

Patricia A. "Pat" Buckles

PORT CHARLOTTE, FL - Patricia A. "Pat" Buckles, 78, formerly of Lincoln, Ill., entered eternal life at 8:15 a.m. on Saturday, July 26, 2014, at Fawcett Memorial Hospital after a long illness with Alzheimer's. She was born on Feb. 2, 1936, in McLean, Ill. the daughter of Paul and Juanita (Bateman) Paulsen. She married Clarence Ritchhart in 1953, and later married Frank Buckles..

Pat attended St. Patrick's school and graduated from Lincoln Community High School. She worked at the Clerk of the Courts in Lincoln, Lincoln Developmental Center as an executive secretary until moving to Florida, where she worked as a property manager at Promenades East Condominium Association, until she retired in 2004.

Pat was a member of St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church, Port Charlotte.

She enjoyed boating, gardening, cooking, traveling to Cover Bridge Festivals, decorating her home, but most of all spending time with her children and grandchildren. She also loved returning to Lincoln to visit family and friends.

Pat will be greatly missed by her son, Dale (Connie) Ritchhart of Port Charlotte, Fla.; daughters, Pam (Marty) Anderson of Jupiter, Fla., and Christy (Erik) Hewitt of Louisville, Ohio; longtime companion, Louie Cianciulli; grandchildren, Angie Ritchhart, Joy (Steve) Keyishian, Roy (Mel) Zimmerman, Ryan (Julia) Zimmerman, Cassie (Jose) Santiago, Ryan (Andrea) Anderson, Courtney Richhart, Alicia (Bryan) Anderson, Ashton (Scott) Zimmerman, Samantha Hewitt and Alex Hewitt; and 13 great-grandchildren; brothers, Robert (Diane) Farmer and Larry (Carol) Farmer, both of Lincoln, Ill.; sister, Darla (Al) Cheatham of North Carolina; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her loving parents; husband, Frank Buckles; son, Rusty Ritchhart; and brothers, Kenneth Paulsen and Russell Farmer.

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the National Institute on Aging, Budget Officer – Financial Mgmt., Branch, Bldg 31, Room 2C-06, 31 Center Drive MSC2292, Bethesda, MD 20892-2540; please note Alzheimer's contribution in memory of Patricia Buckles.

Arrangements are by Larry Taylor Funeral and Cremation Services, Punta Gorda, Fla.

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Elza "Leroy" Gass

MT. PULASKI, IL - Elza "Leroy" Gass, 93, formerly of Niantic, Ill., passed away at 7:15 a.m., July 30, 2014, at Vonderlieth Living Center, Mt. Pulaski.

Leroy was born Aug. 26, 1920, in Dawson, Ill., the son of Elza Edward and Mary Ann Sullivan Gass. He married Hope Pritchett May 1943. She preceded him in death in 2009.

Leroy is survived by one daughter, Linda Burke of Decatur, and one sister, Betty Bragg of Decatur. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; brothers, Norman, Virgil, Lester, and Herbert Gass; sisters, Martha, Doris, Lois, Thelma; and one grandson, Craig Burke.

Leroy graduated from Niantic High School in 1939. He played with the St. Louis Cardinals Minor League from 1939-1941 and served in the U.S. Army in [World War II](#). Elza worked at Staleys in Decatur for 41 years. He served on the Niantic Volunteer Fire Department for 33 years and was Fire Chief for 15 years. He had served on the Niantic Village Board for 20 years--eight as Village Board Trustee and 12 as Mayor of Niantic. He was also baseball manager for Niantic Little League for many years.

Services for Leroy will be at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 2, 2014, at United Methodist Church, Niantic, Ill., with Rev. C.W. Reneker officiating. Visitation will be two hours prior to the time of service at the church. Burial will be in Long Point Cemetery, Niantic with Military Rites accorded. Memorials may be given to Niantic Fire Department or United Methodist Church of Niantic.

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

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Lois M. Barber

FORT COLLINS, CO - Lois M. Barber, 77, passed away July 16, 2014. Lois was born March 26, 1937, in Lincoln, Ill., to Harold R. and Betty Forehand.

Lois was a graduate of Lincoln Community High School. She worked for the Secretary of State in Springfield, Ill., and later for the school district in Denver, Colo.

Lois was creative and enjoyed knitting, sewing and crocheting. She also liked to watch "Jeopardy" and Angela Lansbury in "Murder, She Wrote".

Lois was united in marriage to Harold F. Barber on July 17, 1964, in Lincoln, Ill.

Lois is survived by her sons, Bradley (Reeda) Barber of Commerce City, Colo., and Mathew (Angela) Barber of Fort Collins, Colo.; and daughter, Catherine Powell of Dacona, Colo. Also surviving Lois are Harold "Butch" Forehand of Petersburg, Ill.; sister, Mary Greenwood of Lincoln, Ill.; grandchildren, Robert, Merissa, Nicole and Logan; great-grandchildren, Kyleigh, Shallynn, Cooper, Elysa, and Bobby; nephew, William Greenwood of Lincoln; and niece, Britney Greenwood of Charlotte, N.C.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold F. Barber.

Visitation was held on Saturday, July 19, 2014, 1-3 p.m. in the Allnutt Drake Stateroom in Fort Collins, Colo.

Internment at Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver, Colo.

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Charles Joseph "Chuck" Tillman

EMDEN, IL - Charles Joseph "Chuck" Tillman, 75, passed away at 6:58 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 1, 2014, at his home in Emden surrounded by his family.

Chuck was born Oct. 4, 1938, in Clarion, Iowa, son of Charles and Dorothy Mulhern Tillman. He was united in marriage to Annetta Dirks on Nov. 30, 1960, at the Delavan Methodist Church. She survives him in Emden.

Other survivors include his son, Doug (Sonja) Tillman, and their children, Valerie (Adam) Bonwell, Melissa Tillman and Megan Backs; daughter, Dawn Boundy, and her children, April (Clint) Schriber, Angela (H.E.) Westen and Ronica Boundy; daughter, Diane (Randy) Swart, and their children, Devon and Samantha Swart; four great-grandchildren; his brothers, Jerry Tillman and Craig Tillman; and his sister, Mary Catherine Fosdyck.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Tom Tillman.

Chuck served in the U.S. Air Force for four years and he served in the U.S. Army for 16 years. After retiring from the military, Chuck worked as a mechanic and a carpenter.

Cremation Rites were accorded. There will be a private memorial service at a later date.

Memorials may be made to: [St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#) or Shriner's Hospital for Children.

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

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Mildred H. Walters

EMDEN, IL - Mildred H. Walters, 89, of Emden, passed away at 8:11 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 1, 2014, at Mason City Nursing Home.

She was born April 24, 1925, in Emden to Harm and Carrie Meiner Tholen. She married Robert L. Walters on Aug. 25, 1942, in Bowling Green, Mo., and he passed away on Dec. 22, 1982.

Surviving are one son, Gary R. (Pamela) Walters of Delavan; one daughter, Linda (Gary) Gabbrants of Danvers; six grandchildren: Dara Entwistle, Garrick Gabbrants, Tyson Walters, Carrie Al Yasiri, Leslie Mathias and Garyn Walters; three step-grandchildren: Craig Paine, Curt Paine and Clair Jacobs; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, four sisters, one infant sister, and one daughter-in-law, Lynn Walters.

Mildred was a homemaker.

She was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Emden and its Cross and Crown and Emden Women's Auxiliary.

She was an avid bingo and pinochle player.

Her funeral will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 7, 2014, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Emden. Pastor Frank Pieper will officiate. Visitation will be one hour before the service at the church. Burial will be at Bethel Cemetery in rural Emden.

Memorials may be made to: St. Jude Midwest Affiliate.

Davis-Oswald Funeral Home in Delavan is handling the arrangements. To express condolences online, visit davisoswaldfh.com.

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Alan William Clever

DURHAM, NC - Mr. Alan William Clever, 72, died Sunday, July 13, 2014, at his home in Durham, N.C.

Mr. Clever was born in Natrona Heights, Pa., on May 6, 1942. He was the son of the late William Robert Clever and the late Marie Theresa Clever of Lincoln.

Mr. Clever was pre-ceded in death by his beloved wife, Barbara Jean Hardin Clever, and a son, Stephen Wayne Clever.

Funeral services were held at Gorman Baptist Church where Mr. Clever was a deacon, on July 18, 2014, with Dr. C.J. Bordeaux and the Rev. Larry Lambreth officiating. Burial was at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Durham.

Mr. Clever is survived by a son, Tim Clever (Heather); daughter, Jeanna List (Dr. Ellis List); three grandchildren: Eliza List, Isabella Clever and Noah Clever; sister, Diane Clever Schwelle (Chris); two nieces, Karen Schwelle and Kim Schwelle; and several very special cousins.

After graduating from Lincoln Community High School, Class of 1960, Mr. Clever served in the Navy where he was a plank owner of the USS Kitty Hawk, meaning he was a member of the crew of the ship when the ship was first placed in commission. After his Navy service and prior to his retirement he was employed by Bell South Telephone Company. He continued his interest in telephones after his retirement, acquiring several antique models and restoring several of them. Alan, known affectionately as "Big Al", loved traveling and especially enjoyed a trip to Bremerton, Washington last July to visit his be-loved ship, the Kitty Hawk, now in Puget Sound Naval Shipyard.

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Dorothy Emma Mattingly

LINCOLN, IL - Dorothy Emma Mattingly, 90, passed away at 5:15 a.m., Sunday, August 3, 2014, at Symphony of Lincoln.

Dorothy was born Oct. 9, 1923, at Fernwood, N.J., the daughter of Augustus C. and Emma Benson Craft Miller. She married Ross Jones but were later divorced. She married Charles H. "Woody" Mattingly May 7, 1966, in Lincoln. He preceded her in death May 14, 2010.

Dorothy is survived by two brothers, Augustus G. Miller, Hamilton Township, N.J., and E. Leroy Miller of Washington Crossing, Pa., and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Woody; a son, Robert Jones; and two brothers and two sisters.

Dorothy chose to be cremated. Graveside services will be held at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln. Memorials may be given to Immanuel Lutheran Church of Lincoln or Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

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Sara Gleason Feller

LEXINGTON, KY - Sara Gleason Feller, 74, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 2, 2014, from natural causes.

The funeral service was held at Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary in Lexington, Ky., with Father Noll officiating. Visitation was held at Milward Funeral Home, 391 Southland Drive, Lexington, KY. Inurnment will occur at Holy Cross Cemetery in Lincoln, Ill., at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9, with Father Fontana presiding.

Sara Alice Gleason was married to Max Henry Feller on June 8, 1963; they were married 51 years. Sara received her Bachelor's Degree in Education from Blackburn College, Carlinville, Ill., and her Masters in Secondary Education from Murray State University in Kentucky.

Sara was a French and English high school [teacher](#) for many years. She enjoyed gardening, crocheting, playing bridge, and, spending time with her children and grandchildren. She volunteered at Lexington Country Place.

Sara is survived by her loving husband, Max Feller; three children, Ann (Michael) Weitlauf; Helen (Michael) Stevenson; and Joan (Aubrey) Henley; ten grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a brother, Wm. Patrick (Linda) Gleason; a niece and nephew; and other family and friends.

Sara is preceded in death by her parents, Emmett and Helen (Geiser) Gleason.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the [Alzheimer's Association](#)

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Vivian Donna Shanle

LINCOLN, IL - Vivian Donna Shanle, 78, passed away at her home at 8:30 a.m. on August 5, 2014.

Vivian was born July 3, 1936, in Pinkneyville, the daughter of Clifford and Nellie Poole Presswood.

She is survived by children, Jacky (Tammie) Musselman of Kenney; David (Angie) Musselman of Missouri; Becky (Andy) Adams of Lincoln; Harriet Musselman of Clinton; sixteen grandchildren; and 18 great- grandchildren. She is the last of her immediate family. She was preceded in death by her daughter, LaDonna Merrieghn; granddaughter, Rochelle Babbs; three brothers and three sisters.

Services for Vivian will be at 11 a.m., Friday, Aug. 8, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, with Rev. Dennis Shaw officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to service at the funeral home. Burial will be in Zion Cemetery, Lincoln. Memorials may be given to [American Lung Association](#)

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Allen Wayne "JR" Smith

LINCOLN, IL - Allen Wayne "JR" Smith, 60, died at 9:34 a.m., August 4, 2014, at his home.

JR was born Aug. 6, 1953, in Lincoln, Ill., the son of Wayne and Alice Conley Smith.

He is survived by his mother, Alice Petro, of Lincoln; two brothers, Larry Smith of New York and Richard Smith of Springfield. He was preceded in death by one sister, Joyce Wilham, and one brother, Gary Smith.

He served in the [U.S. Navy](#) and retired from Caterpillar Tractor Co. in Decatur.

JR provided warm, loving, and helpful care for his mother by doing all the shopping, cooking, vehicle maintenance along with maintenance for the home and yard. His greatest pleasure was driving his black corvette, wearing his "vette" hat and tee shirt, along with attending "vette" shows. JR was very fond of his pet cats and, needless to say, he spoiled them. JR also loved being outdoors mushrooming, fishing, and target shooting.

JR chose to be cremated and no services to be held. To honor his wishes, his ashes will be scattered at a private family gathering at one of his favorite spots.

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

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Gary Shirley

KINMUNDY, IL - Gary Shirley, 59, passed away July 31, 2014, at his home after several months of illness.

Gary was born Dec. 31, 1954, in Lincoln, Ill., the son of James and Joyce Shirley. He married Marla Greenstreet on Aug. 14, 1976, in Kansas City, Mo. She survives in Kinmundy.

He is also survived by his children: Ann (Nathan) Taylor of Glen Carbon, Ill., Ryan (Jennifer) Shirley of Wildwood, Mo., William (Lisa) Shirley of St. Charles, Mo., and Jason (Morgan) Shirley of Webster Grove, Mo. Gary is also survived by five grandchildren; his sisters, Linda (Kevin) Zinser, Lorita (Linn) Hellman and Stacy (Tracy) Olson; and many nieces and nephews.

Gary graduated from Hartsburg-Emden High School in 1973. He then graduated from Lincoln College and Northwest Missouri State. Gary had a successful college baseball career.

He had a long career as a College Prep English teacher and coach at Kinmundy-Alma and then Farina South Central High School. Gary was the only coach South Central saw in its first 20 years of existence after the merger of longtime rivals Kinmundy-Alma and Farina-LaGrove in the 1989 school year. In 20 years at South Central, he posted a 431-133 record, highlighted by a Sweet 16 appearance in 1998. Prior to that, he had a 89-67 record at Kinmundy-Alma including back-to-back regional titles in 1986 and 1987. Gary was also named to the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2005. In all, his teams went 520-200. He also coached baseball until 1996. In that time, he guided the Cougars to a total of 10 regular-season and tournament championships in Midland Trial Conference play.

Gary spent his summers operating a painting business and continued to do so until early 2014. He was also a very active member of Kinmundy Christian Church as a Sunday School teacher, Deacon and Elder.

At his request, no services will be held.

Memorials may be made to: Kinmundy Christian Church, Beyond Us Ministries or the Lincoln College Athletic Department.

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Warren L. Wendlandt

LINCOLN, IL - Warren L. Wendlandt, 72, of Lincoln, passed away at 6:28 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 7, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014, at Lincoln Christian Church with Mr. Laurin Hill officiating.

Visitation will be held from 2-6 p.m. on Saturday prior to the service.

Additional funeral services will be held Monday, Aug. 11, 2014, in Mount Morris, Wis.

Burial will be in Mt. Morris Holden Cemetery in Mount Morris, Wis.

Warren Lee Wendlandt was born June 4, 1942, in Plymouth, Wis., the son of Rolland William and Lucille Emma Wesener Wendlandt. He was united in marriage to Kendra Johnson on March 23, 1962, at the Plymouth Lutheran Church in Plymouth, Wis.

He is survived by his three sons: Kevin (Sue Peterson) Wendlandt, Kurt (Cindy) Wendlandt and Kory (Leah) Wendlandt; one brother, Clyde (Sue) Wendlandt; one sister, Celeste (Joe) Overesch; seven grandchildren: Jessica Brossart, Nichole Wendlandt, Kevin Wendlandt Jr., Emily Grass, Kelsey Wendlandt, Autumn Wendlandt, and Hunterae Wendlandt; and five great-grandchildren: Michael, Aaron, Rhylee, Paislee and Maddox.

Warren graduated from Plymouth High School in 1960 in Plymouth, Wis., and Madison Vocational Chef School.

Warren was employed at Lincoln College for over 31 years as Director of Food Service.

He was a member of the Saxeville Volunteer Fire Department for 30 years and Lincoln Rural Fire Department for 12 years.

He was a member of Ducks Unlimited, Turkeys Unlimited, National Rifleman's Association, Lincoln Sons of American Legion, and Eagles Lodge # 2708.

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

Peasley Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

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Ellis C. West

LINCOLN, IL - Ellis C. West, 61, of Lincoln, passed away at 2:28 a.m. on Aug. 6, 2014, at Hopedale Medical Complex.

Ellis was born Sept. 9, 1952, in Litchfield, Ky., the son of Sherman and Ora Ree (Kiper) West.

Ellis is survived by a special companion of 37 years, Linda Vannoy; a stepdaughter, Amy Vannoy; his brothers, Sherman (Joan) West of Lincoln and Roger West of Davenport, Iowa; sisters: Anna Franciskovich of Lincoln, Barbara Rankin of Davenport, Iowa, and Elizabeth (Andy) Hernandez of Chenoa.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers: Jimmy, Charles T. and Wilbur.

Ellis served in the U.S. Air Force during Vietnam; he worked as a fork lift driver and retired from St. Gobain in Lincoln. Ellis loved to go camping, country music, work and he loved his animals. He loved all sports and especially NASCAR racing.

Services for Ellis will be at 10 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 11, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with Frank Brozenec officiating. Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 10 at the funeral home.

Burial will follow services at Zion Cemetery with full military rites accorded by Lincoln American Legion Post #263.

Memorials may be given to: the [Humane Society of Logan County](#) or the [American Cancer Society](#)

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Catherine Marie Davis

SHERMAN, IL -Catherine Marie Davis, 94, of Sherman, died at 1:10 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9, 2014, at St. John's Hospice.

She was born May 1, 1920, in Elkhart, Ill., to Charles Brennan and Irene Colette Malerich Gleason. She married Merle M. Davis on Dec. 27, 1941, and he preceded her in death on Dec. 25, 2000.

Also preceding her in death were her parents and three daughters: Katherine Ann Buhr, Marilyn Jo Butchek and Angela Marie Davis.

Survivors include one daughter, Barbara Doud of Athens; three sons, Robert M. Davis of Riverton, Thomas E. (Nancy) Davis of Elkhart and John "Jack" M. Davis of Andrew; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one sister, Kathleen Cassady of Royal Oak, Mich.; two brothers, Thomas (Patricia) Gleason and William (Sharon) Gleason both of Berkley, Mich.; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Catherine was a member of St. John Vianney Church and was very active in the church. She owned and operated her Hair Salon in her home after the birth of her children. After her kids were out of school she went to work for Betties Wigs in Springfield and Lincoln eventually retiring. She volunteered at the Villas and enjoyed sewing with her friends. She enjoyed reading, watching Illini basketball, the St Louis Cardinals and golf.

Visitation: 4-7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2014, at Staab Funeral Home with a prayer service at 4 p.m.

Lie In State: 10-11 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014, at St. John Vianney Church in Sherman .

Funeral Mass: 11 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014, at St. John Vianney Church in Sherman with the Rev. Ralph Zetzl, the Rev. Simon Taabu and Msgr. David Lantz concelebrating. Burial will be at Roselawn Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to: [Juvenile Diabetes Association](#) or St. John Vianney Church.

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Donna L. Springer

NORMAL, IL - Donna L. Springer, 81, of Normal, passed away at 10:25 a.m., Friday, Aug. 8, 2014, at Heartland Health Care Center in Normal.

She was born April 4, 1933, to Russell M. and Vera Lounsberry Bitner. She married Ronald G. Springer on Oct. 20, 1957, in Mason City.

Surviving are her husband, Ronald Springer of Normal; one daughter, Camille Springer of Normal; and one sister, Rosemary Frerichs of Arlington Heights.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Barry and Chris; one brother, and three brothers-in-law.

Donna was a 1954 graduate of Brokaw School of Nursing in Normal and went on to Illinois Wesleyan where she received a bachelor's degree in science in 1955. After graduation, she went to Hopedale Hospital where she became head of nursing. She also worked in several area doctor offices as well as a private duty nurse.

She was a member of Hopedale Mennonite Church, where she served as church secretary, taught Sunday school, and was the MYF youth leader. Most recently she attended East White Oak Bible Church in Carlock.

Donna's greatest love was her family. She enjoyed making many new friends when wintering in Florida.

A graveside service will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2014, at Mennonite Cemetery in Hopedale, followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m. at Hopedale Mennonite Church in Hopedale. Pastors Kurt Walker, Scott Boerckel and Roger Springer will officiate. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., Tuesday, also at the church.

Davis-Oswald Funeral Home in Hopedale is handling the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to: Safe Haven Hospice in Lincoln, Hopedale Mennonite Church or East White Oak Bible Church in Carlock.

The family would like to thank the staff at Safe Haven Hospice and Heartland Health Care Center for all their care and support.

To express condolences online visit www.davisoswaldfh.com.

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Nikita Christine Marie Kennedy

LINCOLN, IL - Nikita Christine Marie Kennedy, 27, of Lincoln, passed away Aug. 7, 2014.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 15, 2014, also at the funeral home with Ron Otto officiating. Burial will follow at Lawndale Cemetery. There will be a luncheon following graveside services at Lincoln Christian Church.

Nikita was born Sept. 6, 1986, in Springfield, Ill. She loved spending time with her children, especially taking them to the park. She was always willing to help others before herself and never took anyone for granted.

Surviving are her great-grandmother, Pauline White of Lincoln, Ill.; her grandmother, Delores Jean Hart of Indiana; her mother Cristal Bruce of Lincoln, Ill.; her children: Landon Beurrier, Omarion Edwards, and Andrea Edwards; her siblings: James Bruce of Springfield, IL., Savanna Bruce of Lincoln, IL., Wilda Bruce of Lincoln, IL., and Bionka Bruce of Lincoln, IL.; her uncle Michael (Leslie) Hart of South Pekin, IL.; her niece Josephine Skelton of Lincoln, IL; and several cousins and friends.

Memorial donations may be made to the family and will be accepted at the funeral home and at Logan County Bank.

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Mary (McKinzey) Klutts

LINCOLN, IL - Mary (McKinzey) Klutts, 97, of Lincoln, passed away Aug. 9, 2014, at Symphony of Lincoln.

Graveside services will be Noon on Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014, at Rock Creek Cemetery in Waynesville, Ill., with Pastor Doug Bowers officiating.

Mary was born April 6, 1917, in Wapella, Ill., the daughter of Walter McKinzey and Ola (McAllister).

She retired from Lincoln Developmental Center after many years of service. Mary led a very quiet life.

Surviving are her daughter, Linda (John) Simons of Lincoln, Ill.; her daughter, Helen Williams of Millikin, Colo.; grandchildren: Mike, Matt, Linda, Carol, Geri, Tracy, Perry and Jay; 15 great-grandchildren; 15 great-great-grandchildren; brother, Larry McKinzey of Globe, Ariz.; and brother, Oliver McKinzey of Peoria, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Lyle Winebrinner; her daughter, Sue Mileham; two grandsons; seven brothers; and three sisters.

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

Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln is assisting the family.

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Dorothy Jean Bennis

THOUSAND OAKS, CA - Dorothy Jean Bennis, formerly of Lincoln, Ill., where she lived for 36 years at the family's Tenth Street address, gracefully took her leave after 90 years of life Sunday morning, August 10, 2014.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, William F. Bennis, owner and operator of the Lincoln and Freeport theatres; beloved son, Anthony William Bennis; sister, Evelyn Madigan; and brother, Kenneth, "Kenny" George.

She was born Dorothy Jean George, daughter to Ralph and Thelma George on March 24, 1924, in Freeport, Ill. She was the eldest of eight children. She is survived by sisters, Shirley Johnson, Judy Parsons, Carolyn Smith, Gail George, and brother, Richard, "Dick" George. She is also survived by her son, David William Bennis, and daughters, Mary Ann Gibson, Martha Jean Scrimenti, and Sara Jane Sterbenc. Dorothy was the grandmother of eight adoring grandchildren, Wendy Hanebrink, Mary Katherine, "Kate" Monroe, Stephanie Reed, Anne Ricci, Suzanne Scrimenti, Maxwell Sterbenc, Samuel Sterbenc, and Thomas Sterbenc. She was also the proud great-grandparent of Kurt and Brett Hanebrink, Margaret "Maggie" Gibson, Ryan Monroe, Julia Reed, and Angelene Ricci. In her teen years, Dorothy's modeling career saw her featured in the Rotogravure and the London Art Gallery. Dorothy was a volunteer at St. John's Hospital for five years in Springfield, Ill., and worked for several years at the, "Yellow Unicorn" in Lincoln before she and husband Bill shook off the bitter winters of central Illinois for sunny California in 1987. Dorothy was very much a "people person" and although many friends have already preceded her in death, she still leaves many who remember her fondly.

Visitation: Friday, Aug. 15, from 5-7 p.m. at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home.

Funeral Service: Saturday, Aug. 16, at 10 a.m., Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Les Turner ALS Foundation of Chicago, 5550 W. Touhy Ave., Suite 302, Skokie IL 60077.

Peggy Coady

EMDEN, IL - Peggy Coady, 82, passed away at 10 p.m. on Saturday, August 9, 2014, at her home.

A Memorial Mass for Peggy will be held on Thursday, Aug. 14, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Lincoln. Rev. Glenn Fontana will officiate.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Peggy is survived by her husband, Thomas John Coady of Emden; children, Mary B. (Joe) Hoiles of Frisco, Texas, and Robert M. Coady of Arcadia, Fla.; one sister, Nancy (David) Poole of Emden; and one brother, William Elkins of Lincoln; two grandchildren, Erin Coady and Tommy Coady, both of Irvington, Ala.; and one great-grandchild, Aubrey.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Thomas John Coady, Jr.

Peggy A. Elkins was born Jan. 27, 1932, in Lincoln, the daughter of Burl C. and Anna Mari Voyles Elkins. She married Thomas John Coady on Dec. 6, 1952, in Elkhart. He survives.

Peggy's favorite quote to say was, "That's my story and I'm sticking to it."

Memorials may be made to

[American Cancer Society](#)

, Christian Village Nursing Home Alzheimer's Unit or Safe Haven Hospice.

Final arrangements are entrusted with Peasley Funeral Home of Lincoln.

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Judy Diane Poole

CLINTON, IL - Judy Diane Poole, 54, passed away Sunday, August 10, 2014.

Visitation will be from 12 Noon until 2 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 16, 2014, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. also at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Kenney, Ill.

Judy was born March 9, 1960, in Quincy, Ill., the daughter of Aaron Leroy Campbell and Judith Whitney. She was employed with RR Donnely for 20 years.

Surviving are her mother Judy Gilbert of Hartsburg, Ill.; her children, Jarad William (Amanda) Poole of Clinton, and Megan Shiane Poole (Jordan Followell) of Wapella, Ill.; five grandchildren, Cayden Spencer Poole, Tanner Wesley Brannan, Aaron William Poole, Sadie Kay Diane Poole, and Joleona Faith Poole; three brothers, Aaron "Bud" Campbell of Lincoln, Richard "Ted" Campbell of Hallsville, Ill., and Jodie Gilbert of Hartsburg.

She was preceded in death by her father Aaron Leroy Campbell, her stepfather, Robert Gilbert, and her special companion, Don Cain.

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

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Robert "Bob" Duane Brownfield

MASON CITY, IL - Robert "Bob" Duane Brownfield, 89, of Mason City passed away Aug. 13, 2014 at the Mason City Area Nursing Home.

He was born Sept. 20, 1924, the son of Tommie and Nina (Lussenhop) Brownfield. He married Marjorie Velde on July 27, 1947, at the Mason City United Methodist Church. She survives.

Also surviving are two children, Linda (Bob) Liermann of St. Louis and Randy (Connie) Brownfield of New Holland; four grandchildren: Kathryn Liermann, Kelly Liermann, Cole Brownfield and Connor Brownfield. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews: Tom and Terri Brownfield of Havana, Bobby Brownfield of Seattle, Janet and Phill Weiser of Washington, Ill., Jackie Keil of Peoria, John and Marta Brownfield of Walnut Creek, Calif., John and Karen Dollmeyer of Townsend Del., and Kent and Marcia Ferguson-Velde of Milwaukee.

He has gone to be reunited with his brothers, Wilber and Lawrence, and over 65 cousins including Johnny Lussenhop, Gene and Don Blessman, and Harry, Glen, Richard, Frank and Bill Brownfield.

In Bob's younger years he enjoyed fishing, hunting, bowling, dancing and softball. Chasing foxes and making ice cream were two of his favorite pastimes. Bob farmed in Mason County from 1947-1989. He loved his wife, children and grandchildren very much. He was a lifelong Cardinals fan.

Bob was a member of the Mason County Farm Bureau; he was a board member at the Mason City Farmers Gain and Coal and was he was a Mason City Township trustee. Bob was also a member of the Mason City United Methodist Church.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 15, 2014, at Hurley Funeral Home. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services beginning at 10 a.m. Pastor Dan Powers will officiate. Burial will be at the Mason City Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to: Mason City United Methodist Church.

Patricia Cleo Snyder

LINCOLN, IL - Patricia Cleo Snyder, 81, passed away at 7:50 a.m. on Aug. 11, 2014, at Vonderlieth Living Center in Mt. Pulaski.

Patricia was born Sept. 16, 1932, in rural Middletown, Ill., daughter of Goble and Cleo Hunter Craig. She was united in marriage to Elmer Snyder on Dec. 10, 1953, in Lovington, Ill. He survives her in Lincoln.

Also surviving are her children: James (Linda) Snyder of Lincoln, Daniel Snyder of Lincoln, Scott Snyder of Lincoln and Vicki (Tim) Hilliard of Lincoln; four brothers: Richard (Gloria) Craig of Beason, Ill., Larry (Penny) Craig of Lawndale, Ill., Edward (Vicky) Craig of Atlanta, Ill., and Ronald (Marilyn) Craig of Lincoln; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and one step great-grandchild.

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

Private family services for Patricia will be held at a later date with Pastor Maurice Stribling officiating. Burial will be at Atlanta Cemetery.

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

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

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Polly L. Graber

ATLANTA -- Polly L. Graber, 60, passed away at 7:41 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2014, at her home in rural Atlanta.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Graber will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 16, at the Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home with Mr. Maurice Stribling officiating.

Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until time of the service.

Burial will be at the Atlanta Cemetery.

Polly Louise Cox was born March 5, 1954, in Pekin, the daughter of Edward Cecil and Virginia Reed Cox. She was united in marriage to Ronald Graber on April 15, 1978, at the Armington Christian Church. He survives.

Also surviving are her mother, Virginia Cox of Armington; son, Douglas Graber of Atlanta; special friend, Stephanie Tisdale of Atlanta; and two grandchildren, Zaily Graber and Zephen Tisdale.

She was preceded in death by her father and one brother, Greg Cox.

Polly graduated from Olympia High School in 1972. She had been employed at the Bartman Nursing Home in rural Atlanta. Polly enjoyed gardening, camping, frogs and angels.

Memorials may be made to her family.

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

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Frances Marie Lynch

JACKSONVILLE, IL - Frances Marie Lynch, 76, of passed away August 14, 2014, at Symphony of Lincoln, Ill.

Cremation rites have been accorded and private family memorial services will be held at a later date.

Frances was born June 8, 1938, in McKeesport, Pa., the daughter of Clarence W. Bernd and Bertha M. Zyskowski.

She was a member of Our Savior's Catholic Church in Jacksonville. She was also a member of the MOOSE Lodge and the AMVETS of Jacksonville, Ill. Frances enjoyed volunteering her time at the little mini mart at the Senior High Rise in Jacksonville. She retired from Prairie Council on Aging The Bread of Life in 2010 after several years of service.

Survivors include her children, James (Vicki Ann) Lynch of Springfield, Ill., Pamela (Thomas) Morrow of Lincoln, Ill., Renee (Mark) Brock of Section, Ala., and Rebecca Drown of Tuas, Okla.; sisters, Tina Pomnian and Janet (Cliff) Flegal of Pa.; eight grandchildren and 11 great- grandchildren along with one on the way also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial donations may be made to

[St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#)

or to the

[American Heart Association](#)

in Frances' name.

Frances will be missed by her family and many friends.

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

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Ellery A. Harvey

LINCOLN, IL - Ellery A. Harvey, 71, of Lincoln, formerly of New Hampshire, died at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 16, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center.

Ellery was born May 5, 1943, in Hinsdale, N.H., the son of Kenneth Allen and Grace Lucy Freeman Harvey. He married Gertrud Rau on Feb. 12, 1965 in Augsburg, Germany.

Ellery attended school in New Hampshire and proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the [Vietnam War](#). While in the Army, he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. He was employed for over 20 years as a truck driver at G & D Trucking, until his retirement in 2012. He was a member of ABATE, HOG, and the Moose Lodge in Pekin. Ellery was known for his good heart and always helping others. He enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson, fishing, playing guitar, and spending time with his family. He was also an excellent handyman.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, David Harvey.

He is survived by his wife, Gertrud Harvey of Lincoln; son, David Harvey of Pekin; three daughters: Karen (husband, William) Morrow of Lincoln, Linda (husband, Randy) Carter of Manito and Tina (husband, Frank) Gordon of Mason City; 13 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three brothers: Wayne Harvey, Kenney Harvey and Billy Harvey, all of New Hampshire; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Cremation was accorded by Lincoln Land Cremation Society.

The family will host a Celebration of Life from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014, at The Knights of Columbus, 217 Limit St., Lincoln. IL.

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Cynthia A. Watson

LINCOLN, IL - Cynthia A. Watson, 62, passed away at 4:24 a.m. on August 15, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill.

Cindy was born on April 5, 1952, in Lincoln, Ill., daughter of Thomas R. and Frances Irene Faul Watson.

Cindy is survived by her mother; one brother, Thomas John (Jennifer) Watson of Plainfield, Ill.; one sister, Cathy (Steven) Cosby of Lincoln, Ill.; six nephews, Thomas, Michael, Ryan, Brady Watson, James (Kristy), and John Cosby; great-nephew, Henry Cosby. She was preceded in death by her father.

Cindy was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and worked at the Central Illinois Community Blood Bank for 15 years as the Director of Quality Assurance.

Services for Cindy will be 10 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2014, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Lincoln with Father Simon Taabu officiating. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 18, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, with a 4:30 p.m. Rosary Service. Burial at Holy Cross Cemetery will follow the service. Memorials may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church in Lincoln.

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Peter "Pete" Herold Zeitler

BEASON, IL - Peter "Pete" Herold Zeitler, 68, passed away August 14, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 17, 2014, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will be Monday, Aug. 18, 2014, at 9 a.m. also at the funeral home with Pastor Larry Crawford officiating and military honors performed by the American Legion Post 263. Cremation rites will then be accorded.

Pete was born Dec. 1, 1946, in Waldsassen, Germany, the son of Erna Katharina Zeitler Gaertner. He married Donna Yagge on April 18, 1981, in Milstadt, Ill.

Pete proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. He retired from Mitsubishi in Normal, Ill., after more than 20 years of service. He was currently serving as the Oran Township Supervisor. He was a member of the American Legion Post #848, an avid bowler at Logan Lanes, and a member of the Genealogy Association. He enjoyed bowling, woodworking, gardening, was an expert blacksmith, an avid auction attendee, and enjoyed history and genealogy.

Surviving are his wife Donna Zeitler of Beason; his children, Christine Deanna Zeitler Snow of Excelsior Springs, Mo., Laura Beth Zeitler Galvin (Lloyd Allen) of Herrick, Ill., Peter Herold Zeitler of Mowequa, Ill., and Sonya Mari Zeitler of Lincoln; his siblings, Iris Carroll of Findlay, Ill., Anne Marie Trumble of Fla., Ruth Maxwell of Texas, and Harald Preisinger of Texas; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild also survive.

He was preceded in death by his grandmother, his mother, his son, Lucas Andrew Zeitler, and one brother.

Memorial donations may be made to Oran Township and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Gene Byrne

CHESTNUT, IL - Gene Byrne, 86, passed away at 4:25 a.m. on Aug. 18, 2014, at Vonderlieth Living Center in Mt. Pulaski, Ill.

Gene was born Oct. 4, 1927, in Maroa, Ill., son of Ernest U. and Clara Myers Byrne. He married Lois Hahn on Jan. 19, 1951, in Mt. Pulaski, Ill.; she survives him in Chestnut, Ill.

Also surviving Gene are his daughter, Sherie Ross of Waynesville, Ill.; granddaughter, Shelley (Andy) Jun of Bloomington, Ill.; and three great-grandchildren: Rebekah, Luke and Adam Jun.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Vivian Armstrong; and brother, Vernie Byrne.

Gene served in the U.S. Army from 1946-1947. Gene was a heavy equipment operator for Austin Township for 28 years; he worked at R & W Howe Excavating, and owned and operated Gene's Radio. He was a member of Chestnut United Methodist Church and was on the Chestnut Fire Department for 40 years. Gene was a Trustee for Aetna Township.

Services for Gene will be 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 21, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski with the Rev. Rachel Stockle officiating. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014, also at the funeral home. Burial will follow the service at Laenna Cemetery in Chestnut, Ill., where full military rites will be accorded.

Memorials may be given to: Chestnut United Methodist Church, Chestnut EMS, or Chestnut Fire Department.

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Bernice L. Hackett

LINCOLN, IL - Bernice L. Hackett, 94, of Lincoln, passed away at 2:16 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 15, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

Bernice was born April 2, 1920, near New Holland, daughter of Frederick and Bertha Balzerick Mahler. She was united in marriage to Horace C. Hackett on Feb. 22, 1942, in Hannibal, Mo. He preceded her in death on Oct. 12, 1977.

Bernice is survived by her son, Joseph Paul (Irene) Hackett of Emden, and grandchildren: Gwen (Bill) Boyce of Havana, Ill., and their children: Andy, Katie, and Kellie; Beth (Paul) Bryan of Emden and their children: Savanna, Eli and Zach; Greg Hackett and Josh Hackett of Lincoln.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, three sisters, and her grandson, Tony Hackett.

Bernice retired in 1983 from Merle Norman Cosmetics as an owner/operator for 25 years. She later worked as a seamstress at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital for 13 years. Bernice was active in many church and civic organizations, including ABWA, Zonta Club and charter member and past president of the Oasis. She held offices with the Chamber of Commerce and was active in the PTA at Jefferson School. Bernice was a member of Zion Lutheran Church where she was active in the Ladies Aid and taught Sunday school.

Services for Bernice will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 21, 2014, at Zion Lutheran Church in Lincoln with the Rev. Mark Thompson officiating. A visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 20 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home and again from 10-11 a.m. on Thursday at the church. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. at Tuscola Cemetery on Saturday, Aug. 23, 2014.

Memorials may be made to: Zion Lutheran Church or Zion Lutheran School.

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Norman F. Knollenberg

LINCOLN, IL - Norman F. Knollenberg, 83, passed away on Saturday, June 14, 2014, at St. Clara's Manor in Lincoln, Ill.

He was born June 16, 1930, to Herman and Bertha Knollenberg of New Holland, Ill.

He is survived by a son, Allen Knollenberg of New Castle, Del.; two brothers, William and Kenneth, both of Lincoln; one sister, Dorothy (Hampe), of Lincoln; and a granddaughter, Kimberly (Griffin), of Rutland, Vt. He was preceded in death by a brother, Walter, a sister, Ruby (Aper) and his wife, Gwendolyn.

Norman served in the U.S. Marine Corp during the [Korean Conflict](#) where he was stationed in Oceanside, Calif., and Boston, Mass. While stationed at Oceanside he was an amphibious landing craft mechanic and a member of the Camp Pendleton trapshooting team. Later, after being transferred to Boston, he served as a MP. Upon completion of his tour of duty he returned to Lincoln where he began farming near Lawndale and Beason until he retired in 2005. He was also a DeKalb Seed Dealer for over 50 years.

Norman was a longtime fan of Lincoln High School Railer basketball serving many years as a member of the fan club Board of Directors. He was an avid Cardinals fan who also enjoyed ballroom dancing. Norman was a lifelong member of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

A service in memory of Norman will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 23, at Immanuel Lutheran Church with Pastor Turner officiating. A luncheon will be provided after the service. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. at the church, prior to the service.

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

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Ruth E. Harmon

LINCOLN, IL - Ruth E. Harmon, 67, formerly of Bloomington and Armington, died at 6:12 a.m. on Saturday, August 9, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center.

Graveside services for Ms. Harmon will be held on Saturday, Aug. 23, 2014, at 11 a.m. at Oakview Cemetery in Armington. Pastor John Horner will officiate.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Ruth is survived by one sister-in-law, Madeline Harmon of Lincoln and many nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her beloved cat, Angel, whom she cherished.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Raymond and Paul Harmon.

Ruth Ellen Harmon was born May 5, 1947, in Lincoln, the daughter of Murl and Eva Garr Harmon. Ruth retired from a Tropicana plant in Florida.

Ruth adored animals and memorials may be made to the Logan County Humane Society in Lincoln.

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

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Elizabeth J. "Betty" Marvel

LINCOLN, IL - Elizabeth J. "Betty" Marvel, 88, passed away at 8:23 a.m. at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill., on August 20, 2014, surrounded by her loving family.

Betty was born on Jan. 4, 1926, in Lincoln at St. Clara's Hospital. Betty was raised by her grandmother Lillian Burrell. Betty married Jess R. Wade, who preceded her in death on May 1, 1986. She married Wayne Marvel in 1994, who preceded her in death in 2004.

Betty is survived by her children:

Jess Howard Wade of Lincoln and the mother of his children, Ann Musselman; grandchildren, Jess (Kathy) Wade, Jr., and Stephanie (Paul) Brown, and grandson, Jeffrey (Elizabeth) Wade; and great-grandchildren, Jessi Wade, Dakota Brown, Jonah Brown, and Cali Wade.

Son, Thomas Michael (Patricia) Wade of Westerville, Ohio; grandchildren, Hayley Wade and Sheldon (Sarah) Wade and their child, Cougan Snodgrass.

Daughter, Diana Gail (Ronald) Tucker of Lincoln and their children, Vickie (Damon) Schlattweiler, Shawn (Keith) Christenson, Dawn (Donnie) Osborne, and Michael (Kasy) Tucker; Kayla (Chris) Benschhoff; Correnna Pfeifer; Bethany Schlattweiler; Jordan Schlattweiler; great-grandchildren, Kerstin Osborne, Wesley Osborne, Alex Tucker, Brylie Tucker, Cameron Chirstensen; and great-great-grandchildren, Brodie and Lilly Benschhoff.

Daughter, Linda (Bill) Melton of Lincoln; granddaughters, Heather (Bradley) Vose, Kristi Amber Melton; great-grandsons, Cohen and Ethan Vose; and granddaughter, Laikin Vose.

And the love of Betty's life for the past eight years, Ken Harrell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, infant daughter, Vickie Gail, and grandson, Jess Wade.

Betty was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Emblem Club, [Elks Lodge](#), Moose Lodge, Eagles, and the American Legion Auxilliary. She loved playing cards, ballroom dancing, traveling; she was a superior cook and made the best pie in the country.

Services for Betty will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23, 2014, at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Michael Paulson officiating. A visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 22, at Fricke Calvert Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. Burial will be at New Union Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Lincoln Emblem Club.

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Wanda Charlene Johnson Payne

LINCOLN, IL - Wanda Charlene Johnson Payne, 91, of Lincoln, passed away at 8:40 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

Charlene was born Oct. 26, 1922, in Heyworth, Ill., the daughter of Lee and Irene Ball MoneyMaker. She was united in marriage to Lindsey Blankenship and later divorced. She then married Harold Johnson in May of 1959. He preceded her in death in August of 1992. She then married Shirley Payne in 1995. He preceded her in death in 2000.

She is survived by her daughter, Patricia (Curt) Cline of Midland City, Ill.; stepdaughter, Kay Thompson of Lincoln; granddaughter, Danyelle Roth of Carbondale, Colo.; eight step-grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren who fondly referred to her as Grandma Chiney.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands; infant daughter and son; and her brother, Clayton MoneyMaker.

Cremation rites were performed according to Charlene's wishes. Burial will be at a later date at Heyworth Randolph Township Cemetery in Heyworth.

Memorials may be made to: the [American Cancer Society](#) or St. Clara's Manor.

Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

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Geneva Ingram

LINCOLN, IL - Geneva Ingram, 86, of Lincoln, passed away Aug. 18, 2014, at The Christian Village.

A memorial gathering will be held from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Monday, Aug. 25, 2014, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m., Monday, Aug. 25, 2014 also at the funeral home.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Burial will be at a later date at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield, Ill.

Geneva was born April 26, 1929, in Logan County, Ill., the daughter of Obie Brockman and Jessie Mae Brockman. She grew up in Burtonview, Ill., and some in Kentucky. Geneva married Donald Dean Ingram. He preceded her in death.

She was employed at Lehn and Fink for 17 years. Geneva was a resident at The Christian Village for two years and enjoyed the activities there, especially bingo, trips, church services, arts and crafts, and helping the cafeteria staff set the table for meals.

Surviving are one son, Mark Ingram of Lincoln, Ill.; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and her sister, Thelma Rehder of Iowa.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter, Genadean Ingram; son, Dennis "Boomer" Ingram; and several siblings.

Memorial donations may be made to the Activities Department at The [Christian Village](#) and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Martha Lynn "Marty" Owens

WICHITA FALLS, TX - Martha Lynn "Marty" Owens, 67, formerly of Lincoln, Ill., passed away Aug. 17, 2014, at home in Wichita Falls surrounded by her family.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 25, 2014, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2014, also at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Zion Cemetery in Lincoln.

Martha was born Sept. 16, 1946, in Newport, Ark., the daughter of William Depmsey Reves and Lucy Gertrude (Adams). She married Kenneth Kirk. He preceded her in death. She then married Raymond James Owens on Dec. 10, 2010, in Wichita Falls, Texas.

She worked construction, erecting steel buildings, until her retirement at the age of 60. Marty was ornery, yet loyal and loving. She enjoyed singing Karaoke, was an avid collector of frog memorabilia, loved to read, and had a genuine love for animals.

Surviving are her husband, Ray Owens of Wichita Falls, Texas; her son, Ken Kirk (Angie) of Mineral, Va.; grandchildren, Austin Kirk of Austin, Texas and Chelsee Kirk of Garland, Texas; great-granddaughter, Aubrey Elizabeth Ralston of Garland, Texas; brothers, Dennis Reves (Jessie) of Lincoln, Ill., and Larry (Kim) Reves of Iowa; sisters, Carol Reves of Lincoln, Ill., and Bonnie Vanouver also of Lincoln, Ill. Also surviving are her loyal canine companions, Shadow and Roxy.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Kenneth Kirk; two sons, Ward Austin Kirk and John Henry Kirk; and her sisters, Eunice Piper and Evelyn Roggenbuck.

Memorial donations may be made to Ray Owens and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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David L. Moriearty

LINCOLN, IL - David L. Moriearty, 76, passed away at 3:09 p.m. on Aug. 23, 2014, at his home.

David was born Jan. 31, 1938, in Lincoln, Ill., son of James D. and Lucille Carson Moriearty.

David is survived by two brothers, Jim Moriearty and Mike (Gerlyn) Moriearty both of Lincoln; two sisters, Jackie Simpson of Lincoln, and Marjorie (Jack) Poffenbarger of Mason City, Ill.; and two sisters-in law, Betty G. Moriearty of Lincoln and Darlene Moriearty of Effingham.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, John and Norman; and four sisters: Patricia, Suzanne, Carolyn and Stephanie.

David was a machinist at Caterpillar, an auto mechanic, and loved repairing anything he could take apart. David's kindness and extensive knowledge about a wide variety of interests, and his mechanical expertise, have been and will continue to be a greatly appreciated influence on his 77 nieces and 88 nephews. His hand was always out to help his family and friends.

Cremation rites for David will be accorded. There will be a celebration of life held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Salvation Army,

[St. Jude Children's Research Hospital](#) or a [charity of choice](#)

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

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Michael L. Bushnell

BUFFALO, IL – Michael L. Bushnell, 56, passed away Aug. 23, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center.

Mike was born Dec. 4, 1957, in Springfield, the son of Benjamin L. and Agnes M. Marr Bushnell. He married Becky VanDerVoort. He was preceded in death by his mother, Agnes; his daughter, Michelle Fields; and an infant son, Robert.

Mike is survived by his wife; his father; two grandchildren, Myah and Jayda Fields, of Lincoln, Ill.; one brother, Gregory A. (Kathy) Bushnell, of Sherman; and one nephew, Joshua Bushnell.

A graveside service with military honors will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Aug. 29, 2014, at Camp Butler National Cemetery. A memorial service will follow at 12:30 p.m. at the Buffalo Christian Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Buffalo Christian Church.

Curry Funeral Home in Pawnee, Ill., is in charge of arrangements.

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Ann Marie Applegate

ATLANTA, IL -- Ann Marie Applegate, 80, of Atlanta, Ill., died Friday, Aug. 8, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill.

A memorial service will be held in Atlanta at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 31, 2014, at the Atlanta Cemetery.

Cremation Rites have been accorded.

Ann Marie is survived by her husband, John of Atlanta; son, David of McLean; daughter, Linda (Tom Bates) of Houghton, Mich.; sisters, Irene VanDeVelde of Tavares, Fla., and Pauline (Jack Burke) Forman of San Diego, Calif.; sisters-in-law: Virginia Freiwald of Clarendon Hills, Priscilla Archibald of Ojai, Calif., and Phyllis Carlson of Grand Rapids, Mich.; brother- and sister-in-law, Richard and Betty Applegate of Atlanta; three grandsons: Aron Applegate of Bloomington, and Nathan (Erica Leever) Applegate and Evan Applegate, both of Lincoln; special "daughters," Melissa Lee of Lincoln and Michelle Holmes of Bloomington; many cousins, nieces and nephews, all whom she adored; and special relatives in Finland.

Ann Marie was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Eric; brothers-in-law: Sidney Forman, Oscar VanDeVelde, Albert Applegate, Richard Archibald and Robert Carlson; sister-in-law, Phyllis Applegate; and aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Ann Marie was born June 17, 1934, in Bruce Crossing, Mich., a daughter of Paul and Mayme Kemppainen Westerinen.

Ann Marie graduated from Southeastern High School in Detroit in 1951. She met John in Detroit as he was stationed there in the U.S. Army. She was volunteering for the U.S.O. and working at the F.B.I. They were married on Nov. 19, 1955, at Messiah Lutheran Church in Detroit. Ann Marie and John moved to Atlanta to farm and raise their children.

Ann Marie worked at several businesses through the years as a secretary and was an excellent waitress. She also pursued many varied artistic endeavors and was an excellent cook, artist and weaver.

Ann Marie's Finnish heritage was very important to her. She took many trips to Finland over the years to see relatives. Also, her many trips to Salolampi the Finnish Language Village in Bemidji, Minn., were very enjoyable to her even though she was already fluent in the language.

Dear to Ann Marie's heart was the place of her childhood home, the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Ann Marie and John took their children to the U.P. as often as they could over the years. Spending time in her home in the woods where she was born and at her sister Irene's cottage on Lake Gogebic with all the family members were her favorite things to do.

Memorials may be made to: [Salolampi Foundation](#), P.O. Box 14480, Minneapolis, MN 55414-0480. This foundation gives scholarships to children to attend Salolampi Language Village to learn the Finnish language and culture.

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

Gerald Michaels

WAYNESVILLE, IL - Driving hundreds of miles throughout his career and retirement, Gerald Michaels has reached his final destination and is at rest. He died peacefully at 2:52 p.m. on Aug. 24, 2014, at Manor Court of Clinton with his daughters at his side.

John Gerald was born Aug. 7, 1917, to William Bertie and Mary Lena Mason Michaels. He married L. Ruth Durbin on May 10, 1942. She preceded him in death on May 24, 2009.

Also preceding him in death were his parents; infant son, Alan Gerald in 1951; brother, Wilbur; nephew, David Michaels; great-nephew, Scott Michaels; and son-in-law, Stan Morgan.

He is survived by daughters, Sheryl Morgan of Champaign and Janice (Harry) Dellinger of Clinton; grandchildren, Neil (Jennifer) Dellinger of Westfield, Ind., and Thressa (Evan) Johnson of Fort Polk, La.; great-grandsons, Logan and Grayson Dellinger; and many nieces and nephews.

Gerald was an over the road truck driver hauling new cars for Cassen Transport of Hamel and a tank truck for Transport Service Company of Decatur before retiring in 1982. He was a member of Teamsters Local Union #279 of Decatur.

He was an integral part of the Waynesville United Methodist Church for 86 years and served on various committees and boards for many years. He also served as a Township Trustee for the Village of Waynesville.

Gerald and Ruth enjoyed traveling and visiting family and friends. They spent a week each of six consecutive years doing mission work at a Native American school in Farmington, N.M. They traveled many miles by motor home and enjoyed their trips to the Southwest the most.

He was an avid sports fan, watching as many games as possible. Reading western novels, doing word search and jigsaw puzzles and raising horses were his hobbies. Although he was never a farmer by occupation, he loved the land and was a proud Centennial Farm land owner.

A Celebration of Life for Gerald will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 30, 2014, at Waynesville United Methodist Church. The Rev. Becky Barrow will officiate.

Burial will be at Evergreen Cemetery in Waynesville.

Friends will be received from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 29, 2014, at Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta and from 10-11 a.m. at the church on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Waynesville United Methodist Church, Waynesville Fire Department or Waynesville Library.

The family wishes to thank everyone for their support and kindness to Gerald throughout the years. They also thank and appreciate the entire staff of Liberty Village Manor Court for their love and care during the three months Gerald resided there.

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

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Troy Dean Talkington

PETERSBURG, IL - Troy Dean Talkington, 46, of Petersburg, passed away Aug. 26, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 30, 2014, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, also at the funeral home, with Pastor Larry Crawford officiating. Private family burial will be held at a later date at Hartsburg Union Cemetery.

Troy was born Nov. 8, 1967, in Jacksonville, Ill., the son of Gary and Patsy (Woolsey) Talkington. He married Pamela Beck on Sept. 23, 1995, in Lincoln, Ill.

He was employed at Eaton in Petersburg and Lincoln for 15 years. He attended Open Arms Christian Fellowship in Lincoln and Salisbury Baptist Church. Troy enjoyed fishing and hunting, mushroom hunting, handyman work, and riding his motorcycle. He was an avid Raiders fan and a St. Louis Cardinal fan. He was a drummer and was a member of the Flatbush band. He loved animals, especially his canine companion, Warrior, and his pet raccoon, Baby Girl. Troy was a wonderful husband and father and will be greatly missed.

Surviving are his parents, Gary and Patsy Talkington of Middletown, Ill.; wife, Pamela Talkington of Petersburg; children, Sara (Trevon) Dunn of Aledo, Ill., and Reese Talkington of Petersburg; grandchildren, Tatum and Haven Dunn of Aledo, Ill.; brother, Terry Talkington of Mason City, Ill.; and sister, Tammy (Rich) Pourchot of Emden, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

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

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David L. Vincent

DECATUR, IL - David L. Vincent, 27, of Decatur, died at 12:25 p.m. on Tuesday, July 29, 2014, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville, Ill.

A memorial Celebration of Life will be held from 1-8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 30, 2014, at the American Legion Hall in Lincoln, Ill.

Cremation Rites have been accorded.

David was born Jan. 5, 1987, in Lincoln, to Linda (Gonzales) Ford of Atlanta and Anthony "Boogie" Vincent of Lincoln.

David was a student at ITT in Springfield and worked at the Tap Root in Decatur. He was a St. Louis Cardinal's fan and liked to play fantasy football. He also loved dancing and being with his family.

In addition to his mother and father, he is survived by three brothers: Joe and Landon Vincent of Lincoln and Clayton Ford of Atlanta; five sisters: Kortney Musselman of Iowa, Bridget and Toni Vincent of Lincoln, and Danika and Reyna Ford of Atlanta; maternal grandmother: Nadine DuRea of Arizona; and paternal grandparents: John and Charlene Vincent of Lincoln.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Leonard and Judy Gonzales.

Memorials may be made to the family.

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Daniel L. Tungate

LINCOLN, IL - Daniel L. Tungate, 67, passed away Sunday, Aug. 24, 2014, at his home in Lincoln.

Daniel was born Jan. 21, 1947, in Martinville, Ind., the son of the late Milburn Tungate Sr. and Hallie Tungate.

He is survived by two children, Brenda Lee Garcia and Danny Lee Tungate of Shawnee, Okla.; five sisters: Mary Lou (JT) Noe of Bradsfordville, Ky., Debbie (Gary) Brandt of Lincoln, Ill., Ann (Mitch) Rohlf of Lincoln, Ill., Marsha (Robert) Cisco of Lincoln, Ill., and Susie Tungate of Shawnee, Okla.; four brothers: Jr. (Diane) Tungate, Randal (Fawn) Tungate and Glen Tungate all of Lincoln, Ill., and Hoagie Tungate of Lebanon, Ky.; four grandchildren: Tyler and Emily Garcia and Brendan and Kaydan Tungate all of Shawnee, Okla.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers: James, Robert and Sandy Tungate.

Daniel worked at the Lincoln Bottle Factory then later at Georgia Pacific Mill in Crossett, Ark.

Daniel enjoyed the outdoors and being around family and friends. He loved his dog, Toy.

Cremation rites will be accorded and there will be no services at this time.

Memorial donations may be made to: Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln.

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

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David Elles Turner

SPRINGFIELD, IL - David Elles Turner, 83, of Springfield, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center.

He was born Feb. 22, 1931, in Lincoln, Ill., the son of Harry and Minnie Turner. He married Jayne Miller.

David was part owner of Midwest Truckers for over 40 years, a member of the Shriners for over 25 years and the Masons for over 50 years. He was also a member of the American Legion.

David was preceded in death by his parents, and one grandson, Joshua Schleyhahn.

He is survived by his wife, Jayne; three daughters: Mary Anne (Kevin) Schleyhahn, Dana (Phillips) Spencer, and Lisa (Jeff) Johnson; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one sister, Sarah (Don) Ford; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 29, 2014, at Wilson Park Funeral Home in Rochester. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 30, 2014, at the funeral home with Pastor Brad Farris officiating. Cremation will follow and burial will be at Camp Butler National Cemetery at a later date.

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

Visit our online obituaries at wilsonparkfuneralhome.com.

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