

Ruth V. DeRocchi

LINCOLN, IL - Ruth V. DeRocchi, 86, formerly of Springfield and Taylorville, passed away Thursday, Nov. 21, 2013, at her residence. She was born June 14, 1927, in Taylorville, the daughter of Harry and Alli Summers Dooley.

She is survived by her two daughters, Melanie Jeisy of Lincoln, and Martha Schneider of Holmes Beach, Fla.; her son, Antone DeRocchi of Jeiseyville; six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

Ruth was a support specialist for the State of Illinois retiring in 1986 after more than 30 years of service. She enjoyed playing cards, reading, cooking, baking apple pies and spending time with family, especially her grandchildren. Ruth was also a member of the [VFW](#) Women's Auxiliary in Taylorville.

Private family services will be held.

Please visit the online "Life Remembered Story" at www.bischandsonfuneralhome.com.

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Walter Luther "Knobby" McLaughlin

LINCOLN - Walter Luther "Knobby" McLaughlin, 86, died at 12:15 p.m., Dec. 30, 2013, at Christian Village, Lincoln.

Walter was born Nov. 14, 1927, in Middletown, Ill., the son of Charles and Pauline Kattner McLaughlin. He married Carley J. Nelson on May 5, 1951, in Lincoln, Ill. She survives him in Lincoln.

He is also survived by one son, Don W. (Caryn) McLaughlin; two daughters, Marsha S. (Bill) Utterback and Janice K. (Doug) Robbins, all of Lincoln; one sister, Nell Tlanda of Dallas, Texas; grandchildren: Brandy, Carrie, Sarah, Shanan, Josh, Lyndsey, Misty, Adam, Shane; two step grandchildren: Joshua and Harley Utterback; great-grandchildren: Brandon, Carley, Gavin, Elijah, Jada, Mia, Hunter, Hannah, Alyssa, Nancy Ann; step great-grandchildren: Aven and Daykon Utterback.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers: Henry, Charles Jr, and Don; one sister, Elzora Dillman; and one daughter, Nancy J. Anderson.

Walter was a service officer at Veterans Affairs. He proudly served in the [U.S. Navy](#) during [WWII](#) and was stationed in Guam. He was a member of the American Legion Post #263, [VFW](#) and ASPCA. He was a member of the Lincoln Christian Church. Walter was an avid Cardinal fan and loved his cat, Rosie.

Walter chose to be cremated with no services held.

Memorials in his name may be given to [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#) or the Humane Society of Logan County.

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

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William "Bill" Teaney

HARTSBURG, IL - William "Bill" Teaney, 83, passed away Monday, Dec. 30, 2013 at St. Clara's Manor.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, also at the funeral home with Pastor Joe Sanders officiating. Burial will follow in Hartsburg Union Cemetery.

Bill was born June 13, 1930, in Franklin, Ill., the son of Howard and Sylvia (Lankford) Teaney. He was previously married to Dorinda Savoree. She preceded him in death. He was also previously married to Vickie (Jarrell) Hilton.

He proudly served his country in the [U.S. Navy](#). Bill retired from Caterpillar after 42 years and 11 months. He was a member of the American Legion in Hartsburg, Ill.

Surviving are his children: Dawn (Steve) Georgeson of Northborough, Mass., Janice (Mark) Mickelson of Manito, Ill., William "Bill" (Tami) Teaney II of Layton, Utah, Gloria (Ricky) Younger of Watseka, Ill., Troy (Desiree) Teaney of Hartsburg, Ill., Tyler (Kim) Teaney of Tinley Park, Ill., and Thais (Michael) Eads of Hartsburg, Ill.; 16 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and sister, Norma Joann Payne of Lincoln, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Calvin Teaney and Wendell Teaney; and sister, Gloria Maybelle Lillard.

Memorials may be made to St. Clara's Manor or to Prairieland Christian Church and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Mark Alan Minder

LINCOLN, IL - Mark Alan Minder, 57, passed away Jan. 1, 2014, at his home.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Holland Barry and Bennett Funeral Home has been entrusted with his care.

Mark was born in San Diego, Calif., on June 11, 1956, to Richard S. and LouAnne (Miller) Minder. He married Melodie Hunt on April 16, 2010. Mark loved playing horseshoes, floating down the crick, fishing, and his trip to Mt. Rushmore.

Mark was a roofer most of his life and was a master woodworker.

He loved his family and friends. His wife, Melodie, has been his caregiver, and he loved her very much.

He is survived by his parents, Richard S. and LouAnne Minder of Henderson, Nev.; his wife, Melodie Minder of Lincoln; his children, Heather (Jim) DeCanter of Manito, Ill., and Mark (Cyra) Buttell of Lincoln; his stepchildren: Brandon Cordell of Lincoln, Brent Cordell of Lincoln, and Jacob Cordell of Hastings, NB; his grandchildren Paige, Alexis, Georgia, and Carlie; and his step-grandchildren Brenna and Carter. He is also survived by his brothers, Barry Minder and Mike Minder both of Lincoln, and sister, Vickie Minder of Bloomington, Ind.

His grandparents preceded him in death.

Memorials may be made to Holland Barry and Bennett Funeral Home for funeral expenses.

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Hilma L. Wilham Horn

MT. PULASKI, IL - Hilma L. Wilham Horn, 92, died Sunday, Jan. 5, 2014, at Vonderlieth Living Center in Mt. Pulaski.

Hilma was the daughter of Dr. Everett and Rebecca Burris Wilham and was born on Oct. 11, 1921 near Mt. Pulaski. She was married to Norman "Jack" Horn.

She is survived by three children: Carol Ann (Paul) Turner of River Forest, Ill., Larry Horn of Mt. Pulaski, and Maryan (Alan) Murphy of Chestnut; three grandchildren: Jennifer (Randy) Awe, Bethany Murphy and Erica (Kenny) Winkler; great-grandchildren: Cole and Jessica Awe, Mackenzie Murphy, and Chase and Austin Winkler; sister-in-law, Esther Wilham; niece, Sandra Wilham of Lincoln; nephews, Gary and Greg Wilham, and Jeff and Troy Wilham; several great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, an infant sister, her brothers, Carl Wilham and Merle "Bus" Wilham, and nephew, Byron Wilham.

Hilma attended Scroggin School, then the Mt. Pulaski Schools, graduating from high school in 1939. She went to nursing school at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago, then worked at Stanford University Hospital in San Francisco for a year. Upon her return, she worked at Deaconess Hospital in Lincoln. She later went back to work at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Mary Henry Nursing Home, and then Vonderlieth Living Center. She was also a school nurse at Mt. Pulaski Grade School, and a "soda jerk" at both Bertoni's Restaurant and Dean's Sundries.

Hilma loved to travel and went on at least five trips to Hawaii, her favorite being Maui. Her frequent traveling companion, Dorothy Curtis, wrote up their adventures under the heading "Recycled Teenagers" for The Mt. Pulaski Times-News.

Services for Hilma will be at 11 a.m., Friday, Jan. 10, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski, with Rev. Rachel Stockle officiating. Visitation will be from 9:30-11 a.m. prior to services at the funeral home. Burial will be at Steenbergen Cemetery in Mt. Pulaski.

Memorials may be made to the Mt. Pulaski United Methodist Church or Vonderlieth Living Center.

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Wilma J.

Carothers

ATLANTA, IL – Wilma J. Carothers, 91, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2014 at Advocate BroMenn Hospital in Bloomington.

Funeral services for Mrs. Carothers will be held Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. at Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta.

Visitation will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Saturday prior to the service at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Zion Cemetery in Lincoln.

Wilma J. Shawgo was born Feb. 13, 1922, the daughter of Claude and Lois Mae Williams Shawgo. She first married Russell Green and was later married to William "Bill" Carothers.

Surviving Wilma are her children, Mary (Wade) Howe of Lincoln, Sandy Kitchen of Atlanta, Patricia James of Kansas City, Wanda Westfall of Atlanta, and Mary Jane (Roger) Cook of Bloomington; 14 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; several great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Betty Fosdick of Atlanta; and her caregiver, Sherri (Rick) Kaileft of Lincoln.

Wilma was preceded in death by two husbands; one daughter, Linda Leesman; and seven brothers and sisters.

Wilma was employed at Lehn & Fink and the Dixie Truck Stop. She was of the Christian faith and dedicated her life to the Lord. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Memorials may be made to the Atlanta Rescue Squad.

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

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Randall E. Funk

MAROA, IL - Randall E. Funk, 61, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2014, at Decatur Memorial Hospital in Decatur.

Funeral Services for Mr. Funk will be held Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014, at 2 p.m. at the Quiram Peasley Funeral Home, Rev. Rob Roy officiating.

No visitation is scheduled.

Burial will be in the Atlanta Cemetery.

Randall Eugene Funk was born Oct. 8, 1952, in Lincoln, the son of Kenneth E. and Hazel French Funk. He married Nikki Gelsthorpe on Nov. 13, 1971, at the Atlanta United Methodist Church. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Hazel Jones of Atlanta; two daughters, Jamie Lynn (Bobby) Russell of Weldon and Tywana (Chad Baker) Durbin of Niantic; stepdaughter, Tina Barr of Leroy; four grandchildren; one step grandson, and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Randall served in the U.S. Army and was a truck driver for H & M Trucking of Clinton.

Memorials may be made to Maroa Fire Department.

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Donald L. Lolling

LINCOLN, IL - Donald L. Lolling, 80, passed away at 8:13 a.m., Jan. 4, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill.

Donald was born June 4, 1933, in Hartsburg, son of Gratus and Marie Swart Lolling. He was united in marriage to Patricia Cochran on Oct. 9, 1953, in Lincoln. She survives him in Lincoln.

Other survivors include his children, Theresa (Randall) Helton of Lincoln, Cynthia (Michael) Mattson of Lincoln, and Alen Lolling of Bloomington, Ill.; his brother, Robert (Jean) Lolling of Lincoln; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; many nieces and nephews; and his buddy, Queenie.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Walter; two sisters, Minnie Buss Bates and Gretchen Knowles; and one infant sister.

Donald worked at Eaton, formerly Cutler and Hammer, and was a caretaker of the Lincoln Fairgrounds. He retired from the Illinois Dept. of Transportation.

Donald's wishes were to be cremated. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday Jan. 11, 2014, at Faith Lutheran Church in Lincoln, with Rev. Mark Peters conducting the service. A gathering of friends and family will be held from 10 a.m. until time of service. Burial will follow at Hartsburg Union cemetery in Hartsburg.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Faith Lutheran Church or to the Cystic Fibrosis Fund.

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

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Anna L. Simpson

Anna L. Simpson, 102, joined her Lord and Savior Sunday, Jan. 5, 2014.

Anna was born March 21, 1911, in Benson, Minn. She married C. Ward Simpson who passed away on June 26, 1976. They moved to Greenview, Ill., where they ministered the Presbyterian churches of Irish Grove, Sweetwater and Middletown.

She is survived by her son, Philip W. Simpson (wife, Sue) of Dawson, Ill.; and nieces and nephews.

Anna was known for her unique way of teaching from the Bible, so that all could easily understand.

Visitation will be held at the Mott & Henning Funeral Home in Athens, Ill., Friday, Jan. 10, 2014, from 10 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11 a.m., Rev. Brent Mitchell officiating.

Burial will be held at Walnut Ridge Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to the Slavic Gospel Association, 1610 Charlotte St., Mishawaka, IN 46545, care of Ruth Deyneka Erdel.

Condolences can be sent online at mottandhenning.com.

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Mildred C. "Mickey" Ewins, 76, passed away January 7, 2014, at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, January 11, 2014, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. also on Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Park Lawn Cemetery in Danvers, Ill.

Mickey was born November 22, 1937, in Lincoln, the daughter of James C. Freeman, Sr., and Ruby E. (Simpson). She married James R. "Jimmy" Ewins on November 22, 1959. He preceded her in death on April 30, 1974.

She retired from General Telephone Company after 40 years of service.

Surviving are son, John R. (Debbie) Ewins of Lincoln; granddaughter, Jennifer (Isaac) Sheley of Chestnut; sisters, Mary Ann Freeman of Marion, Ind., Dorothy Noble of Lincoln, and Phyllis Turley of Lincoln; brother-in-law, Larry Ewins of Lincoln, and sister-in-law, Bonnie Ewins of Bonita Springs, Fla.

She was preceded in death by parents, husband, James R. "Jimmy" Ewins, brother, James C. Freeman, Jr., and grandson, James R. "J.R." Ewins.

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Beverly Kay

Keough

LINCOLN, IL - Beverly Kay Keough, 77, passed away at 10:50 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014, at her home.

Beverly was born Nov. 25, 1936, in Lincoln, Ill., the daughter of Frank and Veda M. Auxier Bree. She married Chris Keough on Feb. 17, 1957, in Fayetteville, N.C. She was a dietary manager at St Clara's Manor; managed an apartment complex in Arizona; managed taverns in Mt. Pulaski, Latham and Lawndale; and worked as a curb hop at Bee's Ice Cream while she was in high school. She enjoyed hand feeding her wild squirrels and birds.

Surviving are Chris and one daughter, Christy Ann Beard of Lincoln; granddaughter, Courtney Beard; great-grandson, Dylan of Lincoln; and sister, Sharon Sparks of Lincoln.

Beverly was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Darrell Bree; two nephews and one niece.

Beverly's wishes were to be cremated. There will be no services.

Memorials may be made to Memorial Home Hospice or Humane Society of Logan County.

Arrangements were handled by Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln.

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Patricia "Pat" Aper

LINCOLN, IL - Patricia "Pat" Aper, 64, died at 5 p.m., Jan. 9, 2014, at St. Clara's Manor, Lincoln.

Pat was born June 25, 1949, in Lincoln, the daughter of Eldon and Lucille Spurling Mallinson. She married John Aper January 25, 1969, in Emden, Ill. He survives in Lincoln.

Pat is survived by two daughters, Janel (Francis) Hobbs of Rochester, Ill. and Jodell Roberts of Lincoln; a son, Allen (Cindy) Aper of Atlanta, Ill.; one sister, Carla (Claude) Van Fossan of Lincoln; grandchildren, Riley, Erica, and Brady Wolpert and Kalyn and Mya Roberts; step- grandchildren, Samantha, Mitch, and Annie Hobbs. Pat was preceded in death by her parents.

Pat had worked at Eaton Corporation, Lincoln, and Economy Fire and Casualty Co., Lincoln. She was a homemaker and a dearly loved wife, mother, and grandmother. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Hartsburg and the Oasis Senior Center. She enjoyed making crafts with other people.

Visitation will be Tuesday, January 14, from 4-7 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, Lincoln. Services will follow the visitation at 7 p.m. with Rev. Mark Peters officiating. Burial will be in Zion Cemetery at a later date, following cremation. Memorials may be given in her memory to Memorial Hospice Home Services or Humane Society of Logan County. Arrangements were entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home of Lincoln.

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Marjorie Eloise Liesman

LINCOLN, IL - Marjorie Eloise Liesman, 89, formerly of Middletown, Ill., died at 11:32 p.m., Jan. 12, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

Marjorie was born Oct. 22, 1924, in Easton, Ill., the daughter of Frank and Clara Harfst Onken. She married Alvin Grover Liesman on Jan. 17, 1946, in New Holland, Ill. He preceded her in death.

Marjorie is survived by children: Linda (Bruce) Fitzgerald of Washington, Ill., Ken (Holly) Liesman of Greenview, Ill., Gail (Karen) Liesman of Atlanta; Jane (Jon) Diers of Lincoln; Polly (Larry) Wise of Williamsville, Ill., and Joe (Syb) Liesman of Hartsburg, Ill., 16 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Rollan; and two grandsons, Ryan Liesman and Brandon Fitzgerald.

Marjorie was a homemaker, a member of Zion Lutheran Church, and the Ladies Concordia of New Holland. She was also a member of Middletown Legion Auxiliary.

Services for Marjorie will be Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014, at 11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in New Holland, Rev. Charles Olander officiating. Burial will be in Mason City Cemetery. Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. at the church prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Zion Lutheran Church of New Holland or [American Cancer Society](#) the Springfield Branch.

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

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Laura Virginia Baker

LINCOLN, IL - Laura Virginia Baker entered into heaven on Jan 1, 2014.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul W. Baker, and was the last surviving member of her generation. Her siblings were Roy, Rev. William, Dean Cutlip, and Alta Werkman.

Laura is survived by her two sons, Robert P. Baker (Faye) and Stephen L. Baker (Linda), and grandchildren, Sheila Bondurant (David), Angela Solomon, Barbara Coffey (Darrin), Tiffany Worth and Stephen Baker (Teri). She had a loving and personal relationship with her great-grandchildren: Christopher and Patrick Solomon, Kendall and Morgan Coffey, Sydney and McKenzie Worth, and Anthony, Hunter and Corbin Baker.

Laura lived a long and full life. A lifelong native of Lincoln and Logan County, she was born at home just outside of Lincoln on Dec. 29, 1915, to William and Loti Cutlip. She always spoke highly of her hometown.

She taught these lessons to those she loved: believe in God, be ever thankful for your health, love your family, appreciate your friends and value your education.

She was a proud alumna of Lincoln College. As an avid sports fan, a highlight of her final years was being present as the Lincoln College boys' basketball team won Nationals. She loved the Bears.

Teaching was a joy to her and she often spoke of the students whose lives she touched. Her first teaching assignment was in a one-room school located between Beason and Chestnut. Later, Laura taught 5th grade in Mt. Pulaski, Ill., from 1956-1976.

Service to others was an important part of Laura's life. She served as a volunteer at St. Clara's Manor, ALMH and the Oasis of Lincoln. She was a member of the Lincoln Women's Club and the United Methodist Women's group. Laura was a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church in Lincoln.

A Celebration of Life service is being planned in her honor on Saturday, Jan. 18 at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Lincoln, with visitation one hour before the service.

The family wants to give a special thank you to caregiver Sandy Graber and Harbor Light Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the United Methodist Church or the Oasis.

Arrangements are being handled by Fricke-Calvert Schrader Funeral Home.

The family invites friends or former students to email words of remembrance to wepray4u2@comcast.net.

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Joseph B. Parrott

LINCOLN, IL - Joseph B. Parrott, 46, died at 4:25 p.m., Jan. 11, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill.

Joe was born Aug. 14, 1967, in Lincoln, Ill., the son of Joseph B. and Barbara J. Helton Parrott. His parents preceded him in death.

Joe is survived by his fiancé, Donna Hutchison; three brothers: Michael L. Parrott of Petersburg, Fla.; David W. Sutton and Rick Sutton, both of Lincoln; several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Joe worked in the parts department at Xamis Ford, Lincoln. He loved working on cars during race season and helping build motors. He loved racing remote-control cars, enjoyed fishing and woodworking, and was always there for - and always enjoyed spending time with - his friends.

Services for Joe will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, Jan. 17, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, Brian Snodgrass officiating. Burial will follow at Zion Cemetery in Lincoln.

A visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 16, also at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to his longtime fiancé, Donna Hutchison.

There will be a celebration of life on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014, at 2 p.m. at the American Legion in Lincoln.

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Russell Wayne Ford

SPANISH FORT, AL - Russell Wayne Ford, 81, passed away Monday, Jan. 13, 2014.

Rus was born to George and Marie (Moeller) Ford on Nov. 20, 1932, in Chicago, Ill. He married Julie (Proctor) Ford on Sept. 26, 1956, in Waukegan, Ill.

He served in the U.S. Air Force, followed by a decorated 33 year career with the Illinois State Police, retiring as a Lieutenant. Rus graduated from Nashotah House Seminary in Wisconsin in 1967 and was ordained into the Episcopal priesthood. His ministry began and ended with him working with those in correctional facilities, as well as several churches, in Illinois and Alabama.

He is preceded in death by his parents, George and Marie Ford, and his brother, George Ford.

Russell is survived by his loving wife, Julie C. Ford; his son, Michael W. (Ann) Ford of Peoria, Ill.; his daughter, Mary C. (Cleve) Wagstaff of Climax, N.C.; grandchildren: Brandon (Jenna) Ford, Brad and Justin Reeser, Tiffany Megan, and Christopher and Jonathan Meacham; three great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, other loving relatives and friends.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014, at 11 a.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Daphne, Ala. The family will receive friends one hour prior to service time.

In lieu of flowers, his family asks that donations be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church or the Salvation Army.

Arrangements by Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc., 27409 U.S. Hwy 98, Daphne, AL 36526; 251-625-2900.

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Robert J. "Bob" Thompson

ATLANTA, IL - Robert J. "Bob" Thompson, 87, died Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014, at 5:13 p.m., at Advocate BroMenn Regional Medical Center in Normal.

Funeral services for Mr. Thompson will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014, at Eminence Christian Church in rural Atlanta. Dr. LC Sutton will officiate.

Visitation will be held from 4:30-7:30 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014, at Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta, and for one hour prior to the funeral at the church on Sunday.

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

Robert James Thompson was born June 14, 1926, in Eminence Township, outside of Atlanta, the son of Ray E. and Ida Carihfield Thompson. He married Kathryn "Kay" Carson on Sept. 6, 1952, at The Little Brown Church in the Vale in Nashua, Iowa. She survives.

Bob is survived by his wife; two sons, Doug (LaVerne) Thompson of Atlanta and Brian (Karen) Thompson of Heyworth; one daughter-in-law, Adriana Thompson of Puebla, Mexico; six grandchildren: Janelle (Brett) Hermann of Monticello, Nathan Thompson of Nashville, Tenn., Adam Thompson of Spain; Jason (Sharon) Hogan of California, Michelle (Andy) Baragona of Heyworth, and Kelsey Thompson of Heyworth; one great-granddaughter, Quinn Baragona; and two brothers, William N. (Geraldine) Thompson of Urbana and Ray E. Thompson, Jr. of Galesburg.

Mr. Thompson was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Mark Thompson; one sister, Mary Mason; and one brother, Samuel Thompson.

Growing up, Bob and his brother, Ray, and their mother would entertain at country schools, singing and playing the banjo and ukulele. Bob graduated from Atlanta High School in 1944 with the rank of class salutatorian. He then served in the [U.S. Navy](#) as a Seabee until 1946 and was stationed in Okinawa. One Christmas during his service, his mother managed to send him home-cooked chicken in glass jars, which was a source of great pride to Bob. Upon his return, Bob enrolled at the [University of Illinois](#), joined Farmhouse Fraternity and graduated in 1950 with a degree in Agriculture.

Bob was a 75-year member of Eminence Christian Church in rural Atlanta, where he had served as Elder, Deacon, Board Treasurer and Sunday School Superintendent. As a 54-year member of the Atlanta [Rotary Club](#), Bob was a past president and a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International. He was also a member of Masonic Lodge #164 A.F. & A.M. in Atlanta for 63 years.

A steadfast civic supporter, Bob served on the Atlanta School Board, was the first president - and last surviving charter member - of the original Olympia School Board, and was a former Atlanta Park Board member. Bob was currently serving on the Atlanta National Bank Board, of which he was a past president, and was the current president of the Eminence Grain and Coal Co. Board. He was a former Boy Scout Leader and Eminence Township Assessor. In the 1950s, Bob taught an agriculture class to veterans from Korea in Hartsburg.

Bob farmed his whole life and was very involved in completing the 2013 harvest. He loved his family, his church and his country with all his heart.

Memorials may be made to Eminence Christian Church in Atlanta or the Atlanta Ladies' Cemetery Association.

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

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Dwain William Franz

LINCOLN, IL - Dwain William Franz, 67, died at 12:25 a.m., Jan. 16, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill.

Dwain was born Feb. 7, 1946, in Lincoln, Ill., the son of Henry W. and Gertrude Sparks Franz. He married Linda Funk on April 27, 1969, in Lincoln at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Surviving Dwain are his wife, Linda of Lincoln; his mother, Gertrude Munsch of Lincoln; one daughter, Delyn (Brian) Duggins of Bloomington, and grandchild, Bryson; one son, Tyler Franz of Osage Beach, Mo.; and one sister, Janet (Marvin) Johnson of New Holland.

He was preceded in death by his father and stepfather.

Dwain was retired from Verizon, formerly GTE. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church and the American Legion Post #263. Dwain enjoyed spending time at the Lake of the Ozarks, being with family and his grandson, and cooking. He served in the U.S. Army during the [Vietnam War](#).

Services for Dwain will be Monday, Jan. 20 at 1:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lincoln, Rev. Greg Busboom officiating. Burial will be in New Union Cemetery with full military rites accorded by American Legion Post #263.

Visitation will be Sunday, Jan. 19 from 2-5 p.m. at the church.

Memorials may be given in his name to the [American Diabetes Association](#) , American Legion Post #263 or Immanuel Lutheran Church.

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

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Delbert H. "Deb" Gresham

ATLANTA, IL - Delbert H. "Deb" Gresham, 88, died at 7:15 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 16, 2014, at his home.

Funeral services for Mr. Gresham will be held 11 a.m., Monday, Jan. 20, 2014, at the Quiram Peasley Funeral Home. Mr. Maurice Stribling will officiate.

Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 10-11 a.m. prior to the funeral.

Burial will be at the Atlanta Cemetery with military rites accorded by Atlanta American Legion Post 341.

Delbert Harry Gresham was born Aug. 29, 1925, in Atlanta, the son of Clinton and Bernice Lawyer Gresham. He married Faye Boward 68 years ago on Jan. 29, 1946, in Lincoln. She survives.

Deb is survived by his wife; two daughters, Judy Charron of Lincoln and Debbie (Alan) Siltman; three grandchildren: Michael (Tonya) Siltman, Brian (Deb) Siltman and Shaun (Crystal) Siltman; nine great-grandchildren: Whitney, Alexis, Elijah, Izzy, Brady, Shawn, Katelyn, Supitcha and Henry; and one great-great-grandson, Gavin.

Mr. Gresham was the last surviving member of his family. He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters: Vivian, Lucille and Mary; and four brothers: Everett, Raymond, Robert and William.

Deb was a member of the Atlanta Christian Church and Gresham-Crutchley American Legion Post 341. He retired from PPG in Lincoln after 30 years. He had worked part-time at Quiram Funeral Home, Hoblit Seed Company and HG&N Fertilizers/TipTop Farms/Tommy Young Farms.

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

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

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Louise O. Baldwin

LINCOLN, IL - Louise O. Baldwin, 77, passed away Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2014 at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln, Ill. Funeral services will follow at 5 p.m., also at the funeral home.

Louise was born March 20, 1936, in Decatur, Ill., the daughter of Edward and Trela (Davis) Faust. She was a member of the Master Gardeners. Louise loved flowers and tending to her garden. Her yard was beautifully displayed, especially in the summer.

She had a special place in her heart for her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and made sure to spend time with each of them.

Surviving are her children: Larry R. Burns Jr. of Bloomington, Ill., Gail Tungate of Lincoln, Ill., and Julie Keehma of Chicago, Ill.; seven grandchildren: David Grant, Rachel Stapleton, Eric Grant, Elizabeth Lemmel, Sara Kiel, Michael Keehma and Alex Keehma; 13 great-grandchildren: Alexis, Carrin, Koltyn, Lena, Kaleb, Reanna, Riley, Grace, Kayla, Emma, Trenton, Koby and Chase; her siblings: Darlene Ernst of Mt. Zion, Ill., Donna Meserole of Bathe, Ill., John J. Faust of Decatur, Ill., and Ruth Ann Taylor of Alabama. Also surviving are a special cousin, Delores Vairin of Pasadena, Calif., and several loving nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Steven Burns; her brother, Donald Faust; and her significant other of 20 years, Robert Elkins.

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

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Phillip Michael Hopp

LINCOLN, IL - Phillip Michael Hopp, 66, died at 1:36 a.m., Jan. 17, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill.

Phillip was born Aug. 23, 1947, in Peoria, Ill., the son of Donald E. and Anneta M. Willmert Hopp. He married Karen Cobb on June 12, 1976.

Surviving Phillip are his mother, Anneta Hopp of Lincoln; three sons: Duane Hopp of Eldorado, Ill., Harry Hopp of Lincoln, and Derek (Cathy) Hopp of Lincoln; two brothers, Jon (Julie) Hopp of Mason City, and Donnie Hopp of Lincoln; one sister, Donna Sommers of Beason; seven grandchildren: Ashtin, Ayden, Emma, Abby, Jesse, Alivia and Coleton; one great-granddaughter, Addison; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Phillip worked at PPG for 20 years and then Mt. Pulaski Products Cobb plant. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge #2708. He served in the U.S. Army.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 23, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Private graveside services will be held at a later date with full military rites by American Legion Post #263.

Memorials may be given to Logan County Paramedics Association or the Lincoln Fire and Rescue.

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Thomas P. "Tom" Imming

HARTSBURG, IL - Thomas P. "Tom" Imming, 70, died at his home at 11:02 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014.

Tom was born August 5, 1943, in Lincoln, Ill., at St. Clara's Hospital, the son of Joseph R. and Hattie May Leslie Imming. He married Barbara J. Counterman December 27, 1969, in Pekin, Ill. She survives at Hartsburg, Ill.

Surviving Tom is a daughter, Kimberly (Richard) Andreason, of Dallas, Texas; a son, Jeffrey Joseph Imming, of Minneapolis, Minn.; a grandson, Austin Starnes; four step- grandchildren, Ashley, Alex, Emily and Will; and a sister, Jo (Mike) Underwood of Pekin, Ill. His parents preceded him in death.

Tom was owner/operator of Tom's Lodge since 1969. He graduated from Pekin High School in 1961; attended SIU in 1962 and 1963; attended College of Automation IBM in Kansas City, Mo., and graduated in 1964. In 1965 he enlisted in the Air Force Band 583rd in Ramstein, Germany, while serving in the [U.S. Air Force](#). Tom was a dedicated baseball coach for ten years, passionate about music, the Cardinals, fishing, cards, and people.

Services for Tom will be Friday, January 24, 2014, at 7 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, following a visitation from 4-7 p.m. Military rites will be accorded by the Hartsburg American Legion Post #1146 and Lincoln American Legion Post #263. Following services, Tom chose to be cremated. Memorials may be given to Humane Society of Logan County or Hartsburg Fire Department or Hartsburg/Emden American Legion Post #1146.

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Darrell "Scott" Welch

RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CA - Darrell "Scott" Welch, 43, formerly of Lincoln, Ill., passed away Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014, at his residence.

A memorial visitation will be held Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014, from noon-2 p.m. at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Memorial services will follow at 2 p.m., also at the funeral home, with Father Jeffrey Laible officiating.

Scott was born Dec. 22, 1970, in Lincoln, Ill., the son of Jack and Donna (Hagan) Welch. He graduated from Lincoln Community High School in 1989. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army for 20 years. He was currently enrolled in Kaplan University School of Business.

Surviving are his parents, Jack and Donna Welch of Beason, Ill.; his children, Trevor Welch and Alyssa Welch both of Sanford, N.C.; his siblings: Jerry Welch, Tracy (Annette) Welch and Ashley (Sara) Welch all of Lincoln, Ill.; his nieces, Kayla Welch and Haley Welch both of Lincoln, Ill.; special aunt, Sally (Tom) Rouch of Elkhart, Ind.; and several other aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

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

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Larry L. Baker

LINCOLN, IL - Larry L. Baker, 58, passed away on Monday, January 20, 2014, at his home.

Funeral services will be held on Friday evening, January 24, 2014, at 7 p.m. at the Peasley Funeral Home with Pastor Douglas Bowers officiating.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Cremation rites will be accorded following the service.

Larry Lee Baker was born on July 18, 1955, in Decatur, the son of Phillip Paul and Opal Johnson Baker.

He is survived by his daughter, Misty (Fiancee, Mark Galvin) Snelling; son, Shane (Kristina Lolling); his siblings, Gary Baker, Phyllis Baker, Terry Baker, and Barb Baker; and ten grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Barry Baker, his former wife, Roxanne Baker.

Memorials may be made to his family.

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Mabel F. Jarrell

HENDERSON, NV - Mabel F. Jarrell, 92, passed away on January 15, 2014. She was born Aug. 5, 1921, to Edward and Mary Hunter in Cornland, Ill., and was the last survivor of the Edward Hunter family. She was preceded in death by four brothers and six sisters. Before moving to Las Vegas from Illinois, she owned and operated the Jarrell School of Dancing for 30 years. She married John Jarrell April 12, 1946. He preceded her in death on August 11, 1994. They have one son, James Jarrell. He survives with his wife, Allison, and two daughters, Jeni and Jami Jarrell. Mabel married Joseph Treat April 5, 1998. He preceded her in death on June 13, 2004. Mabel has a step-son and daughter-in-law, James (Judy, Deceased) Treat, two grandchildren, Karen and Eric, and two great-grandsons, David and Josh, and a great-granddaughter, Ashley (and family). Mabel was a member of Christ the Servant Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Las Vegas, Nev. Graveside services were held January 20, 2014, in Nevada.

Memorial services for Aunt Mabel will be held in Lincoln, Ill., at a later date. Notifications will be sent.

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Juanita Ruben

EMDEN, IL - Juanita Ruben, 92, passed away at 10:45 a.m., January 21, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Lincoln, Ill.

Juanita was born October 14, 1921, at Casey, Ill., the daughter of "Jack" and Margaret Elizabeth Rohlf's Bowles. They moved to Emden, Illinois, when she was two years old. She married Earl George Ruben January 1, 1944, at Emden, Ill. He preceded her in death in 1999.

Juanita is survived by a daughter, Cheryl (Ron) Baker, of Emden; a son, Charles (Carol) Ruben, of Emden; seven grandchildren, Randy L. Baker of Emden, Greg Baker of Tremont, Terry Baker of Hopedale, David Ruben of Schaumburg, Kathy Ott of Effingham, Syndi Ruben of Emden, Becky Ruben of Lincoln; a sister, Margie Kay (Wayne) Detmers, of Delavan; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and a daughter, Christy Rae Ruben, as an infant.

Juanita was a homemaker, member of Emden Christian Church, and charter member of the Christian Nursing Home auxiliary where she enjoyed volunteering. She enjoyed reading Christian novels, making desserts, playing card games and laughing with her family.

Visitation will be Saturday, January 25, 2014, from 10-1 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln. Services will follow at 1 p.m. with Ron Otto officiating. Burial will be in Bethel Cemetery. Memorials may be given to Harvest of Talents or St. Clara's Manor.

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Milton Plummer

LINCOLN- Milton Plummer, 83, of Lincoln, passed away January 22, 2014 at Symphony of Lincoln.

His wishes were to be cremated. Burial will be at a later date in Camp Butler National Cemetery. Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln has been entrusted with his care.

Milton was born May 30, 1930 in Elkhart, IL., the son of Frank and Lena (Tucker) Plummer. He worked as a construction foreman in the area for many years. He proudly served his country in the United States Army and received three [Purple Hearts](#) for his service in Korea. He was a member of the American Legion Post 263 in Lincoln, IL. and the [VFW](#) post 1756 of Lincoln, IL.

Surviving are his sisters Eleanor Jane Bair of Williamsville, IL. and Judith Vancil of Westerville, OH.

Memorial donations may be made to the VFW post 1756 or to the American Legion post 263 and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Nicholas "Nick"

Shane Cale

BEASON, IL - Nicholas "Nick" Shane Cale, 22, passed away at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Lincoln, at 4:36 p.m., Friday, January 24, 2014. Nicholas was born on November 11, 1991, in Springfield, Ill., the son of Brian T. and Kelly R. Overbey Cale; they survive him in Lincoln.

Nick loved farming, ATV riding, motorcycling, and being outdoors. He graduated from Lincoln Community High School and Lincoln Land Community College with an associate's degree in Agronomy/Fertilizer. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church.

Also surviving are maternal grandparents, Guy and Pam Overbey of Lincoln; paternal grandfather, Timothy Frees of Hudson, Fla.; great-grandmother, Ruth Markwood of Lincoln; and brother, Josh Cale of Lincoln. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Mary C. Cale.

Cremation rites will be accorded for Nick. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, January 30, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with Father Jeffrey Liabe officiating. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., Wednesday, January 29, 2014, also at the funeral home. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be given to Logan County Animal Rescue or The Nick Cale Fund.

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Robert C. Otten

MASON CITY, IL - Robert C. Otten, 73, passed away on Friday, January 24, 2014, at his residence. He was born the son of William A. and Helena R. (Lipski) Otten on November 30, 1940, in Rehoboth, New Mexico. He married Leah R. Sizemore on February 20, 1959, in Mason City, and she survives.

Also surviving are five children, Theresa Brooks of Mason City, Cheryle (Mike) White of Henry Tenn., and Robert (Dawn) Otten, Jr., Nicholas (Terry) Otten and Erich Otten, also of Mason City. He has nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, brother, three half-sisters, one half- brother, and two nephews.

Robert was a member of the Lutheran Church. He loved his kids and grandchildren very much and enjoyed his many trains. He worked many years as an Auto Body Technician.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial contributions may be made to the family or to the Food Pantry. Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

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Wilma Ann Clark

SAN JOSE, IL - Wilma Ann Clark, 69, passed away at 6:05 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2014, at her residence. She was born on Nov. 23, 1944, in Lincoln, Ill., the daughter of Carroll and Ruth (Schafer) Leinweber. She married Donald Clark at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Manito, Ill., on May 5, 1963. He survives.

Wilma is survived by one daughter, Tammy (Craig) Zinser of Emden, Ill., three sons, Timothy (Dee) Clark and Trent (Jillian) Clark of San Jose, and Trevor (Candis) Clark of Mason City, Ill.; ten grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Wilma is preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Mary Ellen VanWormer.

Wilma was a member of the St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Past President of the Herb Guild, a member of the Illinois Specialty Growers, Illinois Herb Association and owned and operated Clarks Greenhouse for many years. She worked at Laflen Cunningham Insurance as well as Kennedy Sarff Real Estate. She had a love for Longaberger Baskets and was a consultant for many years. She also enjoyed spending time with all of her kids and grandkids. Wilma enjoyed many years of vacationing in Minnesota and made life-long friends there.

A funeral service will be held for Wilma at the St. Luke's Lutheran Church near San Jose, Ill., on Monday, Feb. 3, 2014, at 10 a.m. A visitation will also be held at the church on Sunday, Feb. 2, 2014, from 3-6 p.m. Pastor Justin Schmidt will officiate. Burial will follow at Allens Grove Cemetery. Memorials can be made to St. Luke's Lutheran Church or the Ovarian Cancer Research Fund.

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

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