

Brenda Kay Sullivan

LINCOLN, IL - Brenda Kay Sullivan, 52, of Lincoln, passed away Sept. 29, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, Oct. 3, 2014, at Zion Cemetery in Lincoln. There will be no visitation.

Brenda was born May 16, 1962, in Lincoln, Ill., the daughter of Lewis Carl Sullivan and Donna Charlene (Smith).

She worked at Lincoln Developmental Center for many years and was formerly employed as a CNA at The Christian Village and at Castle Manor. Brenda dedicated her life to taking care of others.

Surviving are her mother, Donna Fulk of Lincoln, Ill.; and her siblings: Donald Sullivan of Troy, Mo., Edward Sullivan (Jane) of St. Peters, Mo., Roger Smith of Lincoln, Ill., Charlotte Parcelle (John) of Lincoln, Ill., Rocky Sullivan (Evelyn) of Overland, Mo., and Carolyn Tripplett (Gary) of Middletown, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her father and three brothers: Charles Smith, Calvin Sullivan, and David Sullivan.

Memorial donations may be made to: [American Cancer Society](#)

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

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Jerry W. Adams

ATLANTA, IL - Jerry W. Adams, 75, of Atlanta, died at 11:00 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Funeral services for Mr. Adams will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2014, at Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home. Mr. Maurice Stribling will officiate.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 6, also at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Atlanta Cemetery. Military rites will be accorded by Atlanta American Legion Post 341.

Jerry Wayne Adams was born Jan. 20, 1939, in Chestnut, the son of Ray and Budella Bradway Adams. He married Julia Jones on Jan. 28, 1961, in Lincoln. She preceded him in death on May 15, 2007.

Jerry is survived by his children: LaVonne (Terry) McCain, Yvonne (Mark) Fishburn and Allen (Bev) Adams; one brother, Larry (Karen) Vannoy; seven grandchildren: James Rich, Cory Rich, Brandi Adams, Heather Adams, Ashley McCain, Jonathon McCain and Tori Fishburn; and nine great-granchildren: Alexis, Anayah, Jerret, Hunter, Jayden, Myrssa, Carson, Savannah and Colton.

Mr. Adams was preceded in death by his wife; one son, Kenneth; four siblings: Dennis Adams, Robert Bland, Abraham Vannoy and Tena Gilmore.

Jerry was retired from heavy equipment operation at Daugherty and Crane Excavating and farming for Jim Klokkenga Farms and Gene Howard Farms. He was a loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He enjoyed antique John Deere Tractors, trucks and cars.

The family extends special thanks to DaVita Lincoln for the loving care given to Jerry.

Memorials may be made to: DaVita Healthcare in Lincoln.

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

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Martin F. Gleason

ELKHART, IL - Martin F. Gleason, 88, passed away at 8:36 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 5, 2014, at his home surrounded by his family.

Martin was born May 19, 1926, in Elkhart, Ill., son of Martin P. and Vedes Thompson Gleason. He married Norma Jeanne Hagan on Feb. 19, 1949, in Lincoln, Ill.; she preceded him in death on Dec. 22, 2007.

Martin is survived by his children: William (Mary) Gleason of Middletown, Ill., Larry (Martha) Gleason of Sherman, Ill., Robert (Nina) Gleason of Elkhart, Ill., Timothy (Kristine) Gleason of Elkhart, Ill., Todd (Claranne) Gleason of Mahomet, Ill., and Jay (Laurie) Gleason of Princeton, Ill.; 17 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Norma Smith of Oswego, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one grandchild.

Martin was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Elkhart and was on the church board. He was a lifelong farmer in Hurlbut and Corwin Townships in Logan County. He was a [WWII](#) veteran, serving in the [U.S. Navy](#). He served on the following boards: Soil Conservation, Elkhart Grade School and Logan County Farm Bureau. He was the Elkhart 4-H leader for nine years; he played and managed baseball teams in Elkhart and Lincoln, and was an avid golfer.

Memorial service for Martin will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Elkhart with Father Glenn Fontana officiating. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. Burial will follow the service at Elkhart Cemetery where full military rites will be accorded.

Memorials may be given to: St. Patrick's Church or [Alzheimer's Association](#)

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Cynthia Aldendifer

"An Intelligent, Classy, Witty Lady"

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RANCHO MIRAGE, CA - Cynthia Clow Aldendifer, a longtime resident, passed away peacefully on October 4, 2014, at the age of 78 while surrounded by her loving family.

Cynthia lived a full and fascinating life! Born in Great Bend, Kan., on Aug. 8, 1936, to George and Geraldine Clow, Cynthia spent her early years in Kansas and Oklahoma. In 1958 she graduated with honors in arts and science from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla. Following her graduation, she worked as a flight attendant for Continental Airlines during the golden age of commercial aviation. While with Continental Airlines, she met and later married her pilot husband, Capt. Joseph R. Aldendifer, on Feb. 2, 1967. When Joe retired in 1976, Cynthia contributed her management skills to help him and several other retired pilots introduce and operate a beverage distributorship in Micronesia, leading to many interesting adventures and travels to the South Pacific.

Highly creative, Cynthia was an accomplished artist for over 50 years, using her talent to paint and create in many different art styles. She was a very social person and could have an engaging conversation with anyone. Her intellect, sophistication, and dry wit endeared her to others. She was comfortable in any environment and with any group of people, which brought wonderful friends into her life and the opportunity to meet many famous and influential individuals.

Cynthia and Joe, in their later years, spent their time in Rancho Mirage, Calif. and Lincoln, Ill. When Joe passed away Cynthia made her primary residence Rancho Mirage, Calif.

Cynthia was also a mother, grandmother, and sister. She is survived by her son, Curtis E. Aldendifer of Raleigh, N.C.; stepsons, Joseph R. Aldendifer III of Corona, Calif., and, James E. Aldendifer of Nashville, Tenn.; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and her sister, Harriet Suri of Moody, Texas.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014, at the Mirage Inn, 72750 Country Club in Rancho Mirage, Calif., where family and friends are invited to remember and celebrate Cynthia's extraordinary life. Interment will be at Old Union Cemetery at a later date. Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home is handling local arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, her family requests that donations be made in Cynthia's honor to the [Alzheimer's Foundation of America](http://www.alzfdn.org/ContributetoAFA/make), 322 8th Ave., 7th Floor, New York, NY 10001; 866-232-8484; <http://www.alzfdn.org/ContributetoAFA/make> adonation.html.

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Mildred L. "Midge" Woodard Brown

LINCOLN - Mildred L. "Midge" Woodard Brown, 90, passed away at 4:30 p.m., October 6, 2014, at St. Clara's Manor, Lincoln.

Midge was born July 6, 1924, in Ewing, Ill., the daughter of Noah and Katie Miller Boyd. She married Charles L. Woodard in St. Louis, Mo., and he preceded her in death in April 22, 1977. She married Russell W. Brown Aug. 17, 2002, and he preceded her in death Nov. 14, 2003. Seven brothers and one sister preceded her in death. Midge is the last of her immediate family.

Midge is survived by one daughter, Milinda L. (Al) Wolf of Lincoln; Thomas C. (Pat) Woodard of Bloomington; grandchildren, Kim (Gary) Duden of Auburn, Ga.; Cathy (Jeremy) Crist of Bloomington; Randy Wolf of Beason; Thom (Beth) Woodard of Bloomington; Cherrilyn Sutton of Bloomington; and seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. One grandson and one great-grandson also preceded her in death.

Midge was a homemaker and also worked 25 years as a CNA at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital. She was a member of Lincoln Hill Free Methodist Church.

Services for Midge will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, with Steven Blaum officiating. Visitation will be one hour, 1-2 p.m., prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Zion Cemetery, Lincoln. Memorials may be given to Memorial Home Hospice or St. Clara's Manor.

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Charlotte Ann "Chan" Browning

DECATUR - Charlotte Ann "Chan" Browning, 81, passed away at 6:45 p.m., October 6, 2014, at Decatur Memorial Hospital surrounded by her family.

She was born March 7, 1933, in Decatur to George Franklin and Sylvia Regina (Pierson) Hirst. She graduated from Decatur High School class of 1951. She married John Browning in 1951. She worked for the DPS #61 and then Aramark in the lunch room at Garfield and Brush College schools.

A service will be held to honor her life Thursday, October 9, 2014, at 3 p.m. at New Beginnings Church of God, 2606 Illinois 121 NW, Decatur. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Her wishes were to be cremated.

Surviving are her children, Vicki Jones of Decatur, and John (Melody) Browning of Lincoln; grandchildren, Cory Jones, Jason (Sarah) Jones of Decatur, Lindsay Browning of Mattoon, Chelsay (Brandon) Endres of Fort Campbell, Ky., and Macey Browning of Lincoln; five great-grandchildren; sister, Roberta Hathorne; nieces, Jean (John) Mikels and Linda (Dave) Scianimanico; a host of great-nieces and nephews; and her special dog, Katie.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Mary Lou Glazebrook, a nephew, Mark Glazebrook, and niece, Janet Hathorne.

The family would like to thank McKinley Court, especially CNA Rebecca, and the nurses of DMH 4100, especially Chrissy, along with DMH hospice for the loving care at the end of her life.

Our Mom loved Christmas and always made it special for her family with emphasis for the children. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the New Beginnings Church of God for the Angel Tree.

The family of Charlotte Ann (Chan) Browning is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Avenue, Decatur, IL. View the online obituary and send condolences to the family at www.gracelandfairlawn.com.

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James W. "Jim" Logan

MT. PULASKI, IL - James W. "Jim" Logan, 89, passed away at 9:30 p.m. on Friday, October 10, 2014, at St. John's Hospice in Springfield.

Jim was born on January 18, 1925, at Pana, Ill., son of Leonard and Elsie Weddle Logan. He was united in marriage to Sarah Mapes in Yuma, Ariz. She survives him in Mt. Pulaski. Other survivors include his children, Deborah Logan of Springfield, James "Scott" Logan of Mt. Pulaski, and Sue Logan-Cisco of Mt. Pulaski; grandsons, Brandon (Kate) Tierney and Bruce Tierney; great-grandson, Oliver Tierney; sister-in-law, Jennie "Boots" Wilham; and several nieces and nephews. He was the last of his immediate family. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers and a baby sister.

Jim proudly served his country in the [U.S. Navy](#) for 30 years during [WWII](#), the [Korean War](#), and during Vietnam. Jim owned and operated George's Lawn Equipment in San Diego; he worked for Keith Wilham, and finally he worked for Haco in Atlanta in maintenance. Jim was a lifetime member of the Mt. Pulaski American Legion Post #447 and the Mt. Pulaski [VFW](#) Post #777. Above all else, James loved his family, and he will be sorely missed by anyone who was fortunate enough to have known him.

Services for Jim will be held 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 15, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski with Mark Weber officiating. A visitation will take place from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14, 2014, at the funeral home. Burial will be at Steenbergen Cemetery in Mt. Pulaski. Military rites will be accorded by American Legion Post #447. Memorial donations may be made in James' name to the Mt. Pulaski VFW Post #777 or the Mt. Pulaski American Legion Post #447.

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Donald E. Whitacre

LINCOLN, IL - Donald E. Whitacre, 74, passed away Oct. 9, 2014, at St. John's Hospital, Springfield.

A visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014, at Holland Barry and Bennett Home. Funeral services will take place immediately following at 1 p.m., Tuesday, also at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Zion Cemetery, Lincoln.

Don was born July 13, 1940, in Lincoln, the son of Donald and Wanita (Gross) Whitacre. His life partner was Mary Elston. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Robin Whitacre of Lincoln, Dawn (Dennis) Wells of Lincoln, Shawn Kelly of Lincoln, Jennifer (Tom) Sawicki of Lincoln, and Shannon (Brandi) Kelly of Williamsville; grandchildren, Anthony Whitacre, Justin Whitacre, Triston Steen, Tiffany (Jimmy) Washburn, Dustin (Christina) Wells, Ryan Wells, Katie Kelly, Grant Kelly, Karsen Kelly, Marissa Booth, Molly Sawicki, and Logan Sisk; his great-grandchildren, Connor Wells, Olivia Wells, Gabriel Wells, and Keegan Washburn; and his brother, Jack (Sue) Gross of Springfield, Mo. His dog, Ribbon, was his constant companion.

Don worked as a truck driver for over 30 years. For the last five years he owned and operated Route 66 Sandwich Stop in Lincoln.

Don was a past member of the Eagle's Lodge. Everyone considered him their "go-to person." He was always there to help anyone in need.

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

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Dorothy O'Malley

LINCOLN, IL - Dorothy Jean O'Malley, 83, of Lincoln and formerly of Nokomis, Ill., passed away at 7:16 p.m. on Sunday, Oct., 12, 2014, at St. Clara's Manor in Lincoln, Ill.

She was born April 27, 1931, in Taylorville, Ill., a daughter of Harry and Agnes (Muir) Woodhouse, Sr.

Dorothy retired from Ronk Electric and previously worked at Mallory Timers & Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company.

She was a member of St. Louis Catholic Church in Nokomis and a member of C.C.W

Dorothy married Ernest O'Malley on May 29, 1954, in Nokomis. He preceded her in death.

Dorothy is survived by a daughter, Denise (Neil) Alexander of Lincoln, Ill.; daughter-in-law, Sarina O'Malley of Nokomis, Ill.; grandchildren: Tammy (Scott) Kirby, Jamie (Steve) Eisenbarth, Geoff (Kiersten) Alexander and Gregg (Nicole) Alexander, and Mackenzie O'Malley, and Dolan O'Malley; nine great-grandchildren; sisters, Betty Szmeccko of South Gate, Mich., Olive Small of Shelbyville, Ill., and Donna (Larry) Epley of Pana, Ill.; and brother, Harry (Wanda) Woodhouse Jr. of Theodosia.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ernest; son, Kevin O'Malley who preceded her in death on June 15, 2010; brothers, Bruce Woodhouse and Roland Woodhouse.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014, at St. Louis Catholic Church in Nokomis. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until service time in the church. Fr. Dan Willenborg will preside. Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery in Nokomis, Ill.

The family suggests memorials be directed to: St. Louis Catholic Church in Nokomis or Safe Haven Hospice in Lincoln, Ill.

Stiehl-Dawson Funeral Home in Nokomis is in charge of arrangements. To view the online guestbook and leave condolences, please visit stiehdawsonfh.com.

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Willard F. Remmert

MT. PULASKI - Willard F. Remmert, 93, died at 1:55 a.m., Monday, October 13, 2014, at Vonderlieth Living Center.

Mr. Remmert was born on May 3, 1921, in St. Peter, Ill., to Henry and Adalia Knauer Remmert. He married Marie Louise DeMaertelaere on June 11, 1946, in Ghent Belgium. She preceded him in death on August 29, 2012.

Surviving are one son, Leonard (Rita) Remmert, of Lincoln; two daughters, Debra (Walter) Maus, of Chestnut and Linda (Robert) Faith, of Decatur; six grandchildren, Randall (Lynne) Maus, Michael (Theresa) Maus, Heather Maus, Jeremy (Stephanie) McCain, Katrina (Beau) Bundy, and Chad (Sandee) Remmert; two stepgrandchildren, Rob Faith and Melissa (Mike) Johnson; ten great-grandchildren, Haley, Emily, Lacey, Logan, Justin, Alexis, Addison, Caleb, Gabrielle and Issac; three stepgreat-grandchildren, Logan, Justin, and Jayson; and one great-great-granddaughter, Tinley Louise.

Willard was a devoted member of the Mt. Pulaski Zion Lutheran Church and a lifetime member of both the Henderson, Nev., [VFW](#) Post #3848 and the Mt. Pulaski American Legion Post #447. He retired as the Mt. Pulaski Street Commissioner.

Services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 18, 2014, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Mt. Pulaski with Rev. Bruce Lakamp officiating. Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski is handling the arrangements. Burial will be at Steenberg Cemetery, Mt. Pulaski, where full military rites will be accorded. Memorials may be made to the family of Willard Remmert.

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Queen E. Ross

LINCOLN - Queen E. Ross, 81, passed away at 8:21 p.m., October 12, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield.

Queen was born January 13, 1933, in Murphysboro, Ill., the daughter of Thomas and Ella B. Marshall Gilliam. Queen was an only child. She married George D. Ross, Jr., Dec. 17, 1958, in Lincoln. Her parents and her husband preceded her in death.

Queen is survived by three daughters, Linda S. Ross of Lincoln; Martha L. Ross of Chicago; Georgetta L. Ross of Bloomington; one son, John E. Ross of Lincoln; one grandson, D-ante M. Ross of Lincoln; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.

Queen worked over thirty years for the State of Illinois as a Mental Health Technician Level 4. She attended Second Baptist Church with her daughter in her final years.

Services will be held at 1:00 p.m., Friday, October 17, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln, officiated by Rev. Glenn Shelton. Visitation will be one hour prior to service. Memorial donations may be made to the family.

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David Wayne Tackett

ARMINGTON, IL - David Wayne Tackett, 33, went to be with his maker on Oct. 11, 2014. He was born January 28, 1981, in Peoria, Ill., to Ronald D. Tackett and Susan (Tisdale) White. He was raised in Armington, Ill., and graduated Olympia High School in 2000. He graduated Lincoln College and attended Eastern Illinois University.

He married his high school sweet heart Deanna Shifflet on July 23, 2005. David and Deanna have three children, Ian (7), Benjamin (6), and Adelynn (4).

He is survived by his wife and children; his parents, Ronald D. Tackett and Susan (Wayne) White; his brother, Craig (Kera) Tackett; sister, Angela (Jason) Litwiller; stepsisters, Karri (Kevin) Eimer, Brandi (Jeremy) Eson, Shelly White, Angie (Brian) Chmura and Lisa White; grandparents, Don and Carolyn Tackett and Evelyn Tisdale; and several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

He is preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Lee (Pete) Tisdale, who passed his love for music on to David, and paternal aunt, Brenda Tackett.

He was employed with Golden Dog Underground, McLean. He worked with Wayne's Music World to provide DJ services. He was well known as DJ Dave.

David was known best for his infectious smile and his ability to entertain and make others happy through life and his music talent. On a more serious note, David deeply loved his family and had a special way with all kids. One of the passions that David had was teaching wrestling so that others could achieve State honors as he did in 2000 as a 140 lb. Class A State Champion. He was inducted to the Olympia Hall of Fame in 2009 for his achievement. David had a big heart that was open to all. He will be dearly missed by so many that loved him and shared life with him.

A visitation will be held Friday, Oct 17, from 4-8 p.m. at Good Shepard Lutheran Church at 101 East Garfield, Minier, Ill.

A private burial will be held at Funks Grove Cemetery Saturday morning, Oct. 18, followed by a Celebration of Life Service at 10:30 a.m., held at Good Shepard Lutheran Church, Minier.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial is set up at Atlanta National Bank under David Tackett's Family Memorial Fund.

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Richard J. "Dick" Langley

ATLANTA, IL - Richard J. "Dick" Langley, 79, of Atlanta, died Monday, Oct. 13, 2014, at St. Clara's Manor.

Funeral services for Mr. Langley will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014, at Atlanta Assembly Church. Pastor Paul Weber will officiate.

Visitation will be held from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. at the church prior to the service.

Burial will be at Park Hill Cemetery in Bloomington. Military rites will be accorded by Bloomington [VFW](#) Post 454.

Richard Joseph Langley, Sr., was born June 22, 1935, in Lincoln, the son of Emmett and Helen Grace Smith Langley. He married Judith Ann Stith at Atlanta Assembly Church on Dec. 30, 1988. She survives.

Dick is also survived by children: Judy Ridgeway, Brenda Anderson, Rick (Sandy) Langley, Joseph Langley, Lisa (Brad) Hesse, Mark (Linda) Langley, Shawny Langley and Wally (Laura) Painter; one brother, Bill (Norma) Langley; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Wayne; one daughter, Terri Lynn; and one brother, Donnie Langley.

Dick retired from Ball-Foster Glass in Lincoln and was an avid fisherman. He served in the U.S. Army from 1954-1956.

Memorials may be made to the family.

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

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Aubrey Marie Letterle

LINCOLN, IL - Aubrey Marie Letterle, 9, of Lincoln, passed away Oct. 14, 2014, at home surrounded by her family.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 17, 2014, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home. A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Lincoln with Father Laible officiating. Burial will follow at Lake Bank Cemetery.

Aubrey was born Aug. 17, 2005 in Lincoln, Ill., the daughter of Virgil Letterle and Lauren Kohlhaas.

She attended Northwest Elementary in Lincoln, Ill. She was full of life and loved to laugh and smile. She loved art and music and especially enjoyed playing the harmonica and singing with her Papa. She loved to bake and cook with her Mema and they shared a diet coke every day.

Surviving are her parents, Virgil and Danielle Letterle of Lincoln, Ill., and Lauren Kohlhaas of Crystal Lake, Ill., and her grandparents, Robert and Donnalee Letterle of Lincoln, Ill., and Diane Minter of Lincoln, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandparents.

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

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Terry Diane Miller

LINCOLN, IL - Terry Diane Miller, 48, of Lincoln, gained her wings on Oct. 15, 2014, surrounded by her loving family.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Friday, Oct. 17, 2014, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home. There will be no funeral service at this time. Cremation rites will be accorded and burial will be at a later date at Zion Cemetery in Lincoln, Ill.

Terry was born Aug. 26, 1966, in Lincoln, Ill., the daughter of Edgar Lee Ramsey and Sherry (Bloodworth). She married Gerald "Gerry" Miller on March 29, 1996, in Lincoln, Ill.

She was formerly employed at WalMart in Lincoln, Ill., Clark's Gas Station also in Lincoln and St. Clara's Manor. Terry loved to ride her Harley. She loved her grandchildren and enjoyed taking them on walks to the park. She loved pictures and traveling and was always on the go. She loved to spend time watching and feeding the birds. Terry loved the Lifetime Television Network.

Surviving are her husband, Gerry Miller of Lincoln, Ill.; her mother and stepfather, Sherry and Gary Ramsey of Springfield, Ill.; her children: Elijah Shreve of Lincoln, Ill., Nathan (Kayla) Shreve of Lincoln, Ill., Jennifer Shreve of Lincoln, Ill., Heather (Derek) Minder of Lincoln, Ill., Cody Reid of Lincoln, Ill., Terri Miller of Lincoln, Ill., Crystal Miller of California, and Roger Miller of California; 15 grandchildren; her siblings: Eddie (Tammy) Harris of Indiana, Bill (Stacey) Koonce of Washington, Ill., Jennifer (Marvin) Cramer of Dunlap, Ill., and Violet (Charles) Bailey of Springfield, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her father, Edgar; her sister, Peggy Sue Ramsey; and her son, Dillen Constant.

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

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Orville D. Lolling

LINCOLN - Orville D. Lolling, 73, passed away at 7:22 a.m. on October 16, 2014, at St. John's Hospice in Springfield, Ill.

Orville was born on December 23, 1940, in Hartsburg, Ill., son of Rudolph and Minnie Swart Lolling. He was united in marriage to Beverly "Bev" McClure on September 28, 1963, in Lincoln, Ill.

Also surviving are his children, Kyle (Jenny) Lolling of Lincoln and Tara (John) Kooken of Springfield, Ill.; four grandchildren, Kennedy and Morgan Lolling and Kaylee and Jeffrey Kooken; three brothers, Gerald (Marilyn) Lolling of Hartsburg, Wendell (Debbie) Lolling of Tempe, Ariz., and Wayne (Barbara) Lolling of Lincoln. Orville was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Rudy Lolling, and one sister, Mildred Lolling.

Orville was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, was an avid St. Louis Cardinal fan, loved to hunt waterfowl, fish, and enjoyed playing golf. He was a [firefighter](#), retiring as Assistant Chief.

Services for Orville will be 4 p.m., Saturday, October 18, 2014, at Zion Lutheran Church in Lincoln with Rev. Mark Thompson officiating. Visitation will be two hours prior to service. Memorials may be given to St. John's Hospice. Services were entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, IL.

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Donald "Pete" May

LINCOLN, IL - Donald "Pete" May, 81, of Lincoln passed away Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2014, at 1:21 p.m. at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill.

Pete was born Dec. 1, 1932, in Macon County, the son of Carl and Geneva Woolums May. He married Judy Mason on Jan. 1, 1954, in Middletown, Ill. She survives him in Lincoln.

Also surviving are his children: Donald E. May Jr. of Novi, Mich., and Tammy Rich Miley (EJ Miley Jr) of Lincoln, Ill.; one grandchild, Cade (Karry) Rich of Atlanta, Ill.; one great-grandchild, Taylor Rich; and one sister, Connie Madigan of Lincoln, Ill.

Pete was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Gary May.

Pete was a veteran of the [Korean War](#) serving in the 44th Infantry Division in the U.S. [Army](#), member of Crime Stoppers, worked at Illico Oil Company for 45 years, was a security guard at the Lincoln Courthouse for many years, was a member of Law Enforcement of Logan County in Lincoln, Mt. Pulaski, and Emden, an avid hunter, and was a member of the Lincoln Christian Church.

Services for Pete will be 10 a.m., Monday Oct. 20, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with Ron Otto officiating. Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014, also at the funeral home. A burial at New Union Cemetery will follow the service where full military rites will be accorded by the American Legion Post # 263.

Memorials may be given to: [American Cancer Society](#) or the [American Heart Association](#)

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Alice Mae Grimsley

LINCOLN, IL - Alice Mae Grimsley, 85, of Lincoln, passed away Oct. 14, 2014, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

Alice was born March 13, 1929, in Lincoln, Ill., the daughter of Frank and Pearl (Schmitgen) Howerton. She married J. Paul Grimsley on June 29, 1947. He preceded her in death in April of 1983.

Alice was the oldest member of the First Baptist Church in Lincoln. She sang in the church choir for 30 years. She was a beautician for 25 years, worked for the State of Illinois for 12 years and was a grandmother at Chester East Lincoln School for 12 years. She was an avid reader and enjoyed travel. Although family was the highlight of her life, her greatest passion was sharing the love of Jesus Christ with family, friends, and the community.

Cremation rites will be accorded and private family interment will be held on Friday, Oct. 24, 2014, at Zion Cemetery. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014, at The Congregate Building at The Christian Village with Ryan Edgecombe officiating.

Memorial donations may be made in her name to the [American Heart Association](#)

Surviving are her children, Larry Paul (Deborah Kay) Grimsley of Alta Loma, Calif., and Brenda Alyce Stout of Lincoln, Ill.; her grandchildren: Lucas (Aurora) Grimsley of Hurst, Texas, Marty (Danita) Steffens of Lincoln, Ill., Laurence (Heather) Steffens of Lincoln, Ill., and Justen (Andrea) Steffens of Lincoln, Ill.; her great-grandchildren: Caleb Steffens, Connor Steffens, Caelyn Steffens, Kayla Steffens, James Steffens, Gabby Steffens, Ciara Steffens, Olivia Steffens, Bree Steffens, Brendon Steffens, Ryan Steffens, and Alex Steffens, all of Lincoln, Ill., and Logan Grimsley of Hurst, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Paul; and her brothers: Fran Howerton, Bob Howerton, Richard Howerton, Ray Howerton and Wayne Howerton.

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

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Walter H. Lehner

LINCOLN, IL - Walter H. Lehner, 97, passed away Friday, Oct. 17, 2014, at his home in Lincoln.

A private family service will be held at the New Union Cemetery gravesite. No visitation will be held.

Mr. Lehner was a veteran of [WWII](#) serving in the [U.S. Navy](#). Military rites will be accorded by American Legion Post #263.

Mr. Lehner was born April 14, 1917, in Lincoln the son of Frank and Catherine Lehner.

He married Louise Redfairn on Sept. 7, 1935. Louise preceded him in death in December of 2004. Also preceding him in death were his parents, and several brothers and sisters.

He is survived by one daughter, Myra L. Kelley of Lincoln; one son, Walter (Joyce) H. Lehner Jr., of Sun City West, Ariz.; one sister, Irene Norton of Clifton, Ill.; two grandsons, Jack J. (Tracy) Hurley Jr., of Springfield, and David M. (Crystal) Hurley Sr., of Lincoln; and great-grandchildren: Alexis Hurley, David M. Hurley Jr., and Thomas Hurley.

For many years Mr. Lehner owned and operated Lehner Greenhouse and Florist along with his daughter, Myra Kelley. He retired from Logan Correctional Center as a Stationary [Fireman](#).

He was a member of the First Christian Church in Lincoln.

Peasley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Sara Ruth Brown

DECATUR, IL - Sara Ruth Brown, 93, of Decatur, passed away Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014, at McKinley Court in Decatur.

Ruth was born Aug. 15, 1921, in Norris City, Ill., the daughter of Leo and Bertha (Bishop) Poole. She retired from Taylor Pharmaceutical in 1984. She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed Illini basketball and the St. Louis Cardinals.

She married James Frederick Brown on Nov. 1, 1941, in St. Louis, Mo. He preceded her in death on Sept. 4, 1989.

Ruth leaves behind, her son, Terry (Kay) Brown; daughter, Nancy (Rick) Anderson; daughter-in-law, Mary Lou Brown Nolan; sisters: Roberta Larkins, Jo DeVore, Sue Moon, Dorothy Sanders and Georgia Dixon; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Ruth was reunited in Heaven with her parents; husband; son, Donald Brown; four brothers; and one sister.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the nurses and staff at McKinley Court for all of their loving care.

Services to celebrate Ruth's life will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014, at Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the services at the funeral home. Burial will be at Graceland Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to:

[Alzheimer's Association](#)

or

[American Heart Association](#)

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The family of Sara Ruth Brown is being served by Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave., Decatur, IL. Please view the online obituary, send condolences, and share memories at gracelandfairlawn.com.

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Alice Ann Prather

CREVE COEUR, IL - Alice Ann "Big Al" Prather, 59, passed away at 10:08 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014, at her home in Creve Coeur, surrounded by her family.

Born Sept. 1, 1955, in Bloomington to James and Shirley Ann (Carnahan) Lambert, she married her high school sweetheart, Marvin Prather on Oct. 12, 1973, in McLean. She and Marvin devoted their lives to each other and to raising their family. He survives.

Also surviving are her mother of Pekin; her daughter, Kari Fugitt of Pekin; her son, Kyle James (Jennifer) Prather of Washington; and six grandchildren: Annika Fugitt, Camden Fugitt, Brandon Prather, Gabrielle Welch, Alex Welch and Brianna Fisher.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Alice had attended the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Creve Coeur and later the First United Methodist Church in East Peoria.

Alice was a selfless person, who always put others first. She never met a person she didn't like and didn't have an enemy in the world. Above all, Alice was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She cherished time spent with her family and friends.

She had worked for HCH for 20 years doing health insurance claims.

Alice was a former coach and officer for the Floyd Castleman Youth Association. She also was a member of the Creve Coeur Jaycee-ettes, where she was able to help raise funds and build a park near the Community Center in Creve Coeur.

Alice loved riding her motorcycle and was a member of Freedom Valley A.B.A.T.E. She was an avid Harley Davidson fan.

Her memorial service will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 23, at Preston-Hanley Funeral Homes & Crematory in Creve Coeur. The Rev. Mary Arnold will officiate. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. prior to the service. Cremation rites were accorded.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to: The [Colon Cancer Alliance](#), 1025 Vermont Ave., NW, Ste. 1066, Washington, DC 20005 or Comfort Plus Hospice, 2400 N. 8th St., Pekin, IL 61554.

To express condolences online, visit www.preston-hanley.com.

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Carolyn Rose Randolph McKenna

MASON CITY - Carolyn Rose Randolph McKenna, 76, passed away Monday, October 20, 2014, at her home with her family.

She was born August 5, 1938, on a farm southwest of Waverly, Illinois, the daughter of Elbert and Flossie Randolph. She married Murray McKenna on September 23, 1988, at St. Columbia's Catholic Church, Mason City, Ill. He survives her.

Carolyn is also survived by five nieces and nephews, Nina Gilpin Ellinwood of St. Louis, Mo., Victor Gilpin of Columbia, Ill., Karl Gilpin of Arlington, Va., Melinda Randolph Gaio of Springfield, Ill., Jody Randolph Major of Nokomis, Ill.; two stepdaughters, Susan McKenna Clark of Taylorville, Ill., and Margo McKenna Hudson of Lincoln, Ill.; five stepgrandchildren; two stepgreat-grandchildren; two brothers and one sister, W. Edwin Randolph of Waverly, Ill., W. Kenneth "Ken" Randolph of Springfield, Ill., and Verna Randolph Gilpin-Imhoff of Springfield, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

After graduating from Waverly High School Carolyn attended Illinois State University where she received a BS in Education in 1974 and a MS in Business Ed in 1977. She worked as a secretary at Illinois State University, Normal, for 29 years and later as a substitute teacher in Mason County from 1998 to 2010. She was a long-time member of the United Presbyterian Church in Mason City. She was a life member of Alpha Iota Sorority (Honorary Business Sorority) SPI, Delta Pi Epsilon, Honorary Business While at ISU and Land of Lincoln Antique Tractor & Engine Club. Carolyn enjoyed quilting, knitting/crocheting and cake decorating; and she enjoyed her many farm animals. Carolyn and Murray were also members of the Tri-County Square Dancing Club in San Jose, Ill.

Visitation will be held Thursday, October 23, 2014, from 6-8 p.m. at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City. Funeral services will be held Friday, October 24, 2014, at 10 a.m. at The United Presbyterian Church in Mason City. Burial will take place following services at Waverly East Cemetery in Waverly. Rev. Bonita Clark Quandt will officiate services.

Memorial contributions may be made to The United Presbyterian Church, Mason City, Ill., or to the [American Cancer Society](#)

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Larry D. Yentes

SAN JOSE, IL - Larry D. Yentes, 72, passed away at 10:40 a.m., Sunday, October 19, 2014, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital. He was born March 8, 1942, in Pekin, the son of Ray and Doris Watson Yentes. He married Phyllis Swart on March 10, 1963, in Hartsburg and she survives. He has two sons, Doug (Rondi) and Donnie (Kelly) Yentes, both of San Jose; three grandchildren, Tyler and Megan Yentes, both of Bloomington, and Morgan Yentes of San Jose; four sisters, Cathy (Jerry) Graham, Jean (Bob) Wills, Jody Yentes, all of Manito, and Judy Kelly of Delavan; and several great-nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Janet Yentes.

Larry worked as a driver for Standard Oil from 1967 to 1972 and then opened Yentes Fertilizer in San Jose from 1972 till 1990. He then worked for Farm Service in San Jose from 1990 till 2000 and then transferred to Agland Farm Service in South Pekin and retired as Manager in 2010. Larry was an avid Cub fan, card player and enjoyed baking for everyone.

He especially enjoyed boating and drag racing with his boys and their families for several years. Larry thoroughly enjoyed life, his family and friends. He was also a member of the San Jose United Methodist Church.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m., Friday, October 24, 2014, at the San Jose United Methodist Church. Rev. Daniel Powers will officiate. Visitation will be Thursday from 5 till 8 p.m. at the Church.

Internment will be in Green Hill Cemetery near San Jose. Memorials may be made to the San Jose United Methodist Church or to the [Donor's choice](#).

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David McAfee

MT. PULASKI: David McAfee, 80, of Spring Hill, KS, formerly of Mt. Pulaski passed away at 2:50 A.M. Saturday October 18, 2014 at North Point Nursing Home in Spring Hill, KS.

David was born on February 19, 1934 in Brighton, IL to Claude Waller and Zora Elizabeth Bauer McAfee. He married Virginia Arington on December 27, 1974 in Brighton, IL. She survives him.

Also surviving are four children, William T. McAfee of Kansas City, KS, Claude D. McAfee of Nashville, TN, Rachel A. McAfee of Spring Hill, KS and Donnie Cripps of Jackson, MO, one sister, Jeanine (Bill) McNear of Brighton, IL, five grandchildren, Taylor, Cody, Jimmy, Zach and Jacob and one great-grandchild Kellen.

David worked as an educator and administrator. He was a professor at Southern Illinois University and Millikin University and was the Superintendent of the Lincoln Logan Correctional Facility. He served in the United States Army from 1957-1959, was a Judo instructor in Mt. Pulaski for several years and he competed in Judo throughout the United States and was a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

Services for David will be at 10:00 A.M. Saturday October 25, 2014 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski with Rev. Rachel Stockle and Rev. Carol Andricks officiating. Visitation will be Friday evening from 4:00-7:00 P.M. at the funeral home. Burial will be at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery where full military rites will be accorded. Memorials may be made to either the Mt. Pulaski First United Methodist Church or to the Airedale Terrier Rescue Association.

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Jean A. McMillin

CORNLAND, IL - Jean A. McMillin, 66, of Cornland, died on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at her residence.

Jean was born on September 13, 1948 in Springfield the daughter of Dallas and Betty White Stigleman. She married Earl McMillin in 1968 in Williamsville, IL.

Jean worked for the State of Illinois Department of Transportation; she later retired.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two brothers, Dallas Keith and Jack.

She is survived by husband, Earl McMillin of Cornland; two sons, Terry McMillin of Cornland and Jason McMillin of Divernon; two brothers, John (Diane) and Stan Stigleman both of Springfield; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

There will be a memorial gathering from 1-4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at Ellinger-Kunz & Park Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family of Jean A. McMillin c/o Ellinger-Kunz & Park Funeral Home.

Ellinger-Kunz & Park Funeral Home, 530 N. 5th St., Springfield, IL 62702 is in charge of arrangements.

Visit our online obituary at ellingerkunzfuneralhome.com.

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Marcus Tobias

GREENVIEW - Marcus Tobias, age 88 of Greenview, passed away on Tuesday October 21, 2014 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield.

He is survived by his wife, Helen; two daughters, Janet (husband Richard) Dennis of Petersburg and Patricia (husband Bob) Rolleri of Fayetteville, North Carolina; son, Scott (wife Sara) Tobias of Sherman; daughter-in-law, Jennifer Tobias; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; one brother, Delmar Tobias; one sister, Harriett Tobias; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Marcus is preceded in death by one son, Mark Tobias; one sister, Shirley Landreth; and his parents, Harry and Flora Tobias.

He was born February 1, 1926 near Fancy Prairie, IL.

Marcus married Helen Davis on May 29, 1948 in Elkhart, Illinois.

He farmed all his life in Menard County in the Greenview area for 63 years.

Visitation will be from 9:30 AM until time of funeral service at 11:00 AM on Friday October 24, 2014 at Mott & Henning Funeral Home.

Rev. Julie Wells-Blythe will be officiating.

Burial will be held at Irish Grove Cemetery near Middletown.

Memorials can be made to the [American Heart Association](#) or the [American Diabetes Association](#)

Family is being served by Mott & Henning Funeral Home, in Athens, IL.

On-line condolences can be shared at www.mottandhenning.com.

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Timothy Dwayne "Tim" Foley

LINCOLN - Timothy Dwayne "Tim" Foley, 24, of Lincoln, passed away Oct. 22, 2014, his residence.

A memorial visitation will be held from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014, at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln. Memorial services will be held at 1:00 PM Saturday also at the funeral home with Pastor Jeremy Vance of Park Meadows Baptist Church officiating. Cremation rites will be accorded and burial will follow at a later date.

Tim was born Oct. 12, 1990, in Springfield, IL, the son of Dwayne Foley and Cynthia (Jones) Moody.

He loved to fish, be on the water in his boat, hunt, trap, and race Gas Powered AC Cars. He was a member of the Lincoln Sportsman's Club. Tim attended Lincoln Community High School.

Surviving are his parents Dwayne (Ruby) Foley of Lincoln, IL and Cynthia Moody of Sevierville, TN; his grandparents, Gerald and Marilyn Alderman of Lincoln, IL, and Virgil and Geneva Douglas of Lincoln, IL; his sisters, Tiffany (Robert) Newell of Antioch, TN and Brittany (Robert II) Newell of Pekin, IL; stepsister, Brittany Shadden of Omaha, NB and stepbrother, Raymond Nicholas of Nickerson, NB; and nieces and nephews: Shyann Foley and Carson Newell of Pekin, IL and Rayonna Shadden and Jayson Shadden of Omaha, NB.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Floyd D. Jones.

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

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Carol Combs

MT. PULASKI, IL - Carol Combs, 68, of Mt. Pulaski, passed away at 12:40 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 23, 2014, at Springfield Memorial Hospital.

Carol was born May 19, 1946, in Lincoln, Ill., the daughter of Eugene and Marie Morris Wallace. She married Eddie Combs on Feb. 15, 1963, in Broadwell, Ill. He survives her.

Also surviving are four children: Sherri (Bob) Combs Galvin of Lincoln, Karen Combs of McLean, Eddie (Stacy) Combs of Lincoln, and David (Ashley) Combs of Mt. Pulaski; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

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

Carol had a passion for bowling; she enjoyed spending time with her friends and playing Bingo. Carol also liked to test her luck playing the lottery, and she was no stranger when it came to shopping. Above all else, Carol loved her family and her dog, Babe. She will be sorely missed by anyone who was fortunate enough to have known her.

A memorial service celebrating Carol's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 30, 2014, at First Christian Church in Mt. Pulaski with Pastor Mark Weber officiating. A visitation will take place from 10-11 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 30, 2014, prior to the service at the church.

Burial will follow services at Zion Cemetery in Lincoln.

Memorial donations may be made in Carol's name to: Mt. Pulaski EMS.

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

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Zelma C. Parker

LINCOLN, IL - Zelma C. Parker, 88, of Lincoln, Ill., passed away at 6:55 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014, at The Christian Village in Lincoln, Ill.

Zelma was born Aug. 6, 1926 in Knifley, Ky., the daughter of Richard and Mattie Cox Humphress. She married Verlin Parker on Aug. 31, 1946, in Clermont, Ind. He preceded her in death on Feb. 17, 2014.

Zelma is survived by two sons, Rick (April) Parker of Rockford, Ill., and Jeff (Connie) Parker of Lincoln; one daughter, Becky (Eric) Radecki of Greenwood, Ind.; one daughter-in-law, Adella Parker of Lane, Ill.; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She is the last of her immediate family.

Zelma was preceded in death by three sisters, four brothers and one son, Mike Parker.

Zelma was a loving wife to her husband of 67 years, Verlin, serving faithfully with him in many ministries through the years, including Texas Christian Church (Clinton, Ill.) and Lincoln Christian College and Seminary. She was a caring mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who was completely devoted to her family.

Zelma had several lifelong passions: looking after children, preparing meals for her family, caring for flowers and animals, singing the old hymns and writing poetry.

She was a faithful member of Lincoln Christian Church and the Christian Corner Bible School Class.

Services for Zelma will be at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with Ron Otto officiating.

Burial will follow services at Zion Cemetery, Lincoln.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 28 at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made in Zelma's memory to: Lincoln Christian Church or The Christian Village.

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Milton J. Wiggers

SPRINGFIELD, IL - Milton J. Wiggers, 81, passed away at his home in Springfield on Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014.

He was born in Burtonview, IL (in Logan County) on June 4, 1933, the son of Frederick and Wilhelmina Engelhorn Wiggers. He graduated from Beason High School in 1951. He married Patricia E. French on Sept. 8, 1957, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 29, 2010.

He was also preceded in death by his twin sister, Thelma J. Matson; two other sisters, Eileen Wiggers and Mildred Johnson; and three brothers: Fred, Marvin, and Kendall Wiggers.

Milton worked for Chicago Motor Club, Statewide Teacher's Finance, and then retired Feb. 1, 1993, as the Assistant Vice President of Mortgage and Real Estate Investments at the Horace Mann Insurance Company.

He was a member of the Springfield Luncheon Optimist Club since 1976 where he held many offices including club president, their state governor for a year and Optimist International delegate. He was also a member of Northside United Methodist Church and a member of their Men's Group.

Surviving are his daughter, Deborah (Rick) Bilyeu of Springfield; two sons, Mark (Patty) Wiggers of Springfield and Doug (Carol) Wiggers of Mahomet, IL; five grandchildren: Maria Bilyeu, Thomas Bilyeu III, Elizabeth Ann Wiggers, Matthew Bilyeu and Timothy Wiggers; two great-grandchildren, Tyree and Karlynn; his sister, Katharina Goldhammer of Lincoln; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation: Bisch Funeral Home West, 2931 S. Koke Mill Rd., Springfield, IL, from 4-7 p.m. on Monday, Oct 27, 2014. Additional Visitation will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2014, at Northside United Methodist Church, 2400 North Grand Ave. E., Springfield, IL.

Funeral Service: Northside United Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2014, the Rev. Mark Milhouse officiating. Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hartsburg Union Cemetery in Hartsburg, IL.

Those who wish may direct memorial contributions to: The [Optimist International Foundation](#) c/o Benny Ellerbe, 4494 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108 or Northside United Methodist Church.

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

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Dorothy May Clenin

CALIFORNIA, MO - Dorothy May Clenin, 83, of California, Mo., formerly of Lincoln, Ill., passed away Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014, at Moniteau Care Center.

She was born Jan. 7, 1931, in Waynesville Township, the daughter of Taplia Sr. and Marie (Berkley) Renfrow.

Surviving Dorothy are her children: Helen (Leonard) Clinen Winsor, Anna Clapp, Sam (Belinda) Clenin, and Randy Clenin; one sister, Marion Thompson; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and her special dog, Peaches.

She was preceded in death by three sons: Bill, Robert, and John; three brothers: Leon, Jay and Taplia Jr.; two sisters, Helen Hayes and Lucy Boyer; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 18, at Phillips Funeral Home in California, Mo. Cremation rites were then accorded.

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Carol Musselman

DELAVAN, IL - Carol Ann (Shanklin) Musselman, 67, passed away at 12:46 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24, 2014, at her home in Delavan.

Surviving are her husband of Delavan; two daughters, Julie (Bryan) Reiling of Lincoln, Neb., and Cara (Rob) Fast of Brownsburg, Ind.; one son, Chris (Amy) Musselman of St. Charles, Mo.; six grandchildren: Anna Musselman, Jeryn Fast, Laura Reiling, Emma Musselman, Colt Reiling and Carson Fast; two sisters, Rosemary Tebben of Pekin and Kathy (Curt) Goeken of Green Valley; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Visitation will be from 4:30 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2014, at Knapp-Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Center in Morton. Further visitation will be from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 29, followed by a funeral service at 10:30 a.m. at the Delavan United Methodist Church, with the Rev. V. Eugene Ramsey II and the Rev. David Poland officiating. Burial will be at the Morton Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery.

To view Carol's video tribute or to leave an online condolence for the family, visit www.knappjohnson.com.

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Alberta Mae "Penny" Griffith

LINCOLN, IL - Alberta Mae "Penny" Griffith, 83, of Lincoln, passed away Oct. 26, 2014, at Symphony of Lincoln.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home has been entrusted with her care.

A time of visitation will be held from noon until 1 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 1, 2014, at the First Church of the Nazarene in Lincoln. Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, also at the church, with Pastor Greg Wooten officiating.

Penny was born Jan. 19, 1931, in Pine Grove, Pa., the daughter of Joseph Gonzalez and Leona (Horney).

She was a long time member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Lincoln and was employed at Mel-O-Cream in Lincoln for more than 45 years.

Surviving are her daughters, Gloria Griffith-Horn (Jeff) of Lexington, Tenn., and Jewel Diane Griffith Nuspl (Vince) of Desoto, Mo.; her grandchildren: Fonda Dalton (Josh), Alyssa Terry (Christian), Hillary Ralston (PJ), and Brenna Kitzmiller (Mike); step-grandchildren, Mike Nuspl and Alicia Nuspl; and seven great-grandchildren. Her sisters, Issy Vahle (Dean) of Canton, Ill., and Cleona Olmstead of Pekin, Ill., also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, David Gonzalez and Leonard Gonzalez; and sister, Judy.

Memorial donations may be made to: Symphony of Lincoln.

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Thomas C. "Tom" Lawler

LINCOLN, IL - Thomas C. "Tom" Lawler, 73, of Lincoln, died at his home at 11:55 p.m. on Oct. 27, 2014, with family by his side.

Tom was born March 18, 1941, in Lincoln, the son of Harry Boyd and Clara Sahs Lawler. He married Susan Holland on Aug. 14, 1982, in Lincoln. She survives him in Lincoln.

Tom is also survived by three daughters: Robin (Brian) Saddler of Independence, Mo., Tami (Russell) Bontrager of Basehor, Kan., and Michelle (Jim Harnacke) Ramlow of Lincoln; two sons, Michael (Kristy) Ramlow of Lincoln and Matthew Ramlow of Lincoln; one sister, Dorothy (Harold) Sanders of Lincoln; and a wonderful mother-in-law, Dorothy Holland of McLean. He is also survived by grandchildren: Bryan (Jamie) Bradley, Amber Bradley, Allaniee (Joey) Merritt, Shelby Ramlow, Katie Ramlow, Jarrod Stanley, Scott Ramlow and Kyle Ramlow; and great-grandchildren: Kara Bradley, Jaxon Gabb and Noah Bradley.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Sean Lawler; brother, Bob Lawler; and sisters: Betty Jennings, Shirley Broad, and Diane Crane.

Tom served in the U.S. Army and retired from Logan Correctional Center as a correction officer. He was a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, American Legion Post #263, and a Lifetime member of the Amvets. He loved the KC Chiefs, John Wayne, golf, mushroom hunting, NASCAR races, going to the boat and Army reunions.

Services will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 31, 2014, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with the Rev. Roger David officiating. Burial will follow at Zion Cemetery in Lincoln with full military rights accorded by the American Legion Post #263. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 4-7 p.m. on Thursday evening.

Memorials may be given in his memory to: Memorial Home Hospice Services or donor's choice.

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