

Norma Judith Bobell

MT. PULASKI, IL - Norma Judith Bobell, 84, passed away at 2:19 p.m., March 30, 2014, at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Norma was born March 29, 1930, in Hopedale, Ill., daughter of Charles and Gladys Lowman Bree. She married Gary Bobell on May 6, 1951, in Lincoln, Ill.; he survives her in Mt. Pulaski.

She was a member of Broadwell Christian Church and was the Logan County Fair Queen in 1946.

Also surviving are her children: Kathy McDougald of Bloomington, Ill., Beth (Dale) Tanke of Sherman, Ill., and Susan (Michael) Selenik of Mt. Pulaski, Ill.; one brother, Lowell Bree of Havana, Ill.; six grandchildren: Landon McDougald, Mirrin McDougald, Damon Tanke, David Tanke, Brian Tanke and Bree Selenik.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services for Norma will be at 10 a.m., Friday, April 4, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski, Ill. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., Thursday, April 3, 2014, also at the funeral home. Burial at Steenbergen Cemetery will follow the service.

Memorials may be given to: the Humane Society of Logan County or Mt. Pulaski Historical Society.

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Dolores A. Ford

ATLANTA, IL - Dolores A. Ford, 73, of Atlanta, passed away March 28, 2014, at the Myerling Home in Bloomington.

A memorial service was held at 11 a.m., Monday, March 31, 2014, at College Park Christian Church. The Rev. Brent Salm officiated. A private family interment will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Central Illinois or to the [charity of the donor's choice](#) .

Dolores was born March 17, 1941, in Decatur, Ill., to Minnie and Elmer Gehlbach. After graduating from Illinois State University, she dedicated over 30 years of her professional life as a teacher/educator to special needs individuals at the Lincoln Developmental Center.

Dolores was preceded in death by her husband, James Ford; sister, Patricia Burris; and brother, Elmer Gehlbach, Jr.

She is survived by her sister, Jean Perring of Clinton; daughter, Jolene Ford Clifford of Bloomington; son, Kyle Ford of Safety Harbor, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

Until just recently, Dolores was able enjoy the comfort and benefits of living in her own home due to the love, support and generosity of her family, great neighbors and friends.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at the Myerling Home in Bloomington, Advocate Hospice and Dr. P. Sriratana.

Carmody-Flynn Williamsburg Funeral Home in Bloomington is assisting the family. To express condolences online, please visit carmodyflynn.com.

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Sherry I. Taylor

LINCOLN, IL - Sherry I. Taylor, 67, passed away at 7:20 a.m. on Monday, March 31, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

Sherry was born Oct. 9, 1946, in Peoria, Ill., the daughter of Lloyd and Mildred I. Sheridan Chezem.

Sherry is survived by her children: Bryan Mullenbach of Lincoln, Jason (Julie) Mullenbach of Bloomington, Scott Mullenbach and Brandy Mullenbach of Lincoln; one brother, Lloyd Chezem of Lincoln; one sister, LaDella Bingham of Gold Hill, Ariz.; eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Robert.

Sherry owned Mr. Lucky's Goldmine in Lincoln.

A memorial service for Sherry will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, April 4, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. prior to the service on Friday.

Memorials may be given in Sherry's honor to [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#) in lieu of flowers.

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Constance Louise Drake

ELKHART - Constance Louise Drake, 64, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at 2:50 p.m., Sunday, March 30, 2014.

Connie was born on October 21, 1949, in Janesville, Wisc., to David and Shirley McCue Warner. She married Micheal Edward Drake on January 23, 1971, in Janesville. He survives her in Elkhart.

Also surviving are three sons, John (Jessica) Massey of Springfield, Ill., J. Micheal (Megan) Drake of Lacon, Ill., and David (Wendy) Drake of Lubbock, Texas; one sister, Heather (Charlie) Glisson of Tallmadge, Ohio; one brother, David (Diane) Warner of Janesville, Wisc.; and 12 grandchildren.

Connie was a member of the United Church of Atwood and Elkhart Christian Church and was a member of the Sound Celebration Chorus. She was a library assistant at Lincoln Christian University.

Services will be 10:30 a.m., Monday, April 7, 2014, at Jefferson Street Christian Church in Lincoln with Don Green officiating. Visitation will be Sunday, April 6, 2014, from 2-5 p.m. at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln and also one hour prior to service.

Memorials may be made to the United Church of Atwood, Elkhart Christian Church, Sound Celebration Chorus or to the Lincoln Christian University Library. Burial will be at Milton Lawns Cemetery in Janesville, Wisc., at a later date.

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Ruthetta A. Logan

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

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

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

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

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

Ruthetta A. Logan was born on July 9, 1942, in Enfield, Ill., the daughter of George Ervin and Anna Mae Wilson Rush.

She married Paul Logan on April 13, 1966, in Lincoln. He survives.

Also surviving are her children, Pamela (Rod) Bradley of Springfield, 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, twenty-one great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; two brothers, William (Bev) Rush of Keenes, Ill., and John (Judy) Rush of Broughton, Ill.; and one sister, Brenda Voyles of Tremont. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

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 searches, spending time with her grandkids and family.

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

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Bessie Ray Bassett

MT. PULASKI, IL - Bessie Ray Bassett, 89, passed away at 7:35 a.m., April 2, 2014, at Vonderlieth Living Center in Mt. Pulaski.

Bessie was born Dec. 7, 1924, in Becket, Mont., daughter of Bob and Maude Roane Ray. She married Dale Henry Bassett on March 26, 1944, in Camp Rucker, Ala.; he preceded her in death on June 21, 2011.

Bessie is survived by her children: David (Cathy) Bassett of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., and Harley J. (Pamela) Bassett of Twin Falls, Idaho; one daughter-in-law, Patricia Bassett of Cambrian Park, Calif.; one sister, Ruby Sawyer of Edgar, Mont.; nine grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Robert F. Bassett; and two brothers, Fred Ray and Blaine Ray.

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church of Mt. Pulaski, Eastern Star, and the Mt. Pulaski American Legion Auxiliary.

Services for Bessie will be 11 a.m., Monday, April 7, 2014, at St. John's Lutheran Church in Mt. Pulaski, the Rev. Steve Smith officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to service. Burial at Steenbergen Cemetery will follow the service.

Memorials may be given to St. John's Lutheran Church or St. John's Piece Makers.

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

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Tom Pegram

LINCOLN, IL - Thomas Lee "Tom" Pegram, 58, died Friday night, March 28, 2014, in Lincoln.

Tom was born in Lincoln on April 19, 1955, to Alan and Donna Rae (Harmsen) Pegram.

He was a 1973 graduate of Lincoln High School, and early on worked for several businesses in Lincoln including PPG, Lincoln Holiday Inn, and doing carpentry work. He also worked for many years on the family farm.

Tom spent most of his life in Lincoln and was always very appreciative of a close circle of friends.

Mr. Pegram is survived by two sisters, Marcia (Michael) Satterfield of Manitou Springs, Colo., and Ann (Paul) Nordstrom of Morris, Ill.; his stepmother, Pat Pegram of Mt. Pulaski; and three nephews: Lee Satterfield, and Michael and Greg Nordstrom.

A remembrance ceremony will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lincoln at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 12. Guests are welcome to visit before the ceremony from 9:30-11:00 a.m. and are welcome to stay for lunch at the church after the ceremony.

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Robert D. "Bob" Bishop

LINCOLN, IL - Robert D. "Bob" Bishop, 86, passed away at 7:50 a.m., April 3, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Bob was born May 16, 1927, in Lincoln, Ill., the son of Revie Elbert and Hazel Ann McCain Bishop. He married Josephine Ann Hickey on Dec. 6, 1947, in Lincoln. She survives him in Lincoln.

Bob is also survived by his children: Robert E. (Ann) Bishop of Lincoln, John E. "Jack" Bishop of Lincoln, Michael J. (Marni) Bishop of Sibley, James H. (Paula McQuellon) Bishop of Lincoln, Mindy Ann (Todd) Courtwright of Lincoln, and Donna Marie (Ron) Billington of Bellevue, Neb.; one sister, Virginia J. (Glenn) McLain of Panama City, Fla.; 20 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one granddaughter, April Marie Bishop.

Bob retired in 1984 from CILCO as a substation foreman. His tour of duty was served in the Pacific in the [U.S. Navy](#) during [WWII](#). Bob was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post #263, 40 & 8, and a lifetime member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers #51.

Services for Bob will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, the Rev. Jeffrey Laible officiating. Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery with full military rites by the Lincoln American Legion Post # 263.

Memorials may be given to the American Legion Post #263 or Pulmonary Rehab at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

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Sherry L. Elsberry

LINCOLN, IL - Sherry L. Elsberry, 63, passed away April 2, 2014, at her home in Lincoln.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 7, 2014, at LifePoionte Church of God in Lincoln, Ill. Burial will be at a later date in Easton, Ill.

Sherry was born April 11, 1950, a daughter of Joseph A. Elsberry and Wilma B. (Smith) Elsberry.

She graduated from Hartsburg-Emden High School and attended Illinois Central College. She had worked in past years at Country Companies and Dixie Truck Stop. She was of the Christian faith.

She is survived by a sister, Mary Blankenship; brother, Bill Elsberry; half-sister, Ruth Bentzinger; and a half-brother, Joe Elsberry.

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

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

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Mildred L. Fox

LINCOLN, IL - Mildred L. Fox, "Millie," 83, went to be with her Lord Jesus Christ on April 2, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

A visitation will be held for Mrs. Fox from 4-6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at Park Meadows Baptist Church.

A memorial service will follow at 6 p.m. with the Rev. Robert Presswood officiating.

Graveside services will be at Zion Cemetery at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Mildred Louise Fox was born Sept. 7, 1930, in Lincoln, the daughter of William Franklin and Iva Myrtle Naugle Bowns. She married Willard Paul Fox on Feb. 14, 1956. He preceded her in death on Nov. 5, 1987.

She is survived by her children: Karren (Danny) Boward, Michael Fox and Cynthia Fox; six grandchildren: Wendy Long, Jed (Mikki) Boward, Amanda (Robert) Morrow, Matthew Fox, Jake Wilkerson and Ryan Boward; six great-grandchildren: Hailey, Rylee, Madyson, Karsyn, Olivia, and baby boy; two great-great-grandchildren, Lakken and Rykker, as well as many others who called her grandmother; two sisters, Mary Howerton and Bertie Bowns; and one brother, John (Bev) Bowns.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, two brothers, one sister, and one great-granddaughter.

Millie had been employed at Lehn & Fink, Lincoln Developmental Center, and the Attorney General's Office. After retiring she worked at Wendy's for 10 years.

Millie was a devoted member of Park Meadows Baptist Church. She also devoted her time visiting the nursing homes. Millie also loved drawing and painting and enjoyed playing bingo with her friends.

Memorials may be made to: Park Meadows Baptist or the [American Diabetes Association](#) .

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Peasley Funeral Home.

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Sara Jane Sutton

LINCOLN, IL - Sara Jane Sutton, 77, passed away April 2, 2014, at her home in Lincoln.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2014, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Following visitation, cremation rites will be accorded. Burial will be at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 14, 2014, at Zion Cemetery.

Sara was born Sept. 21, 1936, in Lincoln, Ill., the daughter of William Frederick "Bill" Nichols and Dorothy Lucille (Anderson) Nichols. She married Robert Lee. He preceded her in death on Oct. 27, 2001. She later married Robert Sutton. He preceded her in death on Feb. 17, 2009.

She retired from Community Action after 25 years of service. She later worked for CILA Group Home in Lincoln for seven years.

Surviving are her children: Rob (Debby) Lee of Middletown, Ill., Debbie Gray of Lincoln, Ill., Kathy (Larry) Taylor of St. Mary's, Ga., Rick (Lisa) Lee of Lincoln, Ill., Ronele (Lyle) Benedict of Lincoln, Ill., and Mike (Ellie) Lee of Lincoln, Ill.; 14 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert Lee; her husband, Robert Sutton; and her sister, Sandra Nichols.

Memorials may be made to the Autism Society of America and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Hope JoAnn Lercher

LINCOLN, IL - Hope JoAnn Lercher, infant child of James Lercher and Jolie Cox, passed away at 5:30 a.m. on Friday, April 4, 2014, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Ill.

Hope is survived by her parents; sister, Mira Thompson; maternal grandparents, Bernard (Loretta Ingram) Cox of Lincoln, and Peggy Jo (David) Dyer of Ripley, Ill.; paternal grandparents, Lisa (Harry Hopp) Lercher of Lincoln, and Randy (Jenny Boyer) Lercher of Athens, Ill.; paternal great-grandparents, Lyle and Donna Horner of Minier, Ill., and Charlie (Kathy) Lercher of Lincoln; and great-great-grandmother, JoAnn Lee of Lincoln.

She was preceded in death by her uncle, Ryan Cox; great-grandfather, Gene McCawley; great-grandmother, Lucille Cox; and great-grandmother, Mary Winner.

Graveside services will be held for Hope at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln. Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. prior to services at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Memorials may be made to the Carol Jo Vecchie Maternity Ward at St. John's Hospital.

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Harold D. Tucker

ARMINGTON, IL - Harold D. Tucker, 80, passed away at 5:52 a.m., Saturday, April 5, 2014, at Symphony of Lincoln in Lincoln, Ill.

He was born Sept. 16, 1933, in Minier to Owen and Velma Hainline Tucker. He married Darlene Atteberry on June 23, 1957, in Armington, and she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Marvin S. Tucker of Armington; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one brother, Garry Tucker of Armington.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one son, Douglas H. Tucker.

He was a U.S. [Army](#) veteran. After the service, Harold worked for his father, Owen Tucker, as a truck driver. When his father died, he then worked for his mother, Velma Tucker, also as a truck driver. He and his brother, Garry, owned and operated the oldest working permit, 174MCCR, in the state of Illinois until the business sold in 2005. He then worked part-time for Nu Way Trucking in Bloomington until 2011.

He was a member of Eminence Christian Church in Atlanta and a member of Midwest Truckers Association in Springfield.

He enjoyed mowing grass and watching his grandchildren's sporting events.

His funeral will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2014, at Davis Mortuary in Hopedale, Pastor L.C. Sutton officiating. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday at Davis Mortuary in Hopedale. Burial will be in Oakview Cemetery in Armington.

Memorials may be made to: Armington Fire and Rescue or Eminence Christian Church.

To express condolences online visit www.davismortuaryinc.com.

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Dorothy M. Wark

MASON CITY, IL - Dorothy M. Wark, 91, passed away at the Mason City Area Nursing Home on Feb. 1, 2014.

She was born Dec. 29, 1922, the daughter of Herman and Elizabeth (Schaub) Brinkmeyer. She married Herschel Wark on June 6, 1942; he preceded her in death in 2006.

Dorothy leaves behind one sister, Lucille, out of eleven siblings; two granddaughters, Pamela Jo Mihalko and Amy E. Bagley; two great-grandsons; and three great-granddaughters of Blue Springs, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her son, James, who died in 1976.

Dorothy was a member of the Middletown Methodist Church. She worked at Stetson China where she painted dishware from 1954-1966 and she retired from GMP Pierce Glass Bottle in 1985.

A memorial service will be held at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City at 10:30 a.m. on April 12, 2014. Visitation will begin half an hour prior to the service.

She was buried at Irish Grove Cemetery in Middletown.

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

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Vernon P. Charron

LINCOLN, IL - Vernon P. Charron, 85, died at 12:45 a.m. on April 7, 2014, at Lincoln Christian Village.

Vernon was born Nov. 30, 1928, in Lincoln, the son of Edward and Marie Huskins Charron. He married Anna J. Robbins on May 7, 1947, in Lincoln. She survives in Lincoln.

Vernon is survived by his children: Roy (Chie) Charron of Japan, Kenneth (Ally) Charron of Hayward, Calif., Linda (Larry) Norman of Niles, Mich., Gloria (Bill) Parker of Lincoln, Sandra (Calvin E.) Allen of Lincoln, Carolyn (George) Peden of Bloomington, Gayla Charron of Lincoln, and Elizabeth (Kevin) Johnson of Pekin; brothers: Arnold Charron of Lincoln and Tommy (Linda) Charron of Lincoln; sisters: Elsie May Mileham of Lincoln, Janet Woody of Sumner, Mo., and Wanda (Marvin) Langley of Robinson; 22 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son: Gregory; one grandson: Shane Young; and one brother: Wayne.

Vernon retired Jan. 1, 1991, after 20 years as mechanic and driver for Contractor's Ready Mix of Lincoln. He also worked at Deer Creek Coal Mine for 20 years. He was a member of Jefferson Street Christian Church. He loved NASCAR and raced sprint cars and stock cars.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 11, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, the Rev. Doug Bowers officiating. Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. prior to service.

Memorials may be given to the family.

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Mary "Pauline" Rothwell

LINCOLN, IL - Mary "Pauline" Rothwell, 88, passed away Saturday April 5, 2014 at her home in Lincoln.

Pauline was born Feb. 17, 1926, in Harrisburg, Ill., to Cletus and Mary Von Linin Jones. She was a professional librarian at the Illinois State Library in Springfield for 27 years. She was a member of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services as well as an avid reader and loved to garden. Pauline was also a bridge club member in Mt. Pulaski for over 25 years.

Surviving are three daughters: Marsha O'Brien of Lincoln, Barbara Jones of Lincoln, and Gail (Michael) Wood of Newburgh, Ind.; 16 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

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

Pauline requested that her body be donated to science. There will be no services.

Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln handled the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Logan County.

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Juanita L. Henderson

WILLIAMSVILLE, IL - Juanita L. Henderson, 91, of Williamsville passed away on April 5, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

She is survived by three sons: Jeffery L. (Renee) Henderson of Eureka, Ill., Terry W. (Sharon) Henderson of Haughton, La., and S. Bart (fiancé, Carolyn) Henderson of Williamsville; one daughter, Bonita (Phillip) George of Santa Fe, N.M.; 13 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and several cousins.

Mrs. Henderson was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne; a son, C. Bret; a grandson, Robert; and her parents.

She was born June 12, 1922, in Springfield, Ill., the daughter of Abe and Blanche (Luckhart) Fulcher. She married Wayne Henderson on July 11, 1943, in Williamsville at the Williamsville Christian Church.

Mrs. Henderson attended the American Hill School and then later graduated from Williamsville High School.

She was a founding member of the Williamsville Community Foundation. She was an active member in the Historical Society and Boxcar Museum in Williamsville.

She was a long-time member of the Williamsville United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Henderson enjoyed many years of being a farmer's wife and helping on the farm.

Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2014, at Mott & Henning Funeral Home in Athens.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 11, 2014, at the Williamsville United Methodist Church, the Rev. Dick Piscatelli officiating. Burial will be at Walnut Hill Cemetery near Williamsville.

Memorials can be made to the Williamsville United Methodist Church.

Online condolences can be shared at www.mottandhenning.com.

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Thomas W. "TJ" Winegardner, Jr.

MIFFLINTOWN, PA - Thomas W. "TJ" Winegardner, Jr., 30, died at 8:35 a.m. on Friday, April 4, 2014, at his home in Mifflintown.

Born Dec. 11, 1983, in Decatur, Ill., he is the son of Thomas W. and Barbara A. (McCray) Winegardner, Sr., of Pierson, Fla.

He is also survived by a son, Thomas W. "Liam" Winegardner, III, of Mifflintown; two sisters, Daphne (Eric Sr.) M. Fay of Frisco, Texas and Lacey (David) L. Martin of Chantilly, Va., his maternal grandparents, Leroy and Judy (Aper) McCray of Lincoln; and nieces and nephews, Emma Fay, Hadley Fay, Eric Fay, Jr., Brody Martin, Ava Martin and Bella Martin.

Preceding him in death were his paternal grandparents, William D. and Nancy Lee (Watson) Winegardner.

He was a member of the St. Jude's Catholic Church in Mifflintown.

"TJ's" interests included hunting, fishing, four wheeler riding and racing sprint cars. His racing career began when he was 18 years old and, to name a few of his achievements, he was the ASCS Rebel Regional Champion; Port Royal Speedway Rookie of the Year, Port Royal, Pa.; East Bay Rookie of the Year, Tampa, Fla.; and he loved driving with the renown PA Posse.

Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2014, from the Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, Lewistown, the Rev. William Weary officiating.

Graveside services will held at noon on Saturday, April 12, 2014, at Holy Cross Cemetery in Lincoln, Ill., the Rev. Jeffrey G. Laible officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Liam Winegardener Memorial Fund, c/o First National Bank of Mifflintown, PO Box 96, Mifflintown, PA.

Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln is assisting the family with local arrangements.

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Marie M. Kindred Cheek

ATLANTA, IL - Marie M. Kindred Cheek, 96, passed away Wednesday, April 9, 2014, at 9:15 a.m. at the Apostolic Christian Restmor Nursing Home in Morton.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, April 14, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at the Quiram Peasley Funeral Home with Mr. Maurice Stribling officiating.

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

Burial will be in the Atlanta Cemetery.

Marie M. Cheek was born on March 9, 1918, in Lincoln the daughter of Albert Edward and Christina M. Holzaepfel Maloney. She married John D. Kindred on Aug. 16, 1937. He preceded in death on Nov. 13, 1963. She later married Michael E. Cheek on Aug. 4, 1966. He preceded her in death on Jan. 9, 2002.

Survivors include her children: David (Cheryl) Kindred of Carlock, Sandra (W. James) Litwiller of Morton; four grandchildren: Jeff (Lisa) Kindred, Sueann (John) Spinder, Jamie (Aleta) Litwiller and Kathy (Howard) Frampton; seven great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Also surviving Marie are Michael's children: Mark (Yvonne) Cheek, Mickey (Liz) Cheek and Christy (John) Agee; seven step grandchildren; and six step great grandchildren.

Marie graduated from Lincoln Community High School in 1936.

In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate donations to: Morton Rescue Squad or Apostolic Christian Restmor.

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William Hoffert

LINCOLN, IL - William Henry Hoffert, 89, formerly of Pekin, passed away Monday, April 7, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

Born May 18, 1924, in Elkhart, Ill., to Henry and Anna (Balster) Hoffert, he married Leota Marie Chitwood on May 24, 1957, in Juarez, Mexico. She died March 14, 2011, in Pekin.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; one grandson, Byron Hoffert; two sisters, Irma Ellis and Dorothy Gingras; and one brother, Harry Hoffert.

Surviving are two sons, William (Sandy) Hoffert, Jr. of Fairfield, Calif., and Larry (Connie) Hoffert of Pekin; one daughter, Patricia (Ron) Parmele of Mackinaw; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews, including a niece, DiAnne (Mick) Turner of Lincoln who helped care for him and a nephew and hunting buddy, David (Pam) Huskisson of Albuquerque, N.M.

A U.S. [Army](#) Air Force veteran of [WWII](#), he served from Nov. 21, 1942 - Nov. 24, 1945. He attained the rank of Sergeant. He was assigned to the 498th Bomb Group and participated in campaigns in the Eastern Mandates, Western Pacific, and Air Offensive in Japan. William was proud to be among the first Honor Flight out of Central Illinois.

William worked for McDonald Electric in Albuquerque, N.M., for 27 years, retiring June 1, 1986, as an electrical superintendent.

He was a member of St. John United Church of Christ in Lincoln and a life member of the Albuquerque Moose Lodge #2241.

William enjoyed fishing, hunting, being outdoors, and attending family picnics.

His service will be at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, at St. John United Church of Christ, 210 Seventh St., Lincoln, IL, the Rev. Jan C. Johnson officiating. Visitation will be from 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at the church. Burial will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln where military rites will be accorded by the Lincoln American Legion Post #263.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Land of Lincoln Honor Flight, 57 Country Place, Springfield, IL 62703 or the Humane Society of Logan County, 1801 Lincoln Pkwy., Lincoln, IL 62656.

Arrangements are by Preston-Hanley Funeral Homes & Crematory in Pekin. To express condolences online, visit preston-hanley.com.

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Robert D. Fleshman

LINCOLN, IL - Robert D. Fleshman, 66, passed away at 4:42 p.m. on Thursday, April 10, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Robert was born Oct. 16, 1947, in Lincoln, the son of James Russell and Louise Amelia Fleshman. He was married to Phyllis Halsey and later divorced. He was united in marriage to Connie Hanslow on July 7, 1979, at Lincoln Christian Church. She survives him in Lincoln.

Other survivors include his children: Christine Rivero of Littleton, Colo., Stacy (Dan) Thielen of Canton, Mich., and Nicholas A. (Sara Rogers) Fleshman of Lincoln; grandchildren: Andrew (Allison) Hindt, Zach Thielen, Chase Thielen, Isabella Rivero and Mia the dog Fleshman; and one brother, Tom (Sally) Fleshman of Lincoln.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers: James D., Russell, John, and Ritchie; and one sister, Alice Gonzalez.

Robert worked for Caterpillar Tractor Co. for 35 years and five years at Turris Coal Mine. He was a member of the UAW 974.

Services for Robert will be held at 7 p.m., Monday, April 14, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. A visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Monday prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to: Humane Society of Logan County or donor's choice.

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Shirley Ann Smith

BLOOMINGTON, IN - Shirley Ann Smith, 77, passed away at her home in Bloomington on Tuesday, April 8, 2014.

She was born Aug. 10, 1936, in Hannibal, Mo., the daughter of the late Arthur and Sylvia (Hooper) Hampsmire. She enjoyed quilting and crafts and was an avid NASCAR fan, always rooting for her man Jeff Gordon. Her greatest joy came later in her life by being a foster grandma at Chester East Lincoln School.

She is survived by her children: Arthur Ballard (wife, Sindie) of Lincoln, Ill., Cynthia (Ballard) Trenkamp (husband, Gerald) of Avondale, Ariz., Loretta (Ballard) Theodore (husband, Brady) of Bloomington, Ind., David Ballard (wife, Liane) of Lincoln, Ill., Forrest Ballard of Chicago, Ill., and Toni (Smith) Bauer of Mason City, Ill.; 17 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and her canine companion, Marti.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Louis Allen Smith; her four brothers: Howard "Dale" Hampsmire, Harold Hampsmire, Forrest "Jack" Hampsmire and Lloyd Hampsmire; and one grandson, Justin Trenkamp.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 16, 2014, at Lincoln Christian Church, 204 N. McLean, Lincoln, IL. Burial will be Thursday, April 17, 2014, at Akers Chapel Cemetery in Hull, Ill.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to your local animal shelter.

Allen Funeral Home in Bloomington, Ind., is handling arrangements. Friends can send condolences to www.allenfuneralhome.org.

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Charles Edward Waltz Jr.

LINCOLN, IL - Charles Edward Waltz Jr., 66, passed away April 10, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

Visitation will be Tuesday, April 15, 2014, from 1-2 p.m. at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday also at the funeral home with Pastor Larry Crawford officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Camp Butler National Cemetery.

Charles was born June 28, 1947, in Nevada, Mo., the son of Charles Edward Waltz Sr. and Lucy (Moore) Waltz.

He proudly served his country in the [U.S. Navy](#). He retired from Lincoln Developmental Center after more than 28 years of service.

Surviving are: his son, Mayor Edward (Angela) Waltz of Maysville, N.C.; his daughter, Melissa (David) Houston of Weldon, Ill.; grandchildren: Chance and Allen Waltz and Elizabeth and Destiny Houston; and sisters, Lenora (Orin) Marshall of Holton, Kan., and Rosemary Waltz of Springfield, Mo.

He was preceded in death by his parents; stepsisters, Louise Bennett and Frances Ellifrits; stepbrothers, Roy Whalen and Sam DeVore; and half-brothers, Keith Waltz and Gerald Waltz.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Robert "Bob" Bergman

MASON CITY, IL - Robert "Bob" Bergman, 85, passed away 9:15 a.m., Sunday, April 13, 2014, at the Mason City Area Nursing Home.

He was born April 28, 1928, the son of Offie and Frannie (Conklen) Bergman, in Mason City, Ill. He married Mardelle Adkins August 20, 1950, at the Methodist Church in San Jose; she survives.

Bob is also survived by his children, Steve (Eleanor) Bergman of Mason City and Faye (Robert) Yetton of Peoria IL; his grandchildren, Jessica (Shane) Mitchell, Brad (Trisha) Bergman, Doug (Clare) Bergman, and Scott Bergman; four great-grandchildren Bennett Bergman, Brode Bergman, Addison Mitchell, and Piper Mitchell; and one sister, Mary K. Young of Lincoln, Ill. He was preceded in death by one son, Thomas Bergman, his parents, and brother, Jim Bergman.

Bob was a lifelong farmer but mostly enjoyed spending time with his family. He was a member of the Mason City United Methodist Church. He served on the Mason City School Board, Mason County FS Board, Farm Credit Board, and many other boards.

A funeral service will be held at Mason City United Methodist Church Wednesday, April 16, 2014, at 10 a.m. Reverend Dan Powers will officiate. Burial will follow at the Mason City Cemetery. A visitation for Bob will be held Tuesday, April 15, 2014, from 5- 7:30 p.m. at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City. Memorial contributions may be made to the United Methodist Church of the Mason City Area Nursing Home.

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

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Kenneth G. Doolin

ATLANTA, IL - Kenneth G. Doolin, 73, passed away Monday, April 14, 2014, at 12:24 p.m. at his home in rural Atlanta surrounded by his loving family.

Funeral services for Mr. Doolin will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, April 18, 2014, at Quiram Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta with Pastor Dee Pruitt officiating.

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

Burial will be at Zion Cemetery in Lincoln.

Kenneth Gene Doolin was born Nov. 17, 1940, in Pinckneyville, Ill., the son of Phillip and Minnie Lucille Koenigstein Doolin. He married Jane Beck on Sept. 15, 1963. She survives.

Also surviving are his children: LaVonna Beck, Richard (Angie) Doolin and Vicky (Rex) Wright; two sisters, Phyllis Witt and Wanda (Gene) Cross; two brothers, Maurice (Donna) Doolin and Roger (Marsha) Doolin; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents.

He retired from General Electric in Bloomington after 30 years of service. He was a member of Machinist's Union Local # 1000.

Kenneth enjoyed fishing, mushroom hunting and driving his John Deere Tractor.

Memorials may be made to his family.

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Dean M. Scott

MT. PULASKI, IL - Dean M. Scott, 93, passed away at 6:50 a.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2014, at Vonderlieth Living Center in Mt. Pulaski.

Dean was born Feb. 3, 1921, in Logan County to Matthew and Minnie Alma Weddle Scott. He married Mary "Peggy" Downing on Oct. 26, 1940, in Bowling Green, Mo. She survives him after 73 years of marriage.

Dean farmed for 40 years in the Mt. Pulaski area and worked for Roland Machinery in Springfield for 20 years. He was a member of the Mt. Pulaski First United Methodist Church, the Mt. Pulaski Lion's Club and the Odd Fellows for over 50 years.

Dean is survived by his wife; three daughters, Kathy (Franklin) Richardson of Mesa, Ariz., Judith (Lyndel) Emrick of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., and Gloria (David) Reynolds of Springfield; one sister, Fern McKee of Clyde Park, Mont.; nine grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Deborah Klein; six brothers and sisters; and three grandchildren.

Services for Dean will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 18, 2014, at the First United Methodist Church of Mt. Pulaski, the Rev. Rachel Stockle officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church. Burial will follow at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church.

Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski is handling arrangements.

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Duewell D. Welch

LINCOLN, IL - Duewell D. Welch, 88, passed away Sunday, April 13, 2014, at the Christian Village in Lincoln.

He was born July 29, 1925, the son of Ira and Emma Houseman Welch in Jerseyville, Ill. He married Bonnie Edwards Hagen on July 18, 1948, in Lincoln.

She survives as well as his daughter, Renee Dreusicke (John) of Lincoln, and granddaughter, Laine Dreusicke (fiancé Eric Sutkay) of Union Grove, Wis. Also surviving are a sister, Bettie Linn of Poplar Bluff, Mo., and several nieces and nephews.

Duewell "Doc" attended Jerseyville Schools, Shurtliff College and Millikin University. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1942-1945, much of the time stationed at Pearl Harbor.

Mr. Welch was a part owner and general manager of Lincoln Builders Supply Company for 24 years. He later earned his broker's license and opened Welch Real Estate. Before retiring, he was a field representative for the County Assessor's Office and a court bailiff for Logan County.

Duewell was a charter member of the Lincoln Junior Chamber of Commerce. He was a lifetime member of the Lincoln Elks B.P.O.E., joining the organization in 1949 and serving in most offices as well as Exalted Ruler. He served several years with the Logan County Red Cross, as a board member, as chairman, and as the blood bank chairman. Mr. Welch joined the American Legion in 1945 and was a member for over 60 years. Duewell was a board member of the Logan County Housing Authority, having served when the College St. apartment hi-rise was built. He served as the president of the Illinois Lumber Dealers Association and was selected as a Lincoln Courier Citizen of the Month in 1981.

Duewell loved the St. Louis Cardinals, Illinois basketball and LCHS basketball, being a charter member and officer of the Railer Basketball Booster Club. He and Bonnie enjoyed traveling, managing to visit all fifty states.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 18, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with a nephew, William Edwards, officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Full military rites will be accorded by Lincoln American Legion Post #263 Honor Guard.

Memorials may be made to: Logan County Red Cross, Lincoln Elks B.P.O.E. or the First United Methodist Church.

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Virginia Sue Sparks Estep

LINCOLN, IL - Virginia Sue Sparks Estep, 77, passed away after a year-long battle with cancer early in the morning of April 14, 2014, in Lincoln.

Sue was a homemaker, an active member of the Southern Acres Christian Church, worked in the Human Resource Department of Sayre Christian Village for 25 years until her retirement, and enjoyed the company of many friends through church, work, and the neighborhood.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Riley Estep, Sr.; several siblings: Dr. O.D. Sparks, Jr., Howard Sparks, Anna Sparks Colvin, and Richard E. Sparks; and her mother, Sarah Hattie Castle Sparks.

Sue is survived by her son, James Riley Estep, Jr., (wife, Karen) of Lincoln, Ill., and grandchildren: Budd (Kara) Estep, Dovie Estep and Dylan Estep. She is also survived by two sisters, Darlene Preston of Canton, Ohio, and Dorothy Bradley of Kenova, W.V., as well as a brother-in-law, David (Marcie) Estep of Van Lear, Ky.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, April 18, 2014, at Milward – Southland in Lexington, Ky. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Jones – Preston Funeral Home in Paintsville, Ky., with a visitation beginning at 1 p.m.

I want to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, encouragement, and support during the year-long ordeal of my mother's cancer.

In lieu of flowers the family requests you send donations to: Sayre Christian Village Nursing Home's Resident's Recreation Program.

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John W. Davis

McLEAN, IL - John W. Davis, 95, passed away on at 4:08 p.m., Tuesday, April 15, 2014, at the Henry and Jane Vonderlieth Living Center in Mt. Pulaski.

A Memorial Service for Mr. Davis will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 19, 2014, at the McLean Christian Church with Mr. Tony Billingsley officiating.

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

Burial will be in the McLean Cemetery.

John Wesley Davis was born on June 2, 1918, in Washington County, Ind., the son of Millard Wesley and Madge Green Davis. He was united in marriage on July 30, 1950, in Streator to Florence M. Brown. She preceded him in death on June 17, 2006, in McLean.

Surviving Mr. Davis are his children, Sharon (Gene) Sears, John W. "Bussy" Davis, Rick Davis, Ronald (Becky) Davis, Diana Dupin, Brenda Shane, Millard (Shelly) Davis, Robert Davis, and Michelle and Chris Morrow; two sisters, Dayle Davis and Ruby Butler; half sister, Rose Sharpe; two half brothers, Bill Elliot, Jim Elliot; 20 grandchildren; and twenty-five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Annie Horath, four sisters and two brothers.

Memorials may be made to the Mt. Hope/ Funks Grove Twp. Fire Department or Safe Haven Hospice.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Quiram Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta.

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Carley J. McLaughlin

LINCOLN, IL - Carley J. McLaughlin, 87, passed away at 6:35 a.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

Carley was born Feb. 25, 1927, in Paxton, Ill., the daughter of William S. and Elizabeth Patton Nelson. She married Walter McLaughlin on May 5, 1951, in Lincoln, Ill. He preceded her in death on Dec. 30, 2013.

She is also survived by one son, Don W. (Caryn) McLaughlin; two daughters, Marsha S. (Bill) Utterback and Janice K. (Doug) Robbins, all of Lincoln; sisters, Kathleen Sprehe of Elmhurst, Ill., and Sue Ellen Fairfield of Foosland, Ill.; grandchildren: Brandy, Carrie, Sarah, Shanan, Josh, Lyndsey, Misty, Adam, and Shane; two step grandchildren, Joshua and Harley Utterback; great-grandchildren: Brandon, Carley, Gavin, Elijah, Jada, Mia, Hunter, Hannah, Alyssa, and Nancy Ann; step great-grandchildren, Aven and Daykon Utterback.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; her brother, Sherman Nelson; and one daughter, Nancy J. McLaughlin Anderson.

Carley was a cook at the Lincoln Community High School and she was a member of the Lincoln Christian Church. Carley loved to watch hummingbirds at her hummingbird feeder, collecting ornamental roosters and chickens, and she loved her cat, Rosie.

Carley chose to be cremated. Memorial services for Carley and Walter McLaughlin will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with Brandon Boyd officiating. A visitation will be held from noon to 2 p.m. prior to the service on Thursday. Burial will be at Zion Cemetery following the service.

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

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Marie Arlene Nicolay

Marie Arlene Nicolay passed away peacefully on March 31, 2014, at the home of her son David in Las Vegas, Nev. She was born in Lansing, Mich. on June 11, 1926. She married Theodore "Ted" Nicolay in 1947 and they resided in Lincoln with their three children from 1951 until they moved to Ariz. in 1975. Marie was preceded in death by her mother, Marguerite Heenan, her husband, Ted, and her daughter, Cynthia Harbert. Marie is survived by her daughter, Elaine Rogers of Scottsdale, Ariz., and her son, David Nicolay of Las Vegas, Nev. Her grand children include Cord Rogers, Erin Rogers, Nicole Masse, Shannon Clinton, Beverly Williams, Donald Nicolay, Charles Nicolay and Megan Mahan. Her great-grandchildren include Aidan and Jessica Rogers, Tristan, Raziel and David Rogers, Ethan Masse, Riley Clinton, and Alli Brown. Marie was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who loved to cook and entertain friends and family and whose artistic style amazed and inspired everyone who knew and loved her. She was a lifelong contributor to St. Vincent De Paul. Memorial services will be held at the Franciscan Renewal Center in Scottsdale, Ariz., on April 23 at 2 p.m. with a reception to follow.

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Harold E. Rayburn

EMDEN, IL - Harold E. Rayburn, 66, passed away at 6:20 a.m. on April 19, 2014, at his home surrounded by his family.

Harold was born April 11, 1948, in Davenport, Neb., the son of Carlyle and Wilda Avers Rayburn. He married Connie Burlingame on Oct. 26, 1979, in Emden, Ill. She survives in Emden, Ill.

Harold is also survived by his children: Bruce Rayburn of Lincoln, Sarah McCree of Emden, and Carrie (Steven) Brink of Round Rock, Texas; four sisters: Linda (Gene) Warnisher of Texas, Joyce Taylor of Alabama, Lola (Luther) Neal of Tennessee, and Blanche Giles of Oklahoma; and nine grandchildren: Heather, Skylar, Megan, Caleb, Payge, James, Kennedy, Avila, and Kaylee.

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

Harold had been a truck driver for Klopp Trucking; Crete Trucking and Hunt Trucking. He also farmed in the Beason and Emden area. He was a member of St. Peters Lutheran Church of Emden, Sons of the American Legion, 4-H and FFA.

Services for Harold will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 25, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, the Rev. Roger David officiating. Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Bethel Cemetery in rural Emden.

Memorials may be given to St. Peter's Lutheran Sunday School.

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Emily R. McElhanev

LINCOLN, IL - Emily R. McElhanev, 100, passed away Monday, April 21, 2014, at The Christian Village surrounded by her loving family.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. on Friday, April 25, 2014, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. on Friday, also at the funeral home with Pastor Adam Quine and Chaplain Ryan Edgecombe officiating. Burial will follow at Hittle Grove Cemetery in Armington, Ill.

Emily was born Nov. 19, 1913, in Delavan, Ill., the daughter of Richmond Robison and Ina (Goodyear) Robison. She married Ernest D. McElhanev on June 21, 1944, in Norfolk, Va. He preceded her in death on Dec. 9, 1995.

Mrs. McElhanev was a 1937 graduate of Illinois State Normal University. She also studied at the University of Colorado and the [University of Illinois](#). She taught high school home economics for 14 years. She was the Home Advisor with the University of Illinois Co-operative Extension Service for 23 years, 15 of those years as the Home Advisor in Logan County, Ill. She had also been Home Advisor in White County, Ill., for seven years. She was chosen for membership in Epsilon Sigma Phi and Gamma Sigma Delta, both honorary professional groups. In 1969 she was the recipient of the National Association of Extension Home Economists distinguished service award. She was the Lincoln Courier Woman of the Month in July 1977.

She was a member of Daughters of the American Revolution, American Legion Auxiliary (Hartsburg, Ill.), the Retired Teachers Association, Logan County Genealogical Society, a founding member of the Oasis Senior Center (Lincoln, Ill.), and a 60 year member of the Order of Eastern Star. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Lincoln.

She is survived by two daughters, Carolyn (James) Swartz of Watseka, Ill., and Juanita (Stan) Paulis of Springfield, Ill.; one son, Bob (Marta) McElhanev of Peoria, Ill.; two sisters, Martha Dale of Park Ridge, Ill., and Mary Helen Morgan of Payson, Ill.; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Marilyn Cox; two brothers, Alfred Robison and Richmond Robison Jr.; and one sister, Ruth Kinsinger.

Memorials may be made to: First Presbyterian Church of Lincoln and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Sally Gibbs Hatcher

YORKTOWN, VA - Sally Gibbs Hatcher, 73, passed away Sunday, April 20, 2014.

Sally was a native of Chicago and former resident of Lincoln, Ill., before moving to Yorktown in February 2014.

She has an impressive history of work: from 1961-1975, Sally worked in many skill sets for Chicago's Illinois Bell Telephone: from an Information Operator, a Dial Clerk, a Frame Attendant, to an Office Technician. From 1975-1980 she along with her husband, Dennis, opened and operated a small jewelry business titled "What's Hapnen Jewelry". In the latter part of 1980, after relocating to Jacksonville, Ill., Sally accepted employment with Elm City Rehabilitation Center managing mentally disabled client services and dedicated seven years toward this effort. After the high school graduation of her daughter, Denise, relocation ensued and she attained employment with Diamond Star Mitsubishi Motors of which she later retired and in 1996 pursued certification in the field of International Personal Property Appraisal of fine arts, antiques, jewelry, and residential contents.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Dennis Hatcher; her parents, John and Carrie Murray Gibbs; a sister, Ida; and brothers, Oscar and Floyd.

She is survived by her daughter, Denise Hatcher of Yorktown, Va.; a sister, Johnnie Jackson of Champaign, Ill.; and brothers: Ernie Williams of Springfield, Ill., Clarence Gibbs of Dallas, Texas and Jimmy Gibbs of Tampa, Fla.

A Celebration of Sally's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 26, 2014, in the Chapel of Amory Funeral Home in Grafton, Va. The family will receive friends following the service.

Memorial donations may be made to the Lincoln Public Library District, 725 Pekin St., Lincoln, IL 62656.

Arrangements by Amory Funeral Home in Grafton, Va.

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Donald Ray "Donnie" Letterle

LINCOLN, IL - Donald Ray "Donnie" Letterle, 62, formerly of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., died at 11:41 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, in Lincoln.

Donnie was born Oct. 6, 1951, in Lincoln, Ill., son of Charles Albert and Gladys Maebell Callahan Letterle. Donnie married Janet Kay Bowles on July 3, 1970, and married Jill Przykopanski on Aug. 26, 1989. He served in the U.S. Army from 1971-1973. He worked at Caterpillar and retired from there after 30 years of service.

Donnie is survived by his daughters, Stacy (Charles) Hickey of Mt. Pulaski and Laurie Riedle of Lawndale, Ill.; his mother, Gladys Letterle of Mt. Pulaski, Ill.; sister, Mitzy Letterle of Lake Fork, Ill.; three step-children: Casey McCormick of Athens, Ill., Courtney McCormick of Lincoln, Ill., and Ashley Combs of Mt. Pulaski, Ill.; five grandchildren and five step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father; brother, Dennis; and sisters, Mary Lou and Vicky Sue.

Graveside services for Donnie will be 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 29, 2014, at Lake Bank Cemetery with Mark Weber and Casey McCormick officiating.

Memorials may be given to the family of Donald Letterle.

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

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Donna L. Snow

MCLEAN, IL – Donna L. Snow, 77, passed away Wednesday, April 23, 2014, at 4:50 p.m. at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington.

Funeral services for Mrs. Snow will be held at McLean Christian Church at noon on Saturday, April 26, 2014. Mr. Tony Billingsley will officiate.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. - noon on Saturday at the church.

Burial will be at McLean Cemetery.

Surviving Mrs. Snow are her six children: Chuck (Gina) Snow of Chatham, Rick (Debbie) Snow of East Peoria, Brian (Lori) Snow of McLean, Mark (Joan) Snow of Bloomington, Brad Snow of Bloomington and Carol Grammer of Mascoutah; and one sister: Shirley Stewart of Columbia, Mo.

She is further survived by 12 grandchildren: Chad (Erin) Grammer, Travis Grammer, Brandy (Gary) Lowe, Kristin and Katie Snow, Laura (Joe) Jasko, Allison Snow, Alex Wade, Charline (John Cleeson) Potter, Justin and Grant Snow, and Braylyne Snow; and 17 great-grandchildren: Donavin, Jaksin, Shelby, King, Kayla, Alyssa, Kylie, Grace, Charlie, Owen, Joline, Anthony, Aydin, Patrick, Kristina, Quinn and Jay.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Betty Wilcox; one son-in-law, Rick Grammer; one grandson, Mark Potter; and one great-granddaughter, Morgan Jasko.

Donna Lee Charles was born Feb. 8, 1937, in Lincoln, Ill., the daughter of Albert and Carrie Kingsley Charles. She married Russell Snow in 1953. He preceded her in death on June 21, 2011.

She was a member of the Mclean Christian Church and had worked in the State Farm Canteen, at the Dixie and Horne's Restaurant during her lifetime.

Memorials may be made to: McLean Christian Church and Children's Hospital of Illinois, Peoria.

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

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Carolyn Sue Kelly

JOLIET, IL - Carolyn Sue Kelly (nee Petro), 71, of Joliet, passed away peacefully on April 18, 2014, at home in Joliet.

Carolyn was born Sept. 20, 1942, in Lincoln, Ill., and resided in the Joliet and Plainfield area most of her life.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Dorothy Petro; a brother, Roger Petro; and one beloved sister, Linda Presswood.

Survived by her loving husband and soul mate, James; cherished children: Steven Tate, Pamela (Glen) Tate Kleidon, Kelly Novak and Christopher (Jennifer) Tate; dear stepchildren: Tracy (Steve Hill) Kelly, Mary Anne Kelly, Noleen (Joe) Power, Seamus (Leith) Kelly and David Kelly; 13 adored grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; stepmother, Donna Petro; a brother, Sidney (Linda) Petro; and three sisters: Judy Sanders, Roberta Beecraft and Phyliss Petro. She is also survived by her faithful companions, her dogs, Mae West and Oliver.

Carolyn got to fulfill her dreams and opened Forget-Me-Not flower shop in Orland Park with her sister-in-law, Angie Kelly. Jim and Carolyn were so in love, they were truly soul mates. In sickness and in health....until death do us part, Jim stood by his vows. Carolyn was a great mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She cherished and loved her family.

Visitation was held April 22, 2014, at O'Neil Funeral Home Chapel, 1105 E. 9th St., Lockport, IL.

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Carl McCurry

MT. PULASKI, IL - Carl McCurry, 89, of Mt. Pulaski passed away at 2:35 a.m. on Monday, April 28, 2014, at Vonderlieth Living Center in Mt. Pulaski.

Carl was born on May 20, 1924, in Elkhart, Ill., son of Thomas and Eva Scroggins McCurry, Sr. He was united in marriage to Jeanine Beverly Carlin on Aug. 12, 1950. She preceded him in death on Feb. 25, 1995. He was a retired farm hand and a member of the Logan County Farm Bureau.

Survivors include his children, Larry (Pam) McCurry of Ariz.; Christopher (Sarah) McCurry of Lincoln, Ill.; Scott (Insook) McCurry of Latham, Ill.; Julie (Doug) Clampet of Chestnut, Ill.; and Deanna (Kenneth) Graber of Lincoln, Ill.; two brothers, George McCurry of Mt. Pulaski and Thomas McCurry of Cornland, Ill.; one sister, Annis Morris of Ariz.; eleven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Henry, and one son, Dennis Ray.

Services for Carl will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, May 2, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski with Mark Weber conducting services. A visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2014, also at the funeral home. Burial at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery will follow the service. Memorials may be made to the Memorial Home Hospice.

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Kay Mullins

LINCOLN, IL - Kay Mullins, 81, died at 2:26 a.m. on April 28, 2014, at her home in Lincoln.

Kay was born March 31, 1933, in Hartsburg, the daughter of John T. and Dorothy Shirley Behrends. She married Harold Mullins on Aug. 22, 1953, in Hartsburg. He preceded her in death on Feb. 28, 1987.

Kay is survived by one daughter, Ramona Mullins of Lincoln; one grandson, Zachary Mullins (Kelsey Gries) of Lamoni, Iowa; two sisters, Marianne Wagner of Emden, and Lois Rae (Jack) Merskin of Lincoln; brother-in-law, Orvil Shaffer of Lincoln; nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sister, Shirley Shaffer; and infant sister, Ramona Lee Behrends.

Kay was a claims analyst for Social Security Administration. She was a member of Prairieland Christian Church in Hartsburg.

Services for Kay will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 2, 2014 at Lincoln Christian Church in Lincoln with Ryan Edgecombe and John Cox officiating. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home. Burial will be at Hartsburg Union Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the family.

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Robert "Bob" William Pollock

DELAVAN, IL - Robert "Bob" William Pollock, 90, of Delavan, Ill., passed away at 11:03 a.m., Monday, April 28, 2014, at Washington Christian Village in Washington, Ill.

Bob was born Sept. 14, 1923, in Lincoln, the son of Clarence and Ida Mae Knaak Pollock. He married Mary Dengler on May 24, 1947, in Lincoln. She survives in Delavan, Ill.

Bob is also survived by two sons, Richard (Cindy) Pollock of Deer Creek and Mark (Adele) Pollock of Tremont; grandchildren: Penny, Chris, Alyssa, Melaney, and Brett; great-grandchildren: Mara, Max, Liam, Teddy, Jaxon, and Kylie; and one sister, Ida Mae Sielaff of Lincoln.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Clarence Pollock and Walter Pollock.

Bob worked at Ameren Cilco for 41 years as a serviceman. He served in the U.S. Army during [WWII](#). Bob was a licensed pilot and flight instructor, a volunteer [fire fighter](#) and trustee. He also drove the school bus for Delavan District #703, was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lincoln and the American Legion Post of Delavan.

Services for Bob will be at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, May 3, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, the Rev. Tom Eckhardt officiating. Visitation will be at the funeral home, Friday, May 2 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Burial will be at Zion Cemetery in Lincoln with full military rites accorded by Delavan American Legion Post.

Memorials may be given in his honor to: Immanuel Lutheran Church or the [Alzheimer's Association](#) .

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