

Clarence F. "Fred" Benedict

LINCOLN - Clarence F. "Fred" Benedict, 91, of Lincoln passed away on Friday, March 29, 2013, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

Funeral services for Mr. Benedict will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at the Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Visitation will be held Tuesday evening from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in New Union Cemetery in Lincoln. Military Rites will be accorded by American Legion Post # 263 of Lincoln.

Clarence Frederick Benedict was born September 19, 1921, in Mc-Lean, the son of James Adam and Mary Ellen Wilson Benedict. He married Ada Mae Kin-ney. He later married Alzada Davenport on June 6, 1970. She preceded him in death.

Fred is survived by three sons: Gene Benedict of Wheeling, Dean Benedict of California, and Robert (Dorothy) Benedict of Lincoln; one daughter, Theresa (Charles) Funk of Mc-Lean; three stepsons: Darrell (Pat) Robertson of Mason City, Johnny Robertson of Santa Fe, N.M., and Kenny (Alice) Robertson of Lincoln; two stepdaughters, Hazel Root of Lincoln, and Marjorie Gardner of Bradenton, Fl.; two sisters, Nora Emmons and Alice Comstock both of Lincoln; several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Carl Benedict; four sisters; nine brothers; one stepdaughter and one stepson.

Fred served in the [U.S. Navy](#) during [WWII](#) with the rank of Seaman 1st Class. He then worked as a Journeyman Union Carpenter for 44 years retiring in 1985.

He was of the Christian faith. He was a member of American Legion Post # 263 and Carpenter Union # 568.

Memorials may be made to The Christian Village Activity Department or the Leukemia Foundation.

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Eva I. Hayter

LINCOLN - Eva I. Hayter, 89, of Lincoln formerly of Beason passed away Friday, March 29, 2013, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

No funeral services are scheduled. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Burial will be at a later date at Keyes Cemetery in rural Beason.

Peasley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Eva I. Howen was born July 28, 1923, in North Dakota, the daughter of John and Olive Howen. She married Robert Hayter on August 15, 1942. He preceded her in death in November, 2003.

She is survived by three daughters: Joyce Gleason of Lincoln, Jacquelyn (Michael Craig) Zaffiri of Bloomington, and Peggy (Mike) Tackett of Lincoln; many grandchildren; great-grand-children and one great-great-grandchild.

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

Eva was the owner of Bob and Eva's Café in Beason from 1957 until 1967.

Later, Eva's love of painting became a career as well as a pastime.

She was a loving mother and grandmother.

Eva's family would like to thank the staff of Christian Village Nursing Home for the care and love that was shown to Eva during her stay at the home.

Memorials may be made to the Logan County Paramedics Association, the Lupus Foundation or the [charity of the donor's choice](#) .

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Donnabelle Pech

LINCOLN - Donnabelle Pech, 87, of Lincoln passed away at 11:40 a.m. on Saturday, March 30, 2013, at Christian Village Nursing Home in Lincoln.

Donnabelle was born at the Deaconess Hospital in Lincoln on June 4, 1925, daughter of George Victor and Emma H. Begolka Opperman Sr. She was united in marriage to Harold Pech on December 24, 1945, at the St. John's United Church in Lincoln. He preceded her in death on April 29, 1998.

Survivors include her son, Randy (Betsy) Pech of Lincoln; daughter, Carolyn Pech of Lincoln; sisters, Emma Lou Lem-on of Kankakee, IL, and Jewell (George) Zook of Jacksonville, IL; sister-in-law, Ruth Opperman of Lincoln; granddaughters, Allicent (Richard) Bruder and Colleen Pech; and great-grandchildren: Miley, Lilly, and Collin Bruder. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Roger; brother, George Opperman Jr.; and great-grandson.

Donnabelle was a member of St. John's United Church in Lincoln. She was on the church council and she was a Sunday school teacher. She retired from Lincoln Community High School after working for 20 years.

Services for Donnabelle will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 3, 2013, at St. John's United Church in Lincoln with Rev. Jan Johnson and Rev. Wallace Reifsteck officiating. A visitation will be held from 4-7:00 p.m. at the church on Tuesday, April 2. Burial will follow the service at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln.

Memorials may be made to the St. John's United Church in Lincoln.

Services were entrusted to Fricke-Cal-vert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln.

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Debbie Lynn

Bartmann

LINCOLN - Debbie Lynn Bartmann, 57, of Lincoln, passed away March 30, 2013, at home surrounded by her loving family.

Memorial visitation will be Thursday, April 4, 2013, from 4-7 p.m. at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. A memorial service will be held Friday, April 5, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Lincoln with Pastor Thompson officiating.

Debbie was born December 21, 1955, the daughter of Floyd and Alberta (Deibert) Altman. She married Anton Henry Bartmann on December 20, 1983.

"Legs" enjoyed visiting with her friends at the Glass House Tavern. She loved to spend time with her family. She enjoyed going to the Lake of the Ozarks where she could enjoy the beauty of nature and have quality time with her loved ones. Debbie also liked to crochet and do craft work.

Surviving are her husband, Anton Henry Bartmann Jr. of Lincoln, IL; her children: Paula (Jamie) Berger of Lincoln, IL, Jennifer (Darren) Seaman of Sherman, IL, Scott (Tina) Bartmann of Winchester, IL, Dawn (Lester) Coers of New Holland IL, Angie Harnacke of LaPlace, IL, and Anthony Bartmann of Lincoln, IL. She is also survived by 19 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren; and siblings: Judy Kindred of Springfield, IL, Wanda Malone of Portland, OR, Terry Duvall of Lincoln, IL, David Altman of Arizona, Linda Crumm of Waynesville, IL, Carol Altman of North Carolina, and Anne Boyer of Middletown, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Dick Hopp and Dick Altman; and her sister, Rita Altman.

Memorials may be made to the [American Cancer Society](#) and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Nellie E. Graber

ATLANTA - Nellie E. Graber, 89, of Atlanta, IL, passed away at 2:00 pm Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

She was born June 18, 1923 in Eureka to Harry and Mildred Hoyt Piper. She married Emanuel W. Graber on Oct. 2, 1945 in Washington, IL, and he passed away Dec. 8, 2007.

Surviving are six sons, Lester Graber and Kenneth (Deanna) Graber, both of Lincoln, Marvin (Sue) Graber, Ronald (Polly) Graber, and Wayne Graber, all of Atlanta, and Donald (Melinda) Graber of Lawndale, IL; two daughters, Karen Maaks and Vicki Koller, both of Lincoln; 13 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren, 4 great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, Emanuel Glenn Graber, one granddaughter, Stacy Graber, five brothers, two sisters, two daughters-in-law, and one son-in-law.

Nellie worked at Eureka Williams in Bloomington for 30 years retiring in 1987.

She enjoyed over 62 years of marriage and was a loving mother and grandmother. She enjoyed making crafts, cooking and baking.

She was a member of Hopedale Mennonite Church and Taylor-Eckhardt American Legion Auxiliary Post 913 in Armington.

Her funeral will be at 11:00 am Monday, April 8, 2013 at Hopedale Mennonite Church. Rev Kurt Walker will officiate. Visitation will be from 9:00 to 10:30 am Monday at the church. Burial will be in Atlanta Cemetery in Atlanta, IL. Davis Mortuary in Hopedale is handling the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Hopedale Mennonite Church.

To express condolences online visit [www.davismortuaryinc.com](http://www.davismortuaryinc.com).

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Larry Keith

Higginbotham

LINCOLN - Larry Keith Higginbotham, 71, of Lincoln, passed away Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at St. John's Hospice in Springfield, IL.

Larry was born July 2, 1941 in Youngstown, Ohio, the son of Orville Robert "Bob" and Dorothy Estelle (Markham) Higginbotham.

He married Rosalie Olivetti on September 8, 1962. She preceded him in death on March 30, 2001.

Visitation will be from 12:00 Noon until 1:00 PM on Saturday, April 6, 2013 at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will be at 1PM on Saturday also at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Green Hill Cemetery, San Jose, IL.

Larry was a member of the Masonic Lodge #156 in Delavan, IL. He was the owner of Olde Timey Creations in San Jose, IL. with his wife for many years.

Survivors include: his daughters Lisa (Mickey) Bailey of Fyffe, AL and Angelina (Darrel) Williams of Pekin, IL.; 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Rosalie, and his brother James "Jim" Higginbotham.

Memorials may be made to Parkinson's Disease Research and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Michael H. McCoy

CHARLESTON - Michael H. McCoy, age 62, formerly of Westhoff, Tx, passed away Friday, March 29th at Hilltop Skilled Nursing and Rehab Center in Charleston. Mike was born on Oct.23,1950 the son of Dan and Elaine McCoy. He is survived by his mother Elaine of Westhoff, Tx. Two sons, Tim(Lori) McCoy of Charleston. Josh McCoy of Petersburg, Il. Two grandchildren, Donovan Justice-McCoy of Charleston and Peyton McCoy of Mattoon. Three brothers, Jim McCoy of Cuero, Tx., George McCoy of Greenview, Il, David McCoy of Quincy, Il. 4 sisters, Dana Snyder of Geneva, Oh., Lisa Breedlove of Painesville, Oh., Marty Ruppel of Greenview, Il, and Kara Gonzales of Westhoff, Tx. Numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father and brother Joe. At Mike's request, his body was donated to science. A private burial will be held at a later date in Westhoff, Tx, home to Mike for the last 25yrs.

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Mary Sue Altman

ATHENS - Mary Sue Altman, 69, of Athens, IL, formerly of Lincoln, passed away at 8:27 a.m. at her home on Thursday, April 4, 2013.

Mary Sue was born August 11, 1943, in Lincoln, IL, the daughter of Fred and Mary Greenslate Altman. Her parents preceded her in death.

Mary Sue is survived by one sister, Joyce (Harold) Seelye of Lincoln; three brothers: Fred (Sharon) Altman of Pekin, IL, Herbert (Erica) Altman and Jim Altman, both of Lincoln; six nieces; three nephews; several great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

She was a retired clerical employee from the State of Illinois, Department of Transportation; a member of First Baptist Church of Lincoln; and a member of several Dog Clubs in Springfield and Decatur. She helped train dogs in obedience for many years and raised champion dogs. She loved her dogs dearly.

Mary Sue's wishes were to be cremated with a Celebration of Life at a later date. A private burial will be in Zion Cemetery. Services were entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln. Memorials may be given to the Logan County Humane Society or First Baptist Church of Lincoln.

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Franklin "Chick" Przykopanski

LINCOLN - Franklin "Chick" Przykopanski, 79, of Lincoln, IL, died at 10:00 a.m. on April 4, 2013, at his home.

Chick was born January 30, 1934, in Lincoln, IL, the son of William and Gertrude Hueneke Przykopanski. He married Wanita Hopp on June 15, 1968, in Lincoln, IL. She survives.

He is also survived by one daughter, Darla (Jason) Brown of Lincoln; two sisters, Dorothy Morrow of Lincoln and Lois Dutz of Mason City, IL; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Jack R. and William; and a sister, Norma Billings.

Chick worked in maintenance at Lincoln Developmental Center, Lincoln. He was a member of the Catholic Church. He loved to fish.

His wishes were to be cremated and a private family service will be at a later date. Memorials may be given to the family. Services were entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln.

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Franklin L. "Jack" Bartelmay

LINCOLN - Franklin L. "Jack" Bartelmay, Sr., 80, of Lincoln, IL died on Friday, April 5, 2013, at 5:26 p.m. at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital Emergency Room, Lincoln, IL. Jack was born January 30, 1933, in Morton, IL, the son of Arch and Mary Elizabeth Bolliger Bartelmay. He married Shirley R. Hamburg April 16, 1964, in Lincoln, IL. She survives in Lincoln.

Jack is also survived by his son, Franklin L. Bartelmay, Jr., of Lincoln; two stepdaughters, Tamera (Brian) Burwell-Klink and Toni Burwell-Gibbs of Groveland, IL; one sister, Della Scroggin of Lexington, KY; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, and seven brothers.

Jack was a retired car salesman from Jim Xamis Ford. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church and the Kiwanis of Lincoln.

Services for Jack will be at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln with Rev. Larry Maffett officiating. A visitation will be held from 4:00-7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 9 at the funeral home. Burial will be in Zion Cemetery, Lincoln.

Memorials may be made to the Lincoln Kiwanis Club.

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Harold F. Keith

MASON CITY - Harold F. Keith, 88, of Mason City passed away April 6, 2013, at the Mason City Area Nursing Home. He was born on August 4, 1924, the son of Jesse and Sarah (Mulford) Keith. He married Florence Beccue on April 12, 1953, in Athens, IL; she survives.

Harold is also survived by five children: Karen (Ken) Marcum of Greenview, Connie (Randy) Friedrich of Manito, Bobbi (Bruce) Davis of Greenview, Carol Keith and Frances Keith of Springfield. Also surviving are six grandchildren: Jason, Emily, Cole, Katie, Trent, and Kelsey; three stepgrandchildren: Kara, Jason, Amy, seven step great-grandchildren: Tanner, Lucas, Wyatt, Mariah, Lacie, Jacob, Johnathan; and two sisters, Betty (Willard) Emmons of Lincoln and Dorothy (Ralph) Krause of Mason City. He was preceded in death by two brothers.

Harold was a member of the Mason City Lutheran Church. He farmed all his life in the Mason City area, retiring in 1987. He was a member of the Farm Bureau and the Road Commissioner for Pennsylvania Township. He served in the United States Army from 1946-1947. In 1948 Harold received a Carnegie Hero Medal for the rescue of Leslie E. Mathers, Sr. from an attack by a tiger. He was often seen riding one of his homemade bicycles around town.

Funeral Service will be at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at the Mason City Christ Lutheran Church. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service beginning at 10:00 a.m., also at the church. Pastor John Johnson will officiate. Burial will follow at the Mason City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Elevator Fund at the Church or the Activity Fund at the Mason City Area Nursing Home.

Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is assisting the family with the arrangements. Share stories, thoughts, and condolences at

[www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

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Doilene Hawkins

LINCOLN - Doilene Hawkins, 82, of Lincoln, passed away April 3, 2013, at St. Clara's Manor in Lincoln.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, April 13, 2013, at Second Baptist Church in Lincoln with Reverend Glenn Shelton officiating. Burial will follow in New Union Cemetery, Lincoln. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. also on Saturday at the church. Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Doilene was born April 13, 1930, in Springfield, IL, the daughter of John and Delores (Davis) Hickman. She was a member of Second Baptist Church, the Second Baptist Church Mother's Board, the Second Baptist Church Choir, was a pianist for the church, and was an avid softball player.

Surviving are her children: Stanley Hawkins of South America, Cheryl (Michael) Brown of Kentucky, and Tonya Glenn of Lincoln; her son-in-law, Michael Glenn of Lincoln; grandchildren: Damien, Michael Jr., Mary, LaShonda, Kia, Richard, Asia, Sergio, Stan Jr., Stephen, Brandon, Maiya, and Leah; and great-grandchildren: Carmen and Chelsea.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorials may be made to Second Baptist Church.

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Robert T.

Lenhardt, Sr.

LINCOLN - Robert T. Lenhardt, Sr., 83, of Lincoln passed away at 7:55 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, IL.

Robert was born February 3, 1930, in Lincoln, IL, the son of Jacob and Mildred (Daniels) Lenhardt, both of whom preceded him in death. He was their only child.

Robert was baptized, confirmed and a lifetime member of St. John United Church of Christ in Lincoln. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1948 and worked at Lehn and Fink Cosmetics Corporation for 48 years until he retired in 1995. During this time he also worked as a manager at the Lincoln Theatre for 24 years.

Mr. Lenhardt served in the United States Army as a Wire Sergeant in Korea from 1951-1953.

Robert is survived by his wife, Marcella (Moore) Lenhardt. They were married June 17, 1951, at the Methodist Church in Stonington, IL, and were married for 61 years. Also surviving are his son, Robert E. Lenhardt of Lincoln, IL; daughter, Laurie (Lenhardt) Libman and her husband Paul Libman of Atlanta, GA; and two grandchildren, Amelia Libman and Sam Libman of Atlanta, GA. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, uncle, cousin, grandfather and friend who will be deeply missed by all.

Services for Robert will be Saturday, April 13 at 2:00 p.m. at St. John United Church of Christ of Lincoln with Rev. Jan Johnson and Rev. Robert Long officiating.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service 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 St. John United Church of Christ.

Services were entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, IL.

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Lucille R. Wendell

LINCOLN, IL - Lucille R. Wendell, 101, of Lincoln passed away at 9:20 p.m., Friday, April 5, 2013, at the Christian Nursing Home in Lincoln.

Lucille was born December 24, 1911, at the family home in New Holland, IL to Louis and Emma Halstead Duginger. She married George William Wendell on June 26, 1930, in New Holland, IL. He preceded her in death on April 20, 1987.

Surviving are two daughters, Joy (Jim) Smoots of Wilmington, NC, and Kaye (Fred) Troppe of Akron, OH; three grandchildren: Anthony (Jill) Troppe of Akron, OH, Nathan (Laura) Smoots of Wilmington, NC, and Colin Smoots of Leland, NC; and two great-grandchildren, Michael and Gabe Troppe. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and brother Glen Duginger.

Lucille was a member of the Lincoln Christian Church, and in addition to being a homemaker, she was the manager of Playhouse Dare Care Center. She was also a member of the New Holland Women's Club.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, April 13, 2013, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with Ryan Edgecomb officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Burial will be at Richmond Grove Cemetery in New Holland. Memorials may be made to Lincoln Christian Nursing Home.

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Charles H.

Anderson

BELLEVILLE - Charles H. Anderson, 82, of Belleville, Ill., formerly of Lincoln, Ill., born Tuesday, November 11, 1930, in Lincoln, IL, died Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Belleville, Ill.

Charles was the owner of Anderson CPA Firm. He was the past president of the Southern Chapter of the Illinois Society of CPA's and has been a volunteer with United Way and served as chairman of the Allocation Committee for two years.

He is an active member of Union United Methodist Church in Belleville, the Belleville Rotary and past board member of Hospice of Southern Illinois.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy A. (nee Jones) Anderson; parents, Henry and May (nee Hunter) Anderson; and sister, Mary Helen Broughton.

Surviving are his sons, Rod (Ceci) Anderson of Lenexa, KS, and Tom (Jamie) Anderson of Belleville, IL; sister, Judy (Paul) Brady of Palo, IL; grandchildren, Heather Anderson, Matt Radden, Allyson Anderson, and Ava Anderson; and great-grandson, Parker Charles Stoll.

Visitation: Friends may call from 4-8 p.m., Friday, April 12, 2013, at Kurrus Funeral Home in Belleville, Ill.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 13, 2013, at Kurrus Funeral Home, with Rev. Ed Weston officiating. There will be a private family interment.

Memorials may be made to the Hospice of Southern Illinois

Condolences may be expressed online at

[www.kurrusfh.com](http://www.kurrusfh.com).

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Shirley A.

Dunshee

ARMINGTON - Shirley A. Dunshee, 78, of Armington passed away on Thursday, April 11, 2013, at Advocate BroMenn Regional Medical Center in Normal.

A memorial service for Mrs. Dunshee will be held on Monday at 10:30 a.m. at the Armington Christian Church, 202 S. Monroe Street, with Mr. Ed Loyd officiating.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until time of the service on Monday at the church.

Burial will be in Orendorff Cemetery in Hopedale.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Quiram Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta.

Shirley Ann Mobley was born on August 26, 1934, in rural Minier the daughter of Thomas and Ova Mae Greathouse Mobley. She first married Everett Coggins. She later married Donald Dunshee on December 28, 1991, in Armington. He survives.

Also surviving are her children: Cindy (Duane Appenzeller) Coggins, Janice (Dennis) Martin, Carla Coggins, and Penny (Kevin) Wiemer; stepson, Clem (Dawn) Gibson; grandchildren: Stephanie (Sam), Dustin, and Josh Schmidgall, Stacie Myers, Nicole, Joe, Jim Watts, Kayla and Kollins Wiemer, Cory, Derrick, and Jake Martin; nineteen great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by four brothers: Leo, Ralph, Gene and Carl; two sisters, Mary Taylor and Dorothy Hymbaugh.

Shirley graduated from the Hopedale High School in 1952. She was a member of the Hopedale Presbyterian Church, American Legion Auxiliary in Delavan, [VFW](#) Auxiliary in Peoria.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Armington Rescue Squad or Advocate BroMenn Hospice.

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Deloris J.

Pourchot

1938-2013

LINCOLN - Deloris J. Pourchot, 74, of Lincoln, Illinois, passed away at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2013. She was born September 25, 1938, in Peoria to Ralph and Marie (Blakeley) Gregory.

She married Leonard Pourchot on October 3, 1992, in Peoria and he preceded her in death on March 7, 2013. She is survived by two stepsons, Doug (Barbara) Ellis of Latham, IL, and Roger Ellis of California. She is also survived by two sisters, Darlene Urish of Easton, IL, and Diane (Ron) Ebken of Kilbourne, IL, and three stepgrandchildren: Susan, Janet and Wesley Ellis.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and brother, Ralph Gregory.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lincoln. She was also a member of the League of Women Voters, was President of the Coalition of Women Church Members, the President of National Association of Retired Federal Employees and President of National Association of Extension Home Economists. She worked for the Cooperative Extension Service at the University of Illinois and at Virginia Tech for 36 years.

Services will be held on Monday, April 15, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana, IL, with Pastor Brian Lesemann officiating. Visitation will be held at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow services at Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the University of Illinois, Northern Illinois University, Immanuel Lutheran Church or St. John's Lutheran Church.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements. Online messages may be left for the family at

[www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

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Jerry Wayne Bragg, Sr.

LINCOLN, IL - Jerry Wayne Bragg, Sr., 75, of Lincoln, passed away April 11, 2013, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Ill.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., Monday, April 15, 2013, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 16, 2013, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home with Ron Otto officiating. Burial will follow in New Union Cemetery, Lincoln.

Jerry was born April 8, 1938, in Bruce, Ill., the son of F.H. and Maye Bernadine (Bathe) Bragg. He was united in marriage to Marlene (Mefferd).

He was a member of Lincoln Christian Church, the LinPro Squaredancers, and was a truck driver for many years.

Surviving are his wife, Marlene of Lincoln, Ill.; son, Jerry Wayne Bragg Jr. (Barbara) of Chestnut, Ill.; son, Jesse W. Bragg (Jeanne) of Rural Beason, Ill.; daughter, Theresa J. McGee (Timothy) of Lincoln, Ill.; son, Daniel L. Bragg (Genevieve) of Montana; daughter, Cathy Jo Lieters (James) of Lincoln, Neb.; stepdaughter, Pam Guzynski (Geoff) of Flossmoor, Ill.; stepdaughter, Kay Oaks (Marcus) of Crestwood, Mo.; 20 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; brother, Jim Bragg (Jenny) of Maroa, Ill.; brother, Kenny Bragg (Carol) of Atlanta, Ga.; sister, Rosie Hawkins (Jack) of Tenn.; brother, Joe Bragg (Nellie) of Jacksonville, Fla.; sister, Joyce Montgomery (Larry) of Indiana; and sister, Judy O'Donoghue (Pat) of Lincoln, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Frances Bragg Jr.; and sister, Patty Ann Bragg.

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

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Larry L. Goodman

ATLANTA, IL – Larry L. Goodman, 58, of Atlanta, passed away on Thursday, April 11, 2013, at 3:33 p.m. at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

Funeral services for Mr. Goodman will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at Jefferson Street Christian Church in Lincoln. Dr. L. C. Sutton will officiate.

Visitation will be held at Jefferson Street Christian Church from 4-7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2013.

Burial will be in Atlanta Cemetery.

Surviving Mr. Goodman are his sons: Brandon Goodman of Broadwell, Brett (Jamie) Goodman of Atlanta and Brad Goodman of Atlanta; their mother, Nancy Fuller; three grandchildren: Bailee, Abigail and Allen; his parents, Walter and Katy Goodman of Atlanta; one sister, Lisa (Greg Paul) Goodman of Bloomington; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Larry was preceded in death by his grandparents: Vernon and Elizabeth Goodman and Byford and Marie Boyd and one granddaughter, Andie.

Mr. Goodman was born on April 28, 1954, the son of Walter and Katy Boyd Goodman. He married Nancy Billington Fuller on January 14, 1977. She survives.

Larry graduated from Atlanta High School in 1972. Following graduation he carried on the family business, V. Goodman Transfer and Garage in Lincoln. He passed along his legacy with sons, Brett and Brad, through Goodman Excavation, Inc. Larry was a member of Operating Engineers Local 965 of Springfield.

Memorials may be made to Logan County Paramedic Association or Atlanta Rescue Squad.

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

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Richard "Dale" Harvey

MASON CITY - Richard "Dale" Harvey, 88, died at Mason City Area Nursing Home on April 12, 2013. He was born April 8, 1925, the son of Carl A. and Agnes (Hursey) Harvey. He married Helen Virginia Caldwell in 1946. She preceded him in death on October 31, 2003.

Surviving are two sons, Steve (Barbara) Harvey of Easton, IL and Richard A. (Brenda) Harvey of Mason City; six grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; two sisters, Joan Burns and Carol Schwandner of Springfield, IL; and two brothers, Terry Harvey of Crystal Lake, IL and C.A. Harvey of Texas. He also raised his niece, Lita NeCaise, of Bradenton, FL.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Arlene Entwistle and Barbara Godsell.

Dale served in the 77th infantry, Public Theatre During [WWII](#). He worked for Leon and Ruth Shipp at Shipps Appliance Center for many years and retired from Paddack's in 1990.

To honor Dale's wishes, cremation rights will be accorded and no services will be held. The family requests that donations be made to the Mason City Fire Department.

Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left for the family at

[www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

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## Eugenia Ruth Juhl Merry

SAN ANTONIO, TX - Eugenia Ruth (nee Velde) Juhl Merry was called home by her Savior Jesus Christ on April 12, 2013, at the age of 92.

Eugenia was born May 23, 1920, in New Holland, IL, to the late Teis and Helen (nee Garretson) Velde. She graduated from Illinois State Normal University (ISNU) in 1941. She married Leonard Juhl in June of 1942 and they were married for almost 40 years before his death in 1981. In 1982, she married Raymond Merry. They were married for 19 years before his death in 2001.

Eugenia was a well-loved teacher and retired from Lincoln (IL) Junior High School in 1976. Hobbies and interests included playing bridge, traveling, sports, and spending time with her family. She was a long-time member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lincoln, IL, before moving to San Antonio, TX in 2008 where she became a member of Concordia Lutheran Church.

Eugenia was preceded in death by her husbands, Leonard Juhl and Raymond Merry, and a granddaughter, Kara Leigh Broughton. She is survived by a daughter, Joyce Juhl, a son, Gary (Debbie) Juhl, and a granddaughter, Amy (Jeff) Sanders, all of San Antonio, TX; a grandson, Todd (Jennifer) Juhl of Scottsdale, AZ; five great-granddaughters: Maya, Rachel, and Leah Sanders, and Avery and Emerson Juhl; and cousin, Bob (Nancy) Garretson of Decatur, IL. In addition, she has a loving stepfamily: Raymond Wayne Merry, Calvin and Marcia (nee Merry) Forman and their children: Shelly Forman Goodson, Chris Forman and Scott Forman; as well as other relatives and many friends who loved her dearly.

A memorial service to celebrate Eugenia's life will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lincoln, IL at a future date yet to be determined. Burial will be in Richmond Grove Cemetery outside of New Holland, IL.

Memorials may be sent to Western Illinois University Foundation, One University Circle, Macomb, IL, 61455 for benefit of the Kara Leigh Broughton Memorial Scholarship Fund or to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 1409 Pulaski St., Lincoln, IL 62656.

Final arrangements in Lincoln, IL, are being coordinated by Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home.

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## Amber DeeAnn Fults

CHICAGO - Amber DeeAnn Fults, 37, of Chicago, formerly of Springfield, died unexpectedly on Sunday, April 14, 2013, at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Chicago.

Amber was born December 28, 1975, in Lincoln IL, beloved daughter of Carolyn Bailey Fults of Springfield and Jeffery Fults of Lincoln. Along with her parents, Amber is survived by sisters, Kim (Rick) Freer of Athens and Angie "Bitters" Fults of Springfield; dear nieces, Bailey Fults-Peterman and Bryce Fults; several aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by grandparents, George and Delores Bailey, and Doc and Shug Fults. Amber is also survived by Pepper, Super Kitty, Mr Cuddles and many, many friends in many, many places.

Amber received her Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Design from Illinois Institute of Art, Chicago IL. She was currently a doctoral student in Clinical Psychology at Illinois School of Professional Psychology at Argosy in Chicago. She recently had been awarded an externship at Connection Day School in Hoffman Estates. After graduating as a fashion designer, Amber worked at a millinery boutique on Michigan Avenue designing and creating hats and wedding veils. While pursuing her PhD, Amber was store manager and buyer at Barker & Meowsky, A Paw Firm. Amber was a caring person who founded Creative HOPE, facilitating the supervision and teaching of homeless students in creating works of art fulfilling the mission of counteracting the negative effects of homelessness by providing a positive, welcoming and creative environment for many of Chicago's homeless students. She was a volunteer at Chicago HOPES as an art teacher, mentor, and tutor to Chicago's homeless students during one on one sessions through shelter based programs.

Amber's parents, sisters, and nieces will be having a private service. All family and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend a Celebration of Amber's Life on Friday, May 31, 2013, at the Knights of Columbus in Lincoln, IL, at 7:00 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Trio Animal Foundation, 516 N. Ogden Ave., Ste. 199, Chicago, IL 60642. ([www.trioanimalfoundation.com](http://www.trioanimalfoundation.com)) or to [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](http://www.stjudechildrensresearchhospital.org), 530 N.E. Glen Oak Ave., Peoria, IL 61637. Arrangements were entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln.

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Donald W.

Sanders

ATLANTA – Mr. Donald W. Sanders, 81, of Atlanta, passed away on Sunday, April 14, 2013, at 11:30 p.m. at HCR Manor Care in Normal.

Graveside services for Mr. Sanders will be held on Friday, April 19, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at Zion Cemetery in Lincoln.

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

Burial will be in Zion Cemetery.

Surviving Mr. Sanders are his wife, Carolyn, of Atlanta; two children, Susan (C.J.) Knuffman of Decatur and Jason (Alicia) Sanders of Atlanta; six grandchildren: Lydia, Isabella and Cyril Knuffman and Jenna, Anna and Julie Sanders; and one sister, Doris Steffens of Texas.

Donald William Sanders was born May 26, 1931, in Lincoln, the son of William and Fern Walker Sanders. He married Carolyn Deverman in August 1964, at Zion Lutheran Church in Lincoln. She survives.

Don graduated from Lincoln Community High School in 1949. He was a lifelong grain and livestock farmer in the Lincoln and Atlanta area. He also sold seed corn for various companies throughout his life. He loved to plant and harvest corn. And Don also loved taking his grandkids on adventures. He was a member of the Logan County Farm Bureau and the NRA. Don enjoyed going to "the boat" and made many friends there.

Memorials may be made to Atlanta Rescue Squad or Atlanta Fire Department.

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

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Tara Sue Scales Sennett

Lincoln- Tara Sue Scales Sennett, 63, of Lincoln went to worship at the feet of her Heavenly Father on Monday, April 15, 2013.

Funeral Services for Ms. Sennett will be held on Sunday, April 21, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. at Jefferson Street Christian Church in Lincoln with Mr. Dustin Fulton officiating.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, 2013 at the Church. Additional visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday at the Church.

Graveside services will be held on Monday, April 22, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at Zion Cemetery in Lincoln.

Tara was born on March 15, 1950 in Peoria to Edward F. and Freda Lee Thompson Scales.

Surviving are her daughter: Gina (Shawn) Henderliter of Springfield, her beloved dog: Angel, four sisters: Cinda (Bob) Asp of Rockton, Ill., Sheri Crothers of San Antonio, Tx., Donna (Omar) Svensson of Bellevue, NE., Marta Kolasa of Chicago.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her dog, Bildad.

Memorials may be made to Girl Scouts of Central Illinois or to Lincoln Christian University.

Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Tara was a lifelong teacher and student. She graduated from East Peoria High School, Illinois State University and Lincoln Christian Seminary. She taught at many schools in different areas of the country, including Lincoln Christian College and Cookson Hills Christian Missions in Oklahoma. Most recently, she worked as the secretary for Trinity Episcopal Church in Lincoln.

Even after her formal studies ended, she continued to learn both in and out of the classroom. Languages were of great interest to her. Over the years, she studied Latin, Greek, Hebrew, various ancient written languages, and even some Egyptian Hieroglyphics. Most recently, she was studying American Sign Language.

In addition to her language studies, Tara enjoyed anything that allowed her to work her brain and her hands. She loved word and number puzzles of all kinds, as well as various crafts such as sewing, weaving and crocheting. She put these to good use in her many years of service as a Girl Scout leader and trainer. She was also active in the local craft and quilting guilds, as well as in the "Sign & Dine" group, where she was able to practice her sign language skills.

Tara loved Lincoln and considered it her home. But even more, she loved her Lord. Her Bible and her prayer notes were her constant companion and comfort throughout her illness, especially Isaiah 40:31 - "but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

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Sheila Caskey

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO. Sheila R. Caskey, 74, of Cape Girardeau died Saturday, April 13, 2013, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau.

She was born Feb. 13, 1939, in Chicago to Raymond B. and Grace F. Meadows Caskey.

Sheila received a bachelor of science degree in education and masters of science degree from Illinois State University at Normal and a Ph.D. from [Purdue University](#).

She was a professor at Southeast Missouri State University for 33 years, 19 of those as dean of graduate studies and extended learning, retiring in August 1998.

She was the founding president of the board of trustees at Southeast Hospital College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

She was a past member of the Higher Learning Commission and NCATE review teams, a former member of the Cape Girardeau Library board of trustees and Cape Girardeau Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, along with having served as a Community Council board member.

She served several years on the Lake Perry Lot Owners board of trustees.

Sheila was the author of numerous scholarly articles published at the state and national levels. She also did volunteer work for AARP as a tax preparer.

Survivors include a brother, Michael Caskey of Lincoln, IL.; four nieces; Dawn (Toby) Garner, Waynesville, IL, Debbie (Derek) Smith, Clinton, IL, Micole (Adam) Caskey Bloomington, IL, Marissa (Matt) Caskey, Lincoln, IL, eight great-nieces and great-nephews; and a very special friend, Margaret A. Theobald of Cape Girardeau.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Ford and Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

A private memorial service will be in her hometown of Lawndale, Ill., at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to Southeast Hospital College of Nursing and Health Sciences or Southeast Missouri State University Department of Nursing.

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Daniel L. Dewitt

MT. PULASKI, IL - Daniel L. Dewitt, 45, of Mt. Pulaski passed away on April 13, 2013, at his home.

Daniel was born on April 12, 1968, in Lincoln, son of Austin and Ellen Louise Funderburk Dewitt, Jr. He was united in marriage to Sheryl Dambacher on April 4, 1992, in Lake Fork, Ill. She survives him. Other survivors include his parents; his brother, Gary (Jane) Dewitt of Mt. Pulaski; his sister, Cynthia (Gary) McKay of Lincoln; and his nephew, Andrew Dewitt of Mt. Pulaski. He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Daniel worked in maintenance at Wal-Mart. Daniel loved to ride motorcycles and he collected Native American artifacts.

Cremation rites were accorded. A private burial will take place at a later date. Memorials may be made to the family, to the [American Cancer Society](#), or to the Logan County Humane Society. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski.

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Gloria Mae

Leamon

MASON CITY, IL - Gloria Mae Leamon, 72, of Mason City, passed away on Thursday, April 18, 2013, at the Mason City Area Nursing Home. She was born on August 12, 1940, in Toledo, Ohio to Joseph M. Wilson, Sr. and Alice L. (Simmons) Wilson.

Gloria is survived by two children: Connie L. Hall and Becky S. Leamon, both of Mason City, Ill., five Grandchildren and seven Great Grandchildren, two brothers: David Wilson of Bedford, Ind., Donnie Wilson of Bradenton, Fla. and one sister: Jaqueline Johnson of Bloomington, Ind. Gloria was preceded in death by one child, Tereasa A. Leamon; one brother, Joseph Wilson; and both of her parents.

Gloria was a member of the United Presbyterian Church in Mason City, Ill. and the Red Hat Society. She enjoyed dancing, bowling, Elvis, the Chicago Cubs and the Chicago Bears. She was also a bartender for many years.

A visitation will be held for Gloria on Friday, April 19 from 5-7 p.m. at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City. Funeral Services will also be at the Funeral Home on Saturday, April 20 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Boni Quandt officiating. Burial will be at the Mason City Cemetery in Mason City, Ill. Memorial Contributions may be made to Mason City Area Nursing Home or Safe Haven Hospice.

Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City, Ill., is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left for the family at [hurleyfh.com](http://hurleyfh.com).

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Ida Stabbe

LINCOLN - Ida (Mahler) Stabbe, 103, of Lincoln, died at her home, Friendship Manor on April 18, 2013. She lived a joyful and courageous life. She entered her new life triumphantly.

Ida was born May 5, 1909, in Los Angeles, California, the daughter of Frederick William and Bertha Amelia Balzerick Mahler. She married Roy Maxwell Cutlip and he preceded her in death in 1955. She then married Robert Sanders in 1962 and he preceded her in death in 1985. She then married Edward Stabbe in 1987 and he preceded her in death in 2004.

Surviving Ida are one son, William Fred (Jean) Cutlip of Ellensburg, WA; one daughter, Darlene "Sue" Walker of Lincoln; one sister, Bernice Lucille Hackett of Lincoln; thirteen grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchild-ren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands; three brothers: Paul, John and one brother in infancy, Frederick Mahler; one sister, Catharine Read; one son, Ronald Lynn Cutlip; one grandchild and one great-great-grandchild.

Ida had worked at the Lucas and Farmer Grocery Store, Lincoln Developmental Center, the Perk Up Shop, and restaurants, all in Lincoln. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Lincoln.

Services for Ida will be Monday, April 22, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln with Rev. Robert Baker officiating. Visitation will be Sunday, April 21 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the funeral Home.

Memorials may be given to the Friendship Manor.

Cremation rites will be accorded.

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William Dean "Billy" Mileham

LINCOLN - William Dean "Billy" Mileham, 23, passed away at 11:43 a.m. on April 18, 2013, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Billy was born on February 13, 1990, son of Terry Ray and Peggy Ann Dambacher Mileham. Billy enjoyed wood working, wrestling, rock music, football, and playing ps3 with his brother.

He is survived by his parents: Terry (Charity) Mileham of Mt Pulaski and Peggy (Jim) Huffman of Lincoln; paternal grandparents, Dean ad Bunnie Mileham of Elkhart; maternal grandparents, Gerald and Dorothy Dambacher of Lincoln; two brothers, Tyler Huffman and Randall Lee Mileham of Lincoln; two sisters, Kayla Huffman of Mason City and Andrea Hanna of Mt Pulaski. He was preceded in death by two grandparents and great-grandparents.

Services for Billy will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at Fricke Calvert Schrader Funeral Home in Mt Pulaski. Services will be conducted by Mark Weber. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., Monday, April 22, 2013. at the funeral home in Mt Pulaski. A burial will follow the service at Carlyle Cemetery in Lake Fork, IL.

Memorials may be given to the family.

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Kenneth G.

Davison

MIDDLETOWN - Kenneth G. Davison, 87, of Middletown, passed away at 7:21 a.m., Sunday, April 21, 2013, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Kenneth was born on March 19, 1926, son of Walter G. and Nettie Banister Davison. He married Alberta Sipe on April 26, 1944, in Petersburg. She survives him in Middletown.

He worked at Fiat –Allis as a mechanic. He was a member of the Sweetwater Christian Church, American Legion Post #672 in Middletown, Logan County Auxiliary Police, 40&08, Logan County and Greenview AMVETS, Lincoln Eagle Lodge #2708, Greenview Masonic Lodge #653. He was also a member of the Springfield Shiners, Lincoln [VFW](#), worked security at Logan County Courthouse, was a volunteer [fireman](#) in Middletown, and was mayor of Middletown for 18 years.

He is survived by one son, Kenneth G. (Donna) Davison of Chino, CA; one sister, Lois J. Boyer of Lincoln; one brother, Walter G. Davison (Geri) of Green Valley, IL; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers: Edwin, Robert and Dean Davison.

Services for Kenneth will be 10 a.m., Thursday, April 25, 2013, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln and will be officiated by Pastor Roger James. Visitation will be from 4-7 on Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at the funeral home. Burial will follow the service at Irish Grove Cemetery in Middletown where full military honors will be accorded by Middletown American Legion Post #672.

Memorials may be made to the Sweetwater Christian Church.

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Gary Lynn Smith

LINCOLN - Gary Lynn Smith, 52, of Belleville, IL, formerly of Lincoln, IL, died at 8:45 p.m., Friday, April 19, 2013, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Belleville, IL with friends and family by his side.

Gary was born October 19, 1960, in Lincoln, IL, the son of Wayne and Alice Petro Smith. Gary is survived by his mother of Lincoln, IL; one daughter, Alicyne (Josh) Shaffer of Lincoln; three grandchildren: Kaylea Ingram, Joshua Damian Shaffer and Jalen Shaffer, three stepgrandchildren; three brothers: Richard Smith of Taylorville, IL, Larry Smith (twin) of Mexico, New York and Allen Wayne Smith Jr. of Lincoln, IL.

Gary had worked as a cook at Heritage Inn in Lincoln and was Vice President of PPATW (Prayer Partners Around the World).

Funeral services for Gary will be on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, IL with Rev. Becky Lembke officiating. Burial will be in Zion Cemetery, Lincoln, IL. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the family.

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## Mary Ellen Bruns

LINCOLN - Mary Ellen Bruns, 81, of Lincoln passed away at her home at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 21, 2013.

Mary Ellen was born on December 28, 1931, in Emden, IL, the daughter of Henry and Anna Miller Reiners. She married George Lee "Shorty" Bruns on March 19, 1949, at Marshall, IL. He preceded her in death January 31, 2010.

She is survived by: one son, Mike (Jill) Bruns of Emden, IL; one daughter, Sue (Louie) Fitzpatrick of Atlanta, IL; two sisters, Ruth Worner of Champaign, IL, and Dorothy (Bob) Alexander of Pekin, IL; six grandchildren: Angie Bruns, Sheree (Jerry) Stark, Chad Fitzpatrick, Jessica (Brandon) Booth, Rachel (Hugh Cios) Amberg, and Lynette Amberg; nine great grandchildren: Victoria Fitzpatrick of Hartsburg, MO, Abigail and Garrett Fitzpatrick of Chestnut, IL, Addison and Connor Booth of Morton, IL, Ryan Hedrick of Lincoln, IL, and Madison, Jake, and Joshua Stark of Palatine. She was preceded in death by one son, Richard Leslie who died in 1951; one daughter, Barbara Ellen Amberg who died in 2007; two brothers, Earl and Donald Reiners.

Mary Ellen retired as the Logan County Treasurer where she had served for 16 years; however, she worked in the County Treasurer's office since 1976. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Lincoln, past member of Zonta, Junior Women's Club, Volunteer at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, past Board Member of Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital and Lincoln Rotary. She played in the Bell Choir at church and helped with teaching Sunday School.

Services for Mary Ellen will be 10:00 a.m., Friday, April 26, 2013, at the First United Methodist Church of Lincoln with Rev. Michael Paulson officiating. Visitation will be Thursday, April 25 from 4-7:00 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln. Burial will be in Hartsburg Union Cemetery at Hartsburg, IL. Memorials may be given to Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, First United Methodist Church or Memorial Home Hospice.

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Janie Dickerson

LINCOLN - Janie Dickerson of Lincoln, Illinois, formerly of O'Fallon, Illinois, died April 17, 2013 at The Christian Village in Lincoln.

Mrs. Dickerson, nee Gilliland, was born in Macon, North Carolina, June 2, 1920. She attended Meredith College in Raleigh, NC. She was a retired elementary and junior high school [teacher](#), having taught 43 years, 25 in North Carolina and 18 in O'Fallon, Ill. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of O'Fallon, the St. Clair County Retired Teachers Association, and formerly served on the O'Fallon Planning Commission.

Mrs. Dickerson was preceded in death by her husband, William M. Dickerson, Sr., parents Lucie Shearin and James H. Gilliland, twin brother James D. Gilliland, and sister Virginia G. Bailey.

Surviving are her son William M. (Janice) Dickerson of Lincoln, Ill., granddaughter Phyllis Ann (Tom) Heleniak of Gilberts, Ill., great-grandson Rowan W. Heleniak, nephew Roy Bailey of Buckingham, Virginia, niece Carol Peterson of Albuquerque, New Mexico, cousins Betty Jean G. Woodruff of North Carolina and Maynard Haithcock of Virginia, one great-niece and one great-nephew.

Memorials may be made to The Christian Village, 1507 Seventh St., Lincoln, Illinois 62656, or First United Methodist Church, 504 E. Hwy 50, O'Fallon, Illinois 62269. Expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.schildknechtfh.com](http://www.schildknechtfh.com).

Visitation will be held Saturday, May 4, 2013, from 10-11:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in O'Fallon. A memorial service will be held May 4, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Ron Dickinson officiating.

Private burial will be held at O'Fallon City Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to Schildknecht Funeral Home and Cremation Services, O'Fallon, Illinois.

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Wayne E. Karrick

BLOOMINGTON - Wayne E. Karrick, 64, of Bloomington, passed away April 18, 2013.

Cremation rites will be accorded. Graveside services will be Friday, April 26, 2013 at 12:00 Noon at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Riverton, Illinois.

Wayne was born July 1, 1948 in Springfield, Illinois, the son of Edward and Rachel (Yates) Karrick.

He proudly served his country in the United States Army.

Surviving are five children: Edward (Kelly) Karrick of Springfield, IL., Darren (Cat) Karrick of Lincoln, IL., Tammy (Bradley) Begolka of Armington, IL., Paul (Alicia) Karrick of Effingham, IL., and Nick (Tera) Oliver of Heyworth, IL. Also surviving are 13 grandchildren, 6 step grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, and 3 step great grandchildren along with brothers Herbert (Gloria J.) Karrick of Bullpit, IL and Dennis (Debbi) Karrick of Chestnut, IL., and sister Gloria S. (Rue) Tungate of Union, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorial donations may be made to the family.

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Walter Ray Richner

MT. PULASKI - Walter Ray Richner, 79, of Mt. Pulaski passed away on Saturday, April 20, 2013 at home with his family at his bedside. He was born to Walter and Josephine Gardner Richner on October 25, 1933.

Ray graduated from the [University of Illinois](#) in 1955 then served two years in the United States Marines Corp.

He then returned to Chestnut to work the family farm until his retirement.

Ray is survived by his wife, Jo, of 58 years; son: Michael (Jennifer) of Mt. Pulaski, daughter: Leigh Ann (Mark) Whitson of Arcola; grandsons: Adam (Michelle) Whitson of Cibolo, Texas, Joshua (Jaimee) Whitson of Tuscola; Justin (Michelle) Richner of St. Louis, Mo.; great grandchildren: Ava and Beau Whitson and Lauren Whitson. his brother: Francis Neil (Maggie) Richner of Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers: Darrell and Marvin, infant sister Betty Jo, and one grandson Jason Richner.

A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church in Chestnut.

Following the service the family is asking friends to join them for a fellowship meal at the Chesnut family Restaurant at 5:00 p.m.

No Visitation is scheduled.

Private family burial will take place at a later date.

Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

The family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to Memorial Home Services Hospice, Pastor Joel Dietrich, and our good friends for their help in getting through this very difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Memorial Home Services Hospice, the Chestnut Zion Lutheran Church, or donor's choice.

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Hazel Marie

Zurkammer

ATLANTA - Hazel Marie Zurkammer, 105, of Atlanta, passed away April 22, 2013 at Symphony of Lincoln.

Visitation will be from 11AM until 1PM on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will be at 1PM Thursday also at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Atlanta City Cemetery beside her husband.

Hazel was born in East Lincoln Township on November 29, 1907, a daughter of Anna Forsythe Laughery and Robert C. Laughery. She married Clarence Zurkammer on April 11, 1936 in Gifford, Illinois. He preceded her in death on June 8, 1990.

Hazel is survived by three children, Wayne (Pat) Zurkammer of Beason, IL., Cheryl (Gordon) Baldock of Bloomington, IL., and Ron (Bev) Zurkammer of Atlanta, IL. There are also four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren that survive.

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

Memorial donations may be made to the Atlanta Rescue Squad or to the Atlanta Fire Department.

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Clara L.

Thompson

Clara L. Thompson, 82, of Emden, passed away at 11:55 am Saturday, April 20, 2013 at Pekin Hospital.

She was born November 24, 1930 in Lincoln, to Champ and Birdie Watkins Plank. She married Harry B. Thompson on September 26, 1954 in Emden, and he survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Barbara S. (Christopher) Knavel of Belleville; two grandsons, Samuel and Alexander Knavel; and one niece.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Wayne Plank.

She attended San Jose High School and attended Liberty Cosmetology School in Peoria.

Clara was a self employed hairdresser for 20 years.

She was a member of Prairieland Christian Church in Hartsburg where she taught Sunday school for many years.

She was an assistant for the 4-H Club and Home Economic Club in Jasper County, Indiana.

Her funeral will be at 1:00 pm Saturday, April 27, 2013 at Prairieland Christian Church in Hartsburg. Pastor Joe Sanders will officiate. Visitation will be from 11:00 am until the time of service Saturday, also at the church. Burial will be in Glendale Memorial Gardens in Pekin. Davis Mortuary in Delavan is handling the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to her church.

To express condolences online visit [www.davismortuaryinc.com](http://www.davismortuaryinc.com).

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William Edward Lahr

LINCOLN - William Edward Lahr, 90, of Lincoln passed away at his home at 9:32 p.m. on Sunday, April 21, 2013.

Bill was born December 19, 1922, in Lincoln, IL, the son of Earl and Elsie Hindman Lahr. He married Margaret E. Benedict on September 3, 1944, in Lincoln. She survives in Lincoln.

Also surviving are three daughters: Judith (Eddie) Hughes, Linda (Charles) Banister and Sharon Lahr, all of Lincoln; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four sisters and five brothers; one son, John Lahr; a granddaughter, Dawn and a grandson, Robert.

Bill was a door greeter at Wal-Mart for 18 years.

Bill's wishes were to be cremated. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 29, 2013, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, with Rev. Michael Paulson officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to service. Burial will be in Irish Grove Cemetery, rural Middletown, IL.

Memorials may be given to the First United Methodist Church of Lincoln or the Lincoln Oasis Senior Center.

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