

Paul Huston "Beez" Rogers

LINCOLN, IL - Paul Huston "Beez" Rogers, 86, passed away at 7:15 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 1, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill.

Paul was born Nov. 29, 1927, in Beason, Ill., the son of Abshure Huston and Frances Wilson Rogers. He married Margaret Bailey on May 12, 1951, in Lincoln. She survives in Lincoln.

Paul is also survived by his children: Jeffrey L. (Elaine) Rogers of Springfield, Joy L. Rogers of Lincoln, and Jay R. (Debra) Rogers of Mt. Pulaski; six grandchildren: Scott, Jessica, and Brittany (Cole) Sharp, Chelsea (Aaron) Altman, and Joshua and Andrew Rogers; one great-grandchild, Henry Sharp; one brother, Robert E. "Red" (Doris) Rogers of Lincoln; three sisters: Helen Leesman of Lincoln, Shirley (Dareyl) Brown of Armington, and Frances K. (James) Boyd of Broadwell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and three sisters.

Paul worked in maintenance at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital for 27 years. He served in the U.S. Army from 1951-1952. He was a member of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the American Legion Post #263.

Paul chose to be cremated. A visitation will be held Friday, Feb 7, 2014, from 4-7 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. Burial will be at Old Union Cemetery at a later date with full military rites accorded by the American Legion Post #263.

Memorials may be given to [American Cancer Society](#) , [American Heart Association](#) or [American Diabetes Association](#) .

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Jannette (Wibben) Coers

LINCOLN, IL - Jannette Margaret (Wibben) Coers, 93, formerly of New Holland, Ill., died at 9:56 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 1, 2014, at St. Clara's Manor in Lincoln.

Jannette Margaret Wibben was born Dec. 21, 1920, in Hartsburg, Ill., the daughter of John and Maggie (Ites) Wibben. She was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Hartsburg. Jannette and Harry R. Coers were married on Feb. 9, 1941. They farmed a Scully lease in rural New Holland.

Her husband, Harry, preceded her in death on Oct. 19, 1993. Their oldest son, Garry R. Coers, preceded her in death on Aug. 18, 2003. She was also preceded in death by her parents, 11 brothers and sisters, and one grandchild. She was the last of her immediate family.

Jannette is survived by one son, David L. (Roseann) Coers of New Holland; daughter-in-law, Joann Coers of New Holland; five grandchildren: Kevin (Mila) Coers of Chestnut, Melissa (Todd) Davis of New Holland, John (Annie) Coers of New Holland, James "Jim" (Erin) Coers of Mason City, and Jared (Melissa) Coers of Ledyard, Conn.; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Jannette was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in New Holland, and the New Holland American Legion Auxiliary. She was a former member of the Concordia Society, New Holland Women's Club, Richman Grove Community Club and had served as a foster grandparent.

Services for Jannette will be Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014, at 11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in New Holland, the Rev. Charles Olander officiating. Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. at the church prior to the service. Burial will be in Richmond Grove Cemetery in New Holland.

Memorials may be made to Memorial Home Services Hospice.

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

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Ura Wiggers

SPRINGFIELD, IL - Ura Wiggers, 84, of Springfield passed away on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at Sunny Acres Nursing Home in Petersburg. She was born on May 22, 1929 in Springfield to Delbert H. and Wilma Musick Cooley. Ura married John Wainwright in 1949 and he preceded her in death in 1965. She then married Fred S. Wiggers in 1967 and he preceded her in death in 1996.

She is survived by her son Roger Wainwright of Chatham, her daughter Lois Pruitt of Springfield, four grandchildren: Cori (James) Porter, Scott (Bridgett) Pruitt, Megan Pruitt, and Ashlee Wainwright, and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her infant sister Norma Jean Cooley.

Ura worked for the Illinois Department of Transportation and retired in 1984 after thirty years of service. She was a member of the Springfield Chapter of the Sweet Adelines since 1965, a twenty five year member of the Flower City Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, and a member of Wesley United Methodist Church where she sang in the choir since 1943. She enjoyed traveling overseas, going on cruises, and hosting parties and events with family and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00am on Friday February 7, 2014 at Bisch Funeral Home West, 2931 Koke Mill Road. The family will meet friends from 10:00am until the time of service at the funeral home Friday. A private burial of ashes will take place at a later date at Brittin Cemetery near Cantrall. Memorial contributions may be made to the [Alzheimer's Association](#) and please visit the online "Life Remembered Story" at [www.bischfuneralhomewest.com](http://www.bischfuneralhomewest.com).

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Ruth Anderson Jurjevich

LINCOLN, IL - Ruth Anderson Jurjevich, 100, died Wednesday, February 5, 2014, at 4:45 p.m. at St. Clara's Manor, Lincoln, Ill. Ruth was born Ruth Alfield Anderson to Henning and Alma Anderson on Feb. 24, 1913, on a farm near Kenney. After obtaining her Associates degree from Lincoln College, Ruth began her teaching career. She taught in a one-room schoolhouse for a year before moving on to Chestnut School for ten years. After marrying Stephen Jurjevich on June 13, 1943, and giving birth to daughter, Kathryn, Ruth returned to teaching at Lincoln Development Center as part of a research project sponsored by the [University of Illinois](#), where she remained for 26 years.

Following the death of husband, Steve, in 1995, Ruth spent many years visiting classrooms in the Lincoln school system, where she became known to youngsters as "Mrs. J., the Art Lady."

Ruth was an active member of the Women's Club of Lincoln, the Retired Teachers of Logan and Dewitt, Beta Sigma Phi, and the Jolly Seniors.

Ruth was preceded in death by husband, Steve, and siblings, Elizabeth and Rudy Anderson. She is survived by daughter, Kathy Rose, son-in-law, Bill Steinmetz, and innumerable people who came to rely on Ruth as friend and confidante over many years.

Services will be at 10 a.m., Monday, Feb. 10, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, Ill., with Rev. Rachel Stockle officiating. Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 9, at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, Lincoln. In lieu of flowers, Ruth asks that donations be sent to United Methodist Church of Chestnut.

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Eloyd V. "Skip" Kiesling, Jr.

FORT COLLINS, CO - Eloyd V. "Skip" Kiesling, Jr., 88, formerly of Armington, Ill., passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2014, at his home. Funeral arrangements are pending at the Quiram Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta.

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Richard Dean "Dick" Kennett

BEASON, IL - Richard Dean "Dick" Kennett, 81, passed away Feb. 3, 2014, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m., Monday, Feb. 10, 2014, at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Riverton, Ill.

Dick was born July 20, 1932, in Sherman, Ill., the son of Jewels H. and Beulah Ethel (Stanton) Kennett. He married Cathryn Alexander on April 4, 1962. She survives in Beason.

He proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force.

Surviving are his wife, Cathryn Kennett of Beason, Ill., his children: Mark Kavanaugh (Kari) of Decatur, Ill., Michael Kavanaugh (Laura) of Emden, Ill., Greg Kavanaugh and David Kavanaugh, both of Oklahoma City, Okla., Richard Kennett Jr. of Hartsburg, Ill., and Jill Struebing (Brad) of Lincoln. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant brother, Donald Kennett; and his sister, Kathy Kennett.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the VA and will be accepted at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln.

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William E. "Bill" Stoltzenburg

SPRINGFIELD, IL - William E. "Bill" Stoltzenburg, 55, formerly of Lincoln, Ill., died at 5:17 p.m., Feb. 5, 2014, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

Bill was born Sept. 18, 1958, in Lincoln, the son of William L. and Janice Maxheimer Stoltzenburg.

Bill is survived by his father, William L. of Hartsburg; one daughter, Christine Robbins of Decatur; one son, Brandon Stoltzenburg of Clinton; one grandson, Karsen of Decatur; two sisters, Brenda Merriman of Cloverdale, Ind., and Patty (Jeff) Baker of Decatur; two nephews, Jesse (Tara) Merriman of Indiana and Drake Baker of Decatur; one niece, Whitley Baker of Decatur; and his fiancée, Sandy Newsom of Springfield.

He was preceded in death by his mother; maternal grandparents, Phillip and Estella Maxheimer; and paternal grandparents, Armin and Nelva Stoltzenburg.

Bill was a member of Glass Molders and Potters Union. He had worked as a maintenance mechanic at Verallia for 37 years and had retired in December 2013.

Services will be at 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 10, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, the Rev. Candida Turner officiating. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. prior to the services.

Memorials may be made to the family of Bill Stoltzenburg.

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Karen Stephenson

CANTON, IL – Karen Lee Stephenson, 59, passed away at 9:33 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, 2014, at Renaissance Care Center in Canton.

She was born June 12, 1954, in Lincoln, Ill., to Frank and Marya (Shay) Hinman. Her father preceded her in death.

She married Robert "Bob" Stephenson in Lincoln on Sept. 19, 1981. He survives.

Other survivors include her mother, Marya Hinman of Lincoln; two children, Jonathan Stephenson of Peoria and Rachael Stephenson of St. David; and her sister, Sharen (Mike) Gleason of Lincoln.

Karen was a graduate of Eastern Illinois University and was a passionate teacher for the Illinois Department of Corrections for 25 years.

She was a very active member of Wesley United Methodist Church in Canton.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 11 at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Canton. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Wesley United Methodist Church, 120 N. Ave. A, Canton, IL.

Memorials may be made to the rug ladies of Wesley United Methodist Church.

To view Karen's tribute video or post condolences, visit [oakshinesfuneralhome.com](http://oakshinesfuneralhome.com).

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Anita Jeanette Stahl Van Pelt

ELKHART, IL - Anita Jeanette Stahl Van Pelt, 91, died at 1:54 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 6, 2014 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

Anita was born Sept. 6, 1922, at home in Elkhart to the late Edwin R. and Edna M. (Burns) Stahl. She graduated from Elkhart High School and later attended Brown's Business College. During WWII, she worked at Selective Service, where she made lifelong friends.

She married Harvey Clark Van Pelt on July 22, 1944. He preceded her in death in 1955. She later married Loren E. Potts, he also preceded her in death after several years.

She was a member of Elkhart Methodist Church.

After moving to Lanesville, Ill., in the late 1950's, Anita owned and ran the Country Market, a grocery and general merchandise store, with a post office; she was the Lanesville Postmaster. She closed this in the late 1960's when large supermarkets made small town stores no longer viable. She worked for the Illinois Dept. of Public Health as an accountant, and later as a personnel liaison until her retirement in 1983. In 1986 she moved back to her hometown of Elkhart where she lived until her death in the home that her grandparents, Maytiebelle and Charles Stahl, had built in 1903.

She loved Elkhart and was very active in community affairs. She was a founding member of the Elkhart Historical Society, a member of the Needs and Goals Committee, Treasurer of the Elkhart Cemetery Association, and a former board member of the Oasis Senior Center in Lincoln, Ill., as well as the Elkhart Historical Society.

Anita was an avid reader, writer and correspondent. She had a lifelong interest in culture, history, the arts, and current events and politics. She traveled all over the U.S. as well as Europe and to Israel and Jordan.

She was a loyal friend who assisted and cared for many elderly friends and relatives. Anita had a generous spirit and supported many charitable organizations.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; her younger brother, Henry Stahl; infant grandson, Benjamin Van Pelt; nephew, Eddie Stahl; and recently by her beloved canine companion and friend, Annie.

She is survived by her son, William H. Van Pelt of Springfield; her daughter, Virginia A. Van Pelt of Elkhart; grandson, Adam Van Pelt (Sarah) of Atlanta, Ga.; brother, Jack Stahl (Carol) of Albuquerque, N.M.; sister-in-law, Geraldine "Jerry" Stahl of Bartlesville, Okla.; her cousin's widow, Priscilla "Pat" Johnson of Decatur; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Anita will be sorely missed, but remembered for her great sense of humor, her hilarious stories and accounts of events, and her kind and loving heart.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Elkhart Methodist Church, PO Box 112, Elkhart, IL or to the Humane Society of Logan County (HSLC), PO Box 404, Lincoln, IL.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014, at Elkhart Methodist Church at 11 a.m., Darrell Howard officiating and Dayle Badman and Rick Braun assisting. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow in Elkhart Cemetery.

Arrangements are being handled by Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln.

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June A. Sank

FORT WAYNE, IN - June A. Sank, 76, passed away Monday, Feb. 10, 2014, at Parkview Regional Medical Center.

Born in Lincoln, Ill., June worked at the Herald Republican newspaper in Angola, Ind. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Lincoln Ill., an avid Indiana University basketball fan, enjoyed spending time at the lake and loved her grandchildren.

Surviving are her husband, Carl Sank; sons, Eric (Kim) Sank of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Gary Sank of Jimmerson Lake, Ind.; grandchildren: Keri, Cory, Delaney, Claire, and Andrew Sank.

June was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Mary Louise Maurer, and brothers, Donald and Thomas Maurer.

Funeral service is 2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 14, 2014, at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Rd., Fort Wayne, IN with calling from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Zion Lutheran Church.

To sign the online guest book, go to [www.domccombandsons.com](http://www.domccombandsons.com).

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Anna Amelia Strampp

LINCOLN, IL - Anna Amelia Strampp, passed away Monday, Feb. 10, 2014. at 7:45 p.m. at St. Clara's Manor in Lincoln after a good long life of 107 years.

Anna was born Nov. 28, 1906, in Burtonview, Ill., the daughter of William and Amelia Stoltzenburg Gaedtka. She married Louis Strampp on Dec. 25, 1930. He preceded her in death on Sept. 8, 1973.

Anna is survived by one son, Harold (Marilyn) Strampp of Lincoln; one granddaughter, Karen (David) Russell of Indiana; one grandson, Craig (Teresa) Strampp of Lincoln; one great-grandson, Tanner Strampp; one great-granddaughter, Karlee Russell; two step great-grandsons, Justin and Trevor Matheny.

Anna was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and her brother, Carl Gaedtka.

Anna was a homemaker and member of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lincoln.

Services for Anna will be at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Feb. 14, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, the Rev. Candida Turner officiating. Burial will follow in New Union Cemetery, Lincoln. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lincoln.

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Catherine R.

"Katie" Brooks

LINCOLN, IL - Catherine R. "Katie" Brooks, 91, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Lincoln with Rev. Glenn Fontana officiating.

A Rosary Service will be held on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. at the church prior to the visitation.

Visitation will be held from 12:45 p.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday at Holy Family Catholic Church in Lincoln.

Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery in Lincoln.

Catherine R. Brooks was born on Nov. 5, 1922, in Lincoln, the daughter of John and Fairy Huff Ready. She married Kenneth A. Brooks on Oct. 30, 1948, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Lincoln. He survives.

Also surviving are her children, Lori (Robert) Mandel, of Lisle, Ill., Kenneth L. (Paula) Brooks, of Missouri, one sister-in-law, Edna (Bill) Gaither, of Atlanta; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Henry Ready, and a sister, Erna Ready.

Katie graduated from Lincoln Community High School in 1941.

Mrs. Brooks is a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Auxiliary.

She retired from the Lincoln Community High School.

Katie will be missed by all who loved her and knew her. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother.

Memorials may be made to Carroll Catholic School.

Peasley Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Jeanne Louise Handlin

LINCOLN, IL - Jeanne Louise Handlin, 88, passed away at 3:44 a.m., Feb. 11, 2014, at St. John's Hospital, Springfield, Ill.

Jeanne was born Oct. 19, 1925, the daughter of George M. Keller and Edna Matthews Keller. Her mother died when she was three and her second mother was Catherine Schaeffer Keller. She grew up in Chicago and Oak Park, Ill. She graduated from St. Catherine of Sienna High School and then from Knox College where she met her husband, Daniel William Handlin, Sr., from Lincoln. They were married on Oct. 23, 1948. They spent most of their life together in Lincoln, where he was a lawyer and she was a teacher. Her teaching career spanned many decades first in Mt. Pulaski and then in Beason, where she taught for 27 years. She was an innovative educator who loved teaching and her students.

Jeanne is survived by sons, Daniel (Nancy) Handlin, Jr., of Marion, Mont., (a pilot); Bill (Donna) Handlin, of Houston, Texas, (a teacher); daughter, Patricia Jeanne (Flint) Handlin Taylor, of Chicago, Ill., (a lawyer); four grandchildren, Michelle Handlin, Jennifer (Marty) Ray, William (Gracey) Handlin, and Kate Taylor; a great-grandchild, Maya Ray; and three sisters, Margaret, Rita, and Mary Catherine. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, George and Joseph, and her beloved husband who died in 1984.

She adored her friends and family and received special joy with her grandchildren and great-grandchild. She traveled extensively, going to China, England, the Caribbean, and within the United States. Jeanne, with her husband, was a founding member of Lincoln Youth Football and Commissioner for many years. They were also founding members of the Lincoln High School Football Booster Club and the Baseball Booster Club. She was a founding board member of Lincoln Community Theatre.

She was a devout Catholic throughout her life and a member of Holy Family Church where she served on various church committees and supported Carroll Catholic School. She was also a member of the American Legion, Knights of Columbus and Retired Teachers Association. She was a generous woman who lived her life with grace and humor.

A visitation will occur from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. The Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014, at Holy Family Church with Rev. Jeffrey Laible officiating. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery, Lincoln, with a reception to follow at noon at the Knights of Columbus Hall. A Rosary service will be held at 3:30 p.m., Friday, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in memory of Jeanne to Holy Family Church or Carroll Catholic School.

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Mary Ann Broughton

PETERSBURG, IL - Mary Ann Broughton, 80, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014, at Sunny Acres Home. She was born Jan. 16, 1934, in Emden, Ill., the daughter of George and Tasia (Fink) Klokkenga. Mary married Dean Broughton on August 14, 1953.

She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Dean, sons, George (Robin) Broughton, of Wadsworth, Ill.; Jerry Broughton, of Waubay, S.D., and Jeff (Susan) Broughton, of Petersburg; grandchildren, Anna, Eric and Kari Broughton; step-grandchildren, Schuyler, Ashleigh, and Hailey; step great-grandchildren, Cody, Tahlen, Zoe; and sisters, Etta Short and Ruby Cross. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Mary graduated from Eureka College and worked as a teacher's aide for the San Jose and Greenview schools.

She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Shambole Golf Course and the Ladies Aid at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Petersburg. She adored her grandkids and loved spending time in the garden on the farm. She also enjoyed bowling, traveling, cooking, keeping a journal and practicing her hand as a seamstress.

Funeral service will be Saturday, Feb. 15, 2014, at 11 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Petersburg with the Rev. Jeffrey Gross officiating. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will follow in Oakland Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the [Alzheimer's Association](#). To express condolences to the family online please visit [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg assisted the family with arrangements.

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Thomas Perkins Garrison

LINCOLN, IL - Thomas Perkins Garrison, 80, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill. He was born the son of William Porter and Clara Blanche (Perkins) Garrison on Dec. 9, 1933, in Mason County, Ill. He married Clara B. Lively on Oct. 4, 1990, in Lincoln, Ill. She preceded him in death.

Thomas is survived by one sister, Annis Tracy, and one brother, Porter, Jr., (Betty) Garrison, both of Mason City, Ill., as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Joyce Singley and Helen McCreery.

Thomas enjoyed playing cards at the Oasis in Lincoln, Ill., and putting puzzles together.

Cremation rites will be accorded and funeral services for Thomas will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mason City Community Chapel. Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City, Ill., is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

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Randall E. Green

LINCOLN, IL - Randall E. Green, 63, passed away Feb. 13, 2014, at his home in Lincoln.

Randy was born Nov. 11, 1950, in Lincoln, Ill., the son of Estle and Laura Britton Green. He married Judith Edwards on Sept. 25, 1969, in Lincoln. She preceded him in death Nov. 24, 2012.

He was retired from Lincoln Logan Welding as owner/operator.

Randy is survived by his daughters: Patricia Green and her children, Owen, Stevie and Savanna of Machesney Park, Ill.; Jennifer Phillips and her children, Judiah, Jakota, Jayden and Joshua of Lincoln; and Amanda Green and her children, Brady, Brandon, Abby and Ava Grace; and brothers: Lee Green of Milpitas, Calif., Stuart Green and Harlan Green of Lincoln.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation rites will be accorded by Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with a private burial to follow at a later date.

Memorials may be given in his memory to the Ronald McDonald House.

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Richard W. "Dick" Hoaglin

LINCOLN, IL - Richard W. "Dick" Hoaglin, 89, passed away at 1:05 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 16, 2014, at St. Clara's Manor in Lincoln.

Dick was born Sept. 9, 1924, son of Gilbert and Thelma Brown Hoaglin in Lincoln. He was united in marriage to Betty Amberg on Dec. 23, 1942, in St. Charles, Mo. She survives him in Lincoln.

Other survivors include his sister, Marsha K. (Clinton) Coffman of Lincoln, and several nieces and nephews.

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

Dick worked as a building contractor and a real estate broker.

Cremation rites will be accorded by Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. A private burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Memorial Home Services Hospice or to [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#) .

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Gary L. Anderson

LINCOLN, IL- Gary L. Anderson passed away Feb. 11, 2014, at Herrin Rehabilitation and Nursing Home in Herrin, Ill.

He was born Aug. 22, 1939, at home in Lincoln, the son of Julia C. (Shalla) and Orville R. Anderson.

Gary is survived by two children, several grandchildren and his siblings: Joyce J. Board, Carol S. Young, Robert L. Anderson and Kenneth W. Anderson, all of Lincoln, and Ronald D. Anderson of Loami.

His parents, brother, Walter "Bugs" Anderson, and twin brother, Larry L. Anderson, preceded him in death.

Rites of cremation were accorded.

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Delzena B. Klopp

EMDEN, IL - Delzena B. Klopp, 99, of Emden, passed away at 6:15 a.m., Monday, Feb. 17, 2014, at Symphony of Lincoln in Lincoln.

Her funeral will be at 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 21, 2014, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Emden. Pastor John Schurter will officiate. Visitation will be from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Thursday and from 10:00-10:45 a.m. on Friday, both at the church. Burial will be in Hartsburg Union Cemetery in Hartsburg.

Memorials may be made to St. Peter's Lutheran Church or Emden Fire & Rescue.

Davis Mortuary in Delavan is in charge of arrangements.

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Robert L. Beard

JACKSONVILLE, IL - Robert L. Beard, 84, died Monday, Feb. 17, 2014, at Heritage Health in Jacksonville.

He was born April 16, 1929, in Christian County, Illinois, the son of James Ralph and Mary Emma Garmon Beard. He married Violet Louise Davis on June 3, 1949, in Jacksonville and she preceded him in death on April 26, 2004.

He is survived by a daughter, Linda (Gary) Stanberry of Champaign; three sons, James Beard of St. Joseph, Joel (Tabitha) Beard of Lincoln, and Noel (Kathleen) Beard of Jacksonville; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two sisters; two brothers; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother.

Mr. Beard was a 1948 graduate of Jacksonville High School and began his career as a printer and typesetter for the Jacksonville Journal-Courier from 1952-1968 and for Branstiter Printing from 1969-1985. During his retirement, he operated Beard's Custom Printing and Rubber Stamps from his home.

He was a long-time member of First Baptist Church in Jacksonville and in his spare time, he enjoyed camping and trout fishing in Missouri.

Funeral services will be held 11:30 a.m., Friday, at the First Baptist Church in Jacksonville with burial at Memorial Lawn Cemetery, south of Jacksonville. The family will meet friends from 4-6 p.m., Thursday, at the Buchanan & Cody Funeral Home in Jacksonville. Memorial gifts are suggested to the First Baptist Church in Jacksonville or Special Olympics of Illinois.

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Wilma J. Harris-Wasson

LINCOLN, IL - Wilma J. Harris-Wasson, 86, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2014, at The Christian Village.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m., Friday, Feb. 21, 2014, at Woodlawn Cemetery, Clinton, Ill., with Brandon Boyd officiating.

Wilma was born Jan. 9, 1928 in Decatur, Ill., the daughter of Wilbur R. and Emily J. (Thain) Helmick. She graduated from Clinton Community High School and Millikin University in Decatur, Ill. She studied at [Northwestern University](#) School of Medical Technology and was registered as a Medical Technologist by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists. She earned her Master of Science degree from Illinois State University.

She was employed by Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital from 1966 until 1988, retiring as Laboratory Supervisor. She returned in 1989 to work part-time as a microbiologist, retiring again in 1998.

She married Edmund Ray Harris in 1952 in Chicago, Ill. She later married David Wasson in Lincoln, Ill.

Surviving are her son, E. Scott Harris and his wife, Valerie, of Pekin, Ill., and one sister, Marguerite Thompson and her husband, Halsey, of Monticello, Ill.

She was a long-time member of Lincoln Christian Church and the Friendship Corner Sunday School Class.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Lincoln Christian Church.

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

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Verlin Parker

LINCOLN, IL - Verlin Parker, 88, passed away at 2:15 p.m., Monday, Feb. 17, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Lincoln, Ill.

Verlin was born Nov. 2, 1925, in Danville, Ind., the son of Floyd V. and Elsie Hughes Parker. He married Zelma C. Humphress Aug. 31, 1946, in Clermont, Ind. She survives in Lincoln.

Verlin is survived by two sons, Rick (April) Parker, of Rockford, and Jeff (Connie) Parker, of Lincoln; daughter, Becky (Eric) Radecki, of Greenwood, Ind.; daughter-in-law, Adella Parker, of Lane; twelve grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; sister, Lucille (Owen) Stamper of Paris, Tenn. He was preceded in death by one son, Mike Parker.

Verlin was a retired teacher, minister, and business administrator. He farmed in Indiana after graduating from Pittsboro High School in 1944; graduated from Lincoln Bible Institute in 1957; held student ministries in Easton, Beardstown and East St. Louis, Ill.; ministered with the Texas Christian Church of Clinton, Ill., from 1959-1985; instructor in New Testament Greek at Lincoln Christian College from 1959-1965; and served in the Business Administration of the College from 1963-2002. He was a member of several evaluation teams for the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges; an organizer and first president of the Logan County Schools Federal Credit Union; and served for some time as the treasurer of the College Alumni Association and received an Alumni Restoration Award in the field of Higher Christian Education in 1975. He was a member of Lincoln Christian Church and The Christian Corner Bible School Class.

Services for Verlin will be Friday, Feb. 21, 2014, at 11 a.m. at Lincoln Christian Church with Ron Otto officiating. Burial will follow services at Zion Cemetery, Lincoln. Visitation will be Thursday from 4-7 p.m. at Lincoln Christian Church. All arrangements were entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln. Memorials may be made in Verlin's memory to Lincoln Christian University or Lincoln Christian Church.

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John BeVard

LINCOLN, IL - John M. BeVard, 78, of Lincoln, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2014, at McKinley Court in Decatur.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 8, 2014, at 11 a.m. at Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta, Ill., Mr. Maurice Stribling officiating. Burial will be at the Atlanta Cemetery with military rites accorded by the Atlanta American Legion Post 341.

No visitation is scheduled. Cremation rites have been accorded.

John Maurer BeVard was born July 8, 1935, in Atlanta, Ill., the son of George Edward and Martha Elizabeth Young BeVard. He married Connie Suedmiere. He later married Myrna Williams.

John is survived by his best friends: Larry (Linda) Collier, Roger Terrell and Victor Wasik; nieces and nephews: Beth (Tom) Kavelman, Lori (Paul) Bottrell, Cherie (Denny) Holton, Tom (Connie) BeVard, Todd BeVard, Jan (Jerry) Pickett, Jill (Bobby) Awe and Joy (Mark) Coyne; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by one infant daughter and three brothers: Grant William Young Johnson, George Edward BeVard, Jr. and Thomas Earl BeVard.

John was an avid fisherman and enjoyed making fishing lures, crappy fishing and racing short-track race cars.

John was a carpenter and was a member of the Carpenters Unions Local 568 and Millwrights Local 1051.

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

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

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George Reed Eberle

WILMETTE, IL - George Reed Eberle, 79, formerly of Evanston, died Feb. 19, 2014.

Born on Dec. 2, 1934, in Lincoln, Ill., George graduated from the [University of Illinois](#) in 1956. His professional career in sales and marketing spanned four decades. A long-time member of the First Presbyterian Church of Evanston and later Wilmette, George served as a Deacon and an Elder. He was actively involved on the Lincoln College board of Trustees for over 24 years.

Beloved husband of the late Suzanne Sparks Eberle; loving father of G. Reed, Jr. (Catherine) Eberle; proud grandfather of Susanne Eberle.

Funeral service will be Saturday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Wilmette, 600 Ninth St., Wilmette, IL 60091. A burial will be held Monday, Feb. 24, at 11 a.m. at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln, Ill.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to: Lincoln College, 300 Keokuk, Lincoln, IL 62656.

Donnellan Family Funeral Services; 847-675-1990; [donnellanfuneral.com](http://donnellanfuneral.com).

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Roy Oren

Schilling

DECATUR, IL - Roy Oren Schilling, 99, passed away peacefully into eternal life and rest on Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2014, at 3:28 p.m., in Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services celebrating Roy's life will be held at 1 p.m., Monday, Feb. 24, 2014, at Central Christian Church, Senior Minister Michael Karunas officiating. Visitation will be 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 23, 2014, at the church. Burial will be at the Schilling family plot in Elkhart Cemetery in Elkhart, Ill.

Memorials may be made to: Central Christian Church, Macon County Historical Society and Baby Talk.

Roy and his twin brother, Ray, were born in June of 1914 on the Patrick Bohan farm three miles west of Elkhart. Their parents were Clarence and Ethel May Van Fossan Schilling. In March of 1921 the family moved to the Charlotte Barnes 480 farm one mile east of Elkhart where he lived with his parents and brothers until he was 29 years old.

On Dec. 30, 1943, he married Rachel Irene Rogers, a graduate nurse from the Mennonite School of Nursing in Bloomington in the Emden Christian Church. After 52 years of marriage she passed away on Feb. 3, 1996.

As 4-H members he and his three brothers - Ray, Harold, and Clarence, Jr. - raised and showed Herford calves at the Logan County and Illinois State Fairs. They also raised and showed samples of ear corn at the Logan County Fairs.

He graduated from the Elkhart Elementary and Community High Schools. On June 12, 1935, he received his teaching diplomas from Illinois State Normal University, his Bachelor of Education degree on Aug. 7, 1940, and his Master's degree for Elementary Administration and Supervision from [Teachers College](#), Columbia University in New York City on Aug. 12, 1943. He also attended classes at Western Illinois University, [Northwestern University](#), and University of Wyoming.

His 44 years of teaching, supervision, and administration began Sept. 2, 1935, in the Maple Grove Rural School five miles west of Elkhart. He had 18 students including the seven first grade children. His salary was \$640.00 per year. He spent the next four years as the teacher and principal of the Emden Grade School in Logan County. From 1940-1943 he was the sixth grade teacher at Jefferson School and teacher and principal of the Monroe School in Lincoln, Ill.

From 1943-1944 he was teacher and supervisor of student teachers at Eastern Oregon College of Education, and in 1944-1945 he was teacher and supervisor of student teachers at Platteville, Wisconsin State of Education. From 1945-1949 he was the principal of Washington Elementary School in River Forest, Ill.

From 1949-1979 he was principal of E.A. Gastman and Mound Schools for three years, the Elementary Assistant Director of Decatur Public Schools for eight years, Brush College principal for four years, Dennis School principal for seven years, and Southeast School for eight years. He was also a Visiting Associate Professor of Education at Millikin University from 1958-1970.

He held memberships in the Illinois Education Association and Life memberships in the National Education Association; Illinois Congress of Parent Teacher Association; was a founder and charter member of the Phi Delta Kappa Honorary Fraternity; secretary-treasurer of the Association for Childhood Education International, Washington, D.C.; president of the Decatur-Macon County Family Service Board; life member of the Governor Oglesby Mansion; a member of the Decatur Area Arts Council; a director of

Gallery 510 Arts Guild; honorary member of Illinois State University Pi Gamma Mu Social Studies Society; memberships in the Illinois and Nation Elementary Principals Associations; Honorary and Life membership in the Macon County Historical Historical Society and the first president of the Macon County Historical Society Museum; member of the Golden-K Kiwanis Club; Romeo Club; an active member of Central Christian Church, and for many years he was an active member of the Fiers-Brown Society, a philanthropic society of the Disciples of Christ Church in Indianapolis, Ind.

He received awards from the Association for Childhood Education International for Outstanding Service in 2003, Illinois State University College of Education Hall of Fame in 2003, Illinois State University Homecoming King in 2005, and Decatur Sertoma Club's Service to Mankind Award in 2007.

His love of traveling included tours of Germany, England, Scotland, Ireland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Japan, Mexico City, Canadian Rockies by train, Ontario, Canada, most of the United States and cruises of the Greek Islands, Hawaiian Islands, Alaska, Panama Canal, and Columbia River.

He is survived by two daughters, Mary Schilling of Indianapolis, Ind., and Susan Bryant of Decatur; one grandson, Matthew (Erica) Bryant of Monticello, Ill.; two great-grandchildren, Caroline and Henry Bryant; sister-in-laws, Lois Schilling of California, and Nelda Rogers of Lincoln, Ill.; four nephews, Robert (Linda) Schilling of Elkhart, Stephen (Kathi) Schilling of Monticello, Ill., Mark Rogers of Emden, Ill., and Matthew (Kim) Rogers of Darien, Ill.; three nieces, Carolyn Sue Brooks of Elkhart, Ill., Martha (Larry) Gleason of Sherman, Ill., and LuRae (John) MacArthur of California.

He was preceded in death by his wife; parents; three brothers-twin brother: Ray, Harold, and Clarence Jr.; sister-in-law, Mary Glen Rogers Schilling; and brothers-in-law, Wayne and Herbert Rogers.

He loved life and in his later years he often said, "God has blessed no man more than I have been, and I am very, very grateful to my parents, wife, children family members, and many friends who helped me to make it possible. Thank you and may God bless you as I have been blessed."

Arrangements are being handled by Brintlinger and Earl Funeral Home in Decatur. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.brintlingerandearl.com](http://www.brintlingerandearl.com).

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Earl Dean Hunter

LINCOLN, IL - Earl Dean Hunter, 77, passed away Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014, at Unity Point Methodist Medical Center in Peoria.

Private graveside services for Mr. Hunter will be held Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2014, at Richmond Grove Cemetery in rural New Holland, Mr. Ryan Edgcombe officiating.

A Celebration of Life open house will be held Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2014, from 1-4 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church Education Building in Lincoln.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Earl Dean Hunter was born Jan. 17, 1937, in Elkhart, Ill., the son of Edward S. and Helen Rhoads Hunter. He was united in marriage to Alberta Allen. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Jeanna (Bob Rosene) Hunter of Dekalb and Keith (Kay) Hunter of Broadwell; stepsons, Bruce Steen and John Steen, both of Lincoln; his grandchildren: Deana (John) Brooks of Lincoln, Colton Brosamer of Lincoln, Kara Hunter of Broadwell, Kelsie Messerole of Lincoln, Allison Hunter-Rosene of Dekalb, Dusie and Desiree Steen of Lincoln, and Triston Steen of Lincoln; great-grandson, Isiah Green of Lincoln; four sisters: Bonnie Herrin of Lincoln, Ila (Dale) Lowman of Springfield, Carol (Dave) Gissler of Lincoln, and Wilma (Bill) Morris of Chicago.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and three sisters.

Earl Dean graduated from Elkhart High School. He retired from Pittsburg Plate Glass as a welder where he was a member of the Aluminum Workers Union.

He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lincoln. Earl Dean was an avid golfer and a diehard Cub and Miami Dolphins fan.

He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to his family.

Peasley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Steven Kraft

LINCOLN, IL - Steven M. Kraft, 32, died Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014, at 2:08 a.m. at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

Visitation for Steve will be held Sunday, Feb. 23, 2014, from 2-4 p.m. at Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln.

A Rosary Service will be held at 1:45 p.m. on Sunday at the funeral Home prior to the visitation.

Additional visitation time will be held from 9:30-11:00 a.m. on Monday at St. Jude Catholic Church in Peoria.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday, Feb. 24, 2014, at 11 a.m. at St. Jude Catholic Church, 10811 N. Knoxville Rd, Peoria, IL, the Rev. Patrick Henehan and Rev. Jeffrey Laible officiating.

Burial will be in St. Mary of Wood Cemetery in Princeville.

Steven M. Kraft was born Nov. 30, 1981, at OSF St. Francis Hospital in Peoria, the son of William D. and Carolyn Monser Kraft. He was united in marriage to Katie Maholovich on April 5, 2008.

Steve is survived by his wife, Katie; their sons, Lucas and Liam; his parents, William and Carolyn; one sister, Susan (Kris) Spaulding of Bloomington; two brothers, David Kraft of Urbana and Joseph (Rachel) Kraft of Georgetown, Texas; and his German "brother," Udo Pross of Germany.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Steve is a 2000 graduate of Dunlap High School and a 2004 graduate of the [University of Illinois](#). He was currently working for the State of Illinois Dept. of Revenue and had previously worked for State Bank of Lincoln. He was a member of Holy Family Church in Lincoln and a 4th Degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus Council# 1250.

Steve was an aspiring author. He loved being a husband to Katie and father to Lucas and Liam. He brought such incredible joy and humor to his family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Lucas and Liam Kraft Education Fund at State Bank of Lincoln.

Final arrangements are entrusted with Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln.

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Bruce Britt

ASHLAND, MO - Bruce Britt, 48, joined his Father on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014, in the line of duty, having served the Columbia Fire Dept. for nearly 24 years, rising to the rank of Lieutenant.

Born Nov. 23, 1965, to Stormy and Wanda Britt in Truth or Consequences, N.M., and raised in Williamsville, Ill., Bruce started his firefighting career as a member of the Williamsville Volunteer Fire Department at a young age. Bruce was a cowboy at heart, wearing boots and hat before he could walk. He enjoyed working with horses, working at the Callaway Sale Barn, and raising his daughter, Stormy, to be a true cowgirl.

Bruce was preceded in death by his dad, Stormy.

Survivors include his wife, Leigh; daughter, Stormy Ann; two sons, Paden and Ethan; mother, Wanda (Howard); two sisters, Heidi (Ron) and Kristi (Brian); and nephews: Clay, Kenyon, Avery, and Chase.

Bruce was a good man with a kind heart who would help anyone in need and he stood for the truth.

He had an incredible, gentle spirit behind the rough exterior and was a fierce defender of family and friends.

All kids should be lucky enough to grow up with such a man in their life, and any adult would be blessed to have such a brother or friend.

Our hearts may break; but, Bruce knew Jesus as his Savior and we can all rejoice through the tears knowing that we will see him again.

Truly, Bruce led a blessed life.

Memorial services with full firefighter honors are set for 10 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 27, 2014, at The Crossing, 3615 Southland Dr., Columbia, MO 65201.

A memorial service will also be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 8 at Williamsville United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Edward Jones, 3305 E. Clark Lane, Columbia, MO 65202 "Stormy Britt Memorial Fund" (in memo line) or the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Hal Bruno Camp; PO Drawer 498, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.

Arrangements by: Memorial Funeral Home, 1217 Business Loop 70, Columbia, Mo 65202.

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Jeffrey "Jeff" Gaitros

LINCOLN, IL - Jeffrey "Jeff" Gaitros, 49, died at 1:40 p.m., Feb. 22, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Lincoln.

Jeffrey was born Oct. 5, 1964, in Piatt County, Illinois, the son of George and Barbara Proctor Gaitros. He married Linda Delle on May 2, 2009, in Lincoln, Illinois. She survives in Lincoln.

He is survived by two sons, Bobby and Jacob; two daughters, Tiffany and Cathy; stepdaughter, Angie Delle, of Hawk Point, Mo.; stepmother, Betty Barnes-Gaitros; and two brothers and two sisters. He was preceded in death by his parents and six siblings.

Jeff worked at Precision Products in Lincoln and the Revere Plant in Clinton. He was a faithful member of the Lincoln Southern Baptist Church and served as trustee.

Services for Jeff will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 27, 2014, at Lincoln Southern Baptist Church with Dr. Dennis Shaw officiating. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service at the church on Thursday. Burial will be in Zion Cemetery, Lincoln, at a later date. Memorials may be given to the family in lieu of flowers. Arrangements were entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln.

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Dean Duane Broughton

PETERSBURG, IL - Dean Duane Broughton, 80, passed away Sunday, Feb. 23, 2014, at Sunny Acres Home.

He was born May 30, 1933, in Lincoln, Ill., the son of Calvin Odell and Henrietta Mae (Bicknell) Broughton. Dean married Mary Ann Klokkenga on Aug. 14, 1955.

He is survived by three sons: George (Robin) Broughton of Wadsworth, Ill., Jerry Broughton of Waubay, S.D., and Jeff (Susan) Broughton of Petersburg; grandchildren: Anna, Eric and Kari Broughton; step grandchildren: Schuyler, Ashleigh and Haley; and step great-grandchildren: Cody, Tahlon and Zoey.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Mary, and two brothers, Calvin Joe and Eli Dale.

Dean graduated from Lincoln High School and went on to attend Lincoln College and Illinois State where he earned a degree in Industrial Education. He later returned to Illinois State and received a Masters in Education. Dean devoted his life to education for 37 years. He started as an Industrial Arts teacher at Elmwood, taught and coached at Hartsburg Emden, was principal and later superintendent at New Holland Middletown, finally serving as superintendent at PORTA. Dean later moved on to work as a crop adjuster for American Ag but continued to act as substitute superintendent for numerous area schools.

Dean served his country as a member of the [U.S. Navy](#) from 1952-1954; he then enlisted in the Navy Reserves from 1954-1960. He was a member of the American Legion, the 40+8 and served in the Honor Guard. Dean was member of Petersburg Bethlehem Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Church Mens Club. He was also past president of the State Association of School Administrators.

Dean loved his work in education even though it was filled with ups and downs. He was thankful to have worked with many great teachers along the way and felt that his greatest achievement was the appreciation he received from the children he taught. Dean felt he was blessed with a wonderful family and great friends and felt that his final blessing was that he never had to see the Cubs win the World Series.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 1, 2014, at 10 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Petersburg. Visitation is Friday, Feb. 28, from 5-7 pm at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg. Burial will be at Oakland Cemetery with military rites.

Memorials may be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church or Ducks Unlimited.

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg assisted the family with Arrangements. To express condolences to the family online please visit [hurleyfh.com](http://hurleyfh.com).

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Julia M. Clinard

LINCOLN, IL - Julia M. Clinard, 94, passed away Feb. 22, 2014, at St. Clara's Manor.

In accordance with her wishes, Julia will be cremated. There will be no services at this time.

Julia was born July 8, 1919. She was the daughter of Ross and Zora (Faries) Douglas.

Surviving are her son, Jerry Lowman of Lincoln, and her brother, Virgil Douglas, also of Lincoln.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Glenda Jean Blocker; her brother, Willis Douglas; and her sister, Emily Lyons.

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

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James L. McCubbin

PETERSBURG, IL - James L. McCubbin, 70, passed away Feb. 21, 2014, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

Visitation will be Thursday, Feb. 27, 2014, from 5-7 p.m. at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Graveside services will be Friday, Feb. 28, 2014, at 11 a.m. at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Riverton.

James was born Dec. 5, 1943, in Pierce, Ky., the son of William Garvis and Lovey Helen (Lyle) McCubbin. He was employed by Pat Lee Trucking. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army.

Surviving are his daughter, Jami McCubbin, and his son, Michael Shay, both of Petersburg, Ill.; his brother, Roger McCubbin (Mari) of Springfield, Ill.; grandchildren: Dylan McCubbin, Jade Larson and Jaxon Harlow; nephews, Bryan and Erik McCubbin; and his niece, Tiffani McCubbin.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

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

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Audrey Ruth Buch

ORLANDO, FL - Audrey Ruth Buch, 83, formerly of Lincoln, passed away on Monday, Feb. 24, 2014, at South Florida Hospital in Orlando, Fla.

Audrey was born on April 3, 1930, in Pittsburg, Pa., daughter of Herman and Emma Zapf Smith. She was united in marriage to Raymond Buch on June 11, 1951, in Pittsburg. He survives in Orlando. She is also survived by her children, Ron (Dianne) Buch, of Highland, Ill., Dave (Mary Ellen) Buch, of Springfield, Ill., and Carol (Mike) Forbeck, of Shamong, N.J. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Audrey was a member of the Lincoln Christian Church in Lincoln. She was a Real Estate Broker for Century 21, and then she was a high school [teacher](#) in Florida.

Services for Audrey will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with Ken Gennicks conducting services. A visitation will be held an hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Zion Cemetery, Lincoln.

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Patricia Ann Deason

LINCOLN, IL - Patricia Ann Deason, 58, passed away Feb. 22, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

Memorial services will be Monday, March 3, 2014, at 11 a.m. at LifePointe Church of God. Burial will follow in Evergreen Cemetery, Waynesville, Ill.

Patricia was born Sept. 16, 1955, in Clinton, Ill. the daughter of Raymond and Ruth (Meadows) Taylor.

Patricia was a CNA and a Home Health Aide, most recently employed by the Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS). She was a member of LifePointe Church of God.

Surviving are her fiancé Darrell "Sonny" Farnam of Lincoln, Ill., and her children, Phillip L. Tarvin, of Clinton, Ill., and Neshia Deason, of Kentucky. Many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Paula Dawson.

Memorial donations may be made to Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

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Francis Jo Skaggs

MT. PULASKI, IL - Francis Jo Skaggs, 63, passed away at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday Feb. 25, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Jo was born Nov. 14, 1950, daughter of James "Slim" and Lucille Eldridge Malone. Jo was a nurse at Vonderlieth Living Center in Mt. Pulaski and was a member of Mt Pulaski United Methodist Church.

Jo is survived by two daughters, Crystal (Jason) Thomas and Dawn (Thomas Musick II) Skaggs, both of Mt. Pulaski, Ill.; two brothers, Jack Malone, of Pascagoula, Miss., and Frank (Marvella) Dabbs, of Mattoon, Ill.; two sisters, Mary Jane (Roger) Cook, of Bloomington, Ill., and Amanda Traywick, of Clermont, Fla.; three grandchildren, Hannah Skaggs, Brady Thomas, and Madison Thomas, all of Mt. Pulaski. She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, John Dabbs, Tom Dabbs, and Jim Malone.

Services for Jo will be 10 a.m., Monday, March 3, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader in Mt. Pulaski with Mark Weber officiating. Burial at Lake Bank Cemetery will follow the services. Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m., Sunday, March 2, 2014, also at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children Hospital.

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William James Thuerwachter

LINCOLN, IL - William James Thuerwachter, 90, passed away Feb. 25, 2014, at home surrounded by his family.

Memorial services will be Friday, Feb. 28, 2014, at 11:30 a.m. at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. A time of visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of the service.

William was born April 19, 1923, the son of Earle William and Mae (Zielke) Thuerwachter. He married Pearl Edith Michels on June 18, 1949, in Fond du Lac, Wisc. She preceded him in death on Sept. 1, 2002.

William proudly served his country in the United States Air Force during [WWII](#) and later retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Reserves. He was a lifetime member of the Lincoln [Elks Club](#), a member of the [VFW](#) Alonzo Cudworth Post in Milwaukee, Wisc., a member of the Data Processing Managers Association, and the Air Craft Owners and Pilots Association. He was an avid private pilot, golfer, bridge player, bowler, and fisherman.

In his early life William was a studio photographer in the Uptown Studio in Milwaukee, Wisc. He was then employed by Cutler Hammer/Eaton and later was employed at the Illinois Department of Revenue.

Surviving are his daughters, Mary Thuerwachter, of Santa Cruz, Calif., Tina Thuerwachter, of Evanston, Ill., and Louise Gragg, of Jacksonville, Fla., and his brother, James Thuerwachter (Sheila), of San Antonio, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Pearl Thuerwachter.

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

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Norman E. Wilham, Sr.

MT. PULASKI, IL - Norman E. Wilham, Sr., passed away at 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Norman was born in Mt. Pulaski on Nov. 24, 1926, son of Alfred and Blanche Eschbach Wilham. He was united in marriage to Ruby Irene Jackson on July 18, 1947. She preceded him in death. Norman is survived by his sons, Norman (Lori) Wilham, Jr., of Bixby, Okla., and Dennis (Debra) Wilham, of Chestnut, Ill.; one brother, Keith "Boots" Wilham, who died the following morning; six grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and four stepgreat-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; six brothers and sisters; one daughter, Carolyn Graber; and one great-grandson.

Norman served his country in the [U.S. Navy](#). Then he worked at A.E. Staley in Decatur, Wilham Construction in Mt. Pulaski, and retired as a millwright at Kane Molasses Plant Laboratories in Mt. Pulaski. He was affiliated with the Mt. Pulaski Christian Church, and he belonged to the American Legion Post # 447.

Services for Norman will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski with Mark Weber officiating. A visitation will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28, at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery with full military rights accorded by the Mt. Pulaski American Legion Post #447.

Memorials may be made to the American Legion Post #447 or to the Vonderlieth Activity Department.

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Keith H. Wilham Sr.

MT. PULASKI, IL - Keith H. Wilham Sr., 90, passed away at 10:38 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill.

Keith was born Feb. 2, 1924, in Mt Pulaski, Ill., son of Alfred and Blanche Eschbach Wilham. He was united in marriage to Jennie "Boots" Mapes on Dec. 24, 1943, in Detroit, Mich. She survives him in Mt. Pulaski. They recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.

Other survivors include his children: Keith H. Wilham Jr. of Redmond, Wash., Stephen L. (Patricia) Wilham of Newalla, Okla., Sandra E. Wilham of Mt Pulaski, Ill., and Darla G. (Rick) Irwin of Springfield, Ill.; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was the last of his immediate family. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Roger; and his brothers and sisters.

Keith served his country during [WWII](#) in the [U.S. Navy](#). He was a member of the Mt. Pulaski Christian Church and American Legion Post # 447, charter member of [VFW](#) Post #777, member of the Lions Club, [Elks Club](#), was the owner and operator of Wilham Construction, and at one time was the largest employer in the Mt. Pulaski area. He served on the Mt. Pulaski Phoenix Fire Department for 30 years, the last 10 of which he served as assistant chief for five years and chief for five years.

Services for Keith will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at the Mt. Pulaski Family Life Center, Mark Weber officiating. Visitation will be from noon-2 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2014 also at the Family Life Center.

Burial at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery will follow the service where full military rites will be accorded.

Memorials may be made to the Mt Pulaski Phoenix Fire Department.

Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt Pulaski is serving the family.

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