

Gary W. Stewart

LAKE FORK, IL - Gary W. Stewart, 70, passed away at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill., at 11:36 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 27, 2014.

Gary was born Nov. 15, 1943, in Niantic, Ill., son of William John and Mildred Fern Beck Stewart. He was united in marriage to Phyllis Green on June 20, 1964, in Mt. Pulaski, Ill.; she survives him in Lake Fork. He was a group leader at Borden Chemicals.

Also surviving Gary are his mother; two sons, Brian Stewart of Mt. Pulaski and Darren (Theresa) Stewart of Athens, Ill.; six brothers: Kenny Stewart of Illiopolis, Ill., Ronald (Mary) Stewart of Mt. Pulaski, Richard Stewart of Lake Fork, Ill., Delmar (Sue) Stewart of Mt. Pulaski, Dennis Stewart of Mt. Pulaski, and Mark Stewart of Mt. Pulaski; one sister, Janice Cook of Mt. Pulaski; five grandchildren: Rochelle, Brianna, Madison, Norah and James; and one great-grandchild, Bianca.

Gary was preceded in death by his father and one brother, Jerry.

Services for Gary will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 5, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski, James Morrell officiating. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2014, also at the funeral home. Burial at Carlyle Cemetery will follow the service.

Memorials may be given to Lake Fork Community Center or Lake Fork Christian Church.

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Leonard M. Purlee

ATLANTA, IL - Leonard M. Purlee, 59, passed away Friday, Feb. 28, 2014, at his home in Atlanta.

Funeral services for Mr. Purlee will be held Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at 11 a.m. at Quiram Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta with Mr. Luke Welchel officiating.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m., Monday, March 3, 2014, at the funeral home.

Burial will follow the services at the Atlanta Cemetery.

Leonard Melvin Purlee was born June 20, 1954, the son of Clarence Melvin and Emma Jean Zinn Purlee. He was united in marriage to Marie Elizabeth (Libby) Welchel on June 11, 1977. She survives.

Also surviving are his sister, Kathy Ann Purlee of Atlanta; 19 nieces and nephews; 27 great-nieces and -nephews; a great-great-niece; and a great-great-nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Leo was an avid sports fan who closely followed his favorite teams: the St. Louis Cardinals, San Francisco 49ers, and the Los Angeles Lakers.

He spent 30 years employed by Smurfit Stone Container before retiring in 2012. His favorite pastimes were attending auctions, and checking up on his family.

He was a loving husband, brother, uncle, and friend who will be greatly missed by all.

Memorials may be made to his family.

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Raymond August Yagow

MT. PULASKI, IL - Raymond August Yagow, 92, passed away at 7:00 p.m., Friday, Feb. 28, 2014, at Vonderlieth Living Center.

Raymond was born in Logan County on March 29, 1921, son of John Henry and Lydia Maria Elizabeth Bandelow Yagow. He was united in marriage to Edna Alma Lydia Stuemke on April 5, 1942, in Altamont, Ill. She preceded him in death on March 1, 2012.

He is survived by his children: Kay (Jim) Jacobson of The Villages, Fla., Gene (Froggie) Yagow of Roanoke, Va., and Gloria (Butch) Morrow of Mt. Pulaski; daughter-in-law, Donna Yagow of Urbana; grandchildren: Kim (Kurt), Chad (Staci), Katie (Scott), Sam (Pam), C.T. and Patrick; and great-grandchildren: Timothy, Abigail, Logan and Devven.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Danny Yagow; and grandson, Nathan Morrow.

Raymond was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Mt. Pulaski. He served his country in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a sergeant during [WWII](#) as an aircraft mechanic with overseas bases in New Guinea and Australia. He was a retired farmer.

Services for Raymond will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 5, 2014, at Zion Lutheran Church in Mt. Pulaski, the Rev. Christopher Decker officiating. A visitation will be held two hours prior to the service at the church. Burial will be at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery in Mt. Pulaski with full military rites accorded by the Mt. Pulaski American Legion Post #447.

Memorials may be made to the Zion Lutheran School Playground Fund.

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

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Rosemary Hayter

ATLANTA, IL - Rosemary Hayter, 78, passed away Sunday, March 2, 2014, at 2:50 a.m. at St. John's Hospital in Springfield.

A memorial service for Rosemary will be held Sunday, March 9, 2014, at 3 p.m. at Quiram Peasley Funeral Home, Mr. Maurice Stribling officiating.

Burial will be at the Atlanta Cemetery.

Rosemary Hayter was born April 21, 1935, in McLean, the daughter of Louis and Mildred Phillips Kessinger.

She is survived by her children, Gary White and Karen (Larry) Vannoy; six grandchildren: Jessica Whitmer, Brandi Whitmer, Andrew Whitmer, Scott (Trish) Vannoy, Kimberly Vannoy, and Christina Vannoy; and six great-grandchildren.

Rosemary had been employed as a waitress at the Dixie Trucker Home in McLean for many years.

Memorials may be made to the family.

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Virginia R. Prunty

LINCOLN, IL - Virginia R. Prunty, 83, passed away at 10:55 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Lincoln.

Virginia was born on Oct. 19, 1930, in Lincoln, daughter of Paul O. and Mary Virginia Pegram Williamson. She was united in marriage to Robert L. Prunty on April 16, 1950, in Lincoln at the First United Methodist Church. He survives her in Lincoln.

Other survivors include her son, Tom (Michelle) Prunty, of Aurora, Ill., and children, Tom and Sarah; and special friend, Patty Czajkowski, of Las Vegas, Nev. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Virginia was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Lincoln. She worked as a secretary for Albert Brothers and was a homemaker.

Cremation rites were accorded. Memorial services for Virginia will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 8, 2014, at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Michael Paulsen officiating. A visitation will be held from 9:30-11 a.m. before the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the [Alzheimer's Association](#). Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Johnnie Belle Jario

LINCOLN, IL - Johnnie Belle Jario, 86, passed away Monday, March 3, 2014, at 9:40 p.m. at her home in Lincoln.

A Celebration of Life Open House for Mrs. Jario will be held Saturday, March 22, 2014, from 2-5 p.m. at the Lincoln Elks Country Club.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Burial will be at a later date at St. Mary's Cemetery in Lincoln.

Johnnie Belle Jario was born May 30, 1927, in Savannah, Ga., the daughter of John A. and Verda Joyner Brunson. She was united in marriage to James D. Jario on April 11, 1945. He survives.

Also surviving are her children: Pam (Fred) Werth of Mt. Pulaski, and Christine D. Logeman of Lincoln; one grandson, James Paul (Chelsea) Logeman of Las Vegas, Nev.; niece, Vickie C. Mitchell; nephews, Roi A. Crapse and Mark S. Crapse, all of Savannah, Ga.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Mary Alice Brunson Crapes; and one nephew, John L. Crapes.

Johnnie graduated from Savannah High School. She retired in 1987 from the Illinois Secretary of State's office working as a Supervisor in the Bank Sales Division.

Johnnie loved her family, her friends and golf. She will be dearly missed by all who loved her.....and there were many.

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

Final arrangements are entrusted with Peasley Funeral Home.

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Carole Brandt

1937 – 2014

Quoting modern dance grande dame Martha Graham, Dean Carole Brandt finished each Meadows School of the Arts Diploma Ceremony with, "There is a vitality, a force, a quickening, that is translated through you into action, and because there is only one you in all time, this expression is unique. And if you block it, it will never exist through any medium and be lost. The world will not have it."

The first woman ever appointed to an academic deanship at SMU, Dr. Brandt embraced the action of faculty, students, staff, and friends of the university and the arts, often invoking Emile Zola, "To be an artist is to live out loud."

A leader throughout a 50-year career, she served her profession in myriad roles, Director of the School of Drama at Illinois Wesleyan, Chair of the Dept. of Theatre at the [University of Florida](#), and Head of the Dept. of Theatre at The Pennsylvania State University where she was also Executive Producer and Artistic Director of Pennsylvania Centre Stage. Nationally, she served as Chair of the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival, President of the Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Dean of The College of Fellows of the American Theatre, President of the National Association of Schools of Theatre, and President of the National Theatre Conference.

Throughout her career she directed approximately 200 professional and academic productions and was invited into membership by the Society of Directors and Choreographers. Among a number of award-winning productions, her "Dancing at Lughnasa" was performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

During Dr. Brandt's term as Dean, over \$100 million was raised for the Meadows School and Museum. The MSA endowment was increased by another hundred million dollars. She oversaw the planning, fundraising, construction, and opening of a new \$30 million Meadows Museum in 2001, and in 2006, was instrumental in the acquisition of a new \$33 million Meadows Foundation grant, the largest in the history of SMU at the time. She helped SMU acquire a number of significant works of art including El Greco's painting, "St. Francis Kneeling in Meditation", and she commissioned Santiago Calatrava's monumental moving sculpture, "Wave," which serves as the signature piece at the entrance of the university. When she retired in 2006, the Meadows School Advisory Board and SMU designated a Brandt Garden in front of the Owen Arts Center where Dean Brandt had celebrated diploma ceremonies and beach parties with students, faculty, and staff for 12 years.

In 2002, the Spanish government awarded Dean Brandt the Ecomienda de la Orden de Isabel La Catolica, the highest distinction granted non-Spaniards who promote good relations between Spain and America, thus designating her Commander of the Order; in the same year, the Dallas Historical Society presented her with the Award for Excellence in Creative Arts. Throughout her long career, Dr. Brandt was the only academic in the country who earned four Kennedy Center Medallions for Excellence and an Exxon Gold Medallion for Contribution to Theatre in Higher Education. She was also named Theatre Educator of the Year in Florida and Pennsylvania.

A former student writes: "Dr. Brandt taught me all about theatre, but more importantly, she opened my eyes to the possibilities of life-the adventure of it all-and the joy one can experience living life." Another former student who grew up to become a Meadows staff member wrote on the occasion of Dr. Brandt's retirement, "Thank you for giving your heart, soul, mind, and body to SMU for so many years in such unique ways, that I will forever remember your legacy-'As the elegant, smart, sophisticated lady who fiercely fought for what was right; all the while maintaining her dignity, composure, and most of all, her love for others'." A colleague from another university wrote after Dean Brandt met with theatre faculty as a program consultant for several days, "We have been in a shambles for so long and you reminded us of our potential, our power, and our ability to make the dragons love us (as I was saying good-bye I said something about killing the

dragons and walking away I heard 'or make them love you'). It imprinted itself on my heart with power-you are a great great teacher and this student thanks you."

Dr. Brandt was heard to say more than once that she "flunked" retirement, continuing to consult for college and university theatre programs across the country, serving as chair of numerous accreditation teams, and presenting panels or speeches at conferences. She had particular fun working on a memoir entitled, "Braless in Retirement," with chapters listed as Adventures that include hot cars, exuberant dogs, and pitched peas. In addition, she became a film and play script reader for projects in LA and NYC. Locally, she was active on the Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts Board of Trustees, the Dallas Center for Architecture, AFI-Dallas, Charter 100, and Big Thought.

Carole Brandt was the first born daughter of Clifton Perry and Mary Helen Mitchell Brandt who have been deceased since the 1970's.

She is survived by sister, Linda Henderson of Normal, Ill., and was preceded in death by sister, Rita Kuhne of Champaign, Ill. She took great pleasure playing Auntie Mame to nieces: Kristin Kuhne, Allison Kuhne Butcher, Ryan Henderson Bradstock; nephews, Heath and Hutch Henderson; six grandnieces and nephews.

Throughout her lifetime, she was a lover of people, animals, books, and the fine arts. She lived to learn and serve and play. In her book, she wrote: "I have wanted a life of Doing. As the leading character in The Play of Brandt, I have chosen millions of actions and non-actions in the billions of moments of my life."

I HAVE WANTED:

- Space;
- French tulips;
- To know;
- To allow my inner child out to play;
- To laugh;
- To cry;
- To win occasionally.

I HAVE KNOWN:

- Less everyday;
- Adventuring on water as sublime;
- Everything is beautiful at the ballet;
- Wisdom expects wit;
- Only I can reveal my truth;
- Michelle Obama is the most exciting First Lady of my lifetime;

- Good and bad, unfettered joy and sorrow, yin and yang.

I HAVE TAKEN:

- Risks;
- Pleasure in the Company of painters and writers and ballerinas and clowns;
- My time once in a while;
- Not making do for granted;
- Umbrage with incivility;
- Bicycle rickshaws in New York.

I HAVE FEARED:

- The dumbing down of our culture;
- Seeming foolish;
- Mediocrity;
- Righteousness;
- Any dentist's office;
- Political incompetence and impotence;
- Loss of independence;
- Loss of dignity.

I HAVE DONE:

- Windows and floors;
- Too much;
- Too little;
- Everything;
- Something;
- What I can;
- Sometimes what I can't.

I HAVE THOUGHT:

- It's rarely a puddle-wonderful world;
- I hate Hate Speech;
- Being in love does mean having to say you're sorry;
- In general, men want to win, women want to resolve;
- Falling paint box colored leaves are God's gift to me;
- As are the Cirque du Soleil and butterflies;
- It's more often than not a puddle-wonderful world.

I HAVE LOVED:

- The idea but not the taste of cotton candy;
- Winona, Katie and Kathleen, Shirley and Sandy and Suzanne, Mildred and Mina and Myra, Dolores and Jeanne, Rosemary and Rosie, Bev and Barbara and Becky, Helen and Helene, Peg and Phyl and Petina, Andrea and Anne, Cindy and Carolyn and Carol, and, of course, Frankie;
- Elegance;
- Spanish painters Sorolla and Zapata;
- Sea Turtles and Coi;
- Pandas and penguins, koalas and kangaroos, gazelles and giraffes;
- Family.

I HAVE BEEN:

- Tenacious;
- A phantom in someone's opera;
- Tempted;
- Scared;
- Excited;
- At this moment, content;
- Curious;
- Happy;

•Here.

At the request of Dr. Brandt, there will be no services. Rather, family and friends are asked to do something nice for someone else and fun for themselves.

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Herbert "Herb" D. Dennison

LINCOLN, IL - Herbert Herb" D. Dennison, 76, passed away on Friday, March 7, 2014, at his home.

A Memorial Service for Herb will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at the Quiram Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta with Mr. L.C. Sutton officiating.

Visitation will be held from 5:30 p.m. until time of service at the funeral home.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Herbert Dean Dennison was born on November 27, 1937, in Cutler, Ill., the son of Herbert Thomas and Ava Mae Hart Dennison.

He was united in marriage to Judith Brosamer on May 8, 1983, in Atlanta. She survives. Herb and Judy were married 30 wonderful years, and they renewed their vows on May 8, 2005, with their grandson, Jimmy Loeffler, officiating.

Also surviving are his children, Shari (Jason) Krajewski, Dawn (Bill) Moore, both of Atlanta, Lisa (William) Shepherd, of Missouri, and Paul Terrell, of Decatur; one brother, Steve Young; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and one sister.

Herb served in the [United States Navy](#).

He retired as an ironworker after 47 years of service. He was a member of the International Brotherhood of Ironworkers in Terra Haute, Indiana.

Herb loved the outdoors, liked to fish, go out on his boat, and camp and hunt. In his free time he liked to play golf, he even taught his son, son-in-law, and grandson how to play golf. Herb's greatest achievement was his family; his love for them was never ending. He will be missed greatly, but he will live on in our hearts forever. We want to thank God for giving us the best husband, dad and grandpa "a family could ever ask for."

Memorials may be made to the [charity of the donor's choice](#) .

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William R. Shumard

LINCOLN, IL - William R. Shumard, 83, passed away on Friday, March 7, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

No services are scheduled at this time. Cremations rites have been accorded.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Peasley Funeral Home.

William Russell Shumard was born on February 12, 1931, in Bement, Ill., the son of William and Cassie Shumard. He was united in marriage to Jacquelyn "Jackie" Brown. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Douglas Shumard, of Lincoln, Trudy (Francis Greene) Shumard, of McLean; five grandchildren, Caleb Shumard, Janelle Powell, Jillian Ely, Shane Shumard, and Megan Shumard; and three great-grandchildren, Memphis, Bellamy, and Jemma.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Kevin Shumard.

Mr. Shumard graduated from the Bement High School. He then served in the United States Air Force for four years.

He worked for General Cable for 25 years. He was a partner in Grayhound Lube with his wife and son, Doug.

He loved talking about the truth about God's kingdom, loved his wife of 58 years dearly, and was the best husband, father, uncle, friend, and mentor to all of us. We will miss him everyday.

Memorials may be made to the Jehovah Witness Kingdom Hall in Lincoln.

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Laura Louise Slayton

LINCOLN, IL - Laura Louise Slayton, 79, passed away on at 8:21 p.m., March 8, 2014, at her home surrounded by her family.

Laura was born on Sept. 22, 1934, in Lincoln, Ill., daughter of James and Beulah F. Rose Harris. She married Lloyd Slayton, Sr., on Aug. 17, 1951. He preceded her in death on Jan. 15, 2002.

Also surviving are her children, Laura D. Slayton of Lincoln; Lloyd "Ed" (Bridget) Slayton, Jr., of Lincoln; Cynthia (Tim) Jackson, of Lincoln; Roger Slayton, of Middletown; one brother, Jim (Ardella) Harris, Jr., of Mo.; two sisters, Faye Jones, of Wisc., and Kay Petro, of Springfield; one sister-in-law, Pat Harris, of Springfield; eight grandchildren, Christina (Kyle, Jr.) Alexander, of Lincoln, Brad Slayton of Fla., Erika (Damon) King, of Texas, Nicole (David) Cintron, of Texas, Rachael (Janson) Seach, of Okla., Megan Jackson, of Lincoln, Tim Jackson, Jr., of Lincoln, and Katie Slayton, of Lincoln; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Bub and Aaron Harris, a sister, Eva Hill, and a sister-in-law, Elaine Harris.

Laura was a member of the Lincoln Christian Church. She will also be best remembered for her annual Easter party held for family and friends along with her homemade orange cake.

Services for Laura will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at Fricke Calvert Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with Tracy Thomas officiating. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, 2014, also at the funeral home. Burial at Zion Cemetery will follow the service.

Memorials may be made to the Ronald McDonald House.

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William C. Bates

LINCOLN - William C. Bates, Jr. 87, of Lincoln passed away at 2:40 a.m. March 10, 2014 at Christian Village, Lincoln.

Bill was born April 13, 1926 in Chicago, IL the son of William C. and Annette Blinn Bates.

He served in the U.S. [Army](#) during WW II being discharged as a Second Lieutenant. Following the war, Bill entered the University of Miami, where he graduated from Law School in 1950 with a J.D. Degree cum laude. In 1947, he married Mary Evelyn Lowe, a native Floridian and a direct descendant of the Hendry family, pioneers and early settler in South Florida. After his graduation, he and his wife moved to Lincoln where he began the practice of law. He practiced alone until 1972 when he joined with Robert J. Woods and Dick H. Woods, Jr. until he retired January 1, 1985. From 1952 to 1964 he served as Master of Chancery of the Circuit Court. He is a member of the Illinois, Florida and Logan County Bar Associations.

Bates served as a member of the Illinois Board of Banks and Trust Companies, and he served four years on the Lincoln District 27 School Board. He also served as a member of the Logan County Board of School Trustees, was a director of the Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the Lincoln Methodist Church Board, and he was a member of the Board of Kickapoo Parks and Trails Foundation. Family business and farming interests were also an ongoing part of his life, as was his interest in Lincoln College. Mr. Bates was a member of the Board of Trustees from 1957 to 1985, serving as President of the Board from 1963-1965. Bill retired in 1985 and moved to Naples, FL with his wife. He was the president of Quail Creek Country Club in 1988 where they were members for 31 years.

They are the parents of three children: Amanda (Steve) Roberts of Thornton, CO; Annette Bates of Lincoln, and William B. (Lauri) Bates of Lincoln; six grandchildren: Julie Blaser, Bethany Lindauer, John Thomas Andrews, Grayson Ingle, Blinn Bates and Sarah Bates. There are four great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

Services will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 14, 2014 at Trinity Episcopal Church with Father Mark Evans officiating. Inurnment will be in Old Union Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be made to the George Gahr Memory unit at the Christian Nursing Home or the Abraham Lincoln Healthcare Foundation. Services were entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln.

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Martha Lee Donath

LINCOLN- Martha Lee Donath of Lincoln, IL, died at 4 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2014 in St. John's Hospital in Springfield. She was born on October 12, 1946, in Brazil, IN, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Lester and Irene Wence. Martha graduated as the valedictorian of her high school class in Cullom, IL. She graduated summa cum laude with a degree in business from Eureka College. She worked in medical records for Mason County Hospital in Havana, IL, for several years and later worked for the State of Illinois in bookkeeping and accounting, both in Springfield and Lincoln.

Martha married Michael Donath on October 23, 1977 in the Manito United Methodist Church in a service performed by her father. Martha's husband Mike survives. Also surviving are her brother David Wence (Barbara) of Decatur, IL, brother-in-law Ben Donath, of Storm Lake, Iowa, sister-in-law Karen Donath of Normal, IL, nieces and nephews Alexis Donath of St. Paul, MN, Kim Wernsman (Adam) of Olatha, KS, Stephanie Murray (Jarrod) of Greenwood, IN, and Scott Wence (Laura) of Manhattan, KS. Nephews also include Dan Kline (Tracy) of Decatur, David Kline of Niantic, Steve Kline (Robin) of Decatur, and Mike Kline (Trena) of Bloomington, IL. Great nieces and nephews include Joseph Frans, David and Kaitlyn Wernsman, Travis and Khylee Dumlao, Jarrod and Journi Murray, Jessica, Tyler and Ethan Wence, Jade Kline, Ashtyn Kline, Brody and Evellyn Kline. Martha was preceded in death by her parents and her sister-in-law Tina Donath. Martha was a faithful and dedicated wife.

Martha served others in quiet and selfless ways, often behind the scenes. She was an active member of First United Methodist Church of Lincoln and especially enjoyed playing in the bell choir, volunteering in the church office, visiting shut ins and running errands and doing laundry for them. She and her husband volunteered in Christian Radio. She faithfully served others as a witness to Jesus Christ. In spite of a significant speech handicap, Martha remained cheerful and understanding when asked to repeat herself when others could not yet understand. She was a gifted organist and pianist.

In lieu of flowers, in recognition of Martha's love of children and music, memorial gifts are suggested to Chaddock School in Quincy, IL, or First United Methodist Church of Lincoln.

Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, 127 S. Logan Street, Lincoln, IL, is in charge of arrangements. Visitation will be in the funeral home from 4:00-7:00pm on Thursday, March 13, 2014. The funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Michael Paulson at 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 14 at First United Methodist Church in Lincoln with burial immediately following at St. Mary's Cemetery, Lincoln.

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Cynthia A. (Shull) Eack

BLOOMINGTON- Cynthia A. (Shull) Eack, 51 of Bloomington, peacefully passed away at her home at 3:25 a.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2014 in Bloomington.

Her funeral service will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bloomington with Pastor Thomas Wirsing officiating. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Monday, March 17, 2014 at the church.

Cremation rites will be accorded. In lieu of flowers or plants, it was her wish that memorials be made to the Illinois CancerCare Foundation, for cancer research and support to others in this region of Illinois who continue to fight the battle with cancer. Further details may be found at www.illinoiscancercare.com. Kibler-Brady-Ruestman Memorial Home in Bloomington is assisting the family with arrangements.

Cindy was born on May 27, 1962, in Paris, Missouri, the daughter of Larry and Marilyn Shull. She married Kevin D. Eack on June 2, 1984 at St. John's Church of Christ in Waterloo, Illinois. He survives.

Also surviving are her daughter, Michelle R. (Leandro Mora) Eack of Miami, Florida; and a son, Michael B. Eack of Bloomington; one brother, Kevin L. Shull of Waterloo, Illinois; father-in-law, Dean Eack of Iowa; one sister-in-law, Pamela Soper of Champaign and one brother-in-law, Roger Brannan of Rock Island, Illinois; four nephews, Shaun Eack of Pittsburgh, PA, Shane Eack of Indianapolis, IN, Ryan Shull and Aaron Shull, both of Hecker, Illinois; her treasured aunts and uncles, cousins and many special friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother-in-law, Shirley Eack; her sister-in-law, Stacy Brannan; her aunt, Maxine Finley and both paternal and maternal grandparents.

Cindy graduated from Waterloo High School and Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. She obtained her Masters of Science in Communications from the [University of Illinois](http://www.uiowa.edu) in 2000. She worked in marketing, sales, higher education, started a garden design business and she attained the Master Gardner Designation.

She was a loving mother, wife, daughter, sister and friend. She lived her life fully, embracing each day with passion and joy, and was loved by all who know her. Her strength of character was admirable and her faith in God was strong. Cindy was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Bloomington.

Cindy was devoted to her husband, Kevin and her two children, Michelle and Michael. She will be remembered for her tireless support and dedication to always being present for family and friends, and encourage everyone to live up to their highest potential.

Online condolences made be made to the family at kiblerbradyruestman.com.

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Kent Young

ATLANTA, IL - Kent Young, 78, of Atlanta passed away on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at his home.

Funeral Services for Mr. Young will be held on Monday, March 17, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Atlanta United Methodist Church with Rev. Rob Roy officiating.

Visitation will be held on Sunday afternoon from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta.

Burial will be in the Atlanta Cemetery.

Lynn Kent Young was born on October 8, 1935 in rural Atlanta, the son of Elmer and Arnetta Loudermilk Young. He was united in marriage to Sally Givens on September 9, 1956 at the Atlanta United Methodist Church. She survives.

Also surviving are his children: Lori (Kurt) Werth, David (LeRae) Young, Leslie (Rod) Lutz, Amy (Steve) Detig and Deanna (Darin) Crane; thirteen grandchildren: Mallory, Jessica and Alex Werth; Sean and Kalyn Young; Mitchell, Quinton and Abigail Lutz; Sarah, Lauren and Eric Detig; and Brady and Cameron Crane.

Mr. Young was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one sister.

Kent graduated from Atlanta High School. He was a member of the Atlanta United Methodist Church. A former member of the Atlanta City Council and Mayor, Atlanta Fire Department, Atlanta Civil Defense, Lions Club, Little League Coach and volunteer at the Hawes Grain Elevator Museum in Atlanta.

He was currently a member of his church choir.

Mr. Young was a Building Contractor and part owner of The Custom Wood Shop in Atlanta for many years. He was especially proud of the Habitat for Humanity house that he and Bob Ford helped to build in Atlanta.

Kent enjoyed golfing, water sports, woodworking and watching his children and grandchildren play in sports and other activities.

Memorials may be made to the Atlanta United Methodist Church or the Atlanta Rescue Squad.

Final arrangements are entrusted with Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home.

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Pamela Sue Jones Crafton

LINCOLN, IL - Pamela Sue Jones Crafton, 63, of Lincoln and formerly of Roodhouse, Ill., passed away Saturday, March 15, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

She was born July 5, 1950, in Jacksonville, Ill., the daughter of Samuel E. and Dorothy M. Osborne Jones.

Surviving are her children: Melissa (Rick) Cathers of Lincoln, Roger (fiancée, Monica) Thady and Robyn Kaye Thady, all of Murrayville; mother, Dorothy Jones of Murrayville; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and six siblings: Ed (Doris) Jones, Donna Jones, Jim (Sue) Jones, and Arlene (Larry) Newingham, all of Roodhouse, William Jones of Manchester, and Cheryl Ann Ramlow of Hannibal, Mo.

Her father, Samuel, preceded her in death.

Pam loved reading and studying the Bible. She also enjoyed writing poetry. She was a kind, loving mother, grandmother, daughter, and friend.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 19, 2014, at Daws Family Funeral Home in Roodhouse with visitation from 9 a.m. until time of the service.

Memorials are suggested to the family.

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Emma Sue Dubson

CLINTON, IL - Emma Sue Dubson, 1 month, passed away at 8:35 a.m. on March 15, 2014, at Dr. John Warner Hospital in Clinton, Ill.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, March 20, 2014, at Calvert Funeral Home in Clinton, Ill., J. Kent Hickerson officiating. Burial will follow at Crum Cemetery in Wapella, Ill. Friends may call from 10-11 a.m. on Thursday also at the funeral home.

Emma was born Feb. 17, 2014, in Decatur, Ill., the daughter of Joshua Scott Dubson and Christina Elizabeth Godinet.

Survivors include her parents, Josh Dubson and Christina Godinet of Clinton, Ill.; maternal grandmother, Elizabeth Ann (David) Braden of Maroa, Ill.; maternal grandfather, Christopher Godinet of California; maternal great-grandmother, Carolyn Brown of Salem, Mo.; paternal grandmother, Penny (John "Rich") Harris of Lincoln, Ill.; paternal grandfather, Ben Dubson, Jr. of Clinton, Ill.; paternal great-grandparents, Vicki Dubson of Clinton, Ill., and Sandy and Larry Dubson of Clinton, Ill.; and brother and sister, Ruger and Mailee Underwood, living at home.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Hunter Underwood, in 2003.

Emma will forever be in our hearts.

Memorials may be made to the Emma Sue Dubson Memorial Fund.

Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com.

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Helen Louise Heyen

LINCOLN, IL - Helen Louise Heyen, 83, passed away Monday, March 17, 2014, at The Christian Village.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 20, 2014, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m., also at the funeral home, the Rev. Michael Paulson officiating. Burial will follow at Irish Grove Cemetery in Middletown, Ill.

Helen was born Nov. 26, 1930, in Middletown, Ill., the daughter of Roy Boward and Ida (Bock) Boward. She married Merlyn C. Heyen on June 7, 1952, in Middletown. He preceded her in death on Jan. 29, 2002.

Helen retired as a school [teacher](#) after having taught at Tri City Schools and in Middletown.

Starting in late 1992, Helen along with her husband, Merlyn, served on an ad-hoc committee to study the feasibility of organizing a county food pantry sponsored by a coalition of churches. When the Logan County Food Pantry opened in May of 1993, they became the first volunteers to manage the food pantry. The coalition has grown to 31 churches and the Heyen's have continued to provide leadership to this group.

She was a member of the Lincoln First United Methodist Church where she was also involved in the Methodist Women's Group. Helen had a passion for gardening and enjoyed tending to her flowers.

Surviving are her son, Keith Heyen of Crystal Lake, Ill.; granddaughter, Lauren Heyen of London; grandson, Kyle Heyen of Crystal Lake, Ill.; and sister, Jean Johnson of Middletown, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Merlyn; and her siblings: Donald Boward, Ruby Snowder, and Hazel Knotts.

Memorials may be made to the Logan County Food Pantry or to Safe Haven Hospice and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Donald Lee Nolting

SPRINGFIELD, IL - Donald Lee Nolting, 85, of Springfield, passed away Thursday, March 13, 2014, in Sarasota, FL.

He was born July 28, 1928, in Springfield, the son of the late Brian H. and Betty J. (Goin) Nolting. He married Nadine Adkins in Springfield on Jan. 28, 1960, and she survives.

Mr. Nolting graduated from Lanphier High School in Springfield. Don went on to work at Sangamo Electric for 30 years and then retired from Ameren where he worked as a meter reader. He served as a Captain on the Village of Grandview Police Department and also served on the Springfield City Auxiliary Police for many years. He was a member of the Postal Club and bowled with the Sangamo Bowling League. Don had a passion for fishing and looked forward to trips to Canada and Missouri to fish with his nephews and brother-in-law. An avid card player, he especially enjoyed pinochle and played regularly for over 70 years with friends and family.

Besides his wife, Nadine, he is survived by two daughters, Diana Law of Las Vegas, NV, and Stephanie (husband, Holmes) Giraldo of New London, CT; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Gretchen (husband, Les) Plotner of Lincoln, IL; and three nephews: Greg (wife, Laura) Plotner of Tampa, FL, Kent (wife, Ellen) Plotner of Swansea, IL, and Eric (wife, Shauna) Plotner of Morton, IL.

Visitation will be held Thursday, March 20, 2014, from 10 a.m. until time of the funeral service at 11 a.m. at Elm Street Christian Church, 3020 E. Elm St., Springfield IL, the Rev. Seth Schnautz officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. on Thursday at the Mason City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Elm Street Christian Church in Springfield or to the Animal Protective League.

Please visit the online "Life Remembered Story" at www.bischandsonfuneralhome.com where tributes and condolences may be left for the family.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bisch and Son Funeral Home in Springfield. 217-544-5424

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Jason L. Hurley

LINCOLN, IL - Jason L. Hurley, 29, was rescued by our Lord at 3:49 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Jason was born April 13, 1984, in Springfield, the son of Joyce Beavers.

Jason is survived by his mother and stepfather, Joyce and John Britt, of Lincoln; maternal grandparents, Marilyn and Dean Leesman of Hartsburg; aunt, Cynthia Beavers of Lincoln; cousins, Cassie McCurry and Beth and Chrissy Edwards, of Lincoln; paternal grandma, Shirley Britt, of Lincoln; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, John Britt, maternal grandfather, Lee Beavers, and great- grandparents, Paul and Dorothy Boughan.

Jason was a graduate of Normal Community High School Class of 2002.

He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lincoln. Jason loved music, movies, and video games, especially when family and his "brood" were there to be with him. His heart was easily able to love all he met.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m., Monday, March 24, 2014, at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lincoln with Rev. Candida Turner officiating. Memorials may be given in his name to Immanuel Lutheran Church and the Puppet Ministries of the church. Arrangements are entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln.

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Donald D. Aper

LINCOLN, IL - Donald D. Aper, 84, died at 12:40 a.m., March 20, 2014, at Christian Village in Lincoln, Ill.

Don was born Feb. 4, 1930, in Orville Township, Rural Hartsburg, Ill., the son of Friedrich W. and Clara Hartwig Aper. He married Mary Mobley, then Mary Malloy and then later married Claire Baker.

Don is survived by one sister: Darlene Wiggers Aper (Bob Singley); one niece, Kim Wiggers (Paul) de Otte of Beason; and three nephews: K. Alan (Sheryl) Wiggers of Mt. Vernon, Ill., Kurt A. (Ronda) Wiggers of Great Falls, Mont., and Richard D. Aper of Pekin, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Walter F. Aper.

Don is a retired mail carrier from the U.S. Postal Service. He served in the [U.S. Navy](#) and was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lincoln, American Legion Post #263, Eagles Lodge #2708 and the National Letter Carriers Association.

Services will be held Saturday, March 22, 2014, at 11 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lincoln, the Rev. Candida Turner officiating. There is no visitation. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials may be given to Immanuel Lutheran Church of the American Legion Post #263.

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

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James D. Strauss, DMin

LINCOLN, IL - Dr. James D. Strauss, 84, passed from this life into the arms of Jesus on Wednesday, March 19, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. at the Christian Village in Lincoln, Ill.

He was the second son of Ernest and Cleo Strauss, born on July 3, 1929, in Herrin, Ill.

Dr. Strauss is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jewel, and daughters, Joye (Tom) Smith of Ashley, Ill., and Jeaneen (Keith) Ray of Lincoln, Ill. There are three granddaughters: Ashleigh (Jason) Mauhar of Lincoln, Allyson (Kent) Leesman of Hartsburg and Abigale Ray (fiancé, Nate Wake) of Lincoln. Also surviving are three great-granddaughters: Arrington Jade and Addisynn Paige Mauhar, and Avia Klaire Leesman; a sister-in-law, Janet Thompson of Phoenix, Ariz.; a niece, Rhonda (Joe) Allen of Decatur; nephew, Randall (Barbara) Strauss of Clearwater, Fla.; as well as many other nieces and nephews.

James was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Robert.

Dr. James D. Strauss served as professor of theology and philosophy at Lincoln Christian Seminary from 1967-1994. He has been described as the "Einstein" of the Restoration Movement. For years, his intellectual capacity and wide academic interest amazed both his students and his colleagues.

He had an insatiable appetite for things concerning the word and world of God. He wrote seven books, studied at ten different graduate institutions in five countries, held four advanced degrees, and taught courses in everything from economics to science, and during his teaching career spent nearly every weekend on the road preaching and teaching in churches and conventions across the country.

Dr. Strauss graduated from Butler University and Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis (B.A., M.A., M.Div.) and the Chicago Graduate School of Theology (Th.M.). He received a Doctorate of Ministry in 1975 from Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, where he majored in contemporary theology. He studied with the late Francis Schaeffer in Switzerland and took additional work at the University of Strasbourg in France, at Tübingen University in West Germany, at the University of Chicago Divinity School, and at the Institute of Christian Studies in Toronto.

Dr. Strauss has written extensively, including commentaries on Revelation, Job, and the Johannine Letters, as well as Biblical treatment of the doctrine of grace (Grace in an Achievement Culture). His articles have been published in such standard reference works as Carl F. H. Henry's Dictionary of Christian Ethics, and Clark Pinnock's Grace Unlimited.

Those who knew Professor Strauss understood that his mental energies were always directed toward fulfilling the mission of Christ throughout the world. As a result, he not only molded the academic minds, but the missionary hearts of thousands as he disciplined a generation of influential leaders for Kingdom work.

Dr. Strauss had a great love for his family, friends and his many students. Besides reading and writing, in the past, he loved gardening and decorating his home.

Thanks to all who cared for Dr. Strauss in so many ways, especially to everyone at the Christian Village.

Services will be conducted by Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home at the Hargrove Chapel on the Lincoln Christian University campus. Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, March 23, and again from 10-11 a.m. on Monday, March 24, at the Hargrove Chapel with a celebration of life on Monday to begin at 11 officiated by Dr. Wayne Shaw and Dr. Robert Kurka.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to be given to The Strauss Institute of Lincoln Christian University or to the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital Cardiac Rehab Department.

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Emma Loretta Hinthorn

LINCOLN, IL - Emma Loretta Hinthorn, 81, passed away March 19, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

Private family services will be held.

Emma was born May 26, 1932, in Spring Lick, Ky., the daughter of Blaine and Desdie (Casey) Bratcher. She married Roger Hinthorn on June 30, 1957, in Bloomington, Ill.

Emma attended Full Gospel Evangelistic Center. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She will be greatly missed.

Survivors include her husband, Roger of Lincoln; her daughters, Tina Small (Rick) of Atlanta, Ill., and Brenda Lowry (Wendell) of Lincoln, Ill.; five grandsons: DJ Small (Penny), Justin Lowry, Mike Lowry, Denny Small (Stasia), and Daniel Small; six great-grandchildren: Aimee, Ryan, Daniel, Jude, Gracie, and Audrey; siblings: Flossie Roberts of Shirley, Ill., Margie Tabb of Normal, Ill., Joanne Vaughn (Richard) of Bloomington, Ill., and James Bratcher (Sue) of LeRoy, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her parents and several siblings.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Logan County Rescue or to Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

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

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Marion Ruth Tucker Miller Cassens

LINCOLN, IL - Marion Ruth Tucker Miller Cassens, 95, died at 8:31 p.m., March 20, 2014, at Christian Village, Lincoln, Ill.

Marion was born September 12, 1918, in Joplin, Mo., the daughter of Robert and Ruth Rayburn Tucker. Marion is survived by cousins Todd Mayo Stetler; Sharon Mills Eubank and Karen Marie Stetler, the daughters of her heart; and Bob Eubank and John William Eubank.

Due to the challenging times of her youth, Marion lived with many family members, in numerous places. She often remarked that she was "raised by a committee." Reflecting her diverse youth, she was accomplished in many things, a "renaissance woman" with rich life works and experience. A graduate of Kansas State University, in Home Economics, her eclectic career began during WWII. Due to her university chemistry, she went from a line inspector to manager of a quality control lab, at a munitions plant. Socially and politically active, many of her subsequent life works focused on animals, children and others in need. She was the face of the veterinary practice of her first husband, Leonard J. "Doc" Miller, DVM; she was well-known for raising long-haired dachshunds, beginning with Hildegarde, a native of Germany. Active in 4-H, she taught young people how to handle animals. An incredible scratch cook and baker, she won the Illinois State Beef Cook-off in 1977 (judged and presented by Julia Child) for her delicious Hawaiian Beef and was a cooking judge at the State and Logan County Fairs. She was past president of the state cooking society and a popular teacher and speaker. Among the first to embrace microwave cooking, she taught legions of people how to use a microwave. A member of St. John's United Church of Christ, she contributed to many church works. It was there she met the love of her life, John Franklin Cassens, whom she married in Freeport, Ill., on July 19, 1986.

She is preceded by her husband, John, her parents, and sisters, Edythe and Anabel.

Services celebrating her life will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 26, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home with Rev. Jan Johnson and Ryan Edgecombe officiating. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. prior to services. She will rest beside her beloved John at Rosehill Cemetery in Petersburg. Interment is private. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a contribution to Fidelco Guide Dog Foundation to sponsor G-Hope, a specially breed German Shepherd who's life work will be as the eyes for and companion of a blind person.

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Paul "Bub" Anderson

HATTIESBURG, MS - Paul "Bub" Anderson, of Petal, Miss., passed away March 16, 2014, in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Paul was born June 15, 1938, in Lincoln to Tommy and Marcella Anderson. A wonderful husband and grandfather, he worked in the oil field for 27 years and medically retired at 52 years old. He was a Mason for nearly 30 years and a member of Sunrise Baptist Church. He served in the U.S. Army for four years as an 82nd Airborne Soldier during the [Korean War](#).

Paul had a passionate love for music and spent the majority of his life as a musician. His life was focused on his family, friends, the outdoors, hunting, fishing and life itself and all the joys it could bring him.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah; children: Toni (Chad) Christian, Ashley (Jessica) Trussell, Jason (Leola) Anderson; siblings: Charlene (Ray) Payne, Ruth "Snookie" (Tommy Jo) Davis, Ricki Lee Anderson, Johnny (Jane) Travis, Kenny (Sandi) Travis; and nine grandchildren.

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Judith Jane (Read) Blemler

PENSACOLA, FL - Judith Jane (Read) Blemler passed away Thursday, March 20, 2014, at her home in Pensacola where she has resided for the past 29 years, surrounded by loving cousins, Janet Zollars and Sonjo Cronson, and her two loyal caregivers.

Judy was born Feb. 4, 1920, to parents Delia (Franz) and Holton Read in Lincoln, Ill. She graduated from Lincoln Community High School, Lincoln, Ill., and was valedictorian of her senior class. She married Martin Tiskos in Springfield, Ill., in 1941, and together they started and operated the well-known Tiskos Furniture Barn located in Springfield, Ill., for many years. She later married Harold Blemler in Springfield. Judy was manager of various departments in the Sears Roebuck Store, located in Springfield, IL, and until her death corresponded with her Sears co-worker friends. Upon her retirement in 1985 from Sears, she moved to Pensacola, Fla., where she resided until her death. She enjoyed her retirement years by joining many of the wonderful senior clubs, the Golden Agers, and particularly the Over 55 Club, where she was a regular dancing senior at the weekly dances.

She also enjoyed her many trip tours throughout the United States, amounting to an impressively vast collection of photographs. Only when her eyesight began to fail did she sadly have to give up her dance club attendance as well as traveling. Judy was an avid crossword puzzle solver, enjoyed reading and playing pinochle.

She will be missed by her cousins in Pensacola and Illinois, as well as her devoted friend, Jlynn Firmin, and neighbor, Dorothy Reynolds, who both cared for her so faithfully before and during her illness.

Her family wishes to thank not only her two caregivers, but Judy Hare, who provided transportation for Judy, especially the weekly appointments to D'Orr's Beauty Salon, where she rallied seeing her friends. A very special thanks to the outstanding hospice staff, namely Doug Lance, Lynn, Barbara, Joy, and Evelyn, who provided comfort and care during her last days.

Visitation will be held from 2-4 p.m., Monday, March 24, 2014, at Harper-Morris Memorial Chapel in Florida.

Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, Ill., is handling the graveside service. Graveside service will be at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2014, at Kline Cemetery in Broadwell, Ill., Pastor Mark Peters of Faith Lutheran Church officiating.

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Gladys Chowaniec

LINCOLN, IL - Gladys Chowaniec, 87, passed away Saturday, March 22, 2014, at St. Clara's Manor in Lincoln.

Funeral services will be at St. Adalbert Cemetery in Niles, Ill., at 11:00 a.m., Friday, March 28, 2014, with Deacon Gary Long officiating.

Gladys was born Sept. 12, 1926, in Chicago, the daughter of Thomas and Josephine Piskorzub Chowaniec. She never married and was the last of her immediate family.

She was preceded in death by five brothers: Chester, Leo, Raymond, Florian "Whitey", and Edward; and one sister, Mabel.

Ms. Chowaniec had been employed at Guzzardo's Fine Italian Restaurant and later as a Foster Grandparent at Lincoln Development Center.

She was a former member of the Eagles Lodge Auxilery # 2708 and Daughters of Isabella.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln, Ill.

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James D. Jario

LINCOLN, IL - James D. Jario, 91, passed away Monday, March 24, 2014, at his home in Lincoln.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, March 27, 2014, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Lincoln, the Rev. Simon Taabu officiating.

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

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

Cremation rites will be accorded following the services.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery at rural Lincoln at a later date. Military rites will be accorded by American Legion Post # 263 of Lincoln.

James D. Jario was born Sept. 13, 1922, in New York, N.Y., the son of Domenick and Mary Palermo Jario. He was united in marriage on April 11, 1945, to Johnnie Belle Brunson. She preceded him in death on Monday, March 3, 2014.

He is survived by his children, Pamela M. (Fred) Werth of Mt. Pulaski and Christine D. Logeman of Lincoln, and one grandson, James Paul (Chelsea) Logeman of Las Vegas, Nev.

James served in the U.S. 488th Army Air Force during [WWII](#) from Oct. 31, 1942 - Feb. 17, 1946, where he earned the rank of Sargeant.

He retired from Eaton- Cutler -Hammer as the manager of traffic, shipping and stock.

He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, a 3rd Degree Knight in Knights of Columbus Council # 1250, and a member of [Elks Lodge](#) # 914 B.P.O.E.,

Memorials may be made to the Elks Golf Course.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Peasley Funeral Home.

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Robin Lynn Ingram

LINCOLN, IL - Robin Lynn Ingram, 57, passed away Tuesday, March 25, 2014, at home surrounded by her family.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., Friday, March 28, 2014, at Holland Barry and Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 29, 2014, also at the funeral home with Rev. Bob Twist officiating. Burial will follow in Lucas Chapel Cemetery, Lincoln.

Robin was born August 14, 1956, in Lincoln, Ill., the daughter of Richard J. Marquard, Jr., and Helen Louise (Edwards) Marquard. She married Duane Ingram on Sept. 4, 1976, in New Holland.

She worked for 20 years at Odd Fellows Day Care Center in Lincoln. Following that she worked at Eagle in Lincoln and, then, as the Deli Manager at Kroger in Lincoln for ten years. Robin was a 20-year 4H leader. She was kind and generous and volunteered for several benefits in the area. She was an avid collector of John Deere memorabilia. She was a Cub's fan and an avid Dale Earnhardt, Jr., fan. She enjoyed camping, boating, fishing, watching Nascar, and local sprint car racing.

Surviving are her mother, Helen Marquard of Springfield, Ill.; husband, Duane Ingram of Lincoln, Ill.; son, John (Lindsay) Ingram of Daytona, Fla.; daughter, Holly (Wade) Meteer of Athens, Ill.; granddaughter, Kindsay Ingram of Daytona, Fla.; two brothers, Jack Hamblen and Jeff Hamblen, both of Springfield, Ill.; sisters, Nancy (Arnie) Burley of Mackinaw, Ill., Linda (Wayne) Condra of Titusville, Fla., and Lori (Dave) Benner of Buffalo, Ill.; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father and her sisters, Margaret Harmon and Dixie VanGiesen.

Memorial donations may be made to the Robin Ingram Benefit Fund at the New Holland Banking Center and will also be accepted at the funeral home.

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George William "Bill" Martin, Jr.

ATLANTA -- George William "Bill" Martin, Jr., 67, died at his home in Atlanta on Wednesday, March 26, 2014, at 9:58 p.m.

Funeral services for Mr. Martin will be at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 1, 2014, at the Life Pointe Church of God, 601 Pulaski St., Lincoln, IL, Pastor Douglas Bowers officiating.

Visitation will be held from 5-8 p.m. on Monday, March 31, 2014, also at the church.

Burial will be at the Atlanta Cemetery.

George William "Bill" Martin, Jr., was born May 11, 1946, in Lincoln, the son of George William and Norma Huebner Martin, Sr. He married Zelma Short in Atlanta on Aug. 1, 1965. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Danny Martin of Dwight; one daughter, Jennifer (Doug Gellner) Martin of Lincoln; three grandchildren: Kyle, Tyler and Hayden Gellner; and one brother, Kenneth (Vicki) Martin of Atlanta.

Mr. Martin was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Robin Tackett.

Bill graduated from Atlanta High School in 1964. He served in the [U.S. Navy](#) from April 1968 - June 1972 onboard the USS Chicago. He retired from Caterpillar in 1995 after 30 years. Bill put in many years of civic service: Alderman of Atlanta for 2 years, Mayor of Atlanta for 11 1/2 years, and Logan County Board member since 2008. His many committee memberships included: Logan County Planning Commission, Economic Development Partnership (Regional Development Council), Logan County Paramedics Board, Atlanta Historic Commission, and Atlanta Fall Festival Committee. And, Bill had served as the Chairman of the Board of Christian Child Care in Lincoln.

Bill was a member and Church Councilman of the Life Pointe Church of God in Lincoln and the American Legion Post 341 in Atlanta. He was an avid fan of the Cubs and Duck Dynasty.

Memorials may be made to his family.

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

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Frances Elizabeth Baker

MORTON, IL - Frances Elizabeth Baker, 95, formerly of Lincoln, Ill., passed away at 7:39 p.m., Saturday, March 29, 2014, at A.C. Restmor Nursing Home in Morton.

Frances E. was born March 31, 1918, in Midland City, Ill., daughter of Henry and Wilhelmina Rehwaldt Buchholz. She was united in marriage to Orville A. Baker on Feb. 10, 1940, in Lincoln. He preceded her in death on Sept. 22, 2003.

She is survived by her children, Dr. Donald (Jo) Baker of Morton and Reanne (David) Shive of Rockford, Ill.; grandchildren: Kara (Dr. Brad) Johnson of Morton, Valerie (Dr. Marc) Squillante of Peoria, Mark Baker of Morton, Dr. Mari Baker of Morton, Chris (Alyson) Baker of Morton, Pastor Matthew (Susie) Shive of Findlay, Ohio, Reannon (Erick) Doty of Rockford, and Janna (Scott) Wedekind of Rockford; and great-grandchildren: Brooke Wedekind, Raina Doty, Layla Doty, Emma Shive, Thomas Shive, Hannah Johnson, Sam Johnson, Christian Johnson, Paul Johnson, and Alex Squillante.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and two brothers.

Frances E. worked as a teacher and she farmed a Centennial Farm in West Lincoln with her husband for over 60 years. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Peoria, Trinity Lutheran Altar Guild, Braille Ministry, South Side Mission, Logan County Home Extension, and Logan County Farm Bureau.

Services for Frances will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, April 3, 2014, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Peoria, Pastor Mark Nelson and Pastor Matthew Synnott officiating. A visitation will be held from 9:00-10:30 a.m. prior to the service at Trinity Lutheran Church. A graveside service will be held at 2:00 p.m. at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln.

Memorials may be made to the Trinity Lutheran Church or to the A.C. Restmor Nursing Home.

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

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Harold Edward Kutz

ELKHART, IL - Harold Edward Kutz, 87, passed away at 7:55 p.m., Friday, March 28, 2014, at The Christian Village.

Harold was born in Logan County on May 29, 1926, son of Emil Kutz and Goldie Eeten Aper. He was united in marriage to Evelyn Alberta Drake on Jan. 7, 1951, at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Emden. She preceded him in death on Sept. 17, 2005.

He is survived by his children: Doug (Suzie) Kutz of Indianapolis, Ind., Greg Kutz of Lincoln, Ill., Donna (Lance) Vaughan of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., Debra (John) Swaringen of Hobe Sound, Fla., Jeff (Carol) Kutz of Elkhart, Ill., Bruce (Joanne) Kutz of Hanover, Ill., and Dawn (David) Crawford of Lincoln, Ill.; sisters: Annie (Eldon) Westen of Emden, Ill., Eileen (Ron) Hubbard of Lincoln, Ill., and Goldie (Jerry) Burlingame of Ipava, Ill.; brother, John A. Aper of Lincoln; brothers-in-law, Ralph Drake of Girard, Ill., and Jon Wibben of Hartsburg, Ill.; 20 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Darrell Lee Aper; sisters, Mary Lou Wibben and Johanna Butler; and sister-in-law, Patricia Aper.

Harold worked for Fuller Seed Company. He was a farming professional and he delivered the State Journal Register for 40 years.

Harold served his country in the U.S. Army in the [Korean War](#). He was a member of the Emden American Legion Post #506 and was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lincoln. Harold was a huge supporter of his family's sporting events, attending many different sporting events for his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Services for Harold will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lincoln, the Rev. Candida Turner conducting services. A visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m., Tuesday, April 1, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. Burial will follow the service at Hartsburg Union Cemetery in Hartsburg with full military rites accorded by the Emden American Legion Post #506.

Memorials may be made to Land of Lincoln Honor Flight or Safe Haven Hospice.

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Ruthetta A. Logan

LINCOLN, IL - Ruthetta A. Logan, 71, passed away Saturday, March 29, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 2, 2014, at Holy Family Catholic Church, the Rev. Jeffrey Laible officiating.

A Rosary Service will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday prior to the visitation.

Visitation will be held Tuesday evening from 5-8 p.m. at Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln.

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

Ruthetta A. Logan was born July 9, 1942, in Enfield, Ill., the daughter of George and Anna Mae Wilson Irvin. She married Paul Logan on April 13, 1966; in Lincoln. He survives.

Also surviving are her children, Pamela (Rod) Bradley of Springfield and Lynn (Punk) O'Donoghue of Lincoln; stepdaughter, Angela (Larry) Ralls of Anna, Ill.; sons, Paul Logan Jr. of Louisiana and Rickey (Paulette) Logan of Lincoln; grandson, Michael McCullen; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; two brothers, William (Bev) Rush of Keenes, Ill., and John (Judy) Rush of Broughton, Ill.; one sister, Brenda Voyles of Tremont; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Ida Mae Bachman, and her parents.

Ruthetta graduated from Lincoln Community High School in 1960. She retired from Lincoln Development Center after 35 years of service as a Food Supervisor.

She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church.

She enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, word searching, and spending time with her grandkids and family.

Memorials may be made to: the ALS Foundation or Carroll Catholic School.

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