

David L. Mote

LINCOLN - David L. Mote, 70, of Lincoln, passed from his earthly home to his heavenly home on Sunday morning, September 29, 2013, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

A celebration of his life will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2013, at 11 a.m. at the Jefferson Street Christian Church with his son, Kevin Mote officiating.

Military Rites will be accorded by American Legion Post # 263 of Lincoln.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until time of the service on Wednesday at the church.

Burial will be at a later date at Zion Cemetery in Lincoln.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

The family has entrusted his arrangements to the Peasley Funeral Home.

David L. Mote was born on May 5, 1943, in Lincoln, the son of Herbert William and Marjorie Alexander Mote. He married Mary C. Agent on April 24, 1964, in Lincoln. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Angela (James) Mote Stewart of Pontiac, Kevin Mote of Milton, Iowa; six grandchildren, Matthew English, Katelyn Stewart, Mikayla Stewart, Tyler Stewart, Taylor Mote, and Emaleigh Mote; his siblings, Patricia Emmons of Pekin, Ronald Mote of Lincoln, Myra Gleason of Pekin, Gayla (Jim) Wright of Lincoln, William (Vickie) Mote of Normal, Kathleen (Max) McCoy of Pekin, and Rodney (Laura) Mote of Lincoln.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Margaret Ann Grimsley and Doris Delany.

David graduated from the Lincoln Community High School in 1962. He then join the Air National Guard.

He retired from the Illinois Department of Corrections in 2003 as a Correctional Officer. He was a member of the Jefferson Christian Church in Lincoln. He was a man of faith and integrity who was loved by his family and many friends.

Memorials may be made to his family.

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Ruth J. (Tunila) Wiggers

LINCOLN, IL - Ruth J. (Tunila) Wiggers, 79, formerly of Beason, Ill., and Wilkes Barre, Pa., went home to be with her loving husband, Marvin Wiggers, on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2013. Ruth was on vacation visiting her friend, Tom LaVenda, when she passed.

Ruth was born Nov. 20, 1933, the daughter of John and Viola Tunila. Ruth grew up in Wilkes Barre, Pa., and graduated from Wilkes Barre Township High School in Wilkes Barre, Pa. She moved to Washington D.C. after high school to attend Western Union Telegraph School and then moved to Illinois.

In Illinois, she worked at the Blue Dog Inn and the Heritage Inn as a waitress and also for EATON Corporation (formerly known as Cutler Hammer). She met Marvin Wiggers and they were married on Sept. 21, 1968, at the First United Methodist Church in Lincoln.

Ruth and Marvin enjoyed dancing! They were members of the Hartsburg/Emden and Delevan Dance Clubs for many years. They traveled all 50 states in the Union together and Europe. Ruth was a 4-H leader for many years and enjoyed arts and crafts of all kinds. She was talented and loving and will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her sister, Helen Lutkoski; brothers: Joe, Peter and Victor Tunila; and stepson, Kevin Wiggers.

She is survived by her brother, Edward Tunila (Rita) of Wilke Barre, Pa.; daughter, Amy Chen (Nathan) of Brentwood, Tenn.; her sister-in-law, Katherina Goldhammer of Lincoln, Ill.; brother-in-law, Milton Wiggers of Springfield, Ill.; sister-in-law, Cecilia Tunila of Connecticut; stepdaughter, Karen Sandel (John) of Lincoln, Ill.; son, Robert Awe Jr. (Jill) of Lincoln; daughter-in-law, Carrie Wiggers of Indianapolis, Ind.; granddaughters: Ashley and Kinsley Chen of Brentwood, Tenn., Shannon Doolin (Dan) of Emden, Ill., and Courtney Awe; grandsons: Gregory Chen of Brentwood, Tenn., Matthew Sandel (Tessa) of Iowa, Israel Sandel of Lincoln, Christian Sandel of Lincoln, and Clint Awe of Lincoln; seven great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews. She is also survived by her friend Tom LaVenda, from Sacramento, Calif.

Fricke-Calvert- Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln is handling arrangements. Visitation will be held Friday, Oct. 4, from 4-8 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Lincoln. Services will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013, at the church. Visitation will also be held an hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Hartsburg Union Cemetery in Hartsburg, Ill.

Memorials can be made to [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#) or the [Susan G. Komen Foundation](#) .

We would also like to thank the LaVenda Family for all of their caring and support while Mom was visiting.

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Frances L. Guy

LINCOLN - Frances L. Guy, 91, of Lincoln, passed away October 1, 2013, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, October 11, 2013, at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln.

Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home has been entrusted with her care.

Frances was born May 24, 1922, in Lincoln, Ill., the daughter of Grant Gorens and Florence (Boards). She married George Henry Guy. He preceded her in death.

She retired from St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur as a nurse anesthetist.

Surviving are her son Gregory (Marilyn) Guy; her grandchildren, Keisha Guy, Gregory Guy, Jr., and Candy Guy; her adopted grandchildren, Bianca Byars and Brittney Byars; six great-grandchildren; 13 adopted great-grandchildren; nephews, Joseph Foster and Stephen Foster; godson, Joseph (Carlita) Edmonson; and a host of relatives, loved ones, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her daughter, GiGi, and ten siblings.

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Leland L. Cross, MD

March 6, 1927-

May 10, 2013

OREGON - Leland L. Cross, MD, passed away May 10, 2013, at the age of 86.

He was a small-town doctor in Mt. Pulaski from 1953-1963, delivering many babies and making many house calls. He will be deeply missed by both family and friends.

A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held Oct. 26, 2013, from 1-4 p.m. at North Valley Friends Church, 4020 N. College St., Newberg, Oregon. Please RSVP at mamaj9.js@gmail.com, or 971-832-0804 if you plan to attend.

For a complete obituary, please visit online at

memorialwebsites. legacy.com/leland

cross-lovingmemories.

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John E. "Scotty" Scott

BLUE MOUND, IL - John E. "Scotty" Scott, 97, passed away at 10:00 p.m., Friday Oct. 4, 2013, at McKinley Court Nursing Home in Decatur, Ill.

A service to celebrate Scotty's life will be held at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2013, at Dawson & Wikoff Funeral Home in Blue Mound, Ill., with Rev. Robert C. Clark and Rev. Ellen Moma co-officiating. The family will receive friends beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon until service time at the funeral home. Burial will be in Old Stonington Cemetery, Stonington, Ill.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to DOVE, 788 E. Clay St., Decatur, IL 62521 or Camp Walter Scott, 15290 E. 300th, Dieterich, IL 62424.

Scotty was born Jan. 2, 1916, in Pekin, Ill., the son of Harry M. and Florence (Rees) Scott. He was raised and graduated from Lincoln High School in Lincoln, Ill. He married Iva Linxwiler on May 8, 1938. She preceded him in death on July 8, 2000.

Scotty was the owner and operator of Scotty's Supermarket which began in 1945 until 1969 in Blue Mound. In 1976 he went on to own and operate Scotty's Front Porch Ice Cream Shop. He also formerly worked as a leading Electrolux Salesman having sold 2,234 units for the company.

Scotty was a [WWII](#) Navy Veteran and a member of the Blue Mound Masonic Lodge. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Blue Mound for over sixty- eight years having served as a trustee, deacon, elder and Sunday school teacher for the youth. He served on the Blue Mound Fire Department as a volunteer fireman and as a trustee. He was a charter member of the Blue Mound [Rotary Club](#) and was a Paul Harris Fellowship member and twice past president of the Rotary Club. He was active in the Food Panty in Blue Mound. Scotty also was instrumental with Ray and Nancy Jo Batman in starting DOVE and had served on the board for many years. He had a passion for music. Scotty had strong core values and beliefs in hard work, trust and quality in everything you do.

Surviving are his daughter, Jane Scott Beck of Normal, Ill.; son, David J. Scott (wife, Betty) of Decatur; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Scotty was preceded in death by his parents, wife, daughter, Nancy Jo Batman, one brother and one sister.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the family at www.dawson-wikoff.com.

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Thomas "Tom" Stanton Auxier

MASON CITY - Thomas "Tom" Stanton Auxier, 75, of Mason City, Ill., passed away at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Ill., on Sunday, October 6, 2013, at 6:22 p.m. He was born on November 21, 1937, in Mason City, Ill., to Stanton and Louise (List) Auxier. He married Carole Frohling in 1963, and they were married for 43 years. She preceded him in death on August 3, 2006. Tom later married Judy Portlock-Cumby on November 11, 2007, and she survives.

Tom is survived by two daughters, Tricia (Gary) Francis and Teresa (Mark) Campbell, both of Mason City, Ill.; two step-daughters, Sherry (Roger) Cookson of Macon, Ill., and Laura McAden of Coal Valley, Ill., ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; three brothers, John (Carol) Auxier of Mason City, Ill., Doug (Margaret) Auxier of Delavan, Ill., and Albert (Patricia) Auxier of Seymour, Tenn.; and one sister, Mary Joanne Whitman of Champaign, Ill. Tom is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Leroy and Eldon Auxier, and one great-grandson, William.

As a young man, Tom served in the United States National Guard. He was also a member of the United Methodist Church in Mason City, Ill. He loved his family and children. Tom never met a stranger and volunteered to help anyone. He worked in Mason City for several years and worked at CAT for 35 years as an electrician.

A Memorial Service for Tom will be held Saturday, October 12, 2013 at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City, Ill., at 11 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to services beginning at 10 a.m. Pastor Dan Powers will officiate. Memorials may be made to St. Jude - Jessie Baugher Fund.

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

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

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Ellen Marie Wunderle

MASON CITY - Ellen Marie Wunderle, 93, of Mason City, Ill., passed away on Sunday, October 6, 2013. Ellen was born October 19, 1919, on a farm south of New Holland, Ill., the daughter of the late Victor and Kathryn Lemme of New Holland. She has one surviving brother, Eugene (Joan) Lemme of Dixon, Ill., and sister-in-law, Lydia Lemme, of Lincoln, Ill. A brother, Raymond Lemme, preceded her in death.

She married Steven Price Wunderle on November 30, 1940, in St. Charles, Mo., and he preceded her in death on December 30, 1995.

She is survived by two sons, Steven Lee Wunderle and wife, Sharon, of Carterville, Ill., and Terrence Michael Wunderle and wife, Jeanne, of Mason City, Ill. Mrs. Wunderle had five grandchildren, Kristin (Jason) Chancey of San Jose, Calif., Karin Morris of Chester, Ill., Dawn (Tim) Stultz of Anisworth, Iowa, Victor Wunderle of San Antonio, Texas, and Sally (Frank) Seipp of Peoria, Ill. Mrs. Wunderle had six great-grandchildren, Jake Morris, Connor Chancey, Sydney Chancey, Levi Stultz, Andrew Stultz, and Jesse Stultz. In addition there were two step-great-grandchildren, Jared Seipp and Ryan Seipp.

Mrs. Wunderle was a wonderful mother, homemaker, and beautician in Mason City. She shared her love with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was devoted to her family's interest in sports and wildlife and will always be remembered for the many delicious wild game meals she prepared for loved ones and friends.

Services will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, October 9, 2013, at Hurley Funeral Home, Mason City, with Father Jeffrey Laible officiating. Visitation will be at the funeral home one hour prior to the services beginning at 10 a.m. Burial will be at Big Grove Cemetery south of Mason City.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers you may donate to Mason City Area Nursing Home or Arlee Theater of Mason City. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

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

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Betty M. Bittner

BLOOMINGTON - Betty M. Bittner, 87, of Mercy Creek in Normal, formerly of Bloomington, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2013, at 12:38 a.m. at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 11, 2013 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Bloomington with Pastor Chad Lueck officiating. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service at the church. Interment will be at East Lawn Memorial Gardens in Bloomington.

Memorials may be made to the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Portico Fund.

Betty was born Feb. 7, 1926, in Bloomington, a daughter of John and Anna Schramm Gielow. She married Victor W. Bittner on April 21, 1946, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bloomington. He preceded her in death on June 12, 2013.

Surviving are one daughter, Jane (Sam) Redding of Lincoln; one son, Timothy (Patricia) Bittner of Bloomington; one sister, Marilyn Bonebrake of Bloomington; six grandchildren: Becky (Doug) Domkuski of Towanda, John (Tammy) Redding and Tom (Brittany) Redding, both of Castle Rock, Colo., Cari (Nathan) Rohlf of Emden, Bart (Amanda) Bittner of Heyworth, and Kelly (Jeff) Cramer of Mahomet; 18 great-grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews; and many dear friends.

In addition to her husband, Victor, she was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Joan L. Robinson.

Betty was a graduate of Bloomington High School. She and Victor were married upon his return from serving his country in WWII. They were lifelong partners in the family farm operation along with her son, Tim, and grandson, Bart.

She was a member and office holder of the Unit 5 PTA. She was a girls 4-H leader, a member of the Old Town Community Club, the Old Town Mother's Club and a member of the McLean County Farm Bureau. She was a strong advocate for her children's education and their Christian values.

Betty lived each day to the fullest. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother who will be truly missed by all of her family and friends who were her greatest blessings. She and Victor were proud to be charter members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church where she was involved in many capacities. Her church family has been a great gift in her life.

Kibler-Brady-Ruestman Memorial Home in Bloomington is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences and memories may be left for the family at kiblerbradyruestman.com.

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Loren Robert Hoagland

LINCOLN, IL - Loren Robert Hoagland, 89, passed away Monday, Oct. 7, 2013 at his home.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will be 11 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2013, also at the funeral home. Burial will follow in New Union Cemetery, Lincoln.

Loren was born Feb. 4, 1924, in Lincoln, Ill., the son of Theodore and Leona (Thompson) Hoagland. He married Audrey Musick on Dec. 21, 1942, in Missouri. She preceded him in death on Aug. 19, 1973.

He was one of the owners, chief mechanic, and professional truck driver for Hoagland Motors and Hoagland Transfer. Loren was a member of the Lincoln [Elks Lodge](#) # 914, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, AMVETS, and the American Legion Post 263 in Lincoln.

He proudly served his country in the [U.S. Navy](#) as a first class machinist mate on the USS Thompson DD 627 during the invasion of Normandy.

Surviving are his children: Gary (Carol) Hoagland of Florida, Robert (Laurie) Hoagland of Rhode Island, William Hoagland of Lincoln, Ill., and Marilee (Kim) Bruns of Pennsylvania; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and nephew, Bud (Helen) Hoagland of Lincoln, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, four brothers, and granddaughter, Jacy Hoagland.

Memorials may be made to Jacy's Gift in memory of his granddaughter and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Mary Alice Schriber

LINCOLN, IL - Mary Alice Schriber, 59, passed away Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2013, at her home.

Visitation will be held Monday, Oct. 14, 2013, from 5-7 p.m. at Holland Barry and Bennett Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013, at 11 a.m. at Old Union Cemetery in Lincoln. Following graveside services, a meal will be provided at the American Legion Post 263.

Mary was born June 29, 1954, in Lincoln, Ill., the daughter of George Frederic Robbins and Eva Marie (Krucig) Robbins. She married Bob Schriber on July 20, 1991. She served her country in the U.S. Air Force and the Air National Guard.

Mary was an avid Cardinals fan and she loved children, especially her grandchildren. She was very cherished by her family.

Mary is survived by her husband, Bob Schriber; her son, Harley (Chaka) Utterback; her siblings: Nancy Ann (Paul) Leo, Hallie Marie Johnston, Paul David (Lois) Robbins, Morris Anthony (Nancy) Robbins, Ruth Irene Hunt, Lawrence Edward Robbins, John Merrill (Susie) Robbins, Michael Warren (Linda) Robbins, Margaret Elaine (Jerry) Hufragel, and Steven Matthew (Dee Dee) Robbins. She is also survived by two grandchildren, Aven Thompson and Dakyn Utterback; and special love, Allissa Lee.

She was preceded in death by her father, George Fredrick Robbins; her brother, George William Robbins; and two brothers-in-law, John Johnston and Larry Hunt.

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

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Bertha M.

Scroggin

LINCOLN, IL - Bertha M. Scroggin, 95, passed away Friday, Oct. 11, 2013, at 11:30 a.m. at the Rosewood Care Center in St. Charles, Ill.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. at the Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln with Mr. Ron Otto officiating.

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

Burial will be in New Union Cemetery in Lincoln.

Bertha Madelyn Scroggin was born June 26, 1918, in Eminence Township (Gold Springs), the daughter of John and Mabel Veff Vannoy. She married Wilbur Scroggin in 1948. He preceded her in death in 1965.

She is survived by her children: Marvin Scroggin of Seattle, Wash., and Melvin Scroggin and Lori Green both of St. Charles, Ill.; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her siblings: Fern, Marie, Lawrence, Thelma and Charles Vannoy; one son, Van McCray; and two daughters, Shirley McCray and Betty McCray.

She was a member of the Atlanta Christian Centre.

Memorials may be made to the Logan County Food Bank.

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Brian Liechty

PEKIN - Brian Liechty, 45, of Pekin, passed away at 9:16 p.m., Sunday, October 13, 2013, at Pekin Hospital.

Brian was born on January 5, 1968, in Lake County, Ind., to Alice Liechty. He married Kristin Boyer on September 22, 1998, in Lincoln, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his mother and stepfather, Harold Osborn.

Surviving is his wife, Kristin of Pekin; one son, Kyle Liechty of Edwardsville, Ill.; one daughter, Alexandra "Aly" Liechty of Pekin, Ill.; three sisters, Belinda Liechty of Lincoln, Ill., Beth (Jeff) Johnston of Green Valley, Ill., and Teresa Goodman of Lincoln, Ill.; extended family, Herman (Marty) Wibben of Emden, Ill., Greg (Dawn) Wibben of Sugarland, Texas, Cale (Sarah) Wibben of Emden, Ill., Lori (Cass) Benner of New Holland, Ill., John (Pam) Wibben of Tremont, Ill., and many more Wibbens...too numerous to mention.

Brian graduated from Hartsburg-Emden High School in 1987 and earned a degree from Lincoln Technical Institute in Indianapolis, IN. He worked for Ford as a mechanic for ten years before changing careers. He currently worked for URS in Mossville as a Water Treatment Specialist.

Brian was a member of River Valley Sportsmen's Club and Tremont Sportsmen's Club. He loved the ocean, his family and his friends, movies, and Ruby Red Squirt. He was a diehard St. Louis Cardinals Fan!!!

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, October 19, 2013, at Henderson Funeral Home & Crematory, 2131 Velde Dr., Pekin, IL, with Rev. Dan Perry officiating. Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m., Saturday, at the funeral home. Burial will be in Hartsburg Union Cemetery in Hartsburg, IL.

In lieu of flowers Memorial contributions may be made to an fund for his children at CEFCU.

To view Brian's memorial webpage or to leave an online condolence go to www.hendersonfuneralcare.com.

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Linda K. Rinehart-Brown

NEW BRAUNFELS, TX - Linda K. Rinehart, 72, went home to be with her Lord on Monday, Oct. 7, 2013.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Thomas M. Rinehart, and three daughters, Kim (Bruce) Kuni, Paula (Sid) Schertz and Mandi (Jesse) Rinehart. She was the proud grandmother of nine grandchildren: Scott Kuni, Bethany Brooks, Jesse (Tiffany) Schertz, Larrisa (Kevin) Watts, Tyler Schertz, Anthony (Andreana) Steelman, T. Jacob Rinehart, Beau Steelman and Zachary Steelman; and seven great-grandchildren.

Linda attended Atlanta High School and was a graduate of Bloomington School of Practical Nursing.

She practiced nursing in many fields and cared for many people over the course of 30 years.

She was also an EMT, one of the original members and organizers of the Rescue Squad in Atlanta, Ill.

Linda and her husband moved to New Braunfels, Texas in 2002.

She was active in her church, Oakwood Baptist. Linda also enjoyed her time volunteering in ride-alongs with the New Braunfel police and the Comal County sheriff's department.

No words can describe the impact Linda's life had on her family and friends. She was a tender, loving and giving person who put others' needs ahead of her own and she will be greatly missed.

A memorial service was held Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013, at 3 p.m. at the Oakwood Baptist Church in New Braunfels.

To leave a message for the family, please visit www.legacy.com/obituaries/lincolncourier.

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Marion L. "Bud" Sutton

LINCOLN, IL - Marion L. "Bud" Sutton, 78, passed away at 4:41 a.m. on Oct. 20, 2013, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Bud was born Aug. 16, 1935, in Lincoln, Ill., son of Gilbert and Lillian Kline Sutton. He married Janet Payne on March 18, 1956, in Lincoln, Ill.; she survives.

He was a member of the Eagles Lodge # 2708. He loved to be with his family, loved to go to the casino, loved NASCAR, and was an avid collector of many things.

He is also survived by three daughters: Yvonda (Kyle) Sullivan, Rhonda (Rick) Skelton, and Donda (John) Freese all of Lincoln, Ill.; one sister, Norma Schaffenacker of Lincoln, Ill.; seven grandchildren: Jason, Heather, Ryan, Lesley, Shawna, Lindsey, Shane; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers: Gilbert Jr., James, and Claude.

Services for Marion will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2013, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home with Rev. Robert Long officiating. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday Oct. 22, 2013, also at the funeral home. A burial at Zion Cemetery will follow the service.

Memorials may be given to Logan County Animal Rescue or [American Cancer Society](#) .

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Gladys Emma Boerma

HARTSBURG - Gladys Emma Boerma, 90, who resided at the Christian Village of Lincoln, Ill., and formerly of Hartsburg, died at 12:12 p.m. on Friday, October 18, 2013. Mrs. Boerma was born November 27, 1922, to William and Ella Reiners Kaesebier in Emden, Ill. She was a homemaker and farmed with her husband, John, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her son, Norman.

Mrs. Boerma graduated from Hartsburg-Emden High School in 1940 and later served on the school board there for many years. She was also an active member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Emden, Ill., where she taught Sunday School and served as president of the Ladies Aid.

Mrs. Boerma presided as president of the Logan County National Farmer's Organization for several years. She also served on the Prairie Creek Drainage District and was a precinct committee person for the Democratic Party for Orvil Township.

Surviving Mrs. Boerma are her children, Jean (Kent) Sunderland of Bloomington, Ill., William (Maralee) Boerma of Emden, Ill., Sally (Fred) Ananias of Dunlap, Ill., and Brenda (Billy) Barney of Wagoner, Okla.

She is also survived by nine grandchildren including, Nathan (Mary) Sunderland of Poquoson, Va., Jenna Sunderland of Sherman, Ill., Sheila (Marc) Erickson of Rockford, Ill., Brian (Sara) Boerma of Hopedale, Ill., Britney Boerma of Lincoln, Ill., Jason (Traci) Ananias of Greenville, S.C., Jonathan (Jennifer) Ananias of Dunlap, Ill., Joe (Christina) Ananias of Mt. Pleasant, S.C., and Drew Barney of Wagoner, Okla.; two step-grandchildren, Tammy Barney of Wagoner, Okla., and Jason Barney of Tulsa, Okla.; great-grandchildren, William Boerma and Kelly Sunderland; one sister-in-law, Doris Boerma of Emden, Ill.; and eight nieces and nephews also survive.

Gladys enjoyed playing the piano, gardening, and singing with her family. She will be remembered for her faith and love of family.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 26, 2013, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Emden, Ill., with Pastors John Schurter and Ryan Edgecomb officiating.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, October 25, 2013, at the Church and also one hour prior to the service.

Burial will be at Bethel Cemetery in rural Emden.

Memorials may be made to St. Peter's Lutheran Church or the Christian Village of Lincoln.

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

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Ella Lee Graney

LINCOLN, IL - Ella Lee Graney, 93, passed away at 3:28 A.M. at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill., on Sunday, Oct. 20, 2013.

Ella was born April 26, 1920, in Lincoln, Ill., daughter of Theodore and Catherine Malerich McMonagle. She married John David Graney in February 1938; he preceded her in death on April 7, 1989.

She was a member of the Lincoln Christian Church, T.O.P.S., last surviving charter member of the Eagle's Auxiliary, and she was a longtime participant and supporter of the Oasis Senior Center. She also traveled extensively with friends.

Surviving Ella are one son, David Lee (Lois) Graney of Fayetteville, Ark.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Julia Chandler.

Services will be at 10 a.m., Friday, Oct. 25, 2013, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home with Ron Otto officiating. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 24, 2013, also at the funeral home. Burial will be at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln.

Memorials may be made to the Oasis Senior Center of Lincoln.

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Bobby Joe

Matson

LINCOLN - Bobby Joe Matson, 55, passed away at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield on Oct. 20, 2013.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2013, at Keys Cemetery in rural Logan County.

Bobby was born July 18, 1958, in Lincoln, Ill., the son of Robert "Bob" Matson and Ruth Shepherd. His wife, Mary (Cox) preceded him in death.

He was employed by Saint-Gobain Containers in Lincoln for more than twenty years. He enjoyed fishing and the outdoors.

He is survived by his parents, Bob and Ruth (Shepherd) Matson of Lincoln; two daughters, Fonda (Josh) Dalton and Alyssa (Christian) Javrin; a stepson, Joey Anderson, all of Missouri; five grandchildren; special nephews, Kameron and Karson Bonaparte, and Isaiah Bryant; special niece, Brianna Bryant, all of Lincoln. A sister, Regina (Don) Bryant, and brother, Mitchell Matson, of Lincoln, also survive.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, and brother, Reggie Matson.

Memorials may be made to the organization of the donor's choice and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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

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Velma Mae Holmes

LINCOLN, IL - Velma Mae Holmes, 91, formerly of New Holland, Ill., passed away at 2:00 a.m., Oct. 23, 2013, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

Velma was born Oct. 28, 1921, in New Holland, Ill., the daughter of Peter F. and Mabel Lingenfelter Halstead. She married Paul L. Holmes on Dec. 14, 1941. He preceded her in death on Jan. 18, 2003.

Velma is survived by one son, Richard (Jamie) Holmes of New Holland; three daughters: Janet (Gary) Heyen of Springfield, Patricia (Herb) Higgs of Lubbock, Texas, and Vicki (Alan) Detmers of Williamsville; seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

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

Mrs. Holmes retired as a bank teller from New Holland Farmers Bank. She was also a beautician and homemaker. She was a member of New Holland United Methodist Church, Women's Club of the church; Know Your Bible Class; New Holland Girl Scout Council, and Bunco Club.

Services for Velma will be held at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 26, 2013, at New Holland United Methodist Church with Rev. Becky Barrow officiating. Visitation will be one hour (from 3-4 p.m.) prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in Richmond Grove Cemetery, New Holland.

Memorials may be given to the New Holland United Methodist Church, The Christian Village, or Castle Manor.

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

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Annette Marie "Ame" Elsasser

LATHAM - Annette Marie "Ame" Elsasser, 36, passed away at 6:55 p.m. on October 22, 2013, at her home in Latham.

Ame was born on November 30, 1976, in Hastings, Minn., daughter of Charles E. and Sandra J. Cowden Elsasser. She graduated from Warrensburg Latham Schools and graduated from the University of Kentucky.

She is survived by her parents, Charles E. and Sandra Elsasser of Latham, Ill.; paternal grandmother, Virginia Elsasser of Louisville, Ky.; and maternal grandparents, Alan and Darlene Cowden of Hastings, Minn. She was preceded in death by grandpa, Charles Elsasser, Sr., and uncle, David Cowden.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to Grace House Women's Shelter.

Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt Pulaski is entrusted with the arrangements.

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Alan Pegram

MT. PULASKI - Alan Pegram, 80, passed away at 2 p.m. on October 22, 2013, at Vonderlieth Living Center, Mt. Pulaski, after battling cancer.

Alan was born on December 21, 1932, in Lincoln, Ill., son of Thomas M. and Ruth Keys Pegram. He married Donna Rae Harmsen in 1953 in Emden; she preceded him in death in 1997. He then married Patricia Hoffman Brownlee on April 15, 2000, in Lincoln, Ill. She survives him in Mt. Pulaski. Alan was in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a member of American Legion Post #447, National Rifle Association, and Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Ill. He was able to make an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., in June 2013. He retired as a farmer, ran Pegram's Welding on his farm, and was an inventor.

He is survived by three children, Tom Pegram of Lincoln, Ill.; Marcia (Michael) Satterfield of Manitou Springs, Colo.; Ann (Paul) Nordstrom of Morris, Ill.; two stepchildren, Alan (Gail) Brownlee of Gibson City, Ill., and Mark (Julie) Brownlee of Saybrook, Ill.; three grandchildren, Michael and Greg Nordstrom, and Lee Satterfield; and three stepgrandchildren, Wyatt and Dylan Brownlee and Corrinne Wilson. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Charles and Rick.

A memorial service for Alan will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, October 27, 2013, at Immanuel Lutheran Church with Rev. Daniel Stalker officiating. Visitation will be held from 1:30 p.m. until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Immanuel Lutheran Church or to the Lincoln Land Honor Flight. Services have been entrusted with Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski.

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Donna Hatcher

LINCOLN, IL - Donna Hatcher, 76, passed away after a long illness at 3:58 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2013, at Hopedale Medical Center.

Donna was born in Lincoln on April 12, 1937, daughter of Henry and Hazel Prather Losey.

She retired from Lehn and Fink. Donna also attended Jefferson Street Christian Church while her health permitted it.

Donna is survived by her son, Michael Rickord of Lincoln; brother, Dale (Shirley) Losey of Springfield, Ill.; and sister, Evelyn Johnston of Highland Ranch, Colo.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Judy Renner.

A memorial service for Donna will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Logan County Humane Society.

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

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Shirley Mae Hayes

MT. PULASKI, IL - Shirley Mae Hayes, 73, passed away at 5:11 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24, 2013, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Shirley was born Oct. 30, 1939, in Lincoln, Ill., daughter of Roy and Clara Greenslate Lowe. She married Richard R. Hayes on Aug. 7, 1959, in Chestnut, Ill.; he survives her in Mt. Pulaski.

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Mt. Pulaski First United Methodist Church . She loved her flowers and gardening, feeding the birds, and being outdoors. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother.

Also surviving Shirley are two children, Barbara (Lynn) Freer and Steven (Jessica) Hayes both of Mt. Pulaski; four grandchildren: Alec Hayes, Skylar Hayes, Hannah Freer, and Michael Freer all of Mt. Pulaski; two brothers: Thomas (Carol) Lowe of Chestnut, Ill., and Ira (Pat) Lowe of Palatine, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Robert and William; and half-sister, Mary Powell.

A private graveside service will be held for family. A memorial service for Shirley will be held at a later date at the United Methodist Church in Mt. Pulaski.

Memorials may be given to Mt Pulaski United Methodist Church.

Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.

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Verna M.

Norrington

FORSYTH, IL - Verna M. Norrington, 80 died at her home on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2013.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013, at Brintlinger & Earl Funeral Home, Decatur, Ill., where friends may call for two hours before service. Burial will be at Steenbergen Cemetery in Mt. Pulaski, Ill.

Memorials maybe made to First Christian Church, Clinton, Ill., or donors choice.

Mrs. Norrington was born Sept. 5, 1933, at Lake Fork, Ill., the daughter of Charles "Pat" and Mable Fuiten Manley. She married Seigal "Seig" Norrington on Sept. 5, 1958, at Lake Fork, Ill. He preceded her in death on Nov. 8, 2012.

Verna was a member of the First Christian Church, Clinton, and the Decatur YMCA.

Surviving her are a daughter, Kara M. Norrington of Forsyth, Ill.; two stepchildren, Michael P. Norrington (wife, Mary Lou) of Carbondale, Ill., and Susan J. Longfellow (husband, Jack) of Decatur, Ill.; sister, Janet Deibert (husband, Darold) of Mt. Pulaski, Ill.; five step grandchildren: Tamara Evey of St. Louis, Mo., Brad Gillespie of Indianapolis, Ind., Todd Norrington (wife, Dannyel) of Carterville, Ill., Lori Gillespie of Champaign, Ill. and Christopher Norrington (wife, Karissa) of Fairview Heights, Ill.; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and sister, Patricia "Pat" Bandelow.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.brintlingerandearl.com.

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Holley A. Randolph

NORMAL, IL - Holley A. Randolph, 96, of Atlanta, Ill., passed away at 7:45 p.m., Friday, Oct. 25, 2013, at Heartland Health Care Center in Normal, Ill.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2013, at the Atlanta United Methodist Church. Funeral Services will follow at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Rob Roy officiating. Burial will be in Randolph Cemetery, rural Kenney, Ill.

Holley Adair was born Sept. 14, 1917, in Waynesville, Ill., the daughter of Andrew V. and Susan E. Holley Adair. She married Richard Roy Randolph on Feb. 27, 1938, in Waynesville. He preceded her in death on April 20, 1995.

She is survived by her children: Laura S. (Charles) Baue of Bloomington, Ruth (Glenn) Gordon of Atlanta, and Sarah (Marty) Shipley of Bloomington; her grandchildren: Steven Gordon, David G. Gordon, Dianna Gordon Laney, Suzanne Gordon Hines, John Cisco, James Cisco, and Jennifer Cheek; and nine great-grandchildren. Other survivors include special sisters-in-law, Nellie Randolph Leimbach of Mt. Pulaski and Leona Adair of Florida, plus many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, David L. Randolph, and two brothers, Robert G. Adair and James R. Adair.

Holley graduated from Waynesville High School and attended Illinois State Normal University. She worked with her husband for many years in the Randolph Insurance Agency, Atlanta.

Holley was a member of the Atlanta United Methodist Church, Atlanta United Methodist Women, and the Atlanta Women's Club. She was known as an excellent cook and enjoyed painting, music, animals, and flowers. A sweet and gentle person, Holley was dedicated to her family and always placed others first. She will be missed dearly by those whose lives she touched.

The family would like to thank Dr. Steven Kindred and the nursing staff at Heartland Health Care Center for the care their mother received as their patient for many years.

Memorials may be made to the Atlanta United Methodist Church, the Baby Fold, or a [charity of the donor's choice](#) .

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Quiram Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta. Online condolences may be left for the family at

www.legacy.com/obituaries/lincolncourier.

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Andrew J.

Skelton

LINCOLN, IL - Andrew J. Skelton, 68, passed away Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013, at his home.

Andrew was born Nov. 9, 1944, in Middletown, Ill., the son of Richard and Mabel Ruth Wilson Skelton. He married Kathy Beccue on May 31, 2003, in Petersburg, Ill., and she survives in Lincoln.

Andrew is also survived by his mother and Bill; children: Kimberly (Carl) Taylor of Bloomington, Kevin (companion, Donna) of Middletown, Terry (Frankie) Skelton of Middletown, Gary (Glenda) Skelton of Lincoln, Vicki (Dan) Bree of Lincoln, and Connie White (companion, Steve Sampson) of Lincoln; 17 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; stepchildren: Gary (Jania) Whitetree, Terry (Angie) Whitetree, and Carrie Follis (companion, Brian Huskins) all of Lincoln; several step grandchildren; his siblings: Dick and Deb Skelton of Lincoln, Ruth Ann and Ernie Hoffert of Middletown, Jenny and Harold Stout of Middletown, Jackie Poole of Mason City, Carol Renfro of Middletown, Cheryl Himes of Mason City, Sharon Marcum of Washington State, Deb and Donald Frakes of Middletown, Syb and Joe Liesman of Hartsburg, Billy Skelton of Middletown, Kelly and Rick Hoffert of Middletown, Tim and Judy Skelton of Mason City, and Rusty and Stacey Skelton of Middletown.

He was preceded in death by his father; three sisters, two brothers, and four grandchildren.

He worked as a warehouse lead man at Precision Products in Lincoln. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post #672 and was of the Baptist faith. Andrew was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, uncle, son, and friend. He was an avid Bears fan, NASCAR fan, and band member of Country Rhythm and Ramblin Fever. He was an avid camper and proud owner of the "MIDNIGHT SPECIAL" golf cart he built with his boys.

Services for Andrew will be at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln. Burial will be in Irish Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2013, from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to the Skelton family.

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Richard Earl Funk

LINCOLN, IL - Richard Earl Funk, 93, died at 7:50 a.m., Oct. 28, 2013, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital with family by his side.

Richard was born July 23, 1920, in Lincoln, the son of Daniel and Lula Huff Funk. He married Erma Knight June 22, 1947 in Lincoln. She preceded him in death on Dec. 30, 1997.

Richard is survived by two sons, Thomas (Karrie) Funk of Lincoln and Kevin (Doris) Funk of Red Wing, Minn.; one brother, Larry Funk of Lincoln; one sister, Alice Taylor of Morton, Ill.; a very special friend, Helen Hullinger of Lincoln; and five grandchildren: Neenah (Andy) Maier of Seattle, Wash., Natalie Funk of Red Wing, Minn., Abby Funk, Julianne Funk and Noah Funk, all of Lincoln.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; brothers: Paul, Don, Virgil, Buford, and Kenneth Funk; and sister, Pauline.

Richard served in the U.S. Army during WW II. He was a dispatcher for CILCO Utility Co. and truck driver for CILCO. He had served as President of the Park District Board; was a member of Lincoln Christian Church; the American Legion Post #263; Jolly Seniors; and Christian Corner Sunday School Class.

Services for Richard will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with Ryan Edgecombe officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday at Camp Butler National Cemetery, Springfield, Ill., with full military rites accorded by Lincoln American Legion Post #263 Honor Guard.

Memorials can be given to American Legion Post #263 or Lincoln Christian Church.

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Paul Edward

Gustav Muchow

LINCOLN, IL - Paul Edward Gustav Muchow, 88, passed away at 7:20 a.m., Oct. 27, 2013, at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born in Altamont, Ill., on March 14, 1925, son of John and Alma Bandelow Muchow. He married Phyllis Oldham Crane on June 21, 1974, in Benton, Ill.; she survives him in Lincoln. They enjoyed traveling and seeing new places and also loved to spend time in Florida. Paul loved the ocean and soft ocean breezes.

Paul was blessed with one daughter, Debra (Gary) Juhl of San Antonio, Texas; two grandchildren, Amy (Jeff) Sanders of San Antonio, Texas and Todd (Jennifer) Juhl of Scottsdale, Ariz.; five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Oscar (Twillia) Muchow and Victor (Janine) Muchow both of Springfield, Ill.; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Florence Duckuitz, and one infant brother.

Paul lived in Broadwell, Ill., for 30 years and enjoyed the small town. He was on the Village Board for 10 years and loved to garden. He was a veteran and also served a short time in Colorado. He also enjoyed morning coffee at McDonalds.

A memorial service for Paul will be at 11:00 a.m., Friday Nov. 1, 2013, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with Rev. Mark Thompson officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to the Oasis Senior Center, Zion Lutheran Church, or Logan County Food Pantry.

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

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James Edward "Jim" Peifer

WILLIAMSVILLE, IL - James Edward "Jim" Peifer, 59, went to heaven healthy and whole on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2013, at Sugar Creek Dementia Special Care in Normal, Ill., following a long battle with frontotemporal dementia.

He was born July 14, 1954, at St. Clara's Hospital in Lincoln, Ill., the son of Vincent and Jean Warrens Peifer who both preceded him in death. He married Angela "Angie" Fowler on Nov. 23, 1991 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Sherman, Ill.

He is survived by his wife; his siblings, Tom (Patty) Peifer of Lincoln, Mary Peifer (Jim Runyon) of Peoria, Bob (Michelle) Peifer of Wildwood, Mo., Ann (Marvin) Mosier of Colfax, and Tim Peifer (fiancée, Michelle Fulton) of Springfield; 14 nieces and nephews; six great-nieces and -nephews who loved "Uncle Jimmy" very, very much; and seven cousins.

Jim attended Carroll Catholic Grade School and was a 1973 graduate of Lincoln High School. He was a lifelong Logan County farmer and was proud to have worked with his dad and brother, Tom, on the farm that has been in their family for well over a century. Jim also raised purebred champion Suffolk sheep and had one of the premier herds in the country.

Jim was a member of Holy Family Catholic Parish in Lincoln and the Knights of Columbus.

He and his wife loved to spend time at the beach and visited many of the Caribbean Islands, as well as their vacation home in Indian Shores, Fla. Jim loved people and never met a stranger. His greatest joy was spending time with family and friends.

Services for Jim will be Saturday, Nov. 2, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church of Lincoln with Rev. Claude Peifer officiating. Visitation will be Friday from 4-7 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with a prayer service at 3:30 p.m. led by Rev. James Stuenkel. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Lincoln.

Memorials may be made to the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration (theaftd.org), AFTD, Radnor Station Build 2, Ste. 320, 290 King of Prussia Rd., Radnor, PA 19087. The AFTD provides research, education, support and advocacy on behalf of and for victims of frontotemporal dementia.

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Mary C. Ryals

LINCOLN, IL - Mary C. Ryals, 92, passed away Monday, Oct. 28, 2013, at St. Clara's Manor in Lincoln.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, Oct. 31 at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Lincoln with Rev. Simon Taabu officiating.

Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until time of the funeral mass.

A Rosary Service will be held at 9:45 a.m. prior to the visitation at the church.

Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Lincoln.

Mary Catherine Ryals was born Nov. 18, 1920, in Lincoln the daughter of Hugo and Katherine Higgins Faul. She married Homer Ryals on July 21, 1950, in Waukegan, Ill. He preceded in death on June 30, 1975.

Surviving are her sister, Frances Watson; two nieces, Cathy (Steven) Cosby and Cindy Watson both of Lincoln; and one nephew; Tom (Jennifer) Watson of Plainfield.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Mrs. Ryals was a chief operator for Federal Telecommunications in San Francisco, Calif.

She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and Holy Family Society.

Mary made many friends where ever she and Ron were stationed with the Navy and throughout her lifetime. She loved people, especially children, and was a godmother to many.

Memorials may be made to Carroll Catholic School or St. Clara's Manor.

Final arrangements have been entrusted to Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln.

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