

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 1, 2013

Deceased Name: Lois Marilyn Hinman Cox

EMDEN-Lois Marilyn Hinman Cox, 81, passed away at home in Emden, IL Saturday, December 29, 2012 at 8:06 p.m.

Lois was **born** on June 15, 1931 at her parent's home in rural Bardolph, IL.

She was the daughter of Ross and Rose Thorman Hinman. She married Robert Markley on September 4, 1948. She later married Rev. Henry L.

Cox on July 31, 1966.

She is survived by two sisters, Margaret (Bernard) Lewis of Colchester, IL, Reta Foley of Macomb, IL; one brother, Wade (Barbara) Hinman of Macomb, IL; six sons. Dale (Stacey) Markley of Macomb, IL, Jerry (Vicki) Markley of Table Grove, IL, David (Jacqueline) Cox of Newberg, OR, Mark (Angie) Cox of St. Pete's Beach, FL, Matthew (Linda) Cox of Peoria, IL, Kevin (Mary) Cox of Davenport, IA; three daughters, Patricia (Stephen) Sparks of Emden, IL, Donna (Mike) Ewing of Macomb, IL, Lynn Gregory of Moline, IL; twenty grandchildren; thirty-eight great grandchildren; four great - grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Henry; her brother-in-law, Robert Foley; and two granddaughters, JoLee Cox and Kelly Cox.

Lois grew up on a farm near Bardolph, IL with her parents and siblings. She attended a one room school house for grade school with her brother and sisters. She graduated valedictorian from Bardolph High School in 1948. After their marriage, she and Bob rented a home in Bardolph. They later moved to a farm outside of town where they lived along with their children until a tornado destroyed the family home.

In 1966, she married Rev. Henry Cox and moved into the Methodist parsonage in Bushnell, along with Hank's six kids. Together, they served churches at Cambridge, State Road, Emden, Hartsburg, and Colfax until his retirement in 1987. After retirement, they returned to Emden where they spent their remaining years. Retirement was short-lived as Preacher Hank began serving the Middletown United Methodist Church in 1989, a post he served until he passed away in October, 2004. Lotie remained a member of their church, still printing the bulletin and newsletters, until her passing.

Lotie was very involved with the United Methodist Women over the years, serving many different offices at both the local and district levels. She also served as Hank's church secretary for many years. She taught both Sunday and Bible school for years, as well as serving at church camps and work mission trips. When the Middletown United Methodist Women dissolved their unit, they founded the Helping Hands, which often met at her house to sew lap robes and other items for area nursing homes.

Family was always a big part of her life. She loved family get-togethers in the "Great Room". Games and always lots of food were standards at her house, where everyone was welcome.

Funeral service will be Friday, January 4 at 10:00 a.m. at Middletown United Methodist Church with Rev. Robert Ervin officiating. Burial will be in Bethel Cemetery, rural Emden, IL. visitation will be Thursday, January 3, 2013 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, IL.

Memorials may be made to Middletown United Methodist Church and/or Emden Fire and Rescue.

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Deceased Name: Charles F. Willmert

LEWISTOWN - Charles F.

Willmert age 88, of 721 W. Ave G, passed away at 7:12 PM Monday December 31, 2012 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

He was **born** August 6, 1924 at Atlanta, IL; the son of Jacob and Cora (Camper) Willmert. He married Camilla Ann Miller on June 26, 1968 at Springfield. She survives. Also surviving are two daughters Mecia Willmert of Lewistown, and Susan (George) Lang of Dunfermline, one grandson Scott Lang of Dunfermline, two brothers Frank Willmert of Plymouth, MN; and Weldon "Pete" Willmert of Lincoln, three sisters Anita Hopp, Iona Boward, and Nola (Harrison) Turley all of Lincoln. He was preceded in death by his parents, one infant son, one daughter Paulette Worth, one brother, and one sister.

Charles retired after many years from Sheers Auto in Lincoln. He was a WWII Army Veteran.

Cremation will be accorded. A memorial service will be held at 10:00 AM Monday January 7, 2013 at the Henry-Lange Memorial Home in Lewistown with Reverend Deryck Sonaram officiating. There will be no visitation. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lewistown Food Pantry. Online condolences may be made at www.henrylange.com

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Deceased Name: Kenneth E. Bakken

BETHALTO - Kenneth E. Bakken, 53, passed away at 2:45 am on Sunday, December 30, 2012 at Alton Memorial Hospital.

He was **born** July 20, 1959 in Dekalb, IL, the son of Peter H. and Leona M. (Fleck) Bakken Sr.

He married Becky Stewart on July 1, 1985 in Whitley City, Kentucky. She survives.

Kenneth served his country in the U.S. Marines. He was a truck driver for Conway Trucking.

He was a member of Faith Fellowship in Alton. He was the ultimate Chicago Bears fan and he enjoyed camping, motorcycles and golfing.

In addition to his wife of Bethalto and his father of Lincoln, IL, he is survived by his siblings and sisters-in-law, Leonard and Rita Bakken of Lincoln, IL, Theresa and Mike Shafiabady of Kankakee, IL, Peter and Denise Bakken Jr of Shabbona, IL, Charles and Jeannine Bakken of Beason, IL and Roger and Jeannie Bakken of Broadwell, IL; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Missy and Roger Prior of Riverton, IL and several nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother and a daughter, Lindsey Bakken-James.

A memorial visitation will be from 4:00 until services at 7:00 pm on Thursday, January 3, 2013 at Elias, Kallal & Schaaf Funeral Home in Bethalto with Pastor Daymond Talkington officiating.

Private burial will be at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto.

Memorials may be made to the Kayden Stephenson College Fund in care of the 1st National Bank.

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Deceased Name: Albert Durchholz

ELKHART - Albert Durchholz, 89, of Elkhart passed away on Tuesday, January 1, 2013 at 1:15 p.m. St. Clara's Manor in Lincoln.

A Mass of Christian Burial service will be held on Saturday, January 5, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Elkhart with Rev. Simon Taabu officiating. Visitation will be held on Friday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln.

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

A Rosary Service will be held at 4:45 p.m. prior to the visitation.

Burial will be in Elkhart Cemetery in Elkhart.

Albert Durchholz was **born** on October 2, 1923 in Latham the son of Maurice Frank and Mary Margaret Roberts Durchholz. He married Agnes Marie Fitzgibbons on July 23, 1951 in Elkhart. She survives.

Also surviving are his six children: Robert A. of Elkhart, Cecelia A. (Mike) Durst of Columbia, S.C., Jeanne M. (Rick) **Born** of Columbia, S.C., Gary A. (Alicia) of Williamsville, Daniel (Teresa) of Elkhart, Nancy K. Durchholz of Maroa, Twelve Grandchildren, Four Great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother: Frederick Durchholz who was killed during WWII in France, one granddaughter: Maura Durchholz.

Albert graduated from the Elkhart High School in 1941. He began farming as a boy and continued farming his entire life.

In addition, during WWII, he worked at the Sangamon Ordnance Plant, ammunition factory near Illiopolis. He had special interest in sports, and coached his children in little league baseball. He was lifelong and avid St. Louis Cardinal fan and followed University of Illinois basketball teams.

He was a long-time Logan County Farm Bureau Board member and served as a member of the Elkhart School System. He was known for his expertise in Illinois Watch Company railroad-grade pocket watches and was an original member of the Illinois Watch Company Collectors Association.

Later in life, Albert converted to Catholicism, becoming Catholic in 2011.

In addition to being a loving husband and beloved father, grandfather and great grandfather, Albert was a trusted and loyal friend to many. He did not know a stranger. He loved life, his family and will be forever missed.

In Lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Patrick's Church of Elkhart or to the American Stroke Association.

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Deceased Name: Barbara L. Otto

LINCOLN - Barbara L. Otto, 69, of Lincoln passed away January 3, 2013 at The Christian Village in Lincoln surrounded by her loving family.

A Memorial service will be held on Monday, January 7, 2013 at 1:00 PM at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln with Henry Johnson and Dustin Fulton officiating.

Barbara was **born** September 12, 1943 in Streator IL., the daughter of Robert "Buck" Long and Alveda "Ollie" (Rich) Long.

She retired from the IL Department of Corrections after 25 years of service.

Barbara was a faithful member of Jefferson Street Christian Church in Lincoln, the Oasis Senior Center, and The Red Hat Society.

She enjoyed playing bingo and traveling with her friends from the Oasis.

Surviving are her mother, her daughter Shannon Engelmann of Lincoln, son Stephen Bart Allen of Decatur, grandsons Zachary Engelmann and Kaleb Allen, special friend Milt Hoskins of Streator, brother Bill Long of Havana, and sisters Marilyn Kirby of Atlanta, Diane Peifer of Waynesville, and Laura Benedict of Lincoln.

She was preceded on death by her father and her sister Shirley Terrell.

Memorials may be made to Jefferson Street Christian Church or to the Oasis Senior Center and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Deceased Name: Paul I. Schrader

LINCOLN - Paul I. Schrader, 84, of Lincoln, III., went home to be with the Lord on Friday, Jan. 4, 2013.

A Memorial Service for Mr. Schrader will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2013, at 11 a.m. at the Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln with Mr. Michael Drake officiating.

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

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Paul Ivan Schrader was **born** on Aug. 11, 1928, in rural Logan County, the son of Clarence William and Fern Blaum Schrader. He first married Carol French. He later married Patricia Rogers. They both preceded him in death.

Surviving Paul are his daughter, Nancy J. Fetke of Ohio; son, Douglas (Terry) Schrader of Palatine, III.; two sisters, Ann Miller and Kay (Ron) Jones both of Lincoln; three brothers, C. Wayne (Marlene) Schrader, Ron Schrader both of Lincoln, and Herbert (Virginia) Schrader of Arizona.

Also surviving are six grandchildren, Joy Murphy, Jill M. (Michael) Sprague, Steven D. (Keiko) Schrader, Richard (Christin) Schrader, Daniel C. Schrader, and Kristin L. (Max) Rosner; seven great-grandchildren, Matthew, Cynthia, Victoria, Olivia, Amber, Riley, and Airi; and two great-great-grandchildren, Marie and Makayla.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Clarence William Frederick "Jamer" Schrader; and one sister, Lois Schrader.

Memorials may be made to American Legion Post #263 or to his family.

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Deceased Name: Iola Gehlbach

LINCOLN - Iola Gehlbach, 96, died at 10:14 a.m. on Saturday, January 5, 2013, at her home.

Frances Iola Gehlbach was **born** on May 12, 1916, a daughter of Clemens "Clem" and Anna Fink Garton. As a child, she rode her horse around the neighborhood, collecting news for her father to put in his newspaper column, "East O' Town." After graduating from Lincoln Community High School and Lincoln College, she taught three years at Hatton School, which she had attended as a child.

She was united in marriage to Albert E. Gehlbach on July 30, 1938. He preceded her in death in 2003.

She is survived by two sons: Gerald (Nancy) Gehlbach of Lincoln, Illinois, and Donald (Ann) Gehlbach of Sarasota, Florida; four grandchildren: Dr. Scott Gehlbach (Dr. Maria Belodubrovskaya) of Madison, Wisconsin, Dr.

Brian Gehlbach (Dr. Krista Johnson) of Coralville, Iowa, Chad Gehlbach (Michele Dupre) of Chicago, Illinois, and Jody Agnagian (George) of Bentonville, Arkansas; five great-grandchildren: Emma, Jacob, and Adrian Gehlbach and Lily and Charlie Agnagian; and a sister: Lois (Julian) Schmidt of Mt. Pulaski, Illinois. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, two brothers, and three sisters.

She was a member of St.

John United Church of Christ, where she belonged to the Christian Seekers, Charity Guild, and Pairs 'N Spares. She was a charter member of the Logan County Home Bureau (later Home Extension), and served as president of Chester Unit.

Mrs. Gehlbach was a homemaker and avid supporter of her husband's farming career. She was known as a wonderful hostess, whether entertaining her coffee group or greeting her husband's colleagues during his service as president of the National Pork Producers Council. A lifelong learner with a curious mind, she loved to travel and had a wonderful memory for Logan County events and families. She enjoyed working in her garden, cooking, doing crafts, jigsaw puzzles and jumbles, and watching Illini basketball on TV.

Most of all, however, she was a beloved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, and great-grandmother, who cherished her family.

Services for Mrs.

Gehlbach will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 12, 2013, at St.

John United Church of Christ in Lincoln, Illinois, the Rev. Richard Reinwald officiating. Visitation will be held from 4-7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 11, at the church and one hour before the service on Saturday. Burial will be at Union Cemetery, Lincoln, Illinois. Memorials may be made to St. John United Church of Christ, 204 Seventh St., Lincoln, Illinois.

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Deceased Name: Shirley Ann Tibbs Mitten

SUN CITY, AZ - Shirley Ann Tibbs Mitten, 75, of Sun City, Arizona, formerly of Peoria, died Saturday, December 22, 2012 in Sun City, Arizona. She was **born** on October 28, 1937 in Minier, Illinois. She was the daughter of Harvey A. and Bessie (Stroud) Litwiller. She was first married to Paul Tibbs on June 12, 1955 in Middletown, Illinois, he preceded her in death in 1989 in Peoria, Illinois. She later married John H. Mitten on October 23, 1996 in Las Vegas, Nevada, he survives.

Shirley is survived by two daughters, Shelly McLee of East Peoria and Cindy (Rick) Davis of Chillicothe, Illinois. She has three grandchildren, Amanda (Charles) Allen, Josh (Katie) Gurnsey and Cassie (David) Munoz. Also surviving are four great grandchildren Madison and Sofee Allen, Ariana Bungard and Alex Munoz. She has two sisters Donna (Ralph) Stewart of Vandalia, Illinois and Wanda (Karl) Bloomquist of Mason City, Illinois. Shirley also has three brother in laws, Bob (Joanne) Tibbs of Williamsville, Illinois, Harry (Jonie) Tibbs of Lincoln, Illinois and Ed Tibbs of Middletown, Illinois. She also has one Aunt Inez Litwiller of Sun City, Arizona and several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Shirley worked at Caterpillar Inc. for 30 years where she was the first woman foreman and first woman general foreman at the Mossville, Illinois facility.

She retired as a superintendent in Logistics in 1992. She has been very involved in the Caterpillar Retiree's Club, and also has held several board positions at the Palmbrook Country Club in Sun City, Arizona last serving as Vice President. She was a former member of the University United Methodist Church in Peoria.

Shirley was a beloved wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and friend to everyone she met and will be greatly missed by all.

Funeral services will be Thursday, January 10, 2013 at 11:00 AM at the Davison Fulton Woolsey Wilton Funeral Home in Peoria, Illinois. Shirley's brother in law, Rev. Dr.

Ralph Stewart will officiate.

Visitation will be Wednesday January 9, 2013 from 4 PM until 7 PM at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Swan Lake Memory Gardens in Peoria.

Memorials may be given to the Leukemia Foundation.

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Deceased Name: Edward R. Buffington

LINCOLN - Edward R. Buffington, 54, of Lincoln passed away January 4th, 2013 at Symphony nursing home. A celebration of his life will be held on Sunday, January 20th, 2013 from 3pm-5pm in the dining hall at Friendship Manor in Lincoln.

Edward was **born** on September 26th 1958 in Boise, ID., the son of Delmar (deceased) and Sandra Buffington. He enjoyed watching the Boise State Broncos, Nascar racing and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his mother, his brother Johnny (Mary) Buffington of Phoenix, AZ., his brother Charlie (Leisa) Buffington of Boise, ID., his brother Robert Buffington of Lincoln, his sister Ellie (Mike) Lee of Lincoln, and his half-sister Tammy (Bill) Bass of Caldwell, ID, and his cousin Berni Royster of Boise, ID., who was like a sister. He is also survived by two stepbrothers, four stepsisters, numerous nieces and nephews, three aunts and one uncle.

He was preceded on death by his father, his half sister, Annie, maternal and paternal grandparents.

Memorials may be made to the family or to Hospice and will be accepted at the Celebration of Life.

Burial will be at a later date.

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Deceased Name: Darlene Joyce Craig

SARASOTA, FL - Darlene Joyce Leigh Craig, 80, passed away unexpectedly on August 23, 2012. Formerly of Lincoln, Illinois and a new resident of Sarasota, she has left this world to join her beloved husband of 54 years, Joseph, who predeceased her on July 25, 2011.

Born January 29, 1932 to the late Daphne McDowell Leigh and Harry Leigh in Pana, Illinois, Joyce graduated from Clinton High School, Clinton, IL and St. Elizabeth's School of Nursing in Granite City Illinois in 1953 and became a licensed Registered Nurse. Joyce met the love of her life, Joseph, while working as a nurse stewardess for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company and later married in 1957.

While raising their two daughters Pam and Leigh, Joyce worked as a school nurse for Lincoln Community school district. Joyce was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Lincoln, IL and involved with the Eastern Star and American Lung Association activities. Besides her love for travel, Joyce's greatest joy was the love of her husband, daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Predeceased by her husband Joseph Francis, her brother Charles Jefferson Leigh, sister Jacqueline Giles, and brother Roger Leigh, Joyce is survived by her loving daughters Pamela (Brian) McDermott of Leland, NC, Leigh (Malcolm) Greeno of Osprey, FL, granddaughter Heather (Petr) Vach of Tanzfleck, Germany and their two sons Quade and Zane, granddaughter Shannon (Daryn) Bertelson and their two daughters Audrey and Julia, and grandson Michael McDermott of Leland, NC. In addition, Joyce is survived by her brother Donald (Linda) Leigh, a sister Marilyn (Richard "Shock") Shelby, and a sister Jean (Thomas) Lauman, many nieces and nephews, and remarkably by an Aunt Mildred McDowell, 104, who is the oldest surviving female veteran of WWII.

A small gathering of family and friends took place at Wiegand Brothers Funeral Home in Sarasota, FL on August 28, 2012 followed by burial and prayers at Sarasota National Cemetery.

Please say a prayer for our Mother who left us too early in life and whose absence is so deeply felt every single day.

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Deceased Name: Stanley M. McCombs

PEKIN-Stanley M. McCombs, 85 of Pekin, Illinois, passed away on Monday (January 7, 2013) at 1:01 p.m. at Pekin Hospital, Pekin, Illinois.

His service will be held on Thursday (January 10, 2013) at 11 a.m. at Beck Memorial Home, Bloomington, Illinois with Pastor Larry Cravens and Luke Welchel officiating. Burial will be at Funks Grove Cemetery, Funks Grove, IL. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials maybe made to the family.

Beck Memorial Home, Bloomington, Illinois is in charge of arrangements.

Stanley was **born** on March 24, 1927 in Funks Grove, Illinois the son of James Elmer and Nana Elizabeth Griffin McCombs. He married Lavonne Phelps on June 12, 1953 in Bloomington, IL. She survives.

Surviving children are James McCombs of Bloomington, Linda (Bobby) Cole of Bay Springs, Mississippi, Darlene Welchel of Lincoln, IL and Don (Susana) McCombs of Carlsbad, New Mexico. Also surviving are 9 grandchildren, Matthew, Joshua, Laura, Rachel, Elizabeth, Meghan, Luke, Dylan and David along with 17 great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Brothers; Roy and Eldon McCombs, Sister; Villa Daugherty, Daughter in law; Becky McCombs and Brother in law; Daniel Welchel.

He was a member of Tabernacle of Breaking Free Ministries of East Peoria.

He served in the US Army during WWII. Stanley was a member of the Laborer Union Local 362 for 45 years.

He loved the outdoors and his stride was long and all were challenged to keep up with him. Stan was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior in 1958. Thru the years his unwavering faith was an inspiration to all who knew him.

We will love and miss him every day.

Following the services at the graveside the family would like for all to share a time of food and fellowship at the Salvation Army in Bloomington.

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Deceased Name: Caroline M. Picl

PEORIA HEIGHTS - Caroline M. Picl, 50, of Peoria Heights, passed away at 4 a.m., Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at her residence.

Caroline was **born** on March 7, 1962 in Peoria to Robert Dean and Gloria (Baer) Finn. She married Rick A. Picl on October 26, 1991 in Peoria Heights. He survives.

Also surviving are her daughter, Mallory Picl at home; her mother, Gloria Christian of Peoria; three brothers, Kevin (Sherry) Finn of Goshen, IN, Ralph Finn of Oregon, and Tony (Heidi) Finn of Kewanee, IL; five sisters, Debbie (Matt) Rummel of Delavan, Terri Finn of Peoria, twin sisters Jean and Jan Finn both of Lincoln, and Mary Beth (Jim) Albrecht of Woodhull, IL; one step-sister, Teresa Christian of Peoria; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Caroline worked as a Human Resources Assistant at Proctor Endowment Home for 31 years, retiring in 2012.

She was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church and its Women's Guild. She was also a member of Catholic Women's League and helped count Sunday collections at church. She also volunteered at St. Thomas School.

Caroline had a passion for sports and competition, was an avid St. Louis Cardinal fan, and participated in numerous softball, volleyball, bowling, dart, and billiard leagues. Carol was a dedicated mother and enjoyed watching her daughter play sports. She coached Peoria Girls Sports League softball with her husband. Carol also enjoyed vacationing in northern Minnesota.

A memorial Mass will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, January 12, 2013 at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Father Thomas Taylor will officiate. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., Friday, January 11, 2013 at St. Thomas Catholic Church with a Scripture reading at 7 p.m. An additional visitation will be 30 minutes prior to the Mass at the church. Cremation rites have been accorded. Wright & Salmon Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Lincoln, Illinois Special Olympics or St. Thomas School.

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Deceased Name: Joann M. Presswood

LINCOLN - Joann M. Presswood, age 77, of Lincoln, IL died at 7:45 P.M. on January 8, 2013 at St. Clara's Manor, Lincoln, IL.

Joann was **born** on March 16, 1935 in Granite City, IL, the daughter of Joseph Burnett and Essie Edwards Humphreys. She was united in marriage to Ronald Kenneth Stewart and he preceded her in death. She was united in marriage to Billy L. Presswood on October 14, 1972 in Carbondale, IL. and he preceded her in death on September 8, 2010. Joann is survived by two daughters, Billi-Jo (Michael) Berger of Lincoln, IL and Jacqueline K. (Russell) Barringer of Jacksonville, IL, one step-daughter Jeannie Presswood of California, 11 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents and husbands; one stepson Errol Clyde Presswood.

Joann was a member of the First Baptist Church of Carbondale, a member of Eastern Star for 58 years and graduated from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale with a Bachelors in Music Education in 1958, where she was a member of Mu Phi Epsilon Music Sorority and Pi Lamda Theta Education Sorority. Joann taught school in Southern Illinois for 4 years, worked for the Jackson County Treasurers Office, and was an interpreter for Giant City State Park working for the State of Illinois Department of Revenue and Conservation.

Graveside services for Joann will be at 2:00 P.M. Friday, January 11, 2013 at Zion Cemetery, Lincoln, IL. Visitation will be from 11:00 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. on Friday prior to the graveside at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, IL. Memorials may be made to the Erik and Alisha Snyder Fund in care of BilliJo Berger.

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Deceased Name: Robert F. "Oly" Olson

BROADWELL - Robert F. "Oly" Olson, 82, passed away at approximately 4:40 AM on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at St. Joseph's Home, Springfield Illinois.

Bob was **born** on June 8, 1930 in Lincoln, Illinois, to Alfred and Mildred (Amberg) Olson. Surviving is one sister, Mary Ann (Verne) Garrison of St. Louis, Missouri, and one brother, David (Lois) Olson of Elkhart, Illinois.

Raised in Broadwell, Bob attended Elkhart Community High School. A veteran of the Korean War, Bob served in the Army Corp of Engineers from 1951 to 1953. He obtained his basic training at Ft. Riley, Kansas and was stationed in Alaska.

Upon Bob's return from the Army, he worked as a carpenter, as well as operated a service station in Elkhart, Illinois.

Bob attended the University of Illinois through his junior year. After his years at the U of I, Bob managed an office for the USDA in Belleville, Illinois. In 1960, an opportunity to return to farming in Logan County (Broadwell, Illinois) presented itself, and Bob began his career in "the best job" he could ever want. Bob established a Farm Management Service and managed farms for absentee landowners. In addition to farming and farm management, Bob was one of the founders of the Elkhart Community Bank. He served on the Board of Directors for the Elkhart and Illini Banks.

In 1986, Bob was appointed to fill a vacancy as Representative in the Illinois General Assembly. Following his appointment he served in the General Assembly for nine years. Bob's territory consisted of all of Logan, Dewitt, Menard and Mason Counties, and portions of Sangamon, Tazewell, Piatt and McLean counties. Bob did not consider himself a politician, but a friend doing a job for his constituents. Bob retired from the General Assembly in 1994.

Bob married Norma (Shorty) Jean Van Fossen on December 12, 1957. She survives. Together, they have five children Robert (Dee) Olson of Springfield, Illinois, Nancy (Kevin) Courtwright of Broadwell, Illinois, Susan (Bryan) Johnston of Mahomet, Illinois, James (Ann) Olson of Broadwell, Illinois, and Sandra Tiffany of Lincoln, Illinois. They have twelve grandchildren: Madeline Olson, Kasey and Kylie (Fricke) Courtwright, Jason and Leslie (Pfeifer) Johnston, Abby, Jake and Betsy Olson, and Elaine, Sam, Will and Adrienne Tiffany, and three great grandchildren: Lexi Chambers, Kallie Courtwright, and Nolan Pfeifer. Bob's greatest treasures were his wife Shorty, and his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. In 1985, Bob and his siblings established a three-day family reunion each Labor Day weekend which continues today with over 70 family members in attendance.

Bob loved his homestead in Broadwell; considering it to be better than any other location to live. Bob was an avid gardener of native Illinois prairie plants. He enjoyed reading about history and loved to travel the United States. Bob was an avid collector of antiques.

Bob was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Elkhart Legion Post 616, Lincoln Elks 914 and the 40 & 8 Club.

Services for Bob will be at 1:30 P.M. on Saturday January 12, 2013 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lincoln Illinois, with Rev. Thomas R. Kamprath conducting services. A visitation will be held from 4-7 P.M. Friday, January 11th at Fricke Calvert Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. A burial will follow the church service at Elkhart Cemetery in Elkhart with military rites accorded by the Elkhart Legion Post # 616. Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lincoln or St. Joseph's Home in Springfield.

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Deceased Name: Ralph E. Schmidt

LINCOLN - Ralph E. Schmidt, 98, of Lincoln died at Christian Village, Lincoln at 8:15 a.m. on January 9, 2013.

Ralph was **born** on June 28, 1914 in Lincoln, IL, the son of Frederick W. and Clara L. Baker Schmidt. He married Viola Johnson on January 10, 1946; she preceded in him in death July 24, 2000. He then married Opal Van Pelt on June 15, 2002 and she survives in Lincoln.

Ralph is also survived by his son: Floyd Frederick (Christine) Schmidt of Lincoln; one step daughter: Rea (David) Lovell of Shorewood; Grandchildren: Tyler (Sarah) Schmidt; Heidi (Scott) Watson; Abigail, and Clara Schmidt; great grandchildren: Tayler, Cohan and Ireland; and one brother: David Schmidt of Chicago. He was preceded in death by three brothers: Earl, Alvin, Les, and one sister, Ruth.

Ralph is retired from farming, tax practitioner, and teaching. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church having served on the church council for 16 years, chairman of congregation in 1960 and laid cornerstone in 1963. He served in the US Army as an aviation engineer from 1942-1945. He was a member of Elks Lodge #914, Disabled American Veterans #95, American Legion Post #263, AmVets #71, 40 & 8 Brotherhood.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, January 14, 2013 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lincoln with Rev. Thomas R. Kamprath. Visitation will be one hour prior to service on Monday at the church. Burial will be in New Union Cemetery, Lincoln with full military rites accorded by Lincoln American Legion Post #263. Memorials may be given to Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lincoln. All services were entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln.

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Deceased Name: Helen J. Werkman

LINCOLN - Helen J. Werkman, 82, of Lincoln, IL died at 1:30 p.m. January 9, 2013 at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, IL.

Helen was **born** on January 13, 1930 in Lincoln, IL the daughter of Alva and Mabel Webster Bateman. She married Donald Werkman on September 3, 1949 in Lincoln, IL. He survives in Lincoln. She is also survived by one daughter, Jill Werkman of Toluca, IL.

Helen was a homemaker, had worked at Lehn & Fink, Lincoln, and Logan County Housing Authority. She was a member of St. John United Church of Christ.

Services for Helen will be Monday, January 14, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at Veail Chapel, Steenbergen Cemetery, Mt. Pulaski, IL with Rev. Wallace Reifsteck officiating. Visitation will be Sunday, Jan. 13 from 2:00-4:00 pm at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln one hour prior to service at Veail Chapel on Monday. Burial will be in Steenbergen Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the American Legion Post #263 Building Fund.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 12, 2013

Deceased Name: Ronald Robert Young

LINCOLN - Ronald Robert Young, 80, of Lincoln, IL died at his home at 5:00 a.m. on Friday, January 11, 2013.

Ronald Robert Young, son of the late Harold Desmond and Helen Watzlawick Young was **born** on October 21, 1932 in Logan County.

He attended Lincoln Schools and the University of Illinois, where he was a member of the 1952-1953 Gizz Kids Wheelchair Basketball Team, who won the National Wheelchair Championship in New York City. He was very proud of the Illini Letter he received.

Ronald married Mary K. Bergman on October 14, 1956 in Mason City; she survives in Lincoln. He is also survived by two children: Clark W. (Joan) Young of Woodridge, IL and Craig A. (Stefanie) Young of Shorewood, IL and grandchildren: Erik, Ryan, Sofie and Henry Young; a sister, Bonnie K. Young of Lincoln. A sister, Elsie M. Hanna, Ocala, Florida and a daughter, Julie K. Young-Dahl of Lincoln preceded him in death.

Ron was employed by Myers Industries for 37 years as a Purchasing Manager and held offices in the National Purchasing Managers Association and the Lincoln Jaycees. He was a member of the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church where he served as an Elder. Ron volunteered as a coach for Pony League Baseball teams and served on the Lincoln Elementary School Board.

Services will be held Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Lincoln with Steve Blaum officiating. Visitation will be Monday, Jan. 14 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln. Burial will be in Lucas Chapel Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to First Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 14, 2013

Deceased Name: Amy L. Gehlbach

LINCOLN - Amy L. Gehlbach, 85, of Lincoln, III., died at 6:05 a.m., Jan. 11, 2013, at Christian Village, Lincoln, III.

Amy was **born** on April 28, 1927, in St. Jacob, III., the daughter of Clarence A. and Mary S. Kinder Anderson. She married Vernon "Gilly" Gehlbach on May 22, 1955, in Lincoln. He survives in Lincoln, III.

She is also survived by two sons, Gary (Susan) Gehlbach of Sussex, Wis. and Daryl (Janet) Gehlbach of Fridley, Minn.; one daughter, Lois (Scott) Smeja of Oak Brook, III.; ten grandchildren; three greatgrandchildren; one brother, George (Reva) Anderson of Bloomington, III., and one sister, Vivian Bonham of Olathe, Kan.

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

Amy worked as a dietary supervisor at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Lincoln. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Lincoln where she sang in the church choir and was a member of the Ladies Aid. She was National President of the Hospital Institution Educational Food Service Society.

Services for Amy will be at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2013, at Zion Lutheran Church, Lincoln, with Rev. Mark Thompson officiating.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. and one hour prior to services at the Zion Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Zion Cemetery.

Memorials may be given to Zion Lutheran Church.

All arrangements were entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home of Lincoln.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 14, 2013

Deceased Name: Emmitt A. Shellhammer

MT PULASKI - Emmitt A. Shellhammer, 96, of Mt. Pulaski, III., passed away at 4:51 a.m., on Friday, Jan. 11, 2013, at Vonderlieth Living Center in Mt. Pulaski.

Emmitt was **born** July 3, 1916, on the Shellhammer family farm in rural Mt. Pulaski to Albert and Mary Schroth Shellhammer. He married Muriel J. Brown on March 23, 1941, in Springfield, III. She preceded him in death on Nov. 7, 1998. He was also preceded in death by his son, David Shellhammer, on Aug. 25, 1997, his parents, a brother and a sister.

Emmitt is survived by his daughter, Debra Fricke-Pharis of Springfield; a grandson, Nathan [Heather] Fricke, two great-grand-sons, Benjamin Fricke and Jackson Fricke, all of Mt. Pulaski; daughter-in-law, Nicki Shellhammer Vemm of Springfield; a nephew and several cousins.

Mr. Shellhammer grew up on the family farm, attended Mt. Pulaski schools and graduated high school in 1934. He was a 1938 graduate of the University of Illinois with a degree in Agriculture, where he was also a member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. After graduation he farmed the family homestead with his father until he married and then enlisted in the U.S. Navy after Pearl Harbor in December of 1941.

Although he rarely spoke of his service in the Navy, he was a 1st Lieutenant and Chief Engineering Officer on the LST 878 in the Pacific Theater. While serving in WWII he was at the battle of Saipan, Iwo Jima and personally witnessed General MacArthur signing the Japanese instruments of Surrender aboard the USS Missouri which marked the end of WWII.

He farmed for over 50 years until 1967 when he and Muriel left the farm for "city" living, remaining in Mt. Pulaski until his death. For a number of years before and after retirement he was a crop hail adjuster for Grinnell Mutual Insurance. He was a member of the United Methodist Church of Mt. Pulaski.

After retirement he and Muriel enjoyed traveling and spent many winters in Sarasota, Fla., where they had many snowbird friends. They also traveled to Europe and took several cruises.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2013, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski, with Mark Weber officiating. Burial with full military honors will be at the family plot at Steenbergen Cemetery, rural Mt. Pulaski. Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2013.

The family requests memorial contributions be made to Vonderlieth Living Center, 1120 North Topper Rd., Mt. Pulaski, IL 62548.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 14, 2013

Deceased Name: Vivian M. Armstrong

MT. PULASKI - Vivian M. Armstrong, 93, of Mt. Pulaski, III., passed away at 9:17 p.m., Friday, Jan. 11, 2013, at Vonderlieth Living Center in Mt. Pulaski.

Vivian was **born** on Oct. 13, 1919, in rural Maroa, III., to Ernest and Clara Meyers Byrne. She married Kenneth "Smokey" Ingram, then later married Glenard Armstrong. He preceded her in death.

She worked as a waitress and as a janitor at Illinois State University in Bloomington, III., and was a member of the Eastview Christian Church in Bloomington.

Surviving her are two daughters. Patsy Garlits of Mt. Pulaski, III., and Linda Kischke of Chatham, III.; one brother, Gene (Lois) Byrne; eleven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Vivian Sue.

Services for Vivian will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 17, 2013, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski with Mark Weber officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Burial will be at Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Kenney, III.

Memorials may be made to the Indiana Down Syndrome Foundation or the Boys and Girls Club of Crawfordsville, Ind.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 15, 2013

Deceased Name: Kenneth Kaesebier

MT. PULASKI - Kenneth Kaesebier, of Mt.

Pulaski passed away at 1:24 a.m.

Sunday morning at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Mr. Kaesebier was **born** November 25, 1921 in Emden, IL to Adolph and Cassie Tholen Kaesebier.

He married Janette Detmers on June 22, 1948 in Emden. She preceded him in death on January 19, 1997. He enlisted in the United States Army in August of 1940, prior to WWII. He served in the Asiatic Theater where he was awarded the Purple Heart, three bronze stars, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one bronze star, and also served in the Korean Conflict. He retired from active military service in 1965. He was an electronic technician at Sangamo Electric in Springfield then owned and operated Barnharts Restaurant with his wife for eight years.

Survivors include seven children Betty (Dan) Phillips of Mt. Pulaski, Janet Skelton of Lincoln, William Kaesebier of Springfield, David (Ruth Ann) Kaesebier of Lincoln, Richard (Kathy) Kaesebier of Elkhart, Susan (Joe) Ogden of Springfield and Karen (Robert) Hartman of Mt. Pulaski, thirteen grandchildren, Derek (Laura) Phillips, Darin (Amy) Phillips, Shannon Skelton, Michelle Kaesebier, Wade (Ashley) Kaesebier, Alisha (Thomas) Beck, Christina (Brian) Schlupe, Therese Kaesebier, Kaitlyn Kaesebier, Christopher Hilscher, Natalie Notto, Ashley Hartman and Tyler Hartman, as well as eleven great grandchildren, Abbegail, Daniel and Delia Phillips, Addilyne and Annabelle Phillips, Kamryn and Kollin Kaesebier, Madison Beck, Carson and Brooke Schlupe and Landon Notto. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother William, twin sister Kathryn, one infant daughter, and two grandsons Jason Lee Kaesebier and Jeffrey Scott Hilscher.

Services will be at 4:00 P.M. Thursday January 17, 2013 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski with Pastor Steve Owens officiating.

Visitation will be from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Wednesday evening at the funeral home. A private family burial will be at Camp Butler National Cemetery at a later date where full military rites will be accorded by Camp Butler.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or Lincoln Land Honor Flight

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 15, 2013

Deceased Name: Mildred Rose Wickline

LINCOLN - Mildred Rose Wickline, 91, of Lincoln, IL died at 12:15 p.m. January 11, 2013 at St. Clara's Manor, Lincoln, IL.

Mildred was **born** on January 10,1922 in Putnam Co, IN near Greencastle, the daughter of Thomas C. and Martha Jane Elder Young. She married Lester L wickline Dec. 24, 1939.

He preceded her in death on September 15,1998.

Mildred is survived by three children: Martha Janet (Larry M.) Bruns of Taylorville, IL; Jane (SL) Thompson of Lincoln and Galen (Brenda) Wickline of Lincoln; one sister: Ruth Garrett of Mattoon; two sisters-in-law: Marjorie Davis of Mattoon; Verle Young of Kaysville, UT; grandchildren: Darla Cramer (deceased); James wickline; Mark Thompson and Michael Thompson and Lisa Slater; eight great grandchildren; two great great grandchildren: step grandchildren: Lori Crosier, David Bruns and Todd Bruns; and four step great grandchildren; one step great great grandchild. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, eight brothers and sisters.

Mildred was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Lincoln having served as Deaconess; she was the first female Elder of the church. She was a Past Worthy Matron of Order of Eastern Star of Lincoln Chapter 351; charter member and past president of the Logan County Genealogical and Historical Society; former chairman of Logan County Chapter of American Red Cross and chairman of Service to Military Families Committee; she was a member of Abraham Lincoln Chapter Daughters of American Revolution; Co-executive secretary of the Illinois State Genealogical Society; and first welcome wagon Hostess in Lincoln and Logan County.

Services for Mildred will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2013 at First Presbyterian Church with Gary Davis officiating and Fr. Mark Evans of Trinity Episcopal Church assisting. Visitation will be one hour prior to service at the church.

Memorials may be given to Masonic Endowment or First Presbyterian Church or the American Red Cross.

Burial will be in Smyser Church Cemetery at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday January 17 in Gays, IL. All services were entrusted to Fricke-Calvert - Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 16, 2013

Deceased Name: Peggy Flory

LINCOLN - Peggy Flory, 65, of Lincoln, passed away January 11, 2012 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

Visitation will be from 5-7 PM Thursday, January 17, 2013 at Holland Barry" Bennett Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM Friday, January 18, 2013also at the funeral home. Burial will follow in New Union Cemetery.

Peggy was **born** July 27, 1947, the daughter of William Victor and Portia (Craigmiles) Parke.

She was employed by Logan Mason Rehab in Lincoln, IL. She was active at the Eagles Lodge in Lincoln, IL. and was serving currently as their Madame Past President.

Surviving are: Her son Tony Parke of Arizona; 7 grandchildren: Nichole, Taylor, Spencer, Aiden, Gaige, Shelby, and Sturgis.

Brother Gary Parke of Pearl, IL., sister Jane Singleton of Beardstown, IL., sister Karen Sue Ivey of Iron River, MI., and several nieces and nephews cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her daughter Vicky Lesson, sisters Joyce, Vicky, Sharon, Betty, Pat, and Sandy and brothers Clifford, Randy, and Dennis.

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

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 16, 2013

Deceased Name: Donald H. Stoll

NORTH MANKATO, MN - Donald Harold Stoll, age 75, of North Mankato, MN went to heaven on Saturday, January 12, 2013.

A Memorial Service will be held at St. Pauls Evangelical Lutheran Church on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Roger Knepprath officiating. A visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to St. Pauls Evangelical Lutheran Church, Echo Food Shelf, or an organization of the donors choice.

Northview-North Mankato Mortuary is assisting with arrangements.

Don was **born** November 23, 1937 in Lincoln, Illinois, the son of Harold and Eda (Boerger) Stoll. He and Doris Irene Henrichsmeyer were united in marriage on June 8, 1958 in Mt. Pulaski, Illinois. After graduation from the University of Illinois in 1959, Don was employed as an engineer by General Electric Co. for 34 years. He and his family lived 22 years in northern Illinois. While living there he was active at Messiah Lutheran Church and formed a business with three friends. In 1982, Don and Irene moved to North Mankato, MN and he completed his career with Midwest Electric in 1993.

Don enjoyed his profession and was awarded several patents. Don was a member of St. Pauls Evangelical Lutheran Church, where he served on committees and as president of the congregation.

Don enjoyed his family, music, sports, his computer, and traveling.

He and his wife visited the fifty states and several foreign countries.

Donald is survived by his wife of 54 years, Doris Irene of North Mankato; one son, Don Jr. (Diana) of Elgin, IL; one daughter, Diane (Russell) Behn of North Mankato, MN; four granddaughters, Kori Stoll, Kristi (fiancÃ©e, Brandon Garbrecht) Stoll, Katie (Robert) Stover, and Shannon Behn; brother, Darrell (Rita)Stoll of Ivy, VA; mother-in-law, Helen Henrichsmeyer of Mt.

Pulaski, IL; brother-in-law, Larry (Ilene) Henrichsmeyer of Mt. Pulaski, IL and extended family.

Donald was preceded in death by one infant son, Mark; his parents; and father-in-law, Oscar Henrichsmeyer.

Dons family wishes to thank the staff at Hillcrest Care Center for their competent and comforting care during his long stay.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 16, 2013

Deceased Name: Mildred'Millie Leonard

EASTON-Mildred'Millie Leonard, of Easton IL, passed away November 22, 2012 at 11:56 A.M. She was **born** January 20, 1957 to Roy and Ruth (Hobbs) Hutchison. She married Kenneth Leonard August 1, 1998.

She is survived by her husband; two sons, Kenneth (Stephanie Cookson) Leonard Jr. of Easton, and Brad (Cathy) Leonard of Atlanta; five grandchildren; her sister Barb (Mike) Starr of Lincoln; her brother Bill (Tina) Hutchison, of Galva. She was preceded in death by her parents and mother-inlaw.

Millie worked at Lincoln College as a maintenance supervisor.

A celebration of life service will be held at Lincoln Center Museum Shell Lincoln College Campus from 2-4 p.m. on January 26, 2013. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorial contributions may be made to Lincoln College maintenance department.

Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is assisting the family with the arrangements.

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

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 16, 2013

Deceased Name: Ruth McCormick

MT. PULASKI-Ruth McCormick, 89, of Mt.

Pulaski, passed away at 12:05 a.m. January 13, 2013 at Vonderlieth Living Center in Mt. Pulaski.

Ruth was **born** on December 18, 1923 in Mt.

Pulaski, the daughter of August and Orena Tendick Hahn. She married Donald E. McCormick on February 25, 1945 in Mt. Pulaski. He preceded her in death on September 7, 2010. She was a housewife and was a retired farmer, working alongside her husband for many years. She was a faithful member of Zion Lutheran Church in Mt.

Pulaski and was also a member of Lutheran Womens Missionary League.

Surviving her are two sons, James D. (Sara) McCormick and Mark (Heidi) McCormick, both of Mt. Pulaski, two daughters, Beverly (Trent) Keller and Carolyn (Steve) Kolbus, both of Bloomington, a daughter-in-law, Denise McCormick of Concord, CA, eight grandchildren, Jamie McCormick of Carson City, NV, Ann, Rachel and Elyse McCormick of Mt. Pulaski, IL, Lisa McCormick of Concord, CA, Kristen Kolbus of Bloomington, IL, Alan Keller of Little Rock, AR, and Eric (Ashley) Keller of Bloomington, IL, three great grandchildren, Katie Keller of Little Rock, AR, Daniel McCormick of Mt.

Pulaski, and Ryan Keller of Bloomington, IL. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and one son Bill.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday January 22, 2013 at Zion Lutheran Church in Mt. Pulaski with Rev. Christopher Decker officiating. Visitation will be from 9:00-11:00 a.m. prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Zion Lutheran Church, Zion Lutheran School or Vonderlieth Living Center.

Arrangements were entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 17, 2013

Deceased Name: Edward R. Buffington

LINCOLN - Edward R.

Buffington, 54, of Lincoln passed away January 4th, 2013 at Symphony nursing home. A celebration of his life will be held on Sunday, January 20th, 2013 from 3pm-5pm in the dining hall at Friendship Manor in Lincoln.

Edward was **born** on September 26th 1958 in Boise, ID., the son of Delmar (deceased) and Sandra Buffington. He enjoyed watching the Boise State Broncos, Nascar racing and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his mother, his brother Johnny (Mary) Buffington of Phoenix, AZ., his brother Charlie (Leisa) Buffington of Boise, ID., his brother Robert Buffington of Lincoln, his sister Ellie (Mike) Lee of Lincoln, and his half-sister Tammy (Bill) Bass of Caldwell, ID, and his cousin Berni Royster of Boise, ID., who was like a sister. He is also survived by two stepbrothers, four stepsisters, numerous nieces and nephews, three aunts and one uncle.

He was preceded on death by his father, his half sister, Annie, maternal and paternal grandparents.

Memorials may be made to the family or to Hospice and will be accepted at the Celebration of Life.

Burial will be at a later date.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 17, 2013

Deceased Name: Jerry M. Sams

MT. PULASKI - Jerry M.

Sams, 78, of Decatur, formerly of Mt. Pulaski, died at 3:30 P.M. on Tuesday January 15, 2013 at Vonderlieth Living Center in Mt. Pulaski.

Jerry was **born** on December 20, 1934 in Mt.

Pulaski, the son of Everett and Lucille Shull Sams. He was united in marriage to Virginia "Jenny" Huffman on March 10, 1956 in Elkhart. She survives in Decatur. He is also survived by his daughter:

Debbie (Jim) Fuhrer of Mt.

Pulaski; grandson: Todd (Tikeyla) Fuhrer of Beason; great grandchildren: Lily, Grace, Ellee, and James. He is preceded in death by his parents, and his sister Wanda Patten.

Jerry was a farmer. He spent his time collecting tractors, helping his grandson build things, shopping for his grandchildren, and he loved spending time with his family.

Services for Jerry will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, January 19, 2013 at the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Mt.

Pulaski with Rev. Jeffrey Liable conducting the services.

A visitation will be held from 4-7:00 P.M. on Friday January 18 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski with a 3:45 Rosary Service. Burial will follow the funeral service at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Mt.

Pulaski or to the Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Decatur.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 17, 2013

Deceased Name: Wendell "Darrell" Isbell

CHARLESTON, SC - Wendell "Darrell" Isbell, 88, of Charleston, South Carolina, husband of Dorothy "Jean" Isbell entered into eternal rest Friday, January 11, 2013. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday, January 19, 2013, in Fairlawn Cemetery in Vandalia, IL with Pastor Peter Kolb officiating.

Family and friends may gather at Hohlt & File Funeral Home at 10:30 am, Saturday. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society Darrell was **born** September 26, 1924 in Vandalia, Illinois, son of Lonnie Isbell and Helen Crandall Isbell. He was a retired Assistant Vice President in banking. He was a veteran of WWII with the US Navy. He was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, The American Legion and active volunteer with many organizations. He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Jean Isbell; three daughters, Sarah Lessen (Dale) of Lincoln IL, Beth Janssen of Charleston, South Carolina and Christina Evans (Christopher) of Columbus, OH; son, Mark C. Isbell of Forsyth IL; four sisters, Doris (Ed) Helm and Betty Isbell of Vandalia, IL, Donna (Wayne) Cunningham of Prairie Village KS and Sue (Don) Musgrave of St.

Charles, MO.; three grandchildren, Shelby Lessen, Ashley Lessen and Madison Evans. He was predeceased by his first wife, Wanda Hedger Isbell; two brothers; Tom Isbell, Miller Isbell, and one sister, Jane Isbell.

Online Condolences & Obituaries available at www.hohltandfilefh.com Arrangements by Hohlt & File Funeral Home, Vandalia, IL

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 18, 2013

Deceased Name: Mr. Keith Pope

ATLANTA - Mr. Keith Pope, 99, of Atlanta, passed away on Wednesday, January 16, 2013, at 5:05 a.m. at Christian Village in Lincoln.

Funeral services for Mr.

Pope will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 19, 2013, at the Atlanta Christian Church. Mr.

Maurice Stribling will officiate.

Visitation will be held at Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 18, 2013.

Burial will be in Atlanta Cemetery.

Surviving Mr. Pope are his daughter, Julie (Leroy) Osborn of Atlanta; six grandchildren: Keith Craig, Mark Craig, Jim Craig, Libby Robison, Daniel Osborn and Kristopher Osborn; 19 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Keith was preceded in death by his wife, Edith, on March 23, 2012. He was also preceded in death by one daughter, Donna Craig; one granddaughter, Barbara Craig; one great grandson, Jared Osborn; and three brothers.

Alfred Keith Pope was **born** October 10, 1913, in Raymond, Ill., the son of Joseph and Nellie Heberling Pope. He married Edith Wilcoxson on March 2, 1937. They were married for 75 years.

Keith was a member the Atlanta Christian Church where he had served as a Deacon and was a board member of the Lincoln Logan Farmers Mutual Insurance Company. He was a member of the Logan County Farm Bureau and had served on the Atlanta Community District Unit 20 School Board.

Keith retired from farming, a profession he enjoyed his whole life.

Memorials may be made to Atlanta Christian Church, Atlanta Rescue Squad or the Christian Village Nursing Home.

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

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 18, 2013

Deceased Name: Fred E. Vodak

LINCOLN - Fred E. Vodak 86 of Lincoln passed away on January 16, 2013.

Fred was **born** January 29, 1926 in West Lima, Wisconsin. He was the son of Joseph and Mary Vodak. Fred was the youngest of 6 children. He was preceded in death by both of his parents and all of his siblings. He was united in marriage to Josephine Bolint on September 8, 1944 at Viola, Wisconsin.

Josephine survives him. He is also survived by daughter Sharon (Larry) Simonson of Lincoln, son Freddie (Bonnie) Vodak of Reedsburg, WI, 5 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild.

Fred served in the Marine Corp during World War II. He and Josephine spent most of their 68 married years as dairy farmers in Wisconsin. They also had several foster children and took a year off to serve as house parents at Cookson Hills Children's Home. Fred taught Sunday School for many years. He retired from FM Bank in Wisconsin. They moved to Lincoln in 1995 where they lived at The Christian Village for 18 years. Fred was a part of the maintenance staff at The Christian Village for 12 years. He was a member of Lincoln Christian Church. Fred loved hunting and fishing and cheering for the Green Bay Packers. His greatest love was God, Josephine, and his family.

There will be a memorial service (no visitation) at 10:00 AM Saturday, January 19, 2013 at Holland Barry" Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln with Ryan Edgecombe officiating. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to The Christian Village of Lincoln.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 19, 2013

Deceased Name: Steve R. Loveall

MT. PULASKI - Steve R. "Shorty" Loveall, 55, of Mt.

Pulaski passed away at 7:18 p.m. Thursday January 17, 2013 at Vonderlieth Living Center in Mt. Pulaski.

Shorty was **born** on October 19, 1957 in Brazil, IN to Stephen E. and Dorothy Louise Duncan Loveall. He married Karen Rossignol on April 15, 1995 in Lincoln IL. She survives him. He was a member of Decatur Labor Union Local # 159, Chestnut Men's Club, Beason Men's Club, and a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Mt.

Pulaski.

Shorty is survived by his mother; Dorothy Loveall of Mt Pualski; one daughter; Shayla(Ron) Smith of Mt Pulaski; two sons: Stevie Loveall of Peoria, IL, and Shane Loveall of Mt Pualski; one brother: William "Bill" Loveall of Fort Meyers, FL; one sister: Crystal(Mickey Elders) Ryan of Lake Fork; two granddaughters Jessica and Alysah Smith of Mt. Pulaski.

He was preceded in death by his father, brother-in-law Brad Ryan, and a nephew Adam Loveall.

Services will be 10:00 a.m. Monday January 21, 2013 at Fricke Calvert Schrader Funeral Home in Mt Pulaski with Rev.

Christopher Decker officiating.

Visitation will be 1-4 Sunday January 20, 2013 at Fricke Calvert Schrader Funeral Home. Burial will follow the service and going to Mt Pulaski Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Steve Loveall fund in care of the Farmers Bank.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 21, 2013

Deceased Name: Annabelle Marie Phillips

MI PULASKI - Annabelle Marie Phillips, infant daughter of Darin W. and Amy Lyne Conaway Phillips, passed away at 9:23 p.m., Saturday evening, Jan. 19, 2013, at her home.

Annabelle was **born** on Nov. 28, 2012, in Lincoln. Surviving are her parents; one sister Addilyne Diane Phillips; maternal grandparents, Larry and Cynthia Conaway Jr.; paternal grandparents, Dan and Betty Phillips of Mt. Pulaski; maternal great-grandparents, Larry and Shirley Conaway Sr., Dale and Pricilla Boehl of Mt. Pulaski, and Norris and Barb Lutz of Carlyle, III.; and paternal greatgrandfather. Earl Phillips of Mt. Pulaski.

She was preceded in death by her paternal great-grandparents, Kenneth and Janette Kaesebier and paternal great-grandmother, Erma Phillips.

Services for Annabelle will be at 12:00 noon Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013, at the First United Methodist Church in Mt. Pulaski with Rev. Rachel Stockle officiating. Visitation will be from 9 to noon prior to services at the church. Memorials may be made to the Addilyne Phillips College Fund.

Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski is handling arrangements.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 22, 2013

Deceased Name: Wilbur G Frantz

ATLANTA - Wilbur G.

Frantz, 93, of Atlanta passed away on Saturday, January 19, 2013 at 5:18 p.m. his home.

Funeral Services for Mr. Frantz will be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at the Eminence Christian Church with Dr. LC Sutton officiating.

Visitation will be held from 12:00 Noon until time of the service at the church.

Burial will be in Mountjoy Cemetery at rural Atlanta.

Quiram Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta is in of arrangements.

Wilbur Graham Frantz was **born** on June 28, 1919 in Eminence Township rural Atlanta the son of Elbert Dean and Anna Graham Frantz.

He married Jessie Bishop on November 28, 1939 in Palmyra, Missouri.

She survives.

Also surviving are his sons: Larry Frantz of Gilbert, Arizona, Billy Dean (Vickie) Frantz of Chenoa, ten grandchildren: Jessica Frantz, Emily Frantz, Austin Frantz, Michelle Frank, Heather Frantz, Michael (Heather) Frantz, Jennifer (Rob) Bonack, Brandon (Sara) Punke, Travis (Samantha) Punke, Dylan Punke. seven great grandchildren. One sister: Wilma Storm of St.

Peters, Mo.

He was preceded in death by two brothers: Dean Frantz, Jim Frantz, two sisters: Mildred Burt and Helen Kindred.

Wilbur farmed in Eminence Township for many years. He later retired from Caterpillar Inc.

Memorials may be made to Eminence Christian Church or Atlanta Rescue Squad.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 23, 2013

Deceased Name: Lenora A. Tibbs

NEW HOLLAND-Lenora "Sis" Amelia Tibbs, 97, of Lincoln, formerly of New Holland, IL died at St.

Clara's Manor, Lincoln, on Monday, January 21, 2013 at 10:46 a.m.

Lenora was **born** on October 23, 1915 in New Holland, IL the daughter of Harry and Anna Hinck Blaum. She married Henry F. "Hank" Tibbs on February 28, 1948 in Lincoln, IL. He preceded her in death March 21, 1982.

Sis is survived by two daughters: Cheryl (Ron) Armintrout of Riverton, IL and Colleen (Brian) Kessinger of Lincoln, IL; one daughter-in-law: Carol Tibbs; seven grandchildren: Pamela Tibbs, Philip (Erika) Tibbs, Patrick (Trisha) Tibbs, Carlyn Shank, Michael (Heather) Armintrout, Nathaniel (Whitney) Kessinger and Alison Kessinger; seven great grandchildren: Lexi, Alaina, Alyssa, Devin, Nicholas Tibbs; Avett Shank, Nova Armintrout; one brother: Merle (Dorothy) Blaum of New Holland.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son: Nick Tibbs; brothers: Lynn Blaum; Harry Blaum; Gilbert Blaum and Loren Blaum; sister: Mildred Beaver.

Sis was a homemaker; member of New Holland United Methodist Church; 4-H leader of Logan County 5-H club.

The family would like to thank the staff at St.

Clara's Manor for 13 years of care and the Memorial Services Hospice for their care.

Services for Lenora will be Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln with Dr.

Rev. Jonathan Dixon officiating.

Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 pm at the funeral home prior to services. Burial will be Friday at 10:00 a.m. in Richmond Grove Cemetery, New Holland, IL. Memorials may be given to New Holland Methodist Church.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 24, 2013

Deceased Name: Wendolynn Sara Buehler Austin

HIGH SPRINGS - Wendolynn (Wendy) Sara Buehler Austin, 55, of High Springs, FL died Tuesday morning January 15, 2013, at E.T. York Haven Hospice in Gainesville, after an extended illness.

Mrs. Austin was **born** in Lincoln, IL on February 28, 1957 to Mr. and Mrs. Albert James Buehler, who preceded her in death. Mrs. Austin was raised in Chestnut, IL and graduated from Mt. Pulaski High School in 1975 and enlisted in the U.S. Army that same year. After being promoted to Sergeant, she left the service to pursue a college degree at the University of Florida while being involved in their ROTC program.

Mrs. Austin graduated the University of Florida in 1986 with a degree in computer science and accepted a regular Army active duty commission as a Signal Corps Officer.

She met and married Paul Austin in 1992 while stationed at Ft.

Huachuca, AZ. She and her family then left the military during a military drawn down period and returned to Florida.

Mrs. Austin has been employed by the State of Florida Department of Corrections since May 1993 working in several areas throughout the state. She last worked as a Computer Systems Administrator. She also received a 20 year retirement letter from the Army Reserves in 1998 as a Major. Wendy recently has been actively involved in her church and life group with Christ Central of Alachua. She loved studying God's Word, candy and bringing a smile to others.

Mrs. Austin is survived by her husband, Paul Austin; daughter, Amelia (Amie) Nicole Buehler Kaufman; brothers, Bert and Hugh Buehler; sister, Cathy Gerdes and one granddaughter.

Memorial Services will be held Saturday, January 26, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in Christ Central Church of Lake City, 217 Dyal Road, Lake City, FL 32024, with Pastor John Mark Johns officiating.

Burial will be held in Illinois at a later date.

Arrangements are under the care of WILLIAMSTHOMAS FUNERAL HOME DOWNTOWN, 404 North Main Street. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make memorials to the American Cancer Society, 2119 SW 16th Street Gainesville, FL 32608.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 24, 2013

Deceased Name: William E. Ross

Waynesville - William E. Ross, 89, of Danville, formerly of Waynesville, passed away Tuesday, January 22, 2013, at 11:05 a.m. at VA Illiana Healthcare center in Danville.

Funeral services for Mr. Ross will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta.

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

Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery in Waynesville.

Surviving Mr. Ross are his cousins: Joyce Shaffer, Marilyn Calame, Betty Finfrock, Gay Peters, Jon Harris, David Harris. He was preceded in death by his parents and three infant sisters.

William Ernest Ross was **born** on July 1, 1923, in Milwaukee, Wis., the son of John and Pearl Matthews Ross.

Mr. Ross proudly served in the United States Army during WWII. William served in the Medical Corp. as a Combat Surgical Technician during major battles in the Pacific. He was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for courageous service.

William was well known for his piano playing talent with which he enjoyed entertaining friends and relatives.

His later years were spent in the VA home in Huntsville, Ill. and the Danville Medical Center. William was a member of American Legion Post 1189 in Waynesville.

Memorials may be made to American Legion Post 1189 of Waynesville Final arrangements are entrusted with Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home of Atlanta.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 25, 2013

Deceased Name: Floyd O. Knauer

SARASOTA, FL-Floyd O. Knauer, 80, of Sarasota Florida, formerly of Lincoln, passed away January 20, 2013 at Complex Care at Ridge Lake in Sarasota, Florida.

Graveside services will be 10:00 am Monday, January 28, 2013 at Zion Cemetery in Lincoln.

Floyd was **born** August 30, 1932 in St. Peter, IL., the son of William and Elnora (Storck) Knauer.

He proudly served his country in the United States Army as a medic in the Korean war.

Surviving are his son Greg Knauer, daughter Sheryl Wagoner, 3 grandsons:

Ben Wagoner, Zach and Austin Leonard, and brothers Wallace Knauer, Daris Knauer, Darrell Knauer, and Dennis Knauer.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial donations may be made to Faith Lutheran Church or to the Hopedale Medical Foundation.

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

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 25, 2013

Deceased Name: Mark L.Woods

ST. LOUIS - Mark L. Woods, 45, of St. Louis, MO. passed away January 16, 2013.

Mark was **born** February 18, 1967 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, the son of Lee and Ruth (Klein) Woods.

Mark graduated from Lincoln Community High School in 1985 and then from UIS in Springfield, IL.

Surviving are his parents Lee and Ruth Woods of Lincoln, brothers Steve (Michelle) Woods of Boise, Idaho and Tim (Tasha) Woods of Lincoln, and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation rites have been accorded and burial will be at later date.

Memorial donations may be made to the Logan County Food Pantry.

Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 26, 2013

Deceased Name: Earl F. Bauer

NOKOMIS - Earl F. Bauer, 90, of Nokomis, passed away Tuesday January 22, 2013 at 2:05 a.m. at his residence in Nokomis, IL He was **born** March 18, 1922 in Lincoln, IL, the son of John C. and Helena (Aeilts) Bauer. He married Betty Wehner on June 15, 1946 at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Lincoln, IL. He was a retired farmer. He was a member of Wapel Bauer American Legion of Nokomis. He was on the Ramsey School Board, was a Sunday School Teacher, and a 4-H Leader. He was on the Soil Conservation Board, and was the State Plowing Champion. He also held several church offices, and was town clerk of Hurricane Township.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; son, John Earl Bauer (Fiancée Diane Rebbe) of Bingham, IL; daughters, Janet (Dale) Halford of Williamsville, IL and Jolene (Mike) Williams of Sherman, IL; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two half-sisters.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2013 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Nokomis.

Funeral services will be Saturday, January 26, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Nokomis with Pastor Bert Eichhoff officiating.

Burial will be in Nokomis Cemetery in Nokomis.

Sign on-line guest book at www.suttonmemorialhome.com Arrangements by Sutton Funeral Home in Nokomis.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 28, 2013

Deceased Name: Merle E. Rohlfs

HARTSBURG - Merle E. Rohlfs, 89, Of Hartsburg, III., passed away" January 24, 2013, at Mason City Area Nursing Home surrounded by his loving family.

Visitation will be Monday, January 28, 2013, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln, Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, January 29, 2013, also at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Hartsburg Union Cemetery.

Merle was **born** July 29, 1923, in the Hartsburg-Emden area, the son of John H. Margaret (Menssen) Rohlfs. He married Ruth Jones on October 4, 1945.

He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force, 452nd Bombardment Group, 731st Squadron. He was a waist gunner on a B-17-G flying fortress ("Hell's Cargo") plane and was shot down over Germany on March 6, 1944. He was a prisoner of war for 15 months with 10, 000 others and survived the death march.

Merle worked as a rural mail carrier in Hartsburg for many years. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion in Hartsburg, III.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth Rohlfs of Hartsburg; four children, Debra Lee Beekman (Don) of Emden, Timothy L. Rohlfs (Nancy) of Mackinaw, III., Markita Rohlfs of Hartsburg, and Brett Rohlfs (Jennifer) of St. Joseph, III.; eight grandchildren, Derek Rohlfs, Craig Rohlfs, Brandon Beekman, Blake Beekman, Chynna Farmer, Willow Krumwiede, Nadra Rohlfs, and Jude Rohlfs; seven great-grandchildren; sister, Lavera Barry of Hartsburg; brother, Kenneth Rohlfs of California; and brother, James Rohlfs (Nancy) of California.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers, Alvin Rohlfs, Marvin Rohlfs, and John Jr. Rohlfs.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Legion in Hartsburg, III., and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 28, 2013

Deceased Name: Dorothy Jean Johnston Johnson

LINCOLN - Dorothy Jean Johnston Johnson, 87, of Lincoln, Ill., passed away at her home on Friday, January 25, 2013, at 10:20 a.m.

Private graveside services will be held at the Atlanta Ladies Auxiliary Cemetery in Atlanta.

Peasley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Jean Barker was **born** on May 5, 1925, in Canton, the daughter of Wyatt and Lottie Joachim Barker. She married Raymond Johnson on November 20, 2000. He survives.

Also surviving are her daughter Jan Johnston Villarreal of Bakersfield, Ca.; three grandchildren, Tiffani Bauges, Tami Bancroft, Todd Snyder; and six great-grand-children.

She was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Tanya Pippenger and one sister, LeEtta McKinley.

Dorothy Jean retired from the State of Illinois after working at the Lincoln Development Center and Logan Correctional Center.

She was a member of the Oasis Senior Citizens Center, Eagles Ladies Auxiliary, and American Legion Auxiliary.

The family would like to thank Dr. Paul Kasa and his staff, Linda vannoy, Paula Dahm and the Memorial Hospice staff for their kindness and help during Dorothy's illness.

Memorials may be made to Memorial Hospice Program.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 29, 2013

Deceased Name: Katharine L. zelle

SUN CITY, AZ.-Katharine L. Zelle, 97, formerly of Lincoln, died at 11:50 P.M. on Monday, December 31, 2012 her home.

Katharine was **born** on December 25, 1915, daughter of Alvin and Lillie Leimbach Geyer in Mt. Pulaski, IL. She was united in marriage to Gordon Zelle on June 18, 1939 in Chestnut, IL. He preceded her in death on October 1, 1999.

Katharine is survived by her daughters: Carol Davis of Sun City, and Mary Beth Beeman of Rockford, IL; and 2 grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Katharine was a school teacher in Loves Park, IL and retired in 1972. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Lincoln.

A memorial service for Katharine will be held at 11:30 A.M. on Thursday January 31, 2013 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Lincoln conducted by Rev. Mark Thompson. There will be a private burial at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Christian Village, Zion Lutheran Church, or the American Heart Association. Services are being handled by Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 30, 2013

Deceased Name: Wilma Lou Hurley

LINCOLN - Wilma Lou Hurley, 71, of Lincoln, passed away January 27, 2013 at the Hopedale Medical Complex.

Funeral services will be 1:00 PM Friday, February 01, 2013 at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Burial will be in Zion Cemetery, Lincoln.

Wilma was **born** August 23, 1941 in Quitman, Arkansas, the daughter of Lucien and Viola (Sargent) Cox. She married William "Bill" Hurley on December 24, 1959. He preceded her in death on March 22, 2010.

She attended Full Gospel Tabernacle in Lincoln. She was a beautician for 35 years and owner of the Pic-n-Pin beauty shop at Friendship Manor.

Surviving are her daughter Leah Hurley of Lincoln; her son William A. Hurley Jr. (Teresa) of Fairbury; grandchildren Spencer Allen Hurley and Miley Rae Hurley; brothers Gerald Cox of Lincoln and Delbert Cox of Metropolis; and sisters Marie Henderson of Lincoln and Lois Kratzner of Lincoln.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Bill, an infant son, brothers: Leroy Cox, Cecil Coz, John Cox, Harold Cox, and Robert Cox, sisters Beatrice Johnson and an infant sister.

Memorial donations may be made to The Susan G. Komen Foundation or to St.

Jude's Children's Research Hospital and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 30, 2013

Deceased Name: Edward Hack Richardson

ROCHELLE-Edward Hack Richardson, 73 of Rochelle, passed away Sunday, January 27th, 2013 at his home in Rochelle.

He was **born** August 8, 1939, in Elgin, Illinois; the son of Edward S. and Dorothea Virginia (Hack) Richardson. Edward married Carol Jean Theiner December 3, 1960. He worked as printer/production manager for Richardson Publication, a printer for Elgin Courier, a publisher for Fox Valley Labor News and a production manager for the Lincoln Courier (Copley Publications). He was in the newspaper business for 43 years. Ed was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Lutheran Layman's League and the Kiwanis Golden K. He was also an Eagle Scout. Ed enjoyed many activities.

As a youth, roller skating and trumpet playing were two of his favorites. Later in life, he spent his spare time working in the yard, bargain shopping, traveling, swimming for recreation, computer and automotive repair. He was an avid sports fan and church goer. Ed was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Robert E. Richardson.

Survivors included his wife, Carol, of Rochelle; three sons: Michael Edward (Carla) Richardson of Kingston, Illinois, Daniel Joseph (Amy) Richardson of Makanda, Illinois, and Timothy Gabriel (Bridgit) Richardson of Downs, Illinois; three daughters: Lizabeth Jean (Jeff) Reents of Carnation, WA, Amy Christina (Greg) Hacker of Murrayville, Illinois and Valerie Susan (Jon) Boehne of El Paso, Illinois and 18 grandchildren.

The funeral service will be 10:00 AM, Thursday, January 31st, 2013 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Rochelle, Illinois. The visitation will be 4:00 - 7:00 PM, Wednesday, January 30th 2013 at the Unger-Horner Funeral Home, 400 N. 6th St., Rochelle.

Burial will be at Lawnridge Cemetery in Rochelle. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran School. Online guest book at www.ungerhorner.com

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - January 31, 2013

Deceased Name: George William Conklen

SHERMAN - George William Conklen, 95, of Sherman, IL passed away at 4:22 p.m. on January 29, 2013 at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, IL. George was **born** on September 8, 1917 in New Holland, Illinois, the son of Edward and Anna Bruns Conklen. He married Donna Cross on September 7, 1941 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Emden. She survives in Sherman.

George is also survived by two daughters: Mona.

B. Bentley of Sherman; Noel Donna (Wayne) Hoffman of Springfield, IL; two grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two sisters and four brothers.

George was a retired dairy farmer; and served on the Board of Prairie Farms; and was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Sherman. Services for Mr. Conklen will be Saturday, February 2, 2013 at 12:00 noon at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 500 S. Sherman Blvd., Sherman, IL. with Rev. James Stuenkel officiating. Visitation will be Saturday from 10:00 until the hour of the service at the church. Graveside services will be Monday, February 4 at 1:00 P.M. at Hartsburg Union Cemetery, Hartsburg, IL. Services were entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln. Memorials may be given to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Sherman.