

Jack Easley

MASON CITY, IL - Jack Easley, 85, of Mason City died at the Mason City Area Nursing Home on Monday, April 29, 2013. He was born on January 5, 1928 in Hannson, OK to Sam and Mabel (Fletcher) Easley. He married Ruth in New Holland, IL on November 3, 1955.

Jack is survived by three children: Larry (Dee) Franz, Jim (Pat) Franz and Steve (Jenny) Franz; several grandchildren; great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; two brothers, Gene (Willa Mae) Harris of Mason City and Frank Root of Mason City; and three sisters: Audrey Johnson, Daisy Marcum and Nadine Anderson all of Mason City. He was preceded in death by his wife; parents; one son, Kenny Franz; three brothers and two sisters.

A graveside service will be held for Jack on Wednesday, May 1, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at the New Union Cemetery in Lincoln, IL.

Memorials may be made to Mason City Area Nursing Home or [American Cancer Society](#) .

Online condolences may be left for the family at hurleyfh.com.

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

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Howard W. Zook

LINCOLN - Howard W. Zook, 92, of Lincoln passed away Saturday, April 27, 2013, at 7:54 a.m. at his home. Howard was born April 9, 1921, in Clinton, IL the son of Harry and Amy Watts Zook. He married Deanna Johnson on June 22, 1940, in Beason and later married Catharine Lasley on November 26, 1992. Catherine preceded him in death on March 19, 2008.

He is survived by two daughters, Amy L. Zook of Urbana, IL and Sheri R. Zook of Snohomish, WA; one stepdaughter, KaRin Varner, Mesa, AZ; one grandchild, Emelie Brumbaugh, Snohomish, WA; and two stepgrandchildren, Steve Pasek, London, England and KaLee Pasek, Oxnard, CA. He was preceded in death by one infant son, Daniel Ellsworth Zook, and one sister, Rachel "Liz" Edwards.

Howard was a member of the Beason United Methodist Church, American Legion Chestnut-Beason Post 848, Farmers Grain Elevator, Logan County Farm Bureau, former board member of Logan FS and Beason Grade School.

Mr. Zook's wishes were to be cremated. A memorial service for Howard will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, May 3, 2013, at the Christian Village Congregate building, 1500 7th St., Lincoln, IL. Burial will be in Harmony Cemetery, Beason.

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

Memorials may be given to Christian Village of Lincoln.

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William L. Allison

LINCOLN - William L. Allison, 74 of Lincoln died at 6:55 a.m. on May 1, 2013, at St. Clara's Manor, Lincoln.

Surviving William are his wife, Georgia; five children, one sister, and three grandchildren.

Services for William will be Saturday, May 4 at 11:00 a.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln. Visitation will be Saturday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. prior to service at the funeral home. Burial will be at New Union Cemetery, Lincoln with full military rites accorded by Lincoln American Legion Post #263.

Memorials may be given to Acute Care of Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital or St. Clara's Manor.

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Harold E.

Begolka, Sr.

LINCOLN - Harold E. Begolka, Sr., 80, of Lincoln died at 6:39 p.m., May 1, 2013, at St. John's Hospice, Springfield, Ill.

Harold was born on June 10, 1932, in Lincoln, Ill., the son of Walter Max and Anna P. Warren Begolka. He married Mary Belle Engelman on September 1, 1963, in Lincoln, Illinois. She preceded him in death July 5, 2005.

Surviving Harold are two sons, Harold E. (Shirley) Begolka, Jr., of Springfield and Larry Alan Begolka of Des Moines, Iowa; one daughter, Laura Lee Begolka of Springfield; one brother, Robert Lee (Sharon) Begolka, and one sister, Mary Ann Aper, both of Lincoln; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

Harold was a member of St. John United Church of Christ; Land of Lincoln Antique Tractor and Engine Club; International Harvesters #10; Middletown Genealogists Society; and New Salem Grand Ole Opry. Harold was a retired farmer.

Services for Harold will be at 10:00 a.m., Monday, May 6, 2013, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, with Rev. Jan Johnson officiating. Visitation will be Sunday from 1-4:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in New Union Cemetery, Lincoln. Memorials may be given to: [American Cancer Society](#) , [American Heart Association](#) or St. Jude Children's Research.

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Guy E.

"Gene" Jackson

LINCOLN - Guy E. "Gene" Jackson, 66, of Lincoln, passed away at his home on Wednesday, May 1, 2013, at 5:50 p.m.

Gene was born on December 8, 1946, in Lincoln, the son of Guy Allen and Ruby Mae Jackson Jackson.

They preceded him in death.

Gene graduated from Lincoln Community High School in 1965. He proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1966 to 1968 in which time he served in Vietnam.

He also worked at Myers Industries for 23 years and 3 years for Advanced Carpet Cleaning. He really enjoyed watching his Sprint Cars and Auto Races with his friends.

Gene married Linda L. Brookshier on April 7, 1977.

Surviving are his wife; daughter, Wendy Lee, son, Craig E. Jackson of Yorktown, Texas; sister, Patricia Jenkins of St. Charles, Mo.; and three nephews, their wives and children of St. Louis, Mo.; and five grandchildren.

Cremation Rites have been accorded.

Burial will be at a later date at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Riverton, Illinois.

Peasley Funeral Home has been entrusted with the funeral arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Safe Haven Hospice.

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Gretchen

L. Yeates

LINCOLN - Gretchen L. Yeates, 100, of LaMoille, formerly of Lincoln, died at 12:02 a.m., May 2, 2013, at Illinois Valley Hospital.

Gretchen was born January 24, 1913, in Lincoln, the daughter of George and Mabel Bowman Albright. She married Forrest Yeates October 15, 1931, in Lincoln. He preceded her in death April 9, 1983.

Gretchen is survived by three sons: David (Marge) Yeates of Greenview, Ill.; Richard Yeates of Springfield; Dale (Elaine) Yeates of Superior, Wisc.; two daughters: Carol Hilscher of Lincoln; Mary Ann Eisenhuth of LaMoille, Ill.; 13 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Gretchen retired in 1977 from Lehn and Fink after working 27 years as a line worker. She is a member of Lincoln Christian Church.

Services for Gretchen will be at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, May 4, 2013, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, with Mark Weber officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior (1:30-2:30 p.m.) to service at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to Lincoln Christian Church.

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Florence

Ruby Agnew

LINCOLN - Florence Ruby Agnew, passed away on May 3, 2013, at 12:01 a.m. at Christian Nursing Home.

She was born on August 17, 1916, at Seneca, IL, the daughter of Abraham and Minerua Scott Coffey. She married Martin Agnew in 1947. During WWII, she worked at the munitions plant at Iliopolis where she installed detonators in bombs. She was later employed for many years at Lincoln Developmental Center, transferring to Logan County Correctional Center, and then to Lincoln Correctional Center from which she retired as an account technician.

Florence is survived by a daughter, Diane (Roy) Lawry, and a son, Frank (Sheila) Jones, both of Lincoln; four grandsons, Michael, Frank, Paul, and Brandon Jones; and by great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, seven brothers and sisters, two children, and two husbands.

Florence was a member of Lincoln Christian Church, American Business Women's Association, Oasis Senior Center and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees and helped to establish the Union at the Correctional Center.

Graveside Services for Florence will be 10 a.m., Wednesday, May 8, 2013, at New Union Cemetery with Ryan Edgecombe officiating. Memorials may be made to Oasis Senior Center. Arrangements entrusted to Fricke Calvert Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln.

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Nelson H. Alberts

EMDEN - Nelson H. Alberts, 89, of Emden, passed away at 7:00 a.m., Sunday, May 5, 2013, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

He was born August 6, 1923, in Emden to Harry G. and Anna Cross Alberts. He married Viola Krusemark on May 14, 1950, in Emden, and she passed away October 6, 2012.

Surviving are: one son, Tom (Valerie) Alberts of Emden; one daughter, Gail (Joe) Snyder of Emden; six grandchildren, Michael Alberts, Leann (Andrew) Johnson, Nicholas (April) Alberts, Douglas Alberts, Sarah (Paul Armstrong) Nelson, and Tommy Snyder; three great-grandchildren, Claire and Cole Johnson and Austin Alberts; one sister, Gertrude Johnson of Emden.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Charles, Roland and Alan.

Nelson taught at Emden Grade School from 1946 to 1952 then began farming in the Emden area.

He served in the U.S. Army in New Guinea and Philippines during [WWII](#) from 1943 to 1946.

He was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Emden and its Lutheran Brotherhood, member of Logan County Farm Bureau, Emden Farmers Grain Company Board for 22 years and served as president for 13 years, served as trustee of Prairie Creek Township Board and member of Emden American Legion Post#506 and Forty et 8.

Nelson was a loving, caring father, uncle, Godfather, and friend to many.

His funeral will be at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, May 9, 2013, at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Emden. Pastor John Schurter will officiate.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the church and from 9:00 to 10:15 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Burial will be in Bethel Cemetery, rural Emden with military honors provided by his American Legion Post. Davis Mortuary in Delavan is handling the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Emden Fire and Rescue, Christian Village in Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln, or a charity of donor's choice.

To express condolences online visit www.davismortuaryinc.com.

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Leona Marie Ketcham

BEASON - Leona Marie Ketcham, 79, of Beason, passed away May 4, 2013, at her residence.

Visitation will be from 10-11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2013, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, also at the funeral home with Tom Sullivan officiating. Burial will follow in Blooming Grove Cemetery, Randolph, Ill.

Leona was born January 31, 1934, in Oakland, Illinois, the daughter of James Reuben and Anna (White) Hashman.

She was a resident of the Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Childrens Home for 10½ years. She married Russell Miller in 1953. He preceded her in death.

Russell and Leona had 4 children: her sons, Russell Miller, Jr., of Beason, Ill., Joseph Miller of Decatur, Ill., and David Miller of Lincoln, Ill.; her daughter, Wanda Miller Bell preceded her in death in 1978.

Leona married Delbert Ketcham in 1964. He preceded her in death.

Leona and Delbert had 2 children: Duane D. Ketcham of Beason, Ill., and Debra M. Ketcham Nelson of Minneapolis, Minn.

Leona retired from the Lincoln Bottle Factory in 1996 after being employed there for 15 years. She was also employed at Knox Greenhouse in Beason, Ill. for 9 years. Leona had many hobbies: gardening, quilting, sewing, and rag rug weaving.

Leona is survived by her children as well as several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, her daughter Wanda Miller Bell, an infant granddaughter, 2 brothers, and 3 sisters.

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

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Betty J. Lahr

LINCOLN - Betty J. Lahr, 74, of Lincoln died at 1:45 p.m., May 4, 2013, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Lincoln, IL.

Betty was born May 16, 1938, in Middletown, IL, the daughter of Wayne and Juanita Hovey Munsch. She was married to Roy Lahr and he preceded her in death on May 4, 2007.

Betty is survived by one son, Mike Lahr of Mattoon; two daughters, Cindy Paoni of Pittsfield and Susan Lahr of Springfield; two sisters, Doris (Bob) Anderson and Ruby (Terry) Allen, both of Lincoln; two brothers, Clarence (Janice) Munsch of rural Beason and Harry Munsch of Oklahoma City, OK; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Douglas; one daughter, Mary; and brothers, Bob and Edward.

Betty was a member of Southern Baptist Church. She loved to play bingo and crochet, among other crafty things.

Memorial services for Betty will be Friday, May 10, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln. Visitation will be one hour prior to service from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in New Union Cemetery, Lincoln.

Memorials may be given to Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital or St. Clara's Manor.

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Dorothy Pusey

MIDDLETOWN - Dorothy Pusey, 89, of Middletown, formerly of Peoria, passed away May 5, 2013, at The Christian Nursing Home.

Visitation will be from 10-11:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 8, 2013, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Wednesday also at the funeral home with Paul Boatman, Safe Haven Hospice Chaplain, officiating. Burial will be in Bushnell Cemetery at 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

Dorothy was born October 24, 1923, in Ellisville, Ill., the daughter of Elmer and Grace (Chasteen) Ruark. She married Clyde Pusey in 1945. He preceded her in death on September 4, 1985.

Surviving are her children: Sandra Coffey and Terrie Sparks, both of Middletown, Ill., and Donny Pusey of Bartonville, Ill. She is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Clyde, her brother Eugene Ruark, and her granddaughter Wendy Shurmard.

Dorothy worked in the carnival business her whole life. She enjoyed working in the yard and playing Bingo.

Memorial donations may be made to Safe Haven Hospice or to The Christian Village and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Patricia H. Derr

GENESEO, IL - Patricia H. Derr, 86, of Geneseo died Monday, May 6, 2013, at Illini Restorative Care, Silvis, Ill.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 11, 2013, at First United Methodist Church, Geneseo. Rev. Dr. Chris Ritter will officiate. Private inurnment services will be held at North Cemetery, Geneseo.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, Geneseo, or Genesis Hospice.

Patricia Jean Huss was born October 5, 1926, in Decatur, IL, the daughter of Walter C. and Lona (Hermann) Huss. She graduated from Stephen Decatur High School in Decatur and attended Millikin University in Decatur. Patricia married D. Duane Derr on Jan. 31, 1948, in Decatur. He died on Dec. 19, 2000.

Memberships include the Lincoln [Elks Club](#) and First United Methodist Church, Geneseo.

Patricia enjoyed golfing and was very family-oriented. She loved to attend her grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's activities.

Survivors include a daughter, Marcia Christopherson, Geneseo; son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Janie Derr, Schertz, TX; grandchildren: Troy (Wendy) Christopherson, Jerrett (Tara Ann) Bernahl, Nathan Christopherson and Tara Beth (George) Koustas; five great-grandchildren: Madison and Nicholas Koustas, Grady Bernahl, Joei Christopherson and Angelique Smith; and a sister-in-law, Adair Huss, Decatur, IL. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son-in-law, Gary Christopherson; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Jack Huss, Royce and Mickey Huss and Walter H. Huss.

Condolences may be expressed online at Patricia's obituary at

stackhousemoore.com.

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Alice W. Barnard

TOWANDA, IL - Alice W. Barnard 86, of Towanda, Ill., passed away Saturday, May 4, 2013, at 10:45 p.m. at Heartland Health Care, Normal. She lived all of her adult life on the family farm north of Towanda.

Celebration of Life services will be 11 a.m., Monday, May 13, 2013, at Lexington United Methodist Church with Rev. Garry Gromley officiating. Inurnment will follow at Lexington cemetery. Visitation will be 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Calvert-Johnson & Musselman Memorial Home, Lexington.

Alice was born September 26, 1926, in Normal, Ill., the only daughter of Frank and Ruth Bramwell Wright. She was raised on a farm in rural Danvers. She married J. B. Barnard on December 14, 1947, at First Presbyterian Church in Danvers. He died on May 9, 1976.

She is survived by her three children, John D. Barnard, Lincoln, Betty (Paul) Duzan, Colfax, and Robert W. (Deborah) Barnard, Towanda; six grandchildren, Jason (Laura) Duzan, Birmingham, Mich., Jill (Andrew) Johnson, Salida, Colo., Kristina (Adam) Waugh, Monroe, La., Benjamin (Katie) Barnard, Springfield, Nathan (Misty) Barnard, Lexington, and Matthew Barnard, Dallas, Texas; and 15 great-grandchildren, Grace, Drew, Samuel, Jacob and Alice Johnson, Isabella, William, Finnigan Duzan, Avery and Emma Waugh, Haylee, Hannah, Addison, and Taylor Barnard, and Evelyn Barnard; brother, John L. Wright, M.D., Bloomington.

Proceeding her in death, her parents, her husband, daughter-in-law, Muriel Barnard, her brother, Frank Wright, M.D., Appleton, Wisc.

Alice graduated from Danvers High School. She attended Illinois Wesleyan University. She was a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. She attended Rural Youth and that is where she met her future husband. She loved being a farmer's wife and mother. She worked for Wright and Wright Orthopedics. She was a long-time member of the United Methodist Church in Lexington. She was an active member of the Eveready Sunday School class and United Methodist Women. Alice was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Eastern Star, Home Extension, and Prime Timers. She volunteered at BroMenn Hospital, and Arthritis Foundation for many years. She donated blood to the American Red Cross for many years because of her rare blood type.

Alice enjoyed farm life with her husband and family. Family was the center of her life. She attended many sports and 4-H activities of her children and grandchildren. She rarely missed a game. She loved gardening; meeting with family or friends for a meal, and ladies card club. She was a huge fan of the Chicago Cubs. Alice attended ISU basketball games for many years. She always had a smile and a twinkle in her eye. Alice felt so honored when her great-granddaughter was named after her. She was the best mom, grandma, "GG", and friend to so many. She endured 37 years without the love of her life, J.B. Her faith in God carried her through good times and bad.

A special thanks to the staff at Evergreen Village and Heartland ManorCare, Normal, for their loving care. We will never forget their gentle and kind manner making her final days comfortable.

Donations can be made to the Lexington United Methodist Church, Lexington Community Center or the Community Cancer Center.

Online condolences to family through funeral home, Calvert-Johnson & Musselman Funeral Home, Lexington, IL.

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Ginger Bohm

LINCOLN – Ginger Bohm, 64, of Lincoln passed away at 10:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 8, 2013, at her home. She was born January 17, 1949, in Mason County, the daughter of Earl and Bessie (Mibbs) Vaughn. She married Richard Bohm May 25, 1969, in Havana and he survives.

She is a member of the Havana Church of Christ.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Julia (Jeff) Eldert of Las Vegas, NV, and Holly (Harry) Koontz and Lisa (Jeremy) Letterle, both of Lincoln. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, Olivia, Maegan and Hannah Eldert; Ashton and Hailie Koontz; and Preston and Corbin Letterle; one sister, Jean Price; and two brothers, James and Gale Vaughn. She was preceded in death by four sisters, four brothers and one grandson, Alexander Koontz.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, May 13, at the Hurley Funeral Home in Havana and conducted by Rev. Bill Boyce. Burial will follow in the Laurel Hill Cemetery at Havana. Visitation will be held from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Monday at the funeral home prior to the services. Memorial contributions may be made to the [American Lung Association](#). Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

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Alta J. Bruns

GERMANTOWN HILLS, IL - Alta J. Bruns, 72, of Germantown Hills, formerly of Hartsburg, Ill., passed away Sunday May 12, 2013, at 8:45 p.m. at Methodist Medical Center in Peoria. She was born April 16, 1941, in Oran Township, Ill., to James E. and Hester L. (Hubner) Ware.

She married Franklin D. Croteau on June 14, 1959, in Mason City, Ill., and he passed away in 2003.

Surviving are her children: Chris (Janet) Croteau of Canton, Ill., Cheryl (Phillip) Springer of Delevan, Ill., Melody (Stephen) Miller of Kasilof, Alaska, and Jason (Kate) French of Atlanta, Ga. Also surviving are her husband, Russell "Dean" Bruns of Hartsburg, Ill.; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandson; sister, Linda (Bruce) Heitzman of Germantown Hills, Ill.; and brother, Karl (Julia) Ware of Beason, Ill. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Alta had an Interior Decorating degree, and worked for many years for Tri-AG Fertilizer Company in Hartsburg. She was a seamstress and loved quilting, gardening, traveling and her cats. She attended Bay View Baptist Church in Washington, Ill.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, May 16, 2013, in the Chapel at Mason Funeral Home, Germantown Hills, with Reverend Keith Thibo officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Graveside services will follow at 2:00 p.m., Thursday at Union Cemetery in Waynesville, Ill.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Esther House, a division of Peoria Rescue Ministries. Please leave online condolences at

www.masonfuneralhomes.com.

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Joana Leopoldina Davison

LINCOLN, IL - Joana Leopoldina Davison of Lincoln passed away May 7, 2013, at her residence.

Joana was born June 2, 1937, in Sao Pedro Da Gafanhoeira, Arraiolos Evora, Portugal, to Sebastio Custodio Campino and Cesaltina Joana Amarelo Pedreirinho.

She married Charles William Davison on December 9, 1968, in Munich, Germany.

Surviving are her sons, Keith Earl Davison and Roy Paul Davison both of Lincoln, IL, and one sister, Antonia Bolz of Germany.

Cremation rites have been accorded and private family services will be held.

Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Logan County in memory of Joana.

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

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Thomas Ira "Tommy" Folkes

SAN JOSE, IL - Thomas Ira "Tommy" Folkes, 96, of San Jose, passed away at 5:00 a.m., Monday, May 13, 2013, at Mason City Area Nursing Home.

He was born September 23, 1916, in Lincoln to Ira Thomas and Blanche Cecelia Mitchell Folkes. He married Joan Lorene Ryan on August 21, 1954, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Delavan, and she passed away January 24, 2006.

Surviving are one son, Timothy (Cindy) Folkes of San Jose; two daughters, Molly (Dennis) Godar of Rochester and Angela Folkes of St. Louis MO; six grandchildren: Andy (Haylie) Folkes of Mason City, Nate (Casey) Folkes of Havana, Hannah (Sean) Walters of Mary Esther, FL, James (Shanda) Godar of San Antonio, TX, Clay Godar of Rochester, and Ryan Godar of Valdosta, GA; six great-grandchildren: Brendin, Brody and Isabelle Folkes of Mason City, Hannah Folkes of Havana, and Paisley and Ira Godar of San Antonio, TX; and two brothers, Dean (Gitana) Folkes of Sarasota, FL and Welby (Shirley) Folkes of Elkhart.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Claude Folkes; two sisters, Eleanor Folkes and Mary Miller; and one granddaughter, Mallory Luann Folkes.

He graduated from Elkhart High School.

Tommy farmed in the Elkhart area until 1948 then moved to San Jose and farmed in the San Jose and Emden area until 2010. He also worked at Watson International in Delavan during the winters for several years.

He was a well-known farmer in the area and made daily stops at all the coffee shops in Logan, Mason, and Tazewell counties.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Delavan, former member of San Jose Lion's Club, and a former board member of San Jose Co-op Elevator.

A funeral mass will be at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 18, 2013, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Delavan. Rev. R. Dean Probst will officiate. Visitation will be from 5-7:30 p.m., Friday at Davis Mortuary in Delavan, with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in Delavan.

Memorials may be made to his church.

To express condolences, visit www.davismortuaryinc.com.

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Gladys "Norma" Heins

LINCOLN, IL - Gladys "Norma" Heins, 96, of Lincoln, formerly of Elkhart, passed away May 12, 2013, at the Christian Village Congregate Building, Lincoln, where she was a resident for more than 10 years.

Visitation will be 10-11 a.m., Thursday, May 16, 2013, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday also at the funeral home with Rev. Mark Thompson of Zion Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will follow in Elkhart Cemetery.

Norma was born November 25, 1916, in East St. Louis, Mo., the daughter of Rufus Alva and Margaret Elizabeth (Broehl) Donaldson. She married Carl J. Heins on May 25, 1940, in Lincoln, Ill. He preceded her in death on July 13, 1999.

She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Lincoln where she was active in the choir and chimes, a member of the Lutheran Women Missionary League, a member of the Lincoln Area Music Club, and a member of the Stringalongs. Norma played the violin for over 25 years. She was a hairdresser for more than 50 years.

Surviving are her daughter, Judith (Mel) Allen of Las Vegas, Nev. She was Nini to grandchildren: Stacey (Eric) Meyer of Las Vegas, Nev., Eric (Mindy) Allen and Brian (Kellie) Allen of Las Vegas, Nev., Christopher (Ailene) Heins of Texas and Jennifer (Rick) Goul of Mo. She is also survived by 12 beautiful great-grandchildren and sister, Lucille Eckert of Lincoln, Ill.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Carl; and her son, Norman Heins.

Memorials may be made to Zion Lutheran Church or to The Christian Village and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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James D. Koller

PRINCEVILLE – James D. Koller, 56, of Princeville, died at 10:15 p.m., Sunday, May 12, 2013, in the emergency room at Proctor Hospital, Peoria.

Jim was born April 18, 1957, in Peoria, the son of John, Sr. and Mabel F. Logan Koller.

Surviving are one daughter, Jennifer (Kris) Prather of Lincoln; two sons, Anthony (Angela) Koller and Jeremy (Celeste) Williams both of Princeville; six grandchildren; two brothers, Everett "Gene" Koller of Princeville and Chuck (Kathy) Koller of Brimfield; and one sister, Donna (Steve) Sutherland of Spring Bay. His parents, one sister, Rose Prouty, and one brother, John Koller, Jr., preceded him in death.

Jim worked at Caterpillar Tractor Company for 35 years as a core specialist, retiring in 2007. After retirement he went to work for Casey's in Princeville. He coached baseball, football, was a wrestling coach, and was a former member of the Princeville Lions Club. Jim enjoyed traveling and loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed NASCAR.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 16, 2013, at Hammitt-Hott Funeral Home, Princeville. Visitation will be from 4:30-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 16, at the funeral home.

Cremation will be accorded following the services and burial of ashes will be at a later date in St. Mary of the Woods Cemetery, Princeville.

Memorials may be made to the family. Private condolences may be made to the family at

hammitthott.com

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Harold Eugene "Gene" Rankin

URBANA, IL - Harold Eugene "Gene" Rankin, of Urbana died Monday, May 13, 2013, after a brief illness.

Graveside services will be held at Zion Cemetery, Lincoln, Ill., at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 18. The Rev. Ryan Edgecombe will officiate. Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home of Lincoln is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Rankin was born in Lincoln, Ill., the only child of Harold T. and Helen E Rankin. He married Norma Gehlbach, who survives. Also surviving are a son, John (Sandra) Rankin of Danbury, Conn.; a daughter, Nancy (Lawrence) Jeckel of Champaign; two grandsons, Benjamin (Laura) Jeckel of Long Grove and Christopher Jeckel of Chicago; and three great-grandsons. Mr. Rankin was preceded in death by his parents and a grandson, John A. Rankin.

Gene was a longtime resident of Champaign/ Urbana. He worked in the Urbana School System for 35 years, teaching at Washington School and subsequently serving as principal of Lincoln-Thornburn, Wiley, and Martin Luther King, Jr. schools.

Gene and Norma moved back to Lincoln, their hometown, in 2000, living in the Lincoln Christian Village. They returned to Urbana this past January.

Mr. Rankin was a graduate of Lincoln High School and Illinois Wesleyan University, and received a Masters Degree in Educational Administration from the [University of Illinois](#). He was a veteran of [World War II](#), serving in the Pacific Theater.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Blind Service Association, 17 N. State St., Ste. 1050, Chicago, IL 60602.

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Mildred M.

Johnson

LINCOLN - Mildred M. Johnson, 89, of Lincoln died at 8:55 p.m. on May 15, 2013, at St. John's Hospital, Springfield, IL.

Mildred was born July 10, 1923, in New Holland, IL, the daughter of Harry F. and Matilda Miller Koester. She married Albert Nelson Johnson on August 5, 1944. He preceded her in death on October 23, 1962.

Surviving Mildred are three daughters: Betty Hamann of New Holland, Phyllis (Alan) Ruwe of Maroa, IL and Donna (Boyd) Ware of Fulton, MO; seven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. She is the last of her immediate family. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; three brothers: Merlin, Fred and Harold Koester; four sisters: Henrietta Wibben, Dora Martin, Irene Leimbach and Louise Wolpert; one granddaughter, Melissa Ware; and one son-in-law, Roger Hamann.

Mildred worked in housekeeping at Deaconess Nursing Home, Extended Care at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital and retired from Lincoln Developmental Center having worked in the dietary department.

Mrs. Johnson was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Lincoln.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 18, 2013, at Zion Lutheran Church of Lincoln. Visitation will be Friday from 4-7 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Memorials may be given to Zion Lutheran Church of Lincoln or St. John's Hospice.

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Robert Lawrence Dyke

AKRON, OH - Robert Lawrence Dyke, 70, passed away April 26, 2013, at Akron General Medical Center. He was born Feb. 6, 1943, in East Liverpool, Ohio to Raymond and Edith (Flanagan) Dyke.

Robert is survived by his wife of 45 years, Brenda; sons, Michael (Robin) Dyke and Wayne (Shera) Dyke; daughter, Jill Dyke; grandchildren: Kylie, Ryan, Sydney, Tyler, Gia, and Alexis; sisters, Virginia (Norman) Newhouse of Lincoln, Ill., and Shirley (John) Chambers of Atlanta, Ill.; and brother-in-law, Larry Ewins of Lincoln, Ill. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Patty Ewins; and a nephew, Donnie Fulk Jr.

Robert was employed by the Copley School System for 27 years. He was a veteran of the Marine Corps serving during the [Vietnam War](#) and a Past Master of National Lodge No. 568 F. & A.M.

Services were held at the Hummel Funeral Home in Copley, Ohio with private interment at Copley Cemetery.

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Donna E. Wehner

ATLANTA, IL - Donna E. Wehner, 85, passed away Friday, May 17, 2013, at 9:50 p.m. at Heartland Health Care Center in Normal.

Funeral services for Mrs. Wehner will be Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at 12:00 Noon at the Quiram Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta with Rev. Don Doty officiating.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in the Atlanta Cemetery.

Donna Evonne Punke was born August 25, 1927, in Gridley Township, Ill., the daughter of Elmer and Gladys Zimmerman Punke. She married Donald E. "Jake" Wehner on November 17, 1973, in Bloomington, Ill. He preceded her in death on January 19, 2004.

Surviving are her sons, Darrell Wills of Arkansas and Gary (Connie) Wills of Secor; stepdaughters, Rosie Price of Atlanta, Ruthie Henrichmeyer of Mt. Pulaski and Susie Reinhart of Atlanta; her siblings: Betty Bill of Roanoke, Verda Bill of Eureka, Marilyn Evans of Bradford and Darwin Punke of Lexington; twelve grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, one daughter, Cheryl Wills, one brother and three sisters.

Donna worked at the Admiral Manufacturing plant in Bloomington. She was a member of the Atlanta United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made to the Autism Society of America or the Atlanta Rescue Squad.

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George J. Deavers

ATLANTA - George J. Deavers, 94, of Atlanta, passed away on Sunday, May 19, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. at the Christian Village Nursing Home in Lincoln.

Funeral services for Mr. Deavers will be held Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. at the Atlanta Christian Church. Mr. Kent Hickerson will officiate.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at the Atlanta Christian Church.

Burial will be in Atlanta Cemetery. Military Rites by American Legion Post 341 will be accorded.

George Johnson Deavers was born on July 17, 1918, in rural Atlanta, the son of John and Henrietta Sturgeon Deavers. He married Blanche Marie Foster on December 6, 1941, in Atlanta. She preceded him in death on March 7, 1990.

George is survived by his children: Judy Carpenter of Lincoln, Terry (Martha) Deavers of Clinton, and Danny (Shawn) Deavers of Kenney; seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, one sister and three brothers.

George graduated from Atlanta High School and served in the United States Army during [World War II](#). He farmed in rural Lincoln, did tile work and was known as the "Deer Creek Digger." George was a member of the Atlanta Christian Church and American Legion Post 341 of Atlanta. He was also a member of the "Country Aire Coffee Club."

Memorials may be made to Atlanta Christian Church or the Christian Village Nursing Home of Lincoln.

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

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Norma Jean

Laymon

LINCOLN - Norma Jean Laymon, 79, of Lincoln passed away Saturday, May 18, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at her home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church with Rev. Simon Taabu officiating.

Visitation will be held Tuesday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln.

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

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

Norma Jean Logan Laymon was born March 21, 1934, in Lincoln, the daughter of Dean Thurmon and Anna Marie Verderber Logan.

She is survived by her children, Doug (Bunny) Laymon of Atlanta and Kay (Gary) Constant of Lake Fork; one brother, Paul (Ruthetta) Logan of Lincoln; twelve grandchildren; thirty-six great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews also survive.

She was preceded in death by one son, Jerry Dean Laymon, and thirteen siblings.

Norma Jean retired from Eaton Corp. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and Oasis Senior Citizens Center.

Memorials may be made to Holy Family Food Pantry, Oasis Senior Citizens Center or Memorial Home Care Hospice.

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Thomas "Tom" W. Oas

Thomas "Tom" W. Oas, 71, a former resident of Arlington Heights and now of Plainfield, passed away Sunday, May 19, 2013. He was born November 5, 1941, in Kenosha, Wis.

Tom earned his B.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, and his Masters degree in Public Health Administration from the [University of Minnesota](#). He worked for the Logan County and Southern Seven Health Departments, and retired in 2004 as Director of Health Services for the Village of Arlington Heights.

He was also a member of the Elk's, Rotary, and Jaycee's as well as other community and professional organizations. Tom was an avid Green Bay Packers Fan!

Tom is survived by his beloved wife, Sharon (nee Muenich); his loving children, Steve Oas and Lisa (Eric) Munson. He was the cherished grandfather of Hailey and Connor Munson; dear brother of Richard (Bennie) and Jean (Ralph) Antes. He was the uncle of many nephews and nieces.

A private Memorial Visitation will be held Friday, May 24, 2013. Arrangements by Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory, 24021 Royal Worlington Drive, Naperville. Interment private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to [American Lung Association www.lung.org](#).

Info: 630.922.9630. Tributes may be left at

[www.beidelmankunschfh.com](#)

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Kathryn J.

"Katie" Dobey

ELKHART - Our loving mother, Kathryn J. "Katie" Dobey, went to be with her Lord and loved ones on May 22, 2013, at 10:15 p.m. She lived her life to be a blessing to others and her passion for her faith inspired everyone she knew and met. She lived a great life to the age of 104. Katie was an avid Chicago Cubs fan, enjoyed making baskets, writing poems, cooking and reading the Bible and listening to hymns. She had worked as an activity director at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital and St. Clara's Manor. She was a member of the Red Hats; Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and Elkhart Christian Church.

Katie was born on December 27, 1908, in Lincoln, IL, the daughter of Peter and Anna Jelkin Stumpf. She married John Clark Dobey on March 31, 1929, in Elkhart. He preceded her in death in November 1986.

Katie is survived by four children: Gary "Skip" (Joyce) Dobey of Elkhart; John "Jack" Dobey of Peoria; Susan Dobey Johnson (Dean Fulkerson) of Elkhart; and Marilyn Theobald of Lincoln; two sisters: Emanita "Nita" Hargrave of Maldin, MO, and Tony Cavallin of California; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, Wayne Dobey, two sisters, and four brothers.

Services for Kathryn will be at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 25, 2013, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, with Robert Twist officiating. Visitation will be from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Walnut Hill Cemetery, Williamsville. Memorials may be given to WLLM Radio Station, St. Clara's Manor or Elkhart Christian Church.

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Arthur Howard "Art" Hedrick

MASON CITY - Arthur Howard "Art" Hedrick, 73, of Mason City, IL, passed away on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at St. Johns Hospital in Springfield, IL. He was born on October 28, 1939, in Clinton, IL, to Andrew Lafayette and Gertrude Edna (Breighner) Hedrick. Art married Judith Marlene Lyons on September 8, 1962, in Athens, IL.

Art is survived by his wife Judy, two daughters, Gina R. Massey and Dana R. List, both of Easton, IL; four grandsons, Dustin B. List of Belleville, IL, Jamie V. and Dylan M. List, both of Mason City, IL, and Kyle E. Massey of Athens, IL.

Art farmed in the Mason City and New Holland areas until 1984. He was a Rural Mail Carrier for thirty years in addition to holding various jobs throughout the winter months.

Art was a member of the Christ Lutheran Church in Mason City, IL, where he volunteered countless hours to many of the church functions and was the former president of the Mason City Optimist Club. He helped organize the Pony League Baseball in both New Holland and Mason City and held the position of assistant superintendent of the Logan County Fair where he enjoyed judging hogs. Art was also the leader of the Merry Maker's 4-H Club.

Above all things, Art enjoyed his Grandsons the most.

A Funeral Service will be held for Art at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 25, 2013, at the Christ Lutheran Church in Mason City, IL, with visitation being held two hours prior to the service from 9-11:00 a.m. Rev. John Johnson will be officiating. Burial will follow at the Mason City Cemetery in Mason City, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Little Lambs of Christ Preschool, Illini Central High School Baseball, or to a [charity of the donor's choice](#).

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

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Gail

Lemmer-Parson

LINCOLN - Gail Lemmer-Parson, 53, of Lincoln died at 4:30 p.m. on May 22, 2013, at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, IL.

Gail was born on October 4, 1959, in Monticello, IA, the daughter of Herman and Sharon Lambert Lemmer. She married Paul Parson in October 1989 in Middletown, IL. He survives in Lincoln.

Also surviving Gail is her father of Monticello, IA; one son, Daniel Parson of Lincoln; one brother, Gary (Linda) Lemmer of Alpharetta, GA; three sisters, Sue (Greg) Smith of Lincoln, Terri Lemmer of Hawaii, Kelli Todd of Linn, MO; and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother.

Gail was a teacher's aid for Lincoln Elementary School District 27.

Services for Gail will be at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, May 25, 2013, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, with Dawn Victor, Chaplain, officiating. Visitation will be from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Saturday prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to Humane Society of Logan County.

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James W. Diers

THORNTON, IL - James W. Diers, 72, passed away Thursday, May 16, 2013.

He was a Viet Nam War Veteran.

Beloved husband of Vicki Diers (nee Nieckula); loving father of David (Lisa) Diers, Dan (Alison) Diers and Amanda (Derek) Schall; cherished grandfather of Jenna, Quinn, Madison, Mark, Mellee Diers and Zosha and James Schall; dear brother of Jon (Jane) Diers, Joe (Sue) Diers and Jay (Jenny) Diers; fond brother-in-law of Peggy (Ken) Kash, Christine Nieckula and William (Janet), Nick (Jill) and Mike (Kim) Nieckula; a dear uncle to many.

Funeral Mass was held Monday, May 20, 2013, at St. John the Baptist Church. Interment followed at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

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Melvin J.

Darlington Sr.

Lincoln- Melvin J. Darlington Sr., 81 of Lincoln passed away on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 10:40 a.m. at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

Graveside Services will be held at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Riverton, Illinois on Thursday, May 30, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. with Military Rites performed by Lincoln American Legion Post # 263.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 29, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Cremation Rites have been accorded.

Melvin Jackson Darlington, Sr., was born on December 22, 1931 in Waynesville the son of Jack and Sarah Caroline Cisco Darlington.

He is survived by his children: Patricia (Don) Smith of Hartsburg, Douglas (Danita) Harndon of Nassau Bay, Tx., Melvin J. (Marsha) Darlington Jr., of Hartsburg, Jack (Becky) Darlington of Grand Prairie, Tx. Carrie (Sue) Darlington of Cumming, Ga., and five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, John Darlington and Robert Darlington.

Melvin served in the United States Army.

He worked as a Truck Driver for Lincoln Transfer. He was member of the Teamsters Union.

Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to Peasley Funeral Home.

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James R. Hayes

Lincoln- James R. Hayes, 81, of Lincoln passed away on Friday, May 24, 2013 at his daughter's home in Chestnut.

Funeral services for Mr. Hayes will be held on Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday evening from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Zion Cemetery in Lincoln.

James Robert Hayes Sr, was born on November 23, 1931 in Bristol, Virginia the son of Virgil and Maude Smith Funk. He married Helen Louise Renfrow on April 15, 1950. She preceded him in death on July 25, 1992.

He is survived by his children: James R. "Bob" Hayes, of Wilimington, Kim (Tim) Daugherty of Chestnut, Debbie (Jim) Wheeler of Ellsworth. half-brother: Duane (Margo) Funk of Peoria. Ten grandchildren, Fifteen great grandchildren.

Mr. Hayes was a member of the Lincoln Christian Church.

He served in the United States Air Force.

He retired in 1986 from PPG after thirty years of service.

Memorials may be made to Memorial Home Hospice.

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Agnes "Gretchen" Russell

LINCOLN - Agnes "Gretchen" Russell, 91, of Lincoln passed away at 10:25 a.m. on Saturday, May 25, 2013, at Christian Village Nursing Home in Lincoln.

Gretchen was born May 11, 1922, daughter of James and Annabelle Fuiten Flinn in Lake Fork, Ill. She was united in marriage to Grover B. Russell Jr. on December 26, 1942 in Lincoln. He preceded her in death on March 5, 1999.

Survivors include her sons, James G. Russell of Riverton, Ill., and Robert E. Russell of Lincoln. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and daughter-in-law, Sandra.

A graveside service will be held Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at Carlyle Cemetery in rural Lake Fork, Ill.

Memorials may be made to the Christian Village Nursing Home or to the Lincoln Christian Church.

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

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Marcella Elder

MT. AUBURN, IL - Marcella (French) Elder, 92, passed away at 8:35 a.m. on Sunday, May 26, 2013, at her home.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, May 29, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. at Berea Christian Church in Mt. Auburn with visitation one hour prior to services at the church. Burial will be at Berea Cemetery, Mt. Auburn.

Memorials may be made to: Camp One Way, Mt. Auburn, Ill., Mt. Auburn Food Bank, Carroll School, Lincoln, Ill., or donor's choice.

Marcella was born on January 1, 1921, in Latham, Ill., the daughter of David Wilson and Bertha (Martin) Wilson. She married Milton French on March 17, 1940. He preceded her in death in December 1966. She then married Cecil Elder on February 28, 1973. He preceded her in death in February 1999.

She was a longtime 4-H leader and Sunday Bible School Teacher. Marcella was a member of Berea Christian Church, the Ladies Auxiliary of A.T.A. and Christian Women's Fellowship. She retired from J.C. Penney and Co. and was also an employee for the State of Illinois. She loved God, her family and friends. Marcella had many hobbies which included reading, music, sewing, decorating, oil painting, baking, and working in her yard.

She is survived by her daughter, Chartha Swingle of Mt. Auburn, and son, Steven French (wife, Pat) of Lincoln, Ill.; five grandchildren: Stacy Gallick of Kansas City, Kan., Lori Swingle of Bethlehem, Pa., Gerald Swingle of Kansas City, Kan., Aaron French (wife, Carrie) of St. Louis, Mo., and Amanda Vaini (husband, Nick) of Lincoln, Ill.; four great-grandchildren: Adam Gallick, Sullivan French, Vivian French, Gavin Vaini; three goddaughters: Lynnea Armstrong, Connie Burgett and Barbara French Dodge; and several nieces and nephews.

Marcella was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, and three sisters: Doris Epley, Anna Goodburn, and Helena Potter.

Brintlinger and Earl Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. Condolences may be left to the family at

brintlingerandearl.com

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Kenneth E. Meyer

LINCOLN - Kenneth E. Meyer, 91, of Lincoln died Saturday, May 25, 2013, at 6:02 p.m. at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital Emergency Room, Lincoln.

Kenneth farmed for 30 years in the Hartsburg area. For 25 years he was an Agent of Standard Oil Bulk Plant in Lincoln and for 10 years worked in sales at Marcotte International in Lincoln. Kenneth was active in showing horses, watching horse shows, and loved watching all sorts of basketball.

Kenneth was born July 6, 1921, in Hartsburg, Ill., the son of Herman T. and Caroline Buckholz Meyer. He married Betty Ann Brelsford on November 28, 1948, in Lincoln. She survives in Lincoln.

Also surviving Kenneth are one daughter, Cynthia Eimer of Germantown Hills, Ill.; two grandchildren, Richard Eimer of East Peoria, Ill., and Adrielle Eimer of Schaumburg, Ill.; one great-granddaughter, Aiyanna Eimer of Schaumburg; one brother, Elmond "Pick" Meyer of New Holland; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, one sister and one infant grandson.

Kenneth's wishes were to be cremated. No services will be held.

Memorials may be given in his name to the [American Heart Association](#) or Logan County Paramedics Association.

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Merle D.

Armintrout

BUFFALO, IL - Merle D. Armintrout, 82, of Buffalo died at 12:45 a.m., Wednesday, May 29, 2013, at Memorial Medical Center. Born July 15, 1930, he married Vera M. Hellman on November 20, 1949.

Surviving are his wife, Vera; children: Ron (Cheryl), Gale (Steve) Krueger, David (Gwen) and Jill (Ric) Johnson; eight grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren and one sister, Joyce Tibbs.

Memorial Gathering: The family will host a memorial gathering at 5 p.m. followed by a service at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 31, 2013, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Sherman with Rev. James Stuenkel officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Sherman.

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Ruth A. Miller

LINCOLN - Ruth A. Miller, 89, of Lincoln, passed away May 28, 2013, at Symphony of Lincoln.

Graveside services will be at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 1, 2013, at Holy Cross Cemetery in Cleveland, Ohio.

There will be no services in Lincoln.

Ruth was born October 17, 1923, in Monesson, Pennsylvania, the daughter of William and Mary (Price) MacMillen. She married John Domen. He preceded her in death. She later married Don Miller. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are her son, William MacMillen of Florida; her sister, Shirley Hackett of Lincoln, IL; and several grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to Symphony of Lincoln in Ruth's name.

Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

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