

John Leslie Benjamin

LINCOLN, IL - John Leslie Benjamin, 66, died at 8:12 p.m., Wednesday, August 27, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center. He was born on April 14, 1948, in Decatur, Ill., to John R. and Mildred Smock Benjamin. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Russ Benjamin.

Mr. Benjamin was a U.S. [Army](#) Veteran serving in Vietnam and receiving a [bronze star](#).

Surviving are a daughter, Bonnie Benjamin of Weaver, Ala.; a son, Travis Benjamin of Temple, Ga.; three stepchildren, Doug, Dave and Cindy; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Donna Chandler and Marilyn Mackey; seven nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Judy.

Graveside Service: 2 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2014, at Camp Butler National Cemetery where military honors will be conducted.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the family.

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Michael E. Fak

LINCOLN, IL - Michael E. Fak, 66, passed away at 1:14 a.m. on Sunday, August 31, 2014, at the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital.

A Prayer Service for Mike will be held on Friday, Sept. 5, 2014, at 10 a.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church with Rev. Glenn Fontana officiating.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, Sept. 4, 2014, from 5-8 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church. A Rosary Service will be held at 4:30 p.m. prior to the visitation at the church.

Military rites will be accorded by American Legion Post #263 of Lincoln.

Cremation rites will be accorded following the service.

Michael Edward Fak was born on Aug. 8, 1948, in Chicago, the son of Michael Henry and Mary Traecy Fak; they preceded him.

He was united in marriage to Sharon Sheehan on Sept. 2, 1979. She survives. Also surviving are his son, Timothy Michael Fak of Lincoln; his siblings, Mary Ellen (Mark) Prosser, Ann (Mike) Rappel, Patricia (Marty) Jacobs, and John (Audra) Fak.

Mike graduated from St. Bartholomew Catholic School, Gordon Technical High School. Wright Junior College in Chicago where he received his Associates Degree in Accounting.

He was raised in the catholic faith attending St. Mary of the Lake Catholic where he was an Altar Server.

He served in the U.S. [Army](#) as a Military [Police officer](#) during the [Vietnam War](#).

In Chicago, he worked with his Father at the Jefferson Ice Company. He later moved to Peoria to worked for Household Finance later joining the John Bearce Ford dealership in Washington where he met Tom Ashley. In 1981 he moved to Lincoln to work with his friend, Tom Ashley, at the Tom Ashley Ford dealership. He also owned Lincoln City Restoration.

He was a freelance writer for the Lincoln Courier and later worked for the Lincoln Daily News. He was the founder and owner of the Logan County Herald.

Mike was a member of the Lincoln/Logan County Chamber of Commerce where he was a Chamber Ambassador. He was a member of many boards and organizations during his many years of living in Lincoln.

Memorials may be made to the [ALS Foundation](#) or to the ministries of the Knights of Columbus Auxilliary.

Peasley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Anna L. Noe-Eckert

LINCOLN, IL - Anna L. Noe-Eckert, 49, died at 7:37 a.m. on September 2, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, Ill.

Anna was born Feb. 21, 1965, in Lebanon, Ky., the daughter of J.T. and Mary Lou Tungate Noe. She married Daniel Eckert Dec. 2, 1987, in Lincoln, Ill. He survives in Lincoln.

Anna is also survived by her mother and father of Bradfordsville, Ky.; brother, Russell (Ingrid) Noe of Dallas, Texas; sister, Kitty L. (Mitchell) Thompson of Bradfordsville, Ky.; and several nieces and nephews.

Anna was a homemaker and a devoted animal lover.

Anna chose to be cremated with no services. A private family burial will be held at a later date. Memorials may be given in her name to the [American Cancer Society](#).

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

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Paul Gordon Trommer

LINCOLN, IL - Paul Gordon Trommer, 84, passed away September 1, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln, Ill.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 4, 2014, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home. Memorial services will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, also at the funeral home with Henry Johnson officiating. Cremation rites will be accorded and burial will be at a later date in New Union Cemetery, Lincoln.

Paul was born July 5, 1930, in Lincoln, Ill., the son of August Carl and Ida (Gaddis) Trommer. He married Linda Hart on June 26, 1971, in Cobden, Ill.

Mr. Trommer worked in sales for many years. He attended Jefferson Street Christian Church. Paul was an avid reader and enjoyed the outdoors, technology, travel, crafts and woodworking, and spending time with his grandchildren. "He knew a little about everything and a lot about many things."

Surviving are his wife Linda Trommer of Lincoln, Ill.; his sons, Matthew Paul (wife, Corina) Trommer of Northville, Mich., and Ryan Michael (wife, Sarah) Trommer of West Dundee, Ill.; his grandchildren, Alexander and Santiago Trommer of Northville, Mich., and John Edison "Jet" and Izaak Edison "Zac" Trommer of West Dundee, Ill.; and his granddog, Miles.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings, Harold Trommer, Arthur Trommer, Sue Lewis, Dorothy Moross, Leona Trommer, Carl Trommer, August Trommer, Bertha Trommer, and Caroline Trommer.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the [American Diabetes Association](#), The [American Heart Association](#), or to Nuru International ("Building the world's first self-sustaining, self-scaling, integrated development model to end extreme poverty.") and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Duma Lee Cowley

LINCOLN, IL - Duma Lee Cowley, 90, of Lincoln passed away Sept. 1, 2014, at St. Clara's Manor.

Visitation will be held Thursday, Sept. 4, 2014, from noon-1 p.m. at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, also at the funeral home with Tim Searby officiating. Burial will follow at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln.

Duma was born Sept. 30, 1923, in Flint Springs, Ky., the daughter of Jake and Lillian May (Butler) Bradley. She married Burnell Cassady in 1948. He preceded her in death in 1967. She later married Willard Wayne Cowley in 1971. He preceded her in death in 2013.

Surviving are her daughter-in-law, Vickie Cassady Dempsey; grandsons: Steven Cassady, Dustin (wife, Brenna) Cassady and Aaron Cassady; great-grandchildren: Colton Cassady, Carson Cassady, Camdon Cassady and Cayson Cassady.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Burnell Cassady; husband, Willard Wayne Cowley; son, Spencer Cassady; one brother; and three sisters.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Lincoln Church of Christ and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Ruth Broehl Ortega Love

MEXICO CITY, MEXICO - Ruth Broehl Ortega Love, formerly of Elkhart, Ill., died May 30, 2014, at her home in Mexico City.

She was born in Elkhart on June 8, 1915, the daughter of Bessie Beatrice Miller and Roy Hamman Broehl. She married Silvano Ortega in 1946 and he preceded her in death. She married James A. Love in 1983 and he survives along with his four children.

She is survived by her children, Roberto Ortega, business owner in Monterey, Mexico, and Dr. Laura Ortega Craig DDS of Mexico City, Mexico; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; as well as a sister-in-law in Mexico City. She is also survived by two sisters, Doris Broehl Hopper of Jacksonville, and Edna "Eddie" Broehl Camp of Lincoln, and their respective families.

Mrs. Love graduated from Elkhart schools and from Illinois College in Jacksonville. After several years teaching fifth grade in Elkhart she moved to Mexico City, Mexico and enrolled in the National University. Following her studies she became a foreign service officer at the American Embassy in Mexico City, Mexico, a position she held for 35 years.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 5, 2014, at Lucas Chapel Cemetery in rural Lincoln, Ill., where she will be buried with her parents and infant brother. The Rev. Michael Paulson will officiate.

Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln is in charge of arrangements.

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Larry Dean Wood

SAN JOSE, IL - Larry Dean Wood, 72, formerly of Decatur, Ill., passed away Saturday, Aug. 30, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill., after a lengthy illness.

Surviving are his wife, Linda (Harvey) Wood, and his three children: Bradley Dale and wife, Pam, of Warrior, Ala., Monty Lee and wife, Lita, of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Pamela Gail Woodard and husband, John, of Colorado Springs, Colo. He also has two grandchildren, Caleb and Rylee Woodard, of Colorado Springs. Other survivors include his sister, Shirley Hilliard, and brother, Jim, both of Taylorville, Ill.; a beloved aunt, Fae McCollum of Arcola, Ill.; three stepchildren and ten step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Larry worked at Caterpillar Tractor Co. in Decatur for 32 years before enjoying 18 years of retirement.

Visitation will be held at 10 a.m. with a Memorial Service to follow at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13 at Park Meadows Baptist Church, 800 Memorial Park Rd, Lincoln, IL.

Larry chose to aid others beyond his death by donating his body to Anatomy Gift Registry.

Memorials may be given to the family in lieu of flowers.

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Larry W. Simons

MORRIS, IL - Larry W. Simons, 74, passed away Tuesday, September 2, 2014, at his home.

Born April 27, 1940, in Lincoln, Ill., he was a son of the late Raymond and Mary Kerr-Simons. Larry was raised and educated in Lincoln and graduated from Lincoln High School with the class of 1958. He would go on to receive a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University in 1965.

On June 30, 1963, Larry married his beloved wife, Patricia Ann Cochran, in Elkhart, Ill. They would go on to make a home in Morris, where he was employed by Shabbona Middle School for seven years as a teacher. Following teaching, Larry became a self-employed automotive interior repairman for 15 years. He will be remembered as a life-long St. Louis Cardinals fan.

Survivors include his wife of 51 years, Pat; one son, Gregory (Karen) Simons of Columbus, Ind.; three grandchildren, Megan and Jessi Simons, both of Columbus, Ind., and Andrew Simons of Round Rock, Texas; three siblings, Jerry (Ann) Simons, John (Linda) Simons and Brenda Simons, all of Lincoln, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Mark Simons, and two siblings, Judy Langley and Jim Simons.

Per his wishes, cremations rites have been accorded.

Friends and family may sign the online guest book or send private condolences by logging onto [www.ReevesFuneral.com](http://www.ReevesFuneral.com).

Cremation services and arrangements have been made under the direction and care of Reeves Funeral Homes, 408 East Washington Street, in Morris. 815-942-2500

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Annabelle Boyd

LINCOLN, IL - Annabelle Boyd, 86, of Lincoln, went Home to be with her Lord on Thursday, Sept. 4, 2014, at The Christian Village surrounded by her loving family.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. A Celebration of Life will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, Sept. 8, 2014, at LifePointe Church of God in Lincoln with Pastor Doug Bowers and Chaplain Ryan Edgecombe officiating. Burial will follow at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln. Following graveside services there will be a time of food and fellowship at Jefferson Street Christian Church.

Annabelle was born March 6, 1928, in Mt. Vernon, Ill., the daughter of Howard and Melva (Neal) Brown.

She was a long time member of LifePointe Church of God where she was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary. Annabelle became a beloved member of the Christian Village family in her nine years as a resident there. She was watched over with loving care by her daughter, JoAnn, and her granddaughter, Angie, and they became a beloved part of the Village as well. She retired from Lincoln Developmental Center as the Dietary Supervisor in 1990 after more than 20 years of service. She was a former AFSCME Union Steward. She enjoyed writing poetry and had a passion for Bingo. Her greatest passion in life was her family. She loved her grandchildren unconditionally and made sure to tell them as often as she could.

Surviving are her children: Arthur Hofer (wife, Gloria) of Decatur, Ill., JoAnn Washam (husband, Bucky) of Lincoln, Ill., and Alan Boyd of Springfield, Ill.; sisters: Alta Mae Childers of Mt. Vernon, Ill., Geraldine Pitts of Savoy, Ill., and Wilma Buchanan of Mt. Vernon, Ill. Seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, the Rev. Dale Brown; brother, Jim Brown; and an infant brother, Clyde Brown.

Memorial donations may be made to: LifePointe Church of God and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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James E. Olmsted

WINTER HAVEN, FL - James E. Olmsted, 82, passed away peacefully at home on Aug. 25, 2014.

Jim is survived by his cherished wife of 59 years, Barbara; sons, Patrick Olmsted and Timothy (Darla) Olmsted; daughter, Melissa Olmsted; grandchildren, Paden and Paige Olmsted (Tim and Darla); brothers, Charles Olmstead and Tom (Patricia) Olmstead; sisters: Virginia (Winton) Baker, Donna Hahn, Sandy (Don) Shull and Wilma Hill; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, LaVerne and Edna Olmstead; son, Michael Olmsted; brother, Verne Olmstead; and sister, Dorothy Sillett.

Born and raised in Lincoln, Jim worked for the Courier delivering papers as a young boy. He also worked many other odd jobs to help his family during the Great Depression. He was a veteran of the [U.S. Navy](#) and served during the [Korean War](#). He and Barbara were married in 1955 and they raised their four children in Elburn, Ill.

He worked for 35 years at Caterpillar tractor and he also farmed for 15 years until retiring to Florida in 1993.

Jim was a member of the Blackberry Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite and American Legion. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He loved living in the Elburn countryside and had many wonderful friends and neighbors. He could always make you laugh and was a good, loyal, honest and fair man. Jim loved to travel, cruise, golf and bird watch. He could fix almost anything and always came to the aide of someone in need of his help. His love and joy for life will linger in our hearts forever.

A memorial service will be held at Lincoln First United Methodist Church (where Jim and Barbara were married), 302 Broadway St., Lincoln, IL 62656 on the 14th of September 2014 beginning at 1 pm.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Lincoln First United Methodist Church in Jim's honor.

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Ernest Richard Edwards

MT. PULASKI, IL - Ernest Richard Edwards, 78, passed away at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday Sept., 7, 2014, at his home in Mt. Pulaski.

Richard was born Sept. 3, 1936, in Mt. Pulaski, Ill., to Ernest R. and Minnie Edwards. He married Phyllis Ragsdale on June 6, 1959, in Metropolis, Ill. He worked for Caterpillar as an adjuster in Decatur for 36 years. He served in the National Guard and for the last several years loved running Edwards Produce where he grew tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini and green peppers.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis, of 55 years; son, Jeff (Amy) Edwards of Ballwin, Mo.; son-in-law, Jeff Davis of Ballwin, Mo.; five grandchildren: Olivia, Cole, Jackson, Sinclair and Lane; and two sisters, Ruth Barry of Mt. Pulaski and Mary Harrison of Decatur.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Sydney Davis; brother, Earl Edwards; and an infant sister.

Services will be 10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 12, 2014, at the First Christian Church in Mt. Pulaski with Mark Weber officiating. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday evening at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski. Burial will be at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to: Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund, Washington University, Division of Oncology, Box 8007, Attention: Robert Barczewski, 660 S. Euclid, St. Louis, MO 63110.

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Michael A. Greger

PITTSFIELD - Michael A. Greger, 51, passed away September 8, 2014, at his residence in Pittsfield after a two- year battle with cancer.

Mike was born on Oct. 16, 1962, in Lincoln, Ill., a son of Jim and Carolyn Reynolds Greger.

Mike was a 1980 graduate of Mt. Pulaski High School and graduated from Lincoln College and Parks School of Aviation. He was an accomplished pilot having earned multiple ratings, and was the chief flight instructor at Flight Star in Champaign, Ill., where he also crewed a Falcon 10 Jet flying right seat.

Mike started working for Pike Feeds in 1994 and developed a significant customer base covering a dozen counties in central Illinois. Mike loved working with his Pike Feed customers and enjoyed going out to the farms to see them and their livestock. Mike had a high level of caring and compassion for all animals and knew all his customer's pets by name. He would even take dog treats with him on his sales calls. He enjoyed the outdoors, working in his yard, golf, playing cards with his poker buddies, 70's music, cookouts, taking his "best friend", Jack, his dog, for truck rides, and spending time with family.

Mike is survived by his parents, Jim and Carolyn Greger, of Lincoln; and three brothers, Jim (Nancy) Greger, Jr., of Franklin, Va., twin brother, Mark (Angie) Greger, of Pittsfield, and Steve Greger, of Pittsfield. Nieces and nephews surviving are Joe Greger, Katherine Berry, Shelby Greger, Blake Greger and Matt Greger along with a special friend, Heather Robertson, of Pittsfield. Several aunts, uncles, cousins, and "best friend" Jack, his dog, also survive.

Mike was preceded in death by a sister-in-law, Suzette Greger, and a niece, Bethanne Calvert, both of Franklin, Va.

A visitation with Mike's family will be held from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 11, 2014, at the Niebur Funeral Home in Pittsfield. Private funeral services will be held at a later date.

Memorials are suggested to be made to the Pike County Animal Shelter in Pittsfield. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.nieburfh.com](http://www.nieburfh.com). The Niebur Funeral Home in Pittsfield has been entrusted with the service.

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Dorothy A. Haseley

LINCOLN, IL - Dorothy A. Haseley, 90, passed away at 4:20 p.m., Sunday, September 7, 2014, at St. Clara's Manor, Lincoln.

Dorothy was born Oct. 28, 1923, in Logan County, the daughter of Louis and Edith Scheiler Elsas. She married Wilbert A. Haseley May 2, 1948, in Lincoln. He preceded her in death April 10, 1992.

Dorothy is survived by a son, Steven (Connie) Haseley, of Lincoln, and a daughter, Linda (Dale) Hanslow, of Mahomet; grandchild, Bryan (Beth) Hanslow, of Springfield, Mo.; great-grandchildren, Drew, Levi, and Sophia, Aaron (Dawn) Hanslow of Farmer City, and Craig (Katie) Hanslow of Mahomet; great-grandchild, Holdyn Hanslow; Michael (Annie) Haseley of Deerfield Beach, Fla.; Matthew (Jackie) Haseley of Lincoln; great-grandchild, Brayden Haseley and stepgreat- grandchild, Makenna Frank; stepgranddaughter, Amy (Dax) Rodriguez; stepgreat- grandchildren, Ashton, Bailey and Brody Rodriguez; and several nieces and nephews. Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brothers, Alvin and Robert Elsas, and sister, Mildred Lamar. Dorothy was the last of her immediate family.

Dorothy was a Registered Nurse at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Logan County Correctional Facility and later a Portamedic Examiner performing physicals for insurance companies until she retired. She was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Lincoln.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, September 12, at Zion Lutheran Church of Lincoln with Rev. David Ramirez officiating. Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. prior to service at the church. Burial will be in Zion Cemetery, Lincoln. Memorials, in lieu of flowers, may be given in her memory to Zion Lutheran Church or Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital. Services were entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home of Lincoln.

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Stanley L. Struebing

BLOOMINGTON, IL - Stanley L. Struebing, 87, died peacefully at home in Bloomington on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014, after a brief illness.

Stanley was born Feb. 18, 1927, in Hartsburg, Ill., the son of William and Mollie Arnold Struebing.

Stanley was preceded in death by his loving wife of 63 years, Phyllis Cross Struebing.

He is survived by his three daughters and their husbands: Cathy Cross (Rick) of Minier, Faye Wickliffe (Jim) of Bloomington, and Susanne Struebing (Jim Dornbusch) of Califon, N.J.; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. One sister, Doris LeGrand of Springfield, also survives.

Stanley was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Struebing, of New Holland.

Stanley served in the U.S. [Army](#) and was a veteran of [WWII](#). He spent his career farming the same property his parents and grandparents farmed. He co-owned and operated the Hartem Bus Service, and was particularly well-known for driving the kindergarten route for years. He was an active, lifelong member of St. Peter Lutheran Church, the American Legion, and engaged fully in his community. Most of all, he was a devoted, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle. He cherished his friends and enjoyed golf, fishing, and spending time with loved ones.

Services for Stanley will be held on at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 13, at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Emden, Ill., with the Rev. John Schurter and the Rev. Frank Pieper officiating. Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 12, at the church and again one hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Burial will be at Hartsburg Union Cemetery. Full military rights will be accorded by the Emden American Legion Post #506.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to: St. Peter Lutheran Church of Emden.

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

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Violet M. "Vi" Bismark

HENRY, IL - Violet M. "Vi" Bismark, 90, formerly of Lincoln, Ill., passed away at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 9, 2014, at Heartland Healthcare Center, Henry.

Vi was born Dec. 17, 1923, in Wahoo, Neb., the daughter of Ernest and Elsie Vance. She married Robert Bismark April 13, 1941, in Marengo, Iowa. Being much in love with each other, they were married 69 years before Robert's death April 15, 2010. She was also preceded in death by her parents, and a sister, Rita.

Vi is survived by three sons, Wayne Bismark of Maryville, Tenn., Dean (Pam) Bismark of Hennepin, Ill., and Larry Bismark of Jonesborough, Tenn.; four grandsons, Joshua, Jeffrey, Andrew, and Bryan Bismark; and one granddaughter, Andrea (Craig) Armstrong; eight great-grandchildren.

Vi was a member of St. John United Church of Christ, Lincoln, and the Eastern Star. She was very active in the church including the Charity Guild. She worked as a secretary with her husband at the Bismark Insurance Agency.

Services for Vi will be at 4 p.m., Saturday, September 13, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, with Ryan Edgcombe officiating. Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. at the funeral home prior to the service. An Eastern Star Service will be held at 3:30 p.m. A private burial will be Monday, at New Union Cemetery, Lincoln. Memorials may be given in her memory to Lincoln Heritage Museum.

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Kenneth E. Ebelherr

LINCOLN, IL- Kenneth E. Ebelherr, "Rabbit," 60, of Lincoln, passed away Sept. 11, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill., surrounded by his family.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2014, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 17, also at the funeral home. Burial will follow at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln.

Ken was born May 1, 1954, in Mt. Vernon, N.Y., the son of Kenneth Benjamin Ebelherr and Marie Riedinger Ebelherr. He married Deanne Rivett on April 20, 1985.

Ken retired from the Lincoln Fire Department after 30 years of service where he achieved rank of Fireman, Lieutenant, Captain, and Chief. He was dedicated to his work and his fellow firemen. He was a member of Firefighter's Local 3092 and the Lincoln Firefighter's Pension Board. He was also a member of the Lincoln [Elks Club](#). He previously served on the Chester East Lincoln School Board. He was an avid golf and baseball spectator and enjoyed American history. Above all else he was devoted to his family. Ken was a loving and dedicated husband and father.

Surviving are his mother, Marie Ebelherr of Lincoln, Ill.; his wife, Deanne Ebelherr also of Lincoln, Ill.; his children: Abby Ebelherr of Chicago, Ill., Emma (Tim) Caldwell of Lincoln, Ill., and Benjamin Ebelherr of Lincoln, Ill.; his granddaughter, Claire Caldwell; his siblings: Doug (Debbie) Ebelherr of Lincoln, Ill., Karen (Kevin) Lecouris of Hallsville, Ill., Chris Ebelherr of Lewisville, Texas, Beth (Steve) Dahm of Lincoln, Ill., Paul (Kay) Ebelherr of Lincoln, Ill., and Russell Ebelherr of Hackettstown, N.J. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Memorial donations may be made to the Lincoln Firefighters or to the Restless Leg Syndrome Foundation and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Walter "Earl" Phillips

MT. PULASKI, IL - Walter "Earl" Phillips, 94, of Mt. Pulaski, passed away at 4:00 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014, at Vonderlieth Living Center.

Earl was born Sept. 22, 1919, in Logan County, son of Carl M. and Matilda Ann Bryson Phillips. He was united in marriage to Erma M. Ayers on Nov. 26, 1938, in Bowling Green, Mo. She preceded him in death on May 18, 2010.

Earl is survived by his children: Larry Lee (Sue) Phillips of Escondido, Calif., Dan W. (Betty) Phillips of Mt. Pulaski, and Mary Ann (Thomas) Trago of Mt. Pulaski; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; son, Billy E. Phillips; brothers, William and Millard; and a great-granddaughter, Annabelle Phillips.

Earl served in the Navy during [WWII](#). He was a member of the Mt. Pulaski Christian Church and he retired as a cabinet maker.

Services for Earl will be at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski with Mark Weber officiating.

A visitation will be held from 2-3 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Steenbergen Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to: Vonderlieth Living Center Activity Fund or Mt. Pulaski Ambulance.

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Sophia I. Stiles

SAN JOSE, IL - Sophia I. Stiles, 53, of San Jose, IL passed away Sept. 14, 2014, at Memorial Hospital in Springfield Ill.

She was born Sept. 5, 1961, to Stephen and Wanda (Gill) Cross in Lincoln, Ill. She married Jackey Stiles Sr. on Nov. 29, 2004.

Sophia leaves behind her two children, Jackey Stiles Jr. (Melissa) of Atlanta and Misty Walters (Hazel Dewight) of Texas; four grandchildren; her siblings, Terry (Jenny) Cross of San Jose, Larry (Lola) Cross of Havana, Stephen Heyworth Cross of Chicago, Ethel "Lee" Cross of Pekin, Shirley (Bobby) Carpenter of Pekin, Chris (Fred) Hull of Mason City, and Glenna (Ken) Charlier of Glassford.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents and grandparents.

Sophia was a member of the Methodist Church in San Jose. She enjoyed her family, Coffee Club, shopping and garage sales.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 18, 2014, at the Christian Church in San Jose. A visitation for Sophia will be 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 17, at Hurley Funeral Home in San Jose. Burial will follow at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to: The Diabetes Foundation or San Jose Christian Church.

Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com).

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Carolyn Marie Delle Pygott

LEXINGTON, TN - Funeral services for Ms. Carolyn Marie Delle Pygott, 65, are scheduled for 11 a.m., Friday, Sept. 19, 2014, in the chapel of Pafford Funeral Home with Bro. Calvin Mercer officiating.

Interment will follow in Lexington Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, 5-8 p.m., and Friday, 9-11 a.m.

Ms. Pygott passed away Thursday, September 11, 2014, at her home in Lexington. She was born Nov. 3, 1948, in Spokane, Wash., to the late Joseph George and Kathleen Rose Smith Delle. She was a CNA and enjoyed plastic canvas, puzzles, and crocheting.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, April Richardson. Survivors include her two sons, Eddie (Bobbi) Pygott and J. D. "Jerry" Sapp; one daughter, Karen Pygott; five brothers, Leon "Butch" King, Leo King, William Henry King, David Delle, and Gregory (Linda) Delle; two sisters, Diana (Max Ray) Lindsey and Pat King; twelve grandchildren, Anthony, Joseph, Brayden, Derrick, Cari, T. J., Donivan, Kelly, Carey, Brady, Jaina, and Casey; and three great-grandchildren, Olivia, Marleigh, and Kailynn.

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Nelda May Rogers

LINCOLN, IL - Nelda May Rogers, 94, formerly of Emden, passed away on September 16, 2014, at The Christian Village.

A visitation will be held at Holland Barry and Bennett Funeral Home Saturday, September 20, 2014, 10 a.m.-12 noon. Funeral services will immediately follow at noon. Don Green and Chris Bivens will officiate. Burial will take place at Bethel Cemetery, Emden.

Nelda was born Sept. 14, 1920, in Emden, Ill., the daughter of William Harms and Sena (Leesman) Harms. She married Herbert Rogers Sept. 14, 1945. He preceded her in death February 12, 2006.

She is survived by her children, Mark Rogers of Emden and Matthew (Kimberly) Rogers of Darien, Ill. Also surviving are her grandchildren, Brianne Beers, Tami Combs, Cassandra Rogers, Daniel Rogers, Faith Rogers, Jordan Rogers, and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter, Melody Hufnagel, and sisters, Jeanette Yontz and Mildred Burke.

Nelda enjoyed reading and needlepoint, and was an amazing cook. She was a graduate of Illinois State University and Hartsburg Emden High School and was a lifetime farmer's wife who taught in a one-room school house in Delavan. She was a member of the Illinois Retired Teachers' Association, the Women's Auxiliary at The Christian Village, and Emden Christian Church, where she served on the Women's Council and taught Sunday School. She also played the piano.

Memorial donations may be made to Emden Christian Church, Christian Homes in Lincoln, or Safe Haven Hospice and will be accepted at Holland Barry and Bennett Funeral Home.

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Martine E. Sheldon

SPRINGFIELD - Martine E. Sheldon, 80, died at Heritage Health, Springfield at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 16, 2014.

Martine was born Sept. 24, 1933, in Springfield, Ill., the daughter of Paul and Rudell Carley Langley. She married Jackie B. Sheldon Aug. 21, 1952, in Lincoln, Ill. He preceded her in death Jan. 26, 2011. Her parents also preceded her in death.

Martine is survived by two sons, Stuart (Marla) Sheldon of Naperville, Ill., and Keith (Jan) Sheldon of Morton, Ill.; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; two sisters, Helen Drake of Delavan and Carol Gobleman; and one brother, Tom Langley of Arizona. She was preceded in death by one brother, Paul Langley Jr.; two sisters, Joyce Adair and Katherine Peterson.

Martine was a bookkeeper at Lincoln Community High School and a homemaker. She attended First United Methodist Church of Lincoln.

Services will be held for Martine at 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln with Mike Short officiating. Burial will follow at Zion Cemetery, Lincoln. Visitation will be from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorials may be given in her name to the Parkinson's Association.

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Richard A. Hurley

LINCOLN, IL - Richard A. Hurley, 83, of Lincoln passed away Friday, Sept. 19, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

Graveside services for Mr. Hurley will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 22, 2014, at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln.

No visitation is scheduled

Richard Anthony Hurley was born Jan. 11, 1931, in Lincoln the son of Carl and Anna Werkman Hurley. He was united in marriage to Carole Joyce Holderman on Nov. 25, 1954, at the Painesville Church of Christ in Painesville, Ohio. She survives in Lincoln.

Also surviving are his three sons: Lyndel (Kathy) Hurley of Athens, Ga., Todd (Fabiana) Hurley of Miami, Fla., and Lloyd (Pam) Hurley of Seminole, Fla., two brothers, Virgil (Judy) Hurley of Oceanside, Calif., and Ed (Ruth) Hurley of Lincoln; one sister, Linda (Jerry) Woodard of Lincoln; nine grandchildren: Erin Wilson, Evan Wilson, Cole Hurley, Claire Hurley, Lucas Hurley, Emily Hurley, Joshua Newsome, Jeremy Newsome, and Erin Newsome; and one great-grandson, Kaleb Newsome.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Melonie Hurley, and five siblings: Thelma Fulk, Carl Hurley Jr., Bill Hurley, Harold Hurley, Claude Hurley

Dick attended Lincoln Elementary and High School graduating in 1949. He then graduated from Lincoln Bible Institute in 1955; from Northeast Missouri State Teachers College (now Truman University) in May 1959 with a bachelor's degree in education; and from Truman University in August 1959 with a Master of Art's Degree.

He taught in Greentop and Shelbina, Mo., Quincy, Ill., Webster School before returning to Logan County as a teacher and principal in Emden, Ill. He finished his 30 years of teaching in District #27 in Lincoln.

He owned and operated the Hurley Real Estate business for over 50 years. He served on the Logan County Board for 28 years, being Chairman of the board from 1986-1988.

He is a member of the Lincoln Christian Church where he also served as an elder.

Memorials may be made to: [Harding University](#), 915 E. Market Ave., Searcy, AR 72143.

Peasley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Thomas "Tom" Bunner

LINCOLN, IL - Thomas "Tom" Bunner, 69, passed away at 11:45 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 19, 2014, at his residence in Lincoln.

Tom was born Dec. 10, 1944, in Lincoln, Ill., to Forest O. and Fern Aery Bunner. He married Anna Wilcoxson on July 5, 1996. She survives him in Lincoln.

Tom retired from Memorial Medical Center after 28 years in the Engineering Department. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Lincoln [Elks Club](#) and was an avid golfer. He worked with youth baseball, American Legion baseball and was a Chicago Bears and San Francisco Giants fan.

Surviving Tom are his two sons, Todd (Gina) Bunner of Jacksonville, Ill., and Scott Bunner of Broadwell; stepson, Jack (Wendy) Woodard of Poulsbo, Wash.; stepdaughter, Tammy (Kenneth) Aulgur of Bremerton, Wash.; six grandchildren: Cory (Katie) Bunner, Colby (Maria) Bunner, Cyndey Bunner, Clark Bunner, Kelsey Bunner and Brock Bunner; four step-grandchildren: Erica Woodard, Teal Victoria, Garrett Woodard and Marissa Aulgeir; and one step-great-grandchild, Kaiyanna.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers: Robert, Larry and Bill; and four sisters: Barbara Standley, Beulah Newton, June Hall and Kay Bounds.

Services for Tom will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with the Rev. Michael Paulson officiating. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday evening at the funeral home. Burial will be at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln.

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

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Betty Jane Holmes

MT. PULASKI, IL - Betty Jane Holmes, 84, of Mt. Pulaski passed away at 7:05 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014, at Decatur Memorial Hospital in Decatur, Ill.

Betty was born Jan. 31, 1930, in Lake Fork, Ill., daughter of Fred and Hilma Gaffney Fuiten. She married Charles "Chick" Holmes on Aug. 28, 1955, in Lincoln, Ill. He survives her in Mt. Pulaski.

Also surviving are her two sons, Steven Holmes of Tallahassee, Fla., and Scott Holmes of Mt. Pulaski; one sister, Louise Bohn of Mt. Pulaski; six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Robert and Dale Fuiten; and one infant daughter, Stacey Beth Holmes.

Betty was a member of Mt. Pulaski Christian Church. She was a homemaker. She enjoyed helping others, loved traveling, and playing cards.

Services for Betty will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 25, 2014, at Fricke Calvert Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski with Mark Weber officiating. Visitation will be two hours prior to the service. Burial at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery will follow the service.

Memorials may be given to: Mt. Pulaski Christian Church.

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Barbara J. Fuchs

GIRARD, IL – Barbara J. Fuchs, 77, of Girard, passed away Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014, surrounded by her loving family.

Barbara was born Feb. 6, 1937, in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, a daughter of Clyde and Laura (Hart) Hart. She married Donald E. Fuchs on Jan. 4, 1958, in Farmersville, Ill. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Girard, Ill., and retired from Dickey-john Corp. in Auburn, Ill., after 25 years of service. Barbara loved attending her grandchildren's sporting events and entertaining friends and family.

Surviving Barbara are her husband, Donald E. Fuchs, of Girard, Ill.; daughters, Laura L. (Curt) Davis of Rochester, Ill., and Dawn M. (Thomas) Steiner of Lincoln, Ill.; a son, Louis P. "Pat" (Theresa) Fuchs of Glenarm, Ill.; grandchildren: Alexandra and Cameron Davis, Nicholas and Craig Fuchs, Benjamin, and Madeline and Claire Steiner; sister, Colleen (David) Sokol of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; brother, William "Bill" (Myrt) Hart of Kalispell, Mont.; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Barbara in death were her parents and a brother, Richard Hart.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 25, 2014, at Calvert & Ferry Funeral Home in Girard, with funeral services following at 7 p.m. Cremation rites will be accorded following services with burial of ashes at Rovey Cemetery at a later date.

Please visit [calvert-ferryfuneralhomes.com](http://calvert-ferryfuneralhomes.com) to leave a comment for the family.

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Carol D. Maxfield

SPRINGFIELD - Carol D. Maxfield, 54, died at 2:22 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014, at St. John's Hospice.

Carol was born June 4, 1960, in Springfield, the daughter of Henry and Barbara Hernan Maxfield, and grew up in Mason City, Ill.

Carol was a 1978 graduate of Mason City High School and received her bachelor's from Monmouth College in 1982. She started in the teller department at Illinois National Bank and later worked in the trust department. Carol was an active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church, serving as deacon and elder. She enjoyed her family, her friends, nature and volunteer work that included 15 years with Memorial Medical Center.

She was preceded in death by her father.

She is survived by her mother, Barbara (husband, Donald) Paton of E. Peoria; three siblings, John (wife, Randi) Maxfield of Chatham, Marcia (husband, Earl) Bielser of Mason City, and Mark (wife, Amy) Maxfield of E. Peoria; four nieces, Abby, Ann, Sydney, and Taylor; one nephew, Izaak; two grandnephews and one grandniece; and a large extended family.

Visitation: Family will receive friends from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 26, 2014, at Kirlin-Egan & Butler Funeral Home, 900 S. 6th St., Springfield. Due to the Route 66 Mother Road Festival Cruise, Sixth Street will be closed from Stevenson to Jefferson after 6 p.m. If you are arriving after 6 p.m., call Butler Funeral Homes at 217-544-4646 for directions to our Seventh Street entrance.

Funeral Ceremony: 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 S. Walnut St., Springfield, with Elder Sue Sawers officiating. Burial will follow at Mason City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 533 S. Walnut St., Springfield, IL 62704.

Please visit [butlerfuneralhomes.com](http://butlerfuneralhomes.com) to offer your condolences.

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Mildred Fern Stewart

MT. PULASKI, - Mildred Fern Stewart, 97, passed away at 9:00 a.m. on September 23, 2014, at Vonderlieth Living Center in Mt. Pulaski.

Mildred was born on Nov. 13, 1916, in Harristown, Ill., the daughter of Arthur R. and Lou Eva Wright Beck. She married William John Stewart on Nov. 28, 1935, in Decatur, Ill. He preceded her in death on January 1, 1975.

Surviving Mildred are her children, Kenny Stewart of Illiopolis, Ill., Ronald (Mary) Stewart, Richard Stewart, Delmar (Sue) Stewart, Dennis Stewart, and Janice Cook, and Mark Stewart, all of Mt. Pulaski; one brother, Ray Beck of Illiopolis; one sister, Erma (Fitz) Fulton of California; 23 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; two daughter-in-laws, Phyllis Stewart of Lake Fork and Charlene Stewart of Mt. Pulaski. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sons, Gary and Jerry Stewart, two sisters, and two great-grandchildren.

Mildred was a homemaker and worked in housekeeping at Vonderlieth Living Center for a number of years. She was a member of Mt. Pulaski Christian Church, [VFW](#) Auxiliary, and sold Avon products for several years.

Graveside services for Mildred will be 2:30 p.m., Thursday, September 25, 2014, at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery with Mark Weber officiating. Memorials may be given to Vonderlieth Living Center, Mt. Pulaski Christian Church, or Lake Fork Community Center. Services were entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski.

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Edward "Ed" Lyle Dyer

ELKHART, IL - Edward "Ed" Lyle Dyer, 68, passed away Sept. 22, 2014, at his residence in Elkhart.

Mr. Dyer was born Jan. 27, 1946, in Chicago, Ill., the son of Arthur and Beatrice (Matthews) Dyer. He married Shirley Collins in September of 2001. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters; three stepchildren: Lisa Phillips of Mt. Pulaski, Larry Wines and Leslie Wines of Lincoln; and six step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Ed Dyer served with the U.S. Army Reserves.

Holland Barry and Bennett Funeral Home has been entrusted with his care. No memorial service has been scheduled at this time.

Memorial donations may be made to the family and will be received at Holland Barry and Bennett Funeral Home.

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Alan L. Hartwig

LINCOLN, IL - Alan L. Hartwig, 68, of Lincoln, passed away at 5:40 a.m., Sept. 23, 2014, at Vonderleith Living Center in Mt. Pulaski, Ill.

Alan was born Nov. 6, 1945, in Lincoln, the son of Paul and Ralpho Adel Shelton Hartwig. His parents preceded him in death.

Alan is survived by a son, Austin Hartwig of Lincoln; two daughters, Bobbi Hartwig of Dunlap, Iowa and Katelyn Hartwig of Lincoln; and one sister, Karol (Robert) Richardson of Kenney, Ill.

Alan graduated from New Holland-Middletown High School and Illinois State University with a B.S. in Ag Education. He served in the 25th Infantry Division (Wolfhounds) in Vietnam where he received a [Purple Heart](#). While serving in Vietnam, he was selected as the enlisted aide to Ambassador William E. Colby. Alan played fast pitch softball and he was an avid Cardinal fan. He was a farmer and a Polled Hereford breeder.

Alan's wishes were to be cremated and cremation rites will be accorded. There will be a visitation from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 26 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. There will be no services held. Burial will be at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to: [Wounded Warriors Project](#).

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Joseph Orville "Joe" Elsberry

SPRINGFIELD, IL - Joseph Orville "Joe" Elsberry, 85, of Springfield, formerly of Lincoln, Ill., passed away Sept. 23, 2014, at St. John's Hospice in Springfield.

Visitation will be from 10:30-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, also at the funeral home, with the Rev. Michael Paulsen officiating. Burial will follow at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln with military honors provided by the Lincoln American Legion Post 263.

Joe was born Feb. 10, 1929, in Monmouth, Ill., the son of Joseph Arthur Elsberry and Rhoda (Bass) Elsberry. He married Patricia Ann Kuntzi on April 29, 1951, in East St. Louis, Mo. She preceded him in death on May 26, 1986.

Mr. Elsberry proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the [Korean War](#). He received the Korean Service Medal, three [Bronze Stars](#), the United Nations Service Medal, and the Combat Infantry Badge. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 263, a lifetime member of the [VFW](#) Post 1756, lifetime member of AMVETS, a member of Teamsters Local 710, past member of the Eagles Lodge 2708 and past member of the Lincoln [Elks Club](#) 914. He was of the Methodist faith.

Surviving are his daughter, Cindy (Randy) Ramirez of Springfield, Ill.; son, Randy (Martha) Elsberry of Lincoln, Ill.; granddaughter, Michelle (Jason) Woodside of Pinckneyville, Ill.; great-granddaughter, Lexie Woodside also of Pinckneyville, Ill.; sister, Ruth Bentzinger of Carthage, Ill.; half-sister, Mary Blankenship of Atlanta, Ill.; half-brother, Bill (Fannie) Elsberry of Hopedale, Ill.; 17 nieces and nephews; and many great-nieces and great-nephews also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents; stepmother, Wilma Smith Elsberry; half-sister, Rita Patton; and half-sister, Sherry Elsberry.

Memorial donations may be made to: Lincoln First United Methodist Church or [Senior Services of Central Illinois](#), 701 W. Mason, Springfield, IL 62702 and will also be accepted at the funeral home.

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Katy Goodman

ATLANTA, IL - Katy Goodman, 81, passed away Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014, at her home in rural Atlanta.

Funeral services for Mrs. Goodman will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014, at Jefferson Street Christian Church.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, also at Jefferson Street Christian Church.

Burial will be at Old Union Cemetery in Lincoln.

Kathryn "Katy" Goodman was born Nov. 18, 1932, in rural Lincoln the daughter of Byford and Marie Gurley Boyd. Katy was united in marriage on Dec. 7, 1950, to Walter Lee Goodman. He survives.

Also surviving are her daughter, Lisa (Greg Paul) Goodman of Bloomington; three sisters, Dorothy (Jack) Bale of Lincoln, Sue (Harold) Humphrey of Petersburg and Marilyn (Clancy) Stoll of Chestnut; two brothers, Jerry (Skosh) Boyd of Lincoln and James (Kay) Boyd of Broadwell; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one son, Larry L. Goodman; and one sister, Marylou Cadwallader.

Katy graduated from the Beason High School in 1949.

She was a former member of the Lincoln Logan County REACT and member of Jefferson Street Christian Church.

Katy and Walter are the owners of the Hickory Lane Campground.

Memorials may be made to: Atlanta Rescue Squad or Logan County Home Health.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Peasley Funeral Home.

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Lorraine A. Pilcher

SPRINGFIELD, IL - Lorraine A. Pilcher, 85, died at 4:10 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014, at her home in Springfield.

She was born March 4, 1929, in Monmouth, Ill., to Glenn B. and Ethel M. Hanna Armstrong. She married Henry R. Wendt in 1948; they later divorced and he preceded her in death on Nov. 5, 2001. She married George R. Pilcher on Feb. 11, 1984, and he preceded her in death on March 4, 1995.

Her parents and one brother, Richard G. Armstrong, also preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons, Jeffrey D. (Janet) Wendt of Springfield and Marcus H. (Sandra) Wendt of Lincoln; one sister, Carol (Hank) Schultz of Redding, Calif.; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Lorraine retired as Assistant Vice President of Underwriting from the Franklin Life Insurance Company. She was a member of Prairie Art Alliance, Springfield Art Association and Springfield Area Arts Council and served as a board member for the Girl Scout Council. Lorraine received a bachelor of arts degree from Sangamon State University.

She was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Visitation: 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2014, at Staab Funeral Home with additional visitation from 9-9:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 2, 2014, at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Funeral Service: 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 2, 2014, at Westminster Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Dr. Blythe Denham Kieffer officiating. Burial will follow at Camp Butler National Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Prairie Art Alliance or Animal Protective League.

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