeler of Danville, KY, and Kate (Dustin) Smucker-Oates of Bloomington, IN. In addition, there are ten great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

In 1953, Nelson and Lorraine moved to Delavan and established Jeckel Plumbing & Heating. They became great promoters of the town during their active years. Lorraine also served the community as City Treasurer for several terms. She will be remembered for her love of nature, especially for flowers and birds, her spirit of generosity, and her signature angel food cake, which she lovingly baked and gifted to many.

Her funeral will be at 10:00 a.m. Friday, May 25, 2012, at First Presbyterian Church in Delavan. Rev. Paul Kucera will officiate. Visitation will be from 5 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 24, at Davis Mortuary in Delavan. Interment will be in Prairie Rest Cemetery in Delavan. Memorials contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church or to the Prairie Rest Cemetery Maintenance Fund.

**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 23, 2012

Deceased Name: Steven D. Taylor

LINCOLN - Steven D. Taylor, 61, Lincoln, IL, passed away at 10:22 AM Monday, May 21, 2012 at his residence in Lincoln, IL. Graveside Services will be 11 AM Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at Evergreen Cemetery, Waynesville, IL with J. Kent Hickerson officiating and with Military Honors. There will be no visitation. Memorials may be made to the Waynesville American Legion. Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, IL is in charge of arrangements.

Steven was **born** on Nov. 9, 1950 in Monticello, IL, the son of Arlen and Hazel Irene Lowery Taylor. He first married Marilyn and later married Sherry. They both survive.

Steven is also survived by his mother, Hazel Irene Taylor of Clinton, IL; 2 sons, Michael (Paula) Taylor of Lincoln, IL and Terry (Mandy) Taylor of Indiana; sister, Linda (Dick Wagers) Schmid - Clinton, IL and brother, Jim (Judy) Taylor of Clinton, IL; 2 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Arlen; brother, Dale and 1 nephew.

He was a veteran of the US Marine Corp, serving from 1968-1972.

He enjoyed mushroom hunting and spending time with his friends at Lawndale.

**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 24, 2012

Deceased Name: David Lawrence Leaser

HENDRICKS, MN - David L. Leaser, age 70, of Hendricks, MN and formally from Lincoln and Armington, Illinois, passed away at his home in Hendricks on Sunday, May 13, 2012.

Burial of his cremated remains will be at the Oakview Cemetery in Armington, IL at a later date.

David Lawrence Leaser was **born** July 25, 1941 in Oak Park, Illinois to parents Lawrence and Louise (Kimes) Leaser. He graduated from Hittle Township High School in 1959.

He was united in marriage to Cinda Randolph on April 4, 2006 in Lincoln, IL. David worked for Terminix Pest Control for numerous years and he also drove truck for many years.

David enjoyed woodworking and bowling. He also enjoyed his time spent with his pets.

Grateful for having shared David's life is his wife Cinda Leaser of Hendricks, MN; his four children, David (Kelly) Leaser of Kalispell, MT, John (Lisa) Leaser of Springfield, IL, Jason (Dana) Leaser of Lincoln, IL, Michelle Leaser of Springfield, IL; twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; three sisters, Donna Marie Duran of Prescott, AZ, Loretta Louise Darnell of Atlanta, IL and Judy Flemming of Moberly, MO; two beloved dogs, Amos Moses and Sammy; two feline friends, Lucky and Pooka and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents, grandparents and one brother, Charles Leaser.

**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 24, 2012

Deceased Name: Russell C. Melroy

LINCOLN - Russell C. Melroy, 80, of Lincoln passed away on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at 7:50 a.m. Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Funeral Services for Mr. Melroy will be held on Friday, May 25, 2012 at 11:00 a.m. at the Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln.

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

Burial will be in Zion Cemetery in Lincoln.

Russell Charles Melroy was **born** on September 24, 1931 in Des Moines, Iowa the son of Charles and Alice Shaw Melroy. He married Elaine Shoots on November 8, 1962. She preceded him in death on September 21, 1995.

Surviving Mr. Melroy are his children: Ricky L. Melroy of Hillsboro, Roxanna (Charles) Henderson and Dianna (Randy) Whiteman all of Lincoln, one sister: Marie Layman of Killeen, TX. Also surviving are several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, and two brothers.

Mr. Melroy served as a paratrooper in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

He retired from the GM & O railroad as a section hand.

He was a member of the Lincoln Christian Church.

Memorials may be made to his family.

**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 24, 2012

Deceased Name: Glenna Kathryn Smith

MASON CITY - Glenna Kathryn Smith, 101, of Mason City, formerly of San Jose, passed away May 23, 2012 at the Mason City Area Nursing Home. She was **born** October 28, 1910 the daughter of Edgar and Vannie (Romine) Woll in San Jose, IL. She married Paul B. Smith in June 1934 in Farmington, IL.

Glenna is survived by four nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two brothers: Leland Woll and Stanley Woll, two sisters: Lillian Kuhn and Shirley Imig and a niece and nephew.

Glenna was a 25-30 year member of Eastern Star. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in San Jose. She graduated high school and attended ISNU a teaching college for two and a half years. She was a member of the Abraham Lincoln Hospital auxiliary, working at the Pink Shutter in Lincoln for 40 years and volunteering for many more years.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 26, 2012 at the United Methodist Church in San Jose at 10:00 am.

Visitation will be on Friday, May 25, 2012 from 5-7 also at the church. Memorial donations may be left to San Jose Fire and Rescue or her church. Hurley Funeral Home in San Jose is in charge of the arrangements.

**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 24, 2012

Deceased Name: Mary M. Zielinski

CAVE CREEK, AZ - Mary M. Zielinski (nee Durski) **Born** to Eternal Life May 13, 2012 at the age of 89 years while residing in Arizona. Beloved wife of the late Richard Zielinski. Loving mother of Kathleen Jones (the late John Jones) of Michigan, Richard (Marcia) Zielinski of Arizona and Donna Zielinski of Arizona. Dear grandmother of Kelli (Rik) Mayer and Bret (Julie) Zielinski and great grandmother of Austin and Alex Mayer and Jett Zielinski. Further survived by other relatives and friends.

Mary was a former employee of the Lincoln Courier. In lieu of flowers, Memorials to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718 or Little Sisters of the Poor, 930 S. Wynn Road, Oregon, OH 43616-3530 would be appreciated.

The Celebration of the Memorial Mass of Christian Burial took place at the BASILICA OF ST. JOSAPHAT, Milwaukee, WI on Monday, May 21, 2012 with Inurnment following at St. Adalbert Cemetery, Milwaukee, WI.

**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 29, 2012

Deceased Name: George W. Isham

LINCOLN - George W.

Isham, 76, of Lincoln, passed away May 22, 2012 in Monahans, Texas into his Heavenly Father's open arms.

Visitation will be Friday, June 1 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm with the funeral following at Lincoln Christian Church. Burial will follow at Lucas Chapel Cemetery. Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

George was **born** on August 28, 1935 in Whitehall, Illinois, the son of George and Mary (Malin) Isham. He married Betty L.

Keim on April 21, 1961 at Lincoln Christian Church.

He was a member of Lincoln Christian Church for 50 years and served as co-superintendent of the Sunday School, helped with the youth, and served as a deacon and an elder. He loved helping with various programs around the church including the Harvest of Talents and helping with the Walk for the Crisis Pregnancy Center. He was always willing to be of service in the Family of God and to serve his Heavenly Father.

George worked as a barber for 20 years at Lincoln Development Center. He drove for Capitol Tours for 9 years, as well as, worked as a janitor for school programs at LDC and West Lincoln Broadwell. He also drove a school bus for Chester East and West Lincoln Broadwell Schools.

Surviving are his wife, Betty, of Lincoln, his daughter Denise Hicks (Greg) of Monahans, Texas and his son Roger Isham (Julie) of South Elgin, Illinois. He also has 7 grandchildren:

Michael Hicks, Danica Hicks and fiance Julian Hernandez, Haylie Hicks, and Ashley Ceballos (Anthony) all of Monahans, Texas, and Taylor, Austin, and Emma Li Isham of South Elgin, Illinois. Three brothers - John Isham (Doris) of Whitehall, IL, Jack Isham (Janet) of Hillview, IL, and Melvin (Alice) of Carrollton, IL. Two sisters - Mary Lawson and Virginia Adams both of Whitehall, IL.

George was preceded in death by 2 grandchildren:

Andrew and Grace Isham and by 3 brothers Everett, Frank and Bob Isham.

George was an ardent St.

Louis Cardinal Baseball and Chicago Bear football fan.

He was a loving and caring husband, father, and grandpa.

He will be missed by many.

Memorials can be made to the Lincoln Christian Church Building Fund.



**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 30, 2012

Deceased Name: Ronald E. Frakes, Sr.

LINCOLN - Ronald E. Frakes, Sr. of Lincoln, died May 27, 2012 at home surrounded by his loving family.

Visitation will be 11:00 AM until 12:30 PM Thursday, May 31, 2012 at Lincoln Church of God.

Funeral services will be Thursday, May 31, 2012 at 1:00 PM also at the church with Pastor Doug Bowers officiating. Burial will follow in New Union Cemetery, Lincoln. Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln is handling arrangements.

Ronald was **born** November 19, 1938 in Middletown, IL, the son of Ernest L. and Bessie (Graham) Frakes. He married Margaret Gannon September 1, 1972. They were happily married for 38 years and raised four daughters together.

Surviving are his wife Margaret of Lincoln; children: Ron Frakes, Jr. of Beason, IL, Shiela Frakes of Florida, Connie Purdue of Lincoln, IL, Tammy (Mike) O'Brien of Emden, IL, Dana Heyen of Middletown, IL, and Erica Frakes-Stagnolia of Lincoln, IL. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, sister Zelma Angelista of Arkansas, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 2 sisters.

Ron worked at MII for 28 years while also being a gunsmith for many years.

He enjoyed making muzzleloaders along with accessories and refurbishing long stock guns. He also enjoyed woodworking by hand in his own home.

He made things like a traditional step stool for each of his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He loved honoring our veterans and was extremely faithful to the beliefs of the NRA: the right to bear arms and freedom of speech. Most importantly, Ron and his beloved wife Margaret enjoyed celebrating Independence Day by shooting a display of fireworks with the National Anthem and Taps playing in the background followed by a speech for the veterans given by his daughter.

He celebrated 38 years for the veterans and for our freedom. All of this showed his appreciation for his and our freedom.

Please remember the good times you had with Ron and that you are not saying goodbye, you are just parting until at another time and in another place you will see each other again. See you soon. He is on his greatest journey and is watching over all of his loved ones. He was a beloved son, brother, husband, papa, and most of all beloved Father he didn't have to be.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's or to the NRA.

**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL ) - May 30, 2012**

Deceased Name: Edna Margaret White

SPRINGFIELD - Edna M. White, 88, of Springfield, died May 26, 2012 at her residence. Edna was **born** September 12, 1923, in Newton, IL, the daughter of John S. and Tressa Gordon Woods. She married Lowell C. White on September 16, 1939, and he preceded her in death in 2006.

Edna was a co-laborer in ministry with her husband, Lowell, serving United Methodist Churches throughout the Central Illinois Conference, what is now the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Specific congregations include Humboldt, Macon, Chrisman, Pleasant Plains, Buffalo, Mechanicsburg, Emden, Hartsburg, Fairmount and Sidell. After their retirement in June, 1983 they attended the Oblong United Methodist Church, The Mound United Methodist Church, and the Springfield First United Methodist Church. Edna was a member of the Cantrall United Methodist Church.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Nellie Yarnell, and two brothers, Eugene and John Woods. She is survived by five sons, Edward (wife, Euphemia) White of Springfield, Loren Keith (wife, Bonnie) White of Pompano Beach, FL, Gary (wife, Ellen) of Springfield, Jerry, (wife, Debbie) of Carrollton, TX, Robert Dale, (wife, Gail) of Niantic; two daughters, Tressa (husband, Dietrich) Bischof, of Salzburg, Austria, Linda (husband, Thomas) Dillon of Springfield, IL; 17 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Visitation was 5 - 7 pm Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at Staab Funeral Home.

Funeral Service: 10:00 am Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at Staab Funeral Home with Jerry White and Reverend Robert Ervin officiating.

Graveside Service: 3:00 pm Wednesday, May 29, 2012 at Mound Cemetery in Willow Hill, IL.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Preachers Aid Society of the United Methodist Church.

**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 31, 2012

Deceased Name: Leo McIntosh

LINCOLN - Leo McIntosh, 78, of Lincoln passed away at 10:45 A.M on Monday, May 28 2012 at his home surrounded by his whole family. Leo was a retired factory laborer.

Leo was **born** on December 3, 1933 to Curtiss and Elizabeth Hayes McIntosh in Hazard KY. He married Cathy Butler on June 15, 1984 in Jacksonville, IL. She survives in Lincoln. Other survivors include: children; Ronald McIntosh of Lincoln; Rosanna (Michael) Terry of Austin, IN; Owen McIntosh of Lincoln; Tyson McIntosh of Lincoln; Diane (Nick) McKeever of Edwards, IL; Curt McIntosh of Lincoln, IL; Katie McIntosh of Decatur; and Sean McIntosh of Lincoln; mother-in-law: Beulah Butler of Versailles, IL; 13 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; and many close cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister in infancy, and 2 sons in 1976, Jeffrey and Michael McIntosh. Leo's whole world was his family, grandchildren, and gardening.

Leo loved his "Cat" as he called his wife, and his family was his greatest joy.

Leo loved to joke with family and friends.

Services will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 1, 2012 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln with Dr. Robert Kurka officiating. Visitation will be two hours prior (4:00-6:00 p.m.) Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials may be given to the family.

**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 31, 2012

Deceased Name: Laura B. Green

LINCOLN - Laura B.

Green, 88, of Lincoln passed away at 11:05 A.M. on Tuesday May 29, 2012 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

Laura was **born** on April 27, 1924 to Edgar and Ruth Ware Britton in Rochester, IL. She married Estle G.

Green and he preceded her in death. Laura is survived by her sons: Estle Lee Green, Randy Green, Stuart Green, and Harlan Green; 6 grandchildren; and 12 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and 2 brothers.

Laura's wishes were to be cremated.

Arrangements will be handled by Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln.

**Courier, The (Lincoln, IL )** - May 31, 2012

Deceased Name: Russell Dallas McBryant

BELL BUCKLE, TN - Russell Dallas McBryant 71, of Bell Buckle, TN, originally from Lincoln, IL, died Thursday, May 17, 2012.

The deceased was **born** in Lincoln, IL, on April 19, 1941 the son of Russell and Helen McBryant who preceded him in death. He married Betty Jean Houghton on October 24, 1959 who survives and resides in Bell Buckle, TN.

Also surviving is his son, Mark McBryant of Wartrace TN, daughter, Dianna Holman of Apopka, FL, two sisters, Helen Parker of Beason, IL, Dolores Eads of Hartsburg, IL, and five Granddaughters.

Dallas was a member of Local #32 Bricklayers Masons, and Plaster's Union. Services have been held in TN, and a memorial service will be held in Lincoln, IL. Date will be announced. Contact information dholman@cumberlandfarms.com or mail Betty McBryant at: Box #204, Bell Buckle, TN 37020.

Dallas touched many hearts and will be greatly missed by all.