

Ida Jean Howe

CHESTNUT, IL - Ida Jean Howe, 86, passed away at 6:43 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 30, 2013, at Leroy Manor in Leroy, Ill.

Ida was born Oct. 29, 1927, in Bluffton, Ind., to Lewis and Fern May Phipps. She married Howard R. Mann. She later married Rodney Nimrick. He preceded her in death. She then married Bill Howe of Chestnut. He also preceded her in death. She was the owner of the Alpha restaurant in Alpha, Ill., and was a key punch operator for State Farm Insurance.

Ida is survived by two daughters, Kathy (Terry) Sachan of Savoy, Ill., and Tami Mann of Bloomington, Ill.; one sister, Linda (Kenneth) Bowman of Downs, Ill.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands; one daughter, Sandy Mann; two sons, Martin Mann and Chip Nimrick; one sister and one brother.

Services for Ida will be at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski, Mark Weber officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home. A graveside service will be at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon at Chenoa Township Cemetery, Chenoa, Ill.

Memorials may be made to the [Alzheimer's Association](#) .

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Becky Ijams Widmer

BLOOMINGTON, IL - Becky Sue Ijams Widmer, 59, died Thursday, Nov. 28, 2013, at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center in Normal, Ill.

Her memorial service will be 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 2, 2013, at Wesley United Methodist Church in Bloomington with Rev. Vaughn Hoffman officiating.

Inurnment will be private at Funks Grove Cemetery in rural McLean, Ill.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m., Monday at Calvert & Metzler Memorial Home in Bloomington.

Memorials may be made to Huntington's Disease Society of America, 505 Eighth Ave., Ste. 902, New York, NY 10018 or Heartland Community College Foundation for a scholarship in Becky's name to support nursing students.

Becky was born July 28, 1954, in Lincoln, Ill., a daughter of Allyn and Charlotte Mitchell Ijams. She married Robert D. Widmer on March 28, 1995, in Lincoln. Rob survives.

Also surviving are her mother, Charlotte Ijams of Atlanta, Ill.; four sons: Brock (Hayley) Werner of Beason, Ill., Brad Widmer of Bloomington, Ill., Jeff (Amanda) Widmer of Hernando, Miss., and Greg (Jennifer) Widmer of Aurora, Ill.; seven grandchildren: Imagin, Jessa, Bralan and Hadley Werner, Kaleb Widmer, and Abigail and Katherine Widmer; a brother, Kirk (Lisa) Ijams of Normal, Ill.; a sister, Peggy (Jerry) Watkins of Crystal Lake, Ill.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Her father preceded her in death.

Becky was an active member of Wesley United Methodist Church in Bloomington.

She formerly worked for Myers Industries as a customer service representative in Lincoln for 20 years, later as an associate for Three Roses Floral in Lincoln and most recently as a home caregiver for the YWCA in Bloomington.

Becky was a kind, sweet soul, who dearly loved her family, church and the holidays. She loved playing with her grandchildren, even when it was hard for her as her disease advanced. She will be forever missed, but will always be lovingly remembered by her family and countless friends. God has freed Becky from the struggle with her disease and she now is at peace.

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Ruth B. Behrends

DUNWOODY, GA - Ruth B. Behrends, 80, died Sunday, Dec. 1, 2013.

Born in Iowa City, Iowa, she was the wife of the late Gene Behrends. She was dedicated to her family. She was an educator who taught high school for 31 years. Ruth had a caring heart and her loving spirit will be missed by many friends and family.

Surviving are her sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph and Heather Behrends, and Andrew and Kamillia Behrends; six grandchildren; sisters, Margaret Murphy, Rita Greaber and Mary Long; brother, Father Raymond Ruppenkamp; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial mass will be celebrated Thursday, Dec. 5, 2013, at 2 p.m. at All Saints Catholic Church in Dunwoody, Ga., with a reception to follow. Friends are cordially invited to visit with the family from 1:30 p.m. until the hour of mass at the church.

Ruth enjoyed working with Missionaries of Charity, 995 St. Charles Ave., Atlanta, GA 30306. Donations in Ruth's honor would be appreciated in lieu of flowers.

Arrangements by H.M. Patterson and Son, Arlington Chapel, Atlanta, GA; 404-851-9900.

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Dorothy Armour

LINCOLN, IL - Dorothy Armour, 91, passed away at 4:05 p.m., Dec. 2, 2013, at St. Clara's Manor in Lincoln.

Dorothy was born Feb. 10, 1922, in Lincoln, Ill., the daughter of John and Theresa Schmidt Miesner. She was a line worker at Cutler-Hammer for thirty years.

Dorothy is survived by one son, Ron (Jeffry) Armour of Lincoln.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Betty Elsas.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 5, 2013, at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln.

Memorials may be given to Humane Society of Logan County.

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

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Mildred V. (Siah) Briggs Newberry

EMDEN, IL - Mildred V. (Siah) Briggs Newberry, 93, passed away at 7:20 a.m., Nov. 29, 2013, at Christian Village Nursing Home in Lincoln, Ill.

A graveside service will be held at the Hartsburg Union Cemetery on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013, at 10 a.m.

She is survived by two sons, Bill (Norma) Briggs of Emden and Gary (Beverly) Briggs of Estes Park, Colo.; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Christian Village Nursing Home of Lincoln (for the church services), St. Peter's Lutheran Church of Emden, or Safe Haven Hospice of Lincoln.

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

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Pat Osborn

LINCOLN - Pat Osborn, 73, passed away at 2:46 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5, 2013, at her home.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013, at the Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln with Mr. Don Hoover officiating.

Visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7.

Private family burial service will be in Hartsburg Union Cemetery in Hartsburg, Ill.

Mary Patricia Frainer was born on July 31, 1940, in New Berlin, Ill., the daughter of Leonard and Dorothy Hughes Frainer. She married Dale Osborn on Aug. 8, 1973. He survives.

Also surviving are her children, Richard Riva of Ft. Meyers, Fla., Melanie (David) Blankenship of Atlanta, David Riva of Lincoln, Todd Osborn of Lincoln, Tonya Jo Larson of Elburn, Ill.; five grandchildren, Brandy (Jeff) Heath, Megan (Andy) Scroggin, Daniel Osborn, Drew Larson, Caitlin Larson; and five great-grandchildren, Emma Nicole May Vieth, Jeffrey Mattingly, Isiah Joseph Evans, Elijah Scroggin, and Bhayleigh Osborn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two grandsons, Mikhail Riva and Gabriel Linn Scroggin, and one brother, Robert Frainer.

Pat had previously been employed at the Eaton Corp. for ten years and at Family Medical Center for nine years. She was an avid golfer.

Memorials may be made to Memorial Hospice.

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Ruth E.

Quisenberry

OAKWOOD, GA - Ruth E. Quisenberry, 89, died Monday, Dec. 2, 2013, at Waterford at Oakwood Assisted Living in Oakwood, Ga.

She was born Jan. 31, 1924, in Lincoln Ill., the daughter of Carl Albert and Lena (Beherends) Wrage. She was a lifelong educator, starting in a one-room country school in rural Logan county, retiring after 20 years of teaching at Heyworth, Ill., and ending her career as an assistant professor at Bradley University where she began her higher education. She was a proud graduate of Hartsburg-Emden High School and had undergraduate and Masters degrees from Illinois State University.

Ruth loved to learn and teach, travel, and her family and so many times these three loves merged. In addition to teaching she was on the board of Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, director of the Women, Infant, and Children program in Logan County, and helped start Logan County Hospice.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, of 65 years; her son, John R. Quisenberry; and her two sisters, Virginia Otte and Margaret Dingledine.

Ruth is survived by her son, Rod (Mary Murray) Quisenberry of Gainesville, Ga.; her three grandchildren, whom she loved dearly: Eric (Chrissy) Quisenberry of Villanova, Pa., Michael (Jennifer) of Buford, Ga., and Michelle Quisenberry of Bluffton, S.C.; two great-grandchildren, Maeve and Thomas Quisenberry of Villanova, Pa. She is further survived by extended family: Roger and Jo (Murray) Bunten of Peoria, Ill.; grandchildren, Katie of Indianapolis, Ind., and Matt of Peoria, Ill.; the living members of the Card Group of over 60 years, and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial services are to be held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Emden, Ill., on Tuesday the 10th of December at 11 a.m. Internment will be at Bethel Cemetery. Friends may greet the family from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services on Tuesday.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the North East Georgia Medical Center Hospice Care or to the Emden Historical Society.

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

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Wendell "Jeane" Woll

PEKIN, IL - Wendell "Jeane" Woll, 91, formerly of San Jose, Ill., passed away Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2013, at John M. Evans Assisted Living in Pekin.

Jeane was born April 12, 1922, in San Jose, Ill., to Truman and Maude (Caswell) Woll. He married Rachel M. Rademaker on June 5, 1949, in Emden, Ill.

Jeane is survived by his wife, Rachel; his daughter, Peggy (Grant) Golden of Pekin; his three sons: Dennis (Bunny) Woll of Green Valley, Bruce (Val) Woll of Pekin, and Brad (Tena) Woll of San Jose; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepmother, Margaret (Woodson) Woll; and his brother, Duane.

Jeane served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps during [WWII](#), stationed in England. He then worked as a Farm Implement Dealer for Truman Woll & Sons, retiring after 41 years. Jeane was a member of the Legion for 66 years, was on the firing squad for 40 years and served as adjutant for 12 years. He was the San Jose Water Treasurer for 35 years, was on the Zoning Board for 15 years, and on the Election Board for 20 years. Jeane was also a member of San Jose United Methodist Church and served on the Administrative Board and as Treasurer for five years.

Cremation Rites will be accorded and a memorial service will be held Monday, Dec. 9, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. at San Jose United Methodist Church with Rev. Dan Powers officiating. Interment will be at Greenhill Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the San Jose United Methodist Church.

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Ronald Lewis Jones

LINCOLN, IL - Ronald Lewis Jones, 73, died at 3:36 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013, at The Christian Village in Lincoln, Ill.

Ronnie was born Aug. 22, 1940, in Lincoln, Ill., the son of Melvin Lewis and Mary Catherine Molloy Jones. He was united in marriage to Kay Lyn Schrader on March 8, 1958, in Clinton, Ill., and she survives.

He is also survived by one daughter, Renee Jones of Lincoln, Ill.; four sons: Rod (Mary) Jones of Williamsville, Ill., Randy Jones of Lincoln, Ill., Robbie (Gretchen) Jones and Richie (Jani) Jones both of Lincoln, Ill.; and 10 grandchildren: Rachel, Nick, Chelsea, Taly, Austin, Gabby, Riley, Emma, Elaina and Kaeli.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents and was the last of his immediate family.

Ronnie was an electrician for 32 years and retired from Lincoln Developmental Center in 2000 where he had worked as an electrician. He was a member of Local #193, IBEW, the local Musicians Union and Knights of Columbus. Ronnie began playing the saxophone in High School and started traveling with the Nu Notes band before graduation. He traveled locally, playing for many years. Ronnie became a Christian in the 1980's and continued to play music at church and occasionally for parties and other places. Ronnie was an avid sports fan. He loved NASCAR, college and professional basketball as well as the Dodgers and Steelers. Ronnie will be missed greatly by his family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, with Gary Schmidt, Ryan Edgecomb and Nick Jones co-officiating. Burial will be in Zion Cemetery in Lincoln, Ill. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to The George D. Gahr Memory Center.

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Charles William Cummings

MT. PULASKI, IL - Charles William Cummings, 91, passed away at 3:13 a.m. on Dec. 9, 2013, at The Christian Village in Lincoln.

Charles was born on April 22, 1922, in Winchester, Ill., the son of Clayton and Minnie Underwood Cummings. He married Dolores Beidler-Ayers on Nov. 1, 1974, in Lincoln, Ill., and she survives him in Lincoln. Charles was in the United States Marine Corps for four years and three months and in the United States Air Force for nine and a half years. He was a member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, USS Mustin D-413 and Hornet CV-8 Association. He was a survivor of the sinking of the aircraft carrier Hornet during WWII as well as the attack on Pearl Harbor. He retired as an airline pilot and flight engineer for Eastern Airlines.

He is also survived by four children, Robert, Richard, Mark, and Deborah Cummings, all of California; one step-son, Michael Ayers of Fithian, Ill.; two step-grandchildren, Craig and Cody Ayers. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Walter Cummings, and sister, Dorothy Markelie.

Services for Charles will be 11 a.m., Thursday, December 12, 2013, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski with Ryan Edgecomb officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to service at the funeral home. Burial including full military rites will follow the service at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery. Memorials may be given to Humane Society of Logan County.

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Donald Louis Dumire

MT. PULASKI - Donald Louis Dumire, 65, passed away at 2:15 a.m. on December 8, 2013 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Donald was born on Dec. 8, 1948, in Pierce, W.Va.; son of Gilbert and Myrtle Runion Dumire.

He is survived by one son, Gilbert (Alexis) Dumire of Lincoln; one step-son, Jason (Brittany) Varner of Lincoln; two brothers, Charlie (Wanda) Dumire of Mt. Pulaski and Russell (Cathy) Varner of Springfield; three sisters, Katherine Roher of Springfield, Betty (Jeff) Dempsey of Mt. Pulaski, and Pauletta (Steve) Hamm of W.Va.; and one grandchild, Keegan. He was preceded in death by his father.

A memorial service for Donald will be held at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013, at the Mt. Pulaski Christian Church, Mark Weber officiating. Memorials may be given to the United States Veterans Administration. Services were entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski.

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Alfred Dirks

SAN JOSE, IL - Alfred Dirks passed into eternal life after battling cancer on Monday, Dec. 9, 2013, at Richard L. Owens Hospice Home, Peoria, Ill., at 2:05 a.m.

He was born Sept. 24, 1937, to Albert and Aleeda (Van Hoorn) Dirks. He married Marjean Weir on Jan. 22, 1955. From this union he was blessed with four children: Rick (Kelly) Dirks, Greg (Vicki) Dirks, Lisa (Jerry) Shay and Kevin Dirks; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren, and one step granddaughter.

He later married Alice (Jean) Diers on Dec. 31, 2001, and treasured and enjoyed the love and friendship of her and her family: Kevin, Renelle, and Brian Kirk; and Bob, Leanne and Abby Park, along with the large extended family of the Moehrings.

He also leaves his two brothers, George and Dick, and five sisters: Dorothy (Harold) DeBord, Gertrude Ross, Nancy Aspeitia, Anna Witbeck, and Annetta (Chuck) Tillman.

Preceding him in death were his parents; his brother, Albert, and wife, Karen; brother-in-law, Norb Aspeitia; and two sisters-in-law, Peg Dirks and Ruth Dirks.

Alfred retired from the 123rd Infantry Division of the Illinois National Guard after 33 dedicated years, achieving the rank of First Sergeant. He also retired from Caterpillar Tractor Co. of East Peoria in 1993 after 30 years.

He had a great love for the outdoors, especially deer hunting with his Van Hoorn cousins, and working with Joyce and co-workers on the Aggertt farm. He spent countless hours on his antique tractors, preparing them for the next tractor pull and tinkering in his workshops.

His most recent enjoyment was with the Honor Flight for [Veterans](#) to Washington D.C. He had a unique sense of humor and used it on everyone he met.

He was a member of the Tri County Antique Tractor Club, the Ag of the Past Tractor Club, and the San Jose Lions Club.

He was baptized and confirmed as a Lutheran and a dedicated member of the St. Luke Lutheran Church in San Jose.

Visitation for Alfred will be held at his church from 9-10:30 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 12 with funeral services to follow at 10:30 a.m. Burial with full military honors will immediately follow at Prairie Rest Cemetery in Delavan.

Memorials may be given to St Luke Lutheran Church of San Jose, the Springfield Division of Veterans Honor Flight, or OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home of Peoria.

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

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Pastor Donald L. Beckman

MT. VERNON, IL - Pastor Donald L. Beckman, 81, formerly of Lincoln, Ill., passed away at 11:20 a.m., Friday, Dec. 6, 2013, at his home in Mt. Vernon, Ill., surrounded by family and cherished loved ones.

He was born Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1932, in Worthington, Minn., the son of the late Bernard and Rose (Webber) Beckman. He married Joan Ringle on Saturday, Sept. 14, 1957, in Edgar, Wis.

Surviving family members include his wife, Joan Beckman of Mt. Vernon, Ill.; three daughters: Elizabeth Beckman and Greg Fuller of Lincoln, Katherine (Mark) Cushing of Champaign and Christine (Tony) Pivrotto of Albuquerque, N.M.; eight grandchildren: Christi, Amanda and Carson Cushing, Mallery Lutey, Brianna and Zachary Alvarez, and Logan and Jordan Pivrotto; one great-grandchild, Dawson Peratt; and several nieces and nephews.

His parents; three brothers: Clarence, Elmer and Leon Beckman; one sister, Marian Krueger; two stepsisters, Lois Dueschle and Lucille Anctil; and one stepbrother, Harvey Gerdas, preceded him in death.

Donald was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Emden, Ill.; he attended Salem Lutheran Church in Salem, Ill., and he was a member of the Miller Lake Association. He was a Hunter Safety Instructor and Boater Safety Instructor for the State of Illinois. He enjoyed, and was very talented in, carving wood duck decoys which he would donate to charity.

Local services for Donald will be held at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Emden with Rev. John Schurter conducting services. A visitation will be held from noon-1:30 p.m., also at the church. Burial will follow at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln.

Memorials may be made to Salem Lutheran Church in Salem, Ill., or to CASA of Jefferson County.

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

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Shirley E.

Allspach

MT. PULASKI, IL - Shirley E. Allspach, 77, passed away at 5:35 a.m., Friday, Dec. 13, 2013, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Shirley was born Nov. 3, 1936, in Edinburg, Ill., to Russell and Margaret Porter Cary. She worked as a maternity nurse at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln and retired as a registered nurse from Vonderlieth Living Center in Mt. Pulaski. She was a member of the Lake Fork Christian Church and the Eastern Star. She married Donald Allspach on March 10, 1957, in Mt. Auburn, Ill. He survives her.

Also surviving are three children: Debra (Chris) Neaville of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., Janet Toohey of Fancy Prairie, Ill., and Gary (Kella) Allspach of Mt. Pulaski, Ill; two brothers, Paul Cary of Chicago and Gail (Betty) Cary of Mt. Auburn, Ill.; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services for Shirley will be 10 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2013, at the Mt. Pulaski Christian Church, James Morrell officiating. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 16, 2013, at Mt. Pulaski Christian Church Family Life Center. A burial at Steenbergen Cemetery will follow the service.

Memorials may be given to Lake Fork Christian Church, Mt. Pulaski EMS or Vonderlieth Living Center.

Services are entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski.

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Margaret D. Borgerson

MT. PULASKI, IL - Margaret D. Borgerson, 76, passed away at 1:10 p.m., Dec. 14, 2013, at Vonderlieth Living Center.

Margaret was born Feb. 12, 1937, in Vancouver, Wash., daughter of Paul and Irma Maxheimer Dana. She married Dr. James Borgerson on May 24, 1958, in Mt. Pulaski; he preceded her in death on July 12, 2010.

She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Mt. Pulaski.

Also surviving are three daughters: Angela ReVeal, Lynne (Tony) Borgerson Morefield both of St. Louis, Mo., and Dr. Lara Borgerson of New Holland, Ill.; three grandchildren; and one sister, Mariann (Charles) Younger of Findlay, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services for Margaret will be 2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 19, 2013, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski, Rev. Christopher Decker officiating. Burial at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Zion Lutheran Pre-School, Zion Lutheran Church, Vonderlieth Living Center, or Mt. Pulaski Courthouse Foundation.

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Bernice E.

Woodhall

DECATUR, IL - Bernice E. Woodhall, 95, passed away Saturday, Dec. 14, 2013, at Keystone Meadows Assisted Living.

Bernice was born June 15, 1918, in Peoria, the daughter of Albert Frank and Samantha (Magill) Browning. She married James Ambrose Woodhall on June 15, 1941, in Peoria; he preceded her in death on Sept. 13, 1983.

Bernice loved to spend time with her family and was a homemaker until her children were older. She then worked at Mutual Home and Savings and became the head bank teller.

She will be missed.

Bernice is survived by her sons: Ronald James (Pam) Woodhall of Oreana, Gary Wayne (Holly) Woodhall of Lincoln, and Dr. Dennis Dale Woodhall of Conway, Ark.; eight grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 17, 2013, at the Star of Hope Mausoleum Chapel, Pastor Dave Taylor officiating, with visitation one hour prior to services at 10 a.m. Entombment will be at the Star of Hope Mausoleum located at Graceland Fairlawn Cemetery in Decatur.

Memorials may be made to the First Congregational United Church of Christ of Decatur.

The family would like to thank the staff of Keystone Meadows Assisted Living and DMH Home Health Hospice for their kindness, comfort and support.

The family of Bernice E. Woodhall has entrusted the care of their loved one to Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, IL. View the online obituary and send condolences to the family at [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).

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Charles Leonard Bohn

CORNLAND, IL - Charles Leonard Bohn, a longtime resident of Cornland, passed into eternity on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2013.

Charles was born Jan. 15, 1920, the son of Frank and Florence (Raholitz) Bohn. On July 31, 1945, he married Louise Fuiten.

Charles was a [WWII Army](#) veteran having served eight years, with 52 months in foreign service. He was retired from CILCO (Ameren) in Springfield. He was a devoted member of Cornland Christian Church, a member of Mt. Pulaski Masonic Lodge #87 and Ansar Shrine.

Surviving are his beloved wife of 68 years, Louise; daughter, Brenda (Darrell) Woolums of rural Chestnut, Ill.; son, Dennis (Cindy) of Sandwich, Ill.; grandchildren: Adam, Amy, Andrew, Alex and Jordan; great-grandsons: Matthew, Braeden, and Aiden.

He was preceded in death by 10 brothers and sisters.

Charles was a humble, hard-working man who deeply loved his God, his family, his country, and his community.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the entire staff of Vonderlieth for their smiles, their hugs, their encouragement and compassion during Dad's final journey.

Services for Charles will be held at noon, Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2013, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski, with Allen Hickerson conducting services. Visitation will be held from 10-11:45 a.m. with Masonic services, conducted by Mt. Pulaski Masonic Lodge #87, beginning at 11:45 a.m. Burial will follow at Steenberg Cemetery in Mt. Pulaski with full military rites being accorded by the Mt. Pulaski American Legion Post #447.

Memorials may be given to Cornland Christian Church or Vonderlieth Living Center.

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Reverend John Lazell

SHERMAN - Reverend John Lazell, 67, of Sherman, died at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 14, 2013 at Memorial Medical Center.

As Proverbs 27:17 says, "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." John Lazell was such a man. He was given many abilities that helped sharpen others and, in turn, became more sharpened and focused himself. What a life he lived!

He and Elaine Miller were married in 1972 in Lincoln Christian Church, Lincoln; she survives. Also surviving are one son, Kyle (wife, Sarah) Lazell of Springfield; one daughter, Kali (husband, Jason) McDowell of Peoria; several brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Mr. Lazell attended elementary and high school in Decatur. He also attended Millikin University in Decatur until he joined the [United States Marine Corps](#). He served from 1966-1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam at DaNang, Dong Ha, KheSanh, Con Thien, Camp Carroll, DMZ, and Rockpile. He received two [purple hearts](#) and a gold star in lieu of the third purple heart medal; National Defense Service Medal; Vietnam Service Medal with 1 \*; Vietnam Campaign Medal with device, Presidential Unit Citation, and Good Conduct Medal 1st Award.

After leaving the military, Mr. Lazell enrolled at Lincoln Jr. College in 1969 pursuing a degree in Journalism. In 1973, he received a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from UIS/Sangamon State University. After graduation he pursued a Master of Divinity degree and graduated in 1977 from Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Indiana.

During 1973-1977 he served as a student pastor at Lerna Methodist Church, Lerna and Kenney-Harmony United Methodist Churches, Kenney. After receiving his degree in 1977 he was appointed to Laurel United Methodist Church, Springfield, as an Associate Minister. In 1979, Rev. Lazell was appointed to Preemption United Methodist Church, Preemption and in 1981, Rev. Lazell was appointed to Cisco United Methodist Church, Cisco. During this time in his career, Rev. Lazell had a calling to work exclusively with senior citizens and enrolled in the Master of Arts in Gerontology program at the University of Illinois-Springfield. Having attained an outstanding academic record, Mr. Lazell was inducted into the Gerontology Honor Society at UIS and later served as President of the Sigma Phi Omega, Eta Chapter at UIS (the Gerontology Honor Society at UIS).

After graduating from the Gerontology program, Mr. Lazell secured a position at the Illinois Department on Aging and stayed at the agency for 23 years, retiring in 2010 as Lead Trainer of the Community Care Program (CCP) throughout the state. Because of his prior military service, he was a very detailed person and this ability assisted him when he was in charge of several large state-wide conferences while at Aging.

Mr. Lazell was a TV and movie buff. He was also known as a die-hard John Wayne fan including making a trek with his family to Winterset, Iowa, to tour John Wayne's birthplace. He especially enjoyed [World War II](#) era movies.

Mr. Lazell was also a great sports fan as well as participant. Mr. Lazell was an avid Boston Celtics and Chicago Bulls fan. In fact, for Halloween one year he wore the official uniform of Larry Bird and carried a Larry Bird basketball. He also was a participant in Kim's Tae Kwon Do academy attaining the rank of brown belt. However, his greatest sport achievement was in running which he started at the age of 55. He ran three marathons, 17 half-marathons, and 19 5K/10K/15K. His last race was completed in 2013. For this Christmas, to celebrate his running achievements his family had planned to present a special quilt comprised of many running shirts as well as a special hanger for all 49 medals.

Perhaps Mr. Lazell's greatest joy was in being a part of the Hayes-Krell Memorial Chapter 159 Military Order of the Purple Heart. Mr. Lazell was so proud to have served as the Commander of Chapter 159. He was also very proud of the proposed Purple Heart Memorial to be built at Oak Ridge Cemetery to honor those who have paid a high price for freedom. As a combat wounded veteran he was always reaching out to other veterans in needy circumstances explaining the many organizations that can be used to help veterans. As a marine (as ALL marine's know, there is no such thing as a former marine!) he took great pride in "sharing" his marine pride with all his fellow patriots at the Chapter (most of whom are Army veterans). He also was a life member of the Vietnam Veterans of America.

John was known for his witty comments, friendly smile and a "go to" person at work and after. His many sayings are left for us to ponder, such as... "If one's good, two's better," "water to drink, water to drink" (don't order or drink soda!).

Mr. Lazell was a retired honorable location clergy of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Visitation: Family will receive friends from 5:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 19, 2013 at Kirlin-Egan & Butler Funeral Home, 900 S. 6th St., Springfield.

Funeral Ceremony: 10:30 a.m. on Friday, December 20, 2013 at Kirlin-Egan & Butler Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Camp Butler National Cemetery with military honors provided by Interveterans Burial Detail of Sangamon County and Department of Defense.

To celebrate John's life and how he may have touched your life, memorial contributions may be directed to the Animal Protective League, 1001 Taintor Rd., Springfield, IL 62702, or Chapter 159 Purple Heart Memorial, c/o Athens State Bank, 6530 N. State Route 29, Springfield, IL 62707.

Please visit [butlerfuneralhomes.com](http://butlerfuneralhomes.com) to offer your condolences.

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Salvator "Sam" Segretto

LINCOLN, IL - Salvator "Sam" Segretto, 88, passed away Monday, Dec. 16, 2013, at 3:15 a.m. at his home.

Graveside services will be held Friday, Dec. 20, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at Zion Cemetery in Lincoln.

Salvator "Sam" Segretto was born Oct. 5, 1925, in Springfield, Ill., the son of Martin and Genevieve La Rocca Segretto. He married V. June Winkle Brown on Dec. 18, 1964. She preceded him in death on Feb. 4, 2008.

He is survived by two sons, Martin Segretto of North Carolina and Anthony Segretto of Virginia; three stepchildren: James "Ernie" Brown of Lincoln, Donna M. Covert of California, and Crystal Fulk of South Dakota; and two brothers, Joseph (Genevieve) Segretto, and Carl (Margie) Segretto both of Springfield. He is also survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents and two sisters.

Sam served for six years in the [U.S. Navy](#). He was a lifetime Member of Painters Local #90, and an avid bowler for the last five years at Logan Lanes. He bowled on the Sunday League on the Beck's Team.

Memorials may be made to the [American Cancer Society](#).

Peasley Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Glenn Veff

LINCOLN, IL - Glenn Veff, 91, died at 9:45 a.m., Dec. 16, 2013, at Symphony of Lincoln.

Glenn was born May 19, 1922, the son of Fred and Virgin Snyder Veff. He married Ramona Auxier on April 17, 1959. She preceded him in death on July 19, 2002.

Glenn is survived by one son, William Veff of Lincoln; two stepdaughters, Diana (Jim) Brennan of Springfield and Linda (Butch) Logan of Lincoln; one son-in-law: Cliff McBenge; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was the last of his immediate family. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, two daughters, Carolyn Armstrong and Linda McBenge, five brothers and sisters.

Glenn was the owner/operator of his own vending machines business for fifty years in Lincoln. He was a life member of the Waynesville American Legion and the Lincoln [V.F.W.](#) He served in the U.S. Army during [WWII](#).

Graveside services for Glenn will be held Friday, Dec. 20, 2013, at 10 a.m. at Zion Cemetery, Rev. Glenn Shelton officiating. Burial will follow with full military rites by the Lincoln American Legion Post #263.

Memorials may be given to [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#) in his memory.

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

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Dora Jean Donath

LINCOLN, IL - Dora Jean Donath, 84, passed away at 4:39 p.m. on December 17, 2013, at her home in Lincoln.

She was born on November 27, 1929, in Curran, Ill., the daughter of Lester N. and Bessie M. (Stephens) Palmer. She married Paul L. Donath on October 18, 1948, in Lincoln. He preceded her in death on November 10, 2012.

Dora was a hard working, devoted mom who always put the needs of her family before her own. She had a special love for each of her children and grandchildren and was always there to lend a helping hand wherever needed. She was our "angel" here on earth. We were all blessed to have her with us for so many years, and we will miss her deeply.

She retired from District 27 after working as a cook for ten years. She was a den mother, a 4-H leader, and a past president of the [VFW](#) Ladies Auxillary. She liked to knit, crochet, and paint.

Mrs. Donath is survived by nine children, Donna Goetsch of Lincoln, Cathy (Bruce) Oswald of Palatine, Ill., Terri (Rick) Culleton of Buffalo Grove, Ill., Mary (Brian) O'Hara of Lincoln, Mona (Mark) Lewis of Litchfield, Ill., Paul Timothy (Sue) Donath of Lincoln, Tom (Lisa) Donath of Mt. Pulaski, Matt Donath of Waterloo, Iowa, and Mark Donath of Lincoln. In addition she is survived by 23 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild. She is also survived by a sister, Patricia Duncan of Lincoln and a brother, George (Ethel) Palmer of Middleburg, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, three brothers, a granddaughter, and a great-great-granddaughter.

Mrs. Donath was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Lincoln.

Visitation for Mrs. Donath will be held on Sunday, December 22, 2013, from 5-7 p.m. at Holland Barry and Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral mass will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church on Monday, December 23, 2013, at 10 a.m., with Father Liable officiating. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery, Lincoln.

Memorials may be made to [American Cancer Society](#) or to Carroll Catholic School and will be accepted at Holland Barry and Bennett Funeral Home.

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Frankie Jo "Jody" Lucas

MT. PULASKI - Frankie Jo "Jody" Lucas, 76, passed away at 2:33 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2013, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

Jody was born Feb. 15, 1937, in Pauls Valley, Okla., daughter of Woodrow W. and Mazie C. Bristol Stonecipher. She was united in marriage to Joseph W. Lucas on Nov. 30, 1957, in Phoenix, Ariz. He survives her in Mt. Pulaski.

Other survivors include her daughter, Diane (Samuel) Millikin of Santa Clarita, Calif.; grandchildren, Matthew Millikin of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Danielle Millikin of Santa Clarita, Calif.; and her brother, Donald W. (Carol) Stonecipher of Green Valley, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Sherrie Woodard.

Jody was a homemaker. She worked for Downing Insurance, Gulf Oil, as well as other accounting jobs. Jody was a member of the Mt. Pulaski Christian Church, Mt. Pulaski American Legion Auxiliary, Past Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, and the Lincoln Elks Emblem Club.

Services for Jody will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, Dec. 23, 2013, at Mt. Pulaski Christian Church, Mark Weber officiating. A visitation will be held from 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 22, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski. Burial will follow at Steenbergen Cemetery in Mt. Pulaski.

Memorials may be given to Shriners Hospitals for Children - St. Louis, Land of Lincoln Honor Flight, or to the Mt. Pulaski Christian Church.

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Juanita Frances Erlenbush

MT. PULASKI, IL - Juanita Frances Erlenbush, 93, passed away at 2:50 p.m. on December 22, 2013, at Vonderlieth Living Center.

Juanita was born on June 16, 1920, in Effingham, Ill., daughter of Ferdinand and Alice Drake Wiebking. She married Dallas Erlenbush on December 25, 1943, in Springfield; he preceded her in death on June 11, 1976.

Juanita lived a fulfilled life. She worked at the Illiopolis defense plant during World War II while taking care of her parents. Following that, she and Dallas farmed for over 40 years until his death. She continued to have an active interest in the farm. Juanita also worked at the Vonderlieth Living Center in Mt. Pulaski as a cook for thirteen years.

She had the pioneer spirit growing up and living on the farm. She was always willing to offer a helping hand to those in need. Juanita enjoyed being around her family, especially her grandsons. She loved to tell stories and was a great cook as her grandsons will attest. Juanita will be sadly missed by her family and many friends.

Surviving Juanita is one son, Bill (Suzann) Erlenbush of Bloomington, Ill.; a daughter, Sandy (Scot) Remmert of Mt. Pulaski, Ill.; three grandsons, Sean (Melissa) Remmert of Mt. Pulaski, Shane (Leighann) Remmert of Williamsville, and Robb Erlenbush of Bloomington; and three great-grandchildren, Colin, Caitlin, and Olivia Remmert. She was preceded in death by her parents, one grandson, Seth Remmert, and ten siblings, Osco, Walter, Everett (Jim), Virgil, Howard, Vern, Alanzo, Lucile Woodrum, John, and Ferdinand.

Services for Juanita will be 11 a.m., Friday, December 27, 2013, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski with John Cotton officiating. Visitation will be from 9:30 -11 a.m., Friday, December 27, 2013, an hour and half prior to service. Burial at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery will follow the service. Memorials may be given to Vonderlieth Living Center or Mt. Pulaski EMS.

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Madonna P. Babbs

LINCOLN- Madonna P. Babbs, 85, of Lincoln, IL died at 2:30 a.m. December 23, 2013 at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, Illinois.

Madonna was born October 24, 1928 in North Muddy Township, County of Jasper, the daughter of Leland and Amy Stockwell Wetherholt. She married Robert E. Babbs October 16, 1946 in Jasper County. He preceded her in death in September 2004.

She is survived by three sons: Danny (Pat) Babbs of Middletown; Allen (Frances) Babbs of Lincoln; Bruce (Carol) Babbs of Oblong, IL; two sisters: Doris (Harold) Chaney of Chicago; Clarine Brooks of Newton; one brother: Allen (Ruth) Wetherholt of Wheeler, IL; ten grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren and two great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brothers: Eldon and Med; sisters: Patsy and Virginia; two grandsons: Brian and Leland; and great grandson Lane.

Services for Madonna will be at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 28, 2013 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln. Burial will be in Zion Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to service on Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be given to Donor's Choice.

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James Russell John Cross

EMDEN-James Russell John Cross passed away at Christian Village on Dec. 22, 2013, at 2:30 p.m. He was born May 1, 1925 to John Cross and Marie Kaesebier Cross Barry. He married Ruby Klokkenga on Sept. 3, 1950 at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Emden.

He is survived by his wife of Lincoln and three children, Greg (Barb) Cross of San Jose, Joyce (Larry "Moe") Westen and Jay (Christy) Cross of Emden; nine grandchildren, Jim, Jennifer, Jean Ann, Joni, Andy, Shane, JoEllen, Andrea, and Adam; six great-grandchildren, Kyle, Logan, Adysin, Dean, Madison, and Anna. His brother, Glenn Eldon (Betty) Cross of Lincoln also survives.

James Russell farmed Scully leases in Orvil and Prairie Creek Townships for 62 years. He developed a lasting friendship with Michael Scully over the years. Upon Michael's death, his daughter, Paula, presented Russell with an eagle weathervane that flew over their farm in England. This became a proud possession for him. He also served on the Emden Grain Elevator Board of Directors and was a member of the Riverside Rod & Gun Club. Russell was known by some as a salesman at Fink Chevrolet Co. in Emden. He was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Emden his entire life. He participated in the Sr. Choir. He always had a song in his heart and on his lips.

Russell enjoyed working the land. He would make fun times on the farm for his grandchildren. He and Ruby enjoyed camping where he would meet and greet. He never knew a stranger.

Visitation will be Thursday, December 26 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Emden, IL. Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27 at St. Peter Lutheran Church, Emden with Rev. John Schurter and Ryan Edgecombe officiating. Burial will be in Hartsburg Union Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Memory Unit at Christian Village or St. Peter Lutheran Church. Services have been entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln.

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Wilbur W.

Leesman

LINCOLN - Wilbur W. Leesman, 87, of Lincoln, formerly of Hartsburg, passed away December 23, 2013 at 10:50 PM at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln, IL.

He was born the fourth son of Joseph and Frances (Klockenga) Leesman on October 11, 1926 in Hartsburg, IL. He attended Hartsburg schools and left his Senior year to join the US [Army](#) where he served in Europe during [WWII](#). Upon returning from the service he helped on the family farm and had been employed by PPG in Lincoln for a short time. He then worked at Hartsburg Grain Company, retiring from CDC in 1992.

Mr. Leesman was married to the former Lila Taylor of South Pekin, IL. They celebrated their 62nd year of marriage on December 13, 2013. She survives. They lived in Hartsburg until 2006 when they moved to Lincoln.

Surviving are his wife Lila Leesman of Lincoln; daughter Cheryl (Don) Lemme of Lincoln; 2 sisters-in-law; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Duane Leesman, his brother and sister in law Raymond and Christine Leesman of Hartsburg, his broter Marvin Leesman of Lincoln, and his brother Lawrence Leesman of Hartsburg.

A Memorial Service will be held Friday, December 27, 2013 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Hartsburg at 11:00 AM with Pastor Lisa Goodwin officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Hartsburg Union Cemetery.

Memorial Donations may be made to the Human Society of Logan County, Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital or to St. John's Lutheran Church in Hartsburg.

The family wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to Dr. Kasa and Dr. Wahab and their staff as well as the nurses and staff of Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital for the excellent care received.

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

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Stella M. Beatty

Vannoy

LINCOLN - Stella M. Beatty Vannoy, 91, of Lincoln, passed away at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, December 23, 2013 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

Stella was born on December 27, 1921 in Lincoln, daughter of Jacob and Albertina S. Johnson Hopp. She was united in marriage to Wilmer Beatty in 1946 in Lincoln. He preceded her in death in January of 1960.

Stella is survived by her daughters: Nancy Trail of Lincoln and Mary Buss of Atlanta, IL; eight grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one daughter and one brother.

There will be a private graveside service at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln at a later date. Memorials may be made to the [American Cancer Society](#). Services were entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln.

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Gwendolyn Lee Riddell

MASON CITY, IL - Gwendolyn Lee Riddell, 83, passed away at 5:22 a.m. on Dec. 24, 2013, at the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital. She was born on May 25, 1930, the daughter of John and Alura (McCoy) Duel in Mason City, Ill. She married Robert Riddell on June 6, 1948, in Mason City; he preceded her in death.

Gwendolyn is survived by two sons, Roger (Karen) Riddell of Springfield and Robert (Wilma) Riddell of Norfolk, Va. Also surviving are two brothers and five sisters. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one brother, and one sister.

She was a member of the Mason City Christian Church.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, Dec. 27, 2013, at 2 p.m. at the Mason City Christian Church. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service beginning at 1 p.m. Pastor Joe Briseno will be officiating. Burial will follow at the Mason City Cemetery.

Online memorial messages may be left for the family at [hurleyfh.com](http://hurleyfh.com).

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

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Mary F. Vieth

LINCOLN- Mary F. Vieth, 87, of Lincoln passed away on Wednesday, December 25, 2013 at 9:30 p.m. at the Symphony of Lincoln.

Graveside Services for Mrs. Vieth will be held on Saturday, December 28, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at Harmony Cemetery at rural Beason with Rev. Darrell Howard officiating.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

Quiram Peasley Funeral Home is assisting the family arrangements.

Mary Frances Vieth was born on August 3, 1926 the daughter of Mr and Mrs. William "Bill" Jackson in Jacksonville, Ill.. She was later raised by Mrs. Alice Pryor and Miss. Niel in Atlanta.

She was united in marriage to Robert Lee Vieth on June 26, 1948. He preceded her in death October 3, 1987.

She is survived by her children: Donna (Mark) Vieth of La Mesa, New Mexico and Robert James Vieth of Lincoln. One niece Judith (Roger) Westen of Beason.

Also surviving are three grandchildren: Stacie (Jeff) Thommes, Robert John Vieth, Angelique Wolpert. Four Great grandchildren: Alissa Thommes, Rylan Thommes, Austin Vieth and Emma Vieth.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one grandson: Jon Liesman, one brother: Gene Jackson and one sister: Louise Humphrey.

Mary graduated from the Atlanta High School and St. Joseph School of Nursing in Bloomington. She retired from Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln as a Registered Nurse.

She was a member of the Beason United Methodist Church and the Beason Card Club.

Mary will always be remembered for her laughter, loving kindness and caring for others. She has gone home to be with Jesus and her loving family that has preceded her. She will be in our hearts forever.

Memorials may be made to the [American Cancer Society](#) .

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Loreen Givan Durst

LINCOLN, IL - Loreen Givan Durst, 84, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2013, in Lincoln.

Mrs. Durst was the daughter of George and Viola (Meyer) Lathrom and was born Sept. 22, 1930, in Lincoln. She married Barney Durst and he preceded her in death.

She is survived by her children: Steve (Deborah) Givan of Lincoln, Todd (Judy) Givan of Lincoln, Mike (Cec) Durst of Blythewood, S.C., Kenny (Marla) Durst of Mt. Pulaski, and Jayne (Marc) Seitz of Mt. Pulaski; her grandsons: Chad (Liliana) Givan of Athens, Dusty (Devlyn) Givan of Lincoln, and Robbie Givan; her great-grandchildren, Maria Givan of Lincoln and Michael Givan of Athens; her step great-grandchildren, Zane Hubrich and Britney Hubrich; her sister, Joyce Kennett of Lincoln; her aunt, Mary Hunt of Lincoln; and several nieces, nephews and close friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and brothers, Art Lathrom and George Lathrom.

Loreen worked in the Circuit Clerk and County Clerk offices in the Logan County Courthouse for more than 30 years. She was also involved in the founding of Givan and Wyles Construction and Givan and Wyles Ace Hardware. She volunteered at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital and The Oasis; she was a member of the Emblem Club and several other Lincoln organizations. Her church home was Jefferson Street Christian Church in Lincoln, Ill.

A memorial gathering in her honor will be held at Holland Barry and Bennett Funeral Home on Monday, Dec. 30, 2013, from 5-7 p.m. A memorial service will follow at 7 p.m., with Pastor Henry Johnson officiating.

Memorials may be made to Jefferson Street Christian Church and will be received by the church or by Holland Barry and Bennett Funeral Home.

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Richard J. "Rick" Aviza

LINCOLN, IL - Richard J. "Rick" Aviza, 54, passed away Thursday, Dec. 26, 2013, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Funeral services for Rick will be held Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2013, at 11 a.m. at Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln, Rev. Jeffrey G. Laible officiating.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of service on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery in Lincoln.

Richard Joseph Aviza was born May 31, 1959, in Lincoln, the son of Konstant Joseph and Patricia Ann Simpson Aviza.

Rick is survived by his mother, Patricia of Lincoln; three sisters: Diane (Duane) Eeten of Hartsburg, Barbara (Gene) Bernahl and Donna Aviza all of Lincoln; one stepbrother, David (Janean) Aviza of Coldwater, Mich.; two nephews, Jason Walters and Caiden Musick; and one niece, Jessica Walters.

He was preceded in death by his father.

He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church. He was also a member of the Bad Manners Band.

Memorials may be made to his family.

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Mary Ruth

Rademaker

EMDEN, IL - Mary Ruth Rademaker, 86, formerly of San Jose, Ill., passed away at 5:41 p.m., Friday, Dec. 27, 2013, at Hopedale Nursing Home.

She was born Feb. 19, 1927, in Lincoln, Ill., to George J. and Mary Jeckel Hallman. She married Lowell C. Rademaker on June 19, 1948, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Emden.

Surviving are her husband of 65 years, Lowell Rademaker; one son, Dave (Sherie) Rademaker of Tremont; two daughters, Diane (Kent) Kurtz and Debra (Dennis) Moehring, both of Delavan; seven grandchildren: Shauna (Nino) Campo, Adam Rademaker (Katelyn Pearson), Lindsay (Eric) Diekhoff, Kristin (Ryon) Kramer, Kaylee Kurtz, and Douglas and Derek Moehring; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Mary Ruth graduated from Emden High School and attended Lincoln College. She was a devoted homemaker and, after her children were grown, she worked at Hopedale Medical Complex and later at Sears in Pekin.

Her focus in life was threefold: family, church, and community.

She was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Emden, where she was the organist for over 50 years. She also participated in the church's Good Samaritan Circle, senior choir, WELCA, and was junior choir director. She was a member of Emden American Legion Auxiliary Post 506, San Jose Lions Club, Ladies Home Extension, Women's Club, Mason County 4-H leader, Logan County election judge, and a member of Tri-County Twirlers.

She enjoyed music, gardening, quilting, baking, and fishing.

Her funeral will be at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2013, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Emden, Pastor John Schurter officiating. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Monday and one hour before the service, both at the church. Burial will be in Hartsburg Union Cemetery in Hartsburg.

Memorials may be made to St. Peter's Lutheran Church or a [charity of the donor's choice](#) .

Davis Mortuary in Delavan is handling the arrangements. To express condolences, visit [www.davismortuaryinc.com](http://www.davismortuaryinc.com).

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Frances J.

Fitzwater

NORMAL, IL - Frances J. Fitzwater, 83, died Friday, December 27, 2013, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria, Ill.

Her memorial service will be 11 a.m., Saturday at Calvert & Metzler Memorial Home, Bloomington, with Gary Hinegardner officiating. Inurnment will follow at Friends Cemetery, Bentown, Ill. Visitation will be 9-11 a.m., Saturday, at the memorial home.

Memorials may be made to AMBUCS.

Mrs. Fitzwater was born Nov. 30, 1930, at Lincoln, Ill., a daughter of William and Frieda Fitchen Elsas. She married Harold Fitzwater, Jr., March 5, 1955, at Lincoln. He died Sept. 17, 2003.

Survivors included her children, Tom (Jill) Fitzwater and Gloria Oesch, both of Bloomington, Ronald (Laurie) Fitzwater, Vicky (Phillip) Reynolds and Les (Peggy) Fitzwater, all of Downs, Ill., and William (Janet) Fitzwater, Jacksonville, Fla.; ten grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; two brothers, Dean and Ronald (Sandy) Elsas, both of Morton, Ill., and a sister, Martha Niemeyer, Lincoln, Ill.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and a brother.

Mrs. Fitzwater worked for the Eureka-Williams Co., at Bloomington for many years prior to retirement.

Frances was a very loving and caring person who was devoted to her family. She enjoyed playing cards with family and visiting friends at Denny's. She will be missed by all who knew her.

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Misty Dawn Johnson

HARTSBURG, IL - Misty Dawn Johnson, 35, died as a result of an auto accident in the 2100 block of 600th Ave., Hartsburg, at 10:58 p.m., December 24, 2013.

Misty was born August 26, 1978, in Lincoln, Ill., the daughter of William "Bill" and LaDonna Shull Hilgendorf. She married Wayne E. Johnson May 20, 2012, in Logan County.

Misty is survived by her husband; father, William "Bill" (Debbie) Hilgendorf of Broadwell; her mother, LaDonna Purdue of New Holland; a son, Skylar Hashman of Lincoln; a daughter, Tyler Scott of Hartsburg; one brother, Nathan Hilgendorf of Hanover Park, Ill.; and a half-sister, Emily Hilgendorf of Lincoln. She was preceded in death by her paternal great-grandmother and paternal grandmother.

Misty worked as a nurse at Symphony of Lincoln, formerly Maple Ridge. She loved being a nurse and considered her patients as her family. She was a member of the Broadwell Christian Church, and she was a big time bowler.

Visitation will be Friday, January 3, 2014, from 4-7 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln. Services for Misty will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, January 4, 2014, at the funeral home with Darrin Palmer officiating. Burial in New Union Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the family.

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