

Deceased Name: Gladys Aper

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - November 1, 2016

• Section: Obituaries

GLADYS APER 1925 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL – Gladys L. Aper, 91, of Lincoln passed away at 4:23 p.m., Oct. 30, 2016, at The Christian Village. Gladys was born Oct. 28, 1925, in Oakford, Ill., the daughter of George and Luella (Pedigo) Whitley. She married Arthur Aper on Aug. 18, 1945, in Hartsburg. He preceded her in death on March 16, 1990. Gladys is survived by: her two sons, Steven (Marge) Aper of Lincoln, and Brian Aper of Lincoln; three daughters: Gloria (Garry Whittaker) Hermes of Lincoln, Pam (Steve) Coogan of Latham, and Cynthia (Dave) Esper of Highland, Ill.; eight grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and two sisters. Gladys retired in 1989 after 13 years as an assembler for Eaton Corp. She was a caring mother and housewife. She enjoyed spending time with her family and also Bingo night. Services for Gladys will be 11 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 3, 2016, at St. John Lutheran Church in Hartsburg, Ill., with the Rev. Lisa Goodwin officiating. Visitation will be two hours prior to service from 9-11 a.m. Burial at Hartsburg Union Cemetery will follow the service. Memorials may be given in her name to: St. John Lutheran Church, or Friendship Manor of Lincoln, Ill. Services are entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, Ill.

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Deceased Name: Sarah Benner

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Sarah Benner 1927 - 2016 Sarah Benner, age 89, of Williamsville, passed away on Sunday October 30, 2016 at her residence. She is survived by her children, Kathy (Dave) Lemme of Williamsville, Tom (Marty) Benner of Shelbyville, Nadine (Mark) Hayward of Sherman, Steve (Teresa) Benner of Williamsville, Dave (Lori) Benner of Buffalo; fourteen grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren. Sarah was born on June 4, 1927 in Williamsville, IL, the daughter of Harry and Cora Drake Fleming. She is preceded in death by her husband, Don; a sister, Helen Martin; and a brother, Charles Drake. Sarah married Don Benner June 6, 1948 at the Williamsville United Methodist Church. She worked for Menard Electric Cooperatives as a meter reader for several years. She was a member of the Williamsville United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women, serving as president for several years. Sarah was a 4-H leader for 20 years. She served as the Church Historian and was a founding member of the Williamsville Community Foundation and Williamsville Historical Museum. Sarah loved having family members and friends around, cooking, sewing, and painting ceramics for everyone. Visitation will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2016 from 4:00 until 7:00 PM at the Williamsville United Methodist Church. Funeral services will be held on Friday, November 4, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the Williamsville United Methodist Church. Burial will be held at Walnut Hill Cemetery near Williamsville. Rev. Dick Piscatelli will be officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to the Williamsville United Methodist Church. Mott & Henning Funeral Home is assisting the Benner family. On-line condolences can be shared at www.mottandhenning.com.

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Deceased Name: Walter Pourchot

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - November 2, 2016

• Section: Obituaries

Walter "Porkchop" Pourchot 1948 - 2016 LAKE FORK, IL - Walter Lynn "Porkchop" Pourchot, 67, of Lake Fork, Ill., passed away at 9:02 p.m., Monday, Oct. 31, 2016, at his residence. Walter was born Nov. 30, 1948, in Salem, Ill., to Walter T. and Doris E. (Miller) Pourchot. He married Teresa Sanders on Dec. 12, 1969, in Flora, Ill. Surviving are his wife, Teresa of Lake Fork; two sons, Richard (Tammy) Pourchot of Emden, Ill., and Curtis Pourchot of Lincoln, Ill.; one sister, Pam (Alan) Matthies of Big Springs, Texas; three grandchildren: Gary (Bethany) Rademaker of Lincoln, Trevor (Jordan) Jones of Clinton, and Jacob Pourchot of Clinton; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Robert. Walter was a self-employed contractor. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War from 1968-1971. He was a member of the Scroggin-Gee VFW Post #777, and the Elkhart American Legion. Services for Walter will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 5, 2016, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski with Steve Naglak officiating. Visitation will be Friday evening from 4-7 p.m, also at the funeral home. Burial will be at a later date where full military honors will be accorded. Memorial may be made to: Land of Lincoln Honor Flight.

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Deceased Name: Bernard Behrends

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - November 5, 2016

• Section: Obituaries

Bernard "Bernie" Behrends 1921 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL - Bernard "Bernie" Behrends, 95, of Lincoln passed away at 6:05 P.M. on November 3, 2016 at St. Clara's Manor in Lincoln. Bernie was born on July 27, 1921 in Lincoln, the son of John and Winnie (Harmsen) Behrends. Bernie married Easter Mae Sanders in 1958, she preceded him in death. He later married Anastasia Vanos. Surviving Bernie is his wife Stacie Vanos Behrends of Lincoln; his step-children, Mike Vanos of Lincoln, Jim Vanos of Lincoln, and George (Taylor) Vanos of Lincoln; his step-grandchildren, John Vanos of Lincoln, and Zaylie Vanos of Lincoln. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his sisters, Anna and Janet. Bernie enlisted in the U.S. Navy in September 1942 where he served on the USS Belleau Wood. After being discharged in December 1945 he enrolled in Lincoln College and graduated in May of 1948, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in general engineering May 1950, from Bradley University, Peoria, IL. All made possible by the GI Bill of Rights. Bernie joined the Amvets in 1960, The Masonic Lodge in 1966, VFW in 1958, York Rite Bodies in 1972, 40&8 in 1956, Consistory in 1967, and The American Legion Post 263 in 1946. Services for Bernie will be held at 10:00A.M. on Monday, November 7, 2016 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lincoln, IL, officiated by Rev. Candida Turner. Visitation will be held from 2:00-5:00P.M. on Sunday, November 6, 2016 also at the church. Burial will take place after the services in Hartsburg Union Cemetery, Hartsburg, IL, where full military rites will be accorded by The Lincoln American Legion Post #263. In Lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in Bernie's name to Immanuel Lutheran Church or Lincoln College. Services have been entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln.

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Deceased Name: Robert Kastner 1921 - 2016

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - November 11, 2016

• Section: Obituaries

Robert "Bob" Kastner 1921 - 2016 SAN JOSE, IL - Robert "Bob" Kastner, 95, of San Jose, died Thursday morning, November 10, 2016, at Hopedale Medical Center. He was born September 7, 1921 in Pekin, IL to Samuel and Bessie (Meeker) Kastner. He married Leona Ethell on December 10, 1947 in Manito, she survives. Bob was a Veteran of the Army Air Corp serving in the South Pacific during World War II. After the war he returned to Manito, and then proceeded to farm in San Jose until he retired. He is survived by his wife, Leona Kastner, a son, David (Judy) Kastner, of San Jose, two daughters, Mary Ann Kastner, of Bloomington, and Janet (Gary) Cross, of Emden, five grandchildren; Stacy (Scott) Gillard, Ryan (Amy) Cross, Alyson (Carsten) Christensen, Andrea (Wing) Lau, and Drew (Erin) Kastner, and six great-grandsons. The family will receive friends on Sunday November 13, 2016 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the San Jose United Methodist Church. Funeral Services will be held Monday November 14, 2016 at 10:00 am at San Jose United Methodist Church. Burial with Military Honors will follow in Meadow Lawn Cemetery in Manito. Memorials may be made to: The San Jose United Methodist Church, Hopedale Commons, or St. Judes Children Hospital. Online condolences may be left for the family by going to www.hurleyfh.com Maas-Hurley Funeral Home in Manito, is in charge of the arrangements.

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Deceased Name: Mildred M. Maaks 1922 - 2016

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - November 12, 2016

• Section: Obituaries

Mildred M. Maaks 1922 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL - Mildred M. Maaks, 94, of Lincoln, formerly of New Holland, passed away at 8:00 p.m. on November 9, 2016 at the Christian Village of Lincoln, IL. Mildred was born on March 21, 1922 in Logan County, IL; daughter of Elmer and Georgia (Sparks) Sheley. She married Marion E. Maaks on December 29, 1944 in Missouri. He preceded her in death on August 2, 2015. Surviving Mildred are her children: Mike (Tracy) Maaks of New Holland, IL; Duane (Fay) Maaks of Carterville, IL; Richard (Donna) Maaks of Normal, IL; Ronald (Cathy) Maaks of Normal, IL; Mary (Ron) Coulter of Springfield, MO; one daughter-in-law Karen; five brothers: Wayne Sheley, Howard Sheley, Homer Sheley, Jim Sheley, Bob Sheley; one sister: Jessie Rankin; twelve grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, one son James Maaks, two brothers: George and Richard Sheley, three sisters: Dorothy Synder, Virginia Klockenga, and Betty Downs. Mildred was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church of New Holland, IL. She was a retired teacher, she taught in country schools and public schools in San Jose, Zion Lutheran School in Lincoln, IL, and St. Peter's School in Emden, IL. Mildred enjoyed square dancing with her husband. Services for Mildred will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, November 14, 2016 at Zion Lutheran Church in New Holland with Rev. Charles Olander officiating. Visitation will be from 9:30-11:00a.m. at the church. Burial at Richmond Grove Cemetery will follow the service. Memorials may be made in Mildred's name to Zion Lutheran Church or to the donor's choice. Arrangements are entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, IL.

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Deceased Name: Michael James Reid (Mike)

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - November 15, 2016

• Section: Obituaries

Michael James (Mike) Reid 1967 - 2016 Michael James (Mike) Reid, 49, of Lincoln; formerly of Lawrenceville, IL unexpectedly made his final journey to the next life on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Mike was born in Lawrenceville on July 24, 1967 to Jim and Dianne Ernst Reid. He was Valedictorian of Lawrenceville High School's class of 1985 and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in counseling from Johnson Bible College in Tennessee, graduating Magna Cum Laude. He went on to complete a Master of Library Science in Information Services from the University of Illinois and a Master of Arts in Philosophy and Theology from Lincoln Christian University. A true bibliophile, Mike loved his career as Assistant Librarian at Lincoln Christian University. He had published several articles in his field, some in collaboration with his colleague and supervisor, Nancy Olson. An avid comic collector and geek culture enthusiast, Mike was a man with many interests, who read nearly anything he could get his hands on. He was a lifelong learner, always seeking knowledge and understanding and investigating new ideas. His jokes, discussions of life, and wit will be long remembered by all who knew him. Mike married his long time friend, Julie Gregory Reid Young in 1988. During their 17 years of marriage, his children Nathaniel James Reid, 21, of Carbondale, IL and Kara Madelaine Reid, 16, of Salem IL were born. His children were the light of his life and the most important people in his life. He married a very good friend, his love and life partner, Ruth Maloney Halpin Reid on June 27, 2015. They created a loving home for their blended family. Mike's absence from this life will be felt by his wife and family as well as friends, colleagues and acquaintances world wide. Mike is survived by his wife, Ruth, his children, Nathaniel and Kara, and step-children Michael (Casey), Shannon, and Cameron Halpin of Lincoln. Other survivors include his father Jim (Sherrie) Reid of Texas, his step-father Leslie Harlan of Lawrenceville, siblings Jim (Georgia) Harlan, Dennis Harlan, Steven (William) Harlan, Laura (Terry) Lawrence, Jeff (Laurie) Reid, Janet Harlan, Jeannette Harlan, John (Theresa) Reid, Heather (Jesse) Schernekau, and Amy (J.D.) Dolkey, as well as countless nieces, nephews, and other extended family members. He was preceded in death by his mother, Dianne Harlan, and his grandparents, Harry and Marguerite Waltrip and Charles and Lola Reid. Mike was a selfless, loving, amazing man and will leave a void in the world he leaves behind. He made our world a better place for all of us. Funeral services will be held in Lincoln on Thursday, November 17, 2016 at Lincoln Christian Church, 204 North McLean St. Visitation will be between 3-5 pm, with the funeral immediately following. A second service and burial is being planned for Friday, November 18, 2016. Visitation will be held from 12-2 at First Christian Church, State Street. Mike's remains will rest at Lawrenceville Cemetery. Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home in Lincoln has been entrusted with his care.

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Deceased Name: Stanley Dean Boughan

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - November 16, 2016

• Section: Obituaries

Stanley Dean Boughan 1927 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL - Stanley Dean Boughan, 89, passed away at 11:27 a.m. on November 11, 2016 at the Christian Village of Lincoln, IL. Stanley was born on August 9, 1927 in Lincoln, IL; son of Vincent and Hilma Henke Boughan Sr. He married Jenny Lou Shirley on February 24, 1985 in Lincoln, IL. She survives him. Also surviving Stanley are his children: Julie Becker of Naples, FL; Stacy Boughan of Lincoln, IL; Sandra VanHilsen of Mesa, AZ; Susan (Richard) Dryden of Lakeland, MN; Terry (Kathy) Vanhilsen of Gilbert, AZ; four grandchildren: Abby, Andrew, Kelsey, and Blake; nine great-grandchildren: Nolan, Reagan, Catalyn, Brody, Gaven, Taylor, Mia, Joey, and Bay. He was preceded in death by his parents, one grandson: Joey Boughan, and one brother: Vincent Boughan Jr. Services for Stanley will be 1:00 p.m. Saturday November 19, 2016 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with Ryan Edgcombe officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to service. Burial at Hartsburg Union Cemetery will follow the service where full military rites will be accorded by Lincoln American Legion Post#263. Memorials may be made in Stanley's name to the First United Methodist Church of Lincoln, IL.

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Deceased Name: Alberta J. Mileham 1936 - 2016

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - November 16, 2016

• Section: Obituaries

Alberta J. "Bunnie" Mileham 1936 - 2016 ELKHART, IL - Alberta J. "Bunnie" Mileham, 80, of Elkhart passed away at 2:10 P.M. on Monday, November 14, 2016 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, IL. Bunnie was born on April 12, 1936 in Elkhart, IL, the daughter of William and Ima Jean (Weddle) Hogan. She married Dean Mileham on April 12, 1952 in Lincoln, IL, He survives in Elkhart. Bunnie is also survived by Russel "Buster" Mileham of Imogene, MN, whom she and Dean raised, her children; Gary Mileham of Edinburg, IL, William (Sandy) Mileham of Lake Fork, IL, Elmira Mileham of Elkhart, IL, Terry (Charity) Mileham of Mt. Pulaski, IL, and Jamie (Samantha) Mileham of Mt. Pulaski, IL; two sisters, Linda Lou Hogan of Decatur, IL, and Cynthia Peavler of Decatur, IL; one brother, Gerald Leffler of Elkhart, IL, 23 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great- grandchildren. Bunnie was preceded in death by her parents, two daughters, Deanna Kay Mileham, and Linda Radtke; her brother, John Hogan, two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Bunnie worked at Vonderlieth Living Center in Mt. Pulaski, IL, she was also known for making peanut brittle. Bunnie was a member of the VFW Auxiliary. Services for Bunnie will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Friday, November 18, 2016 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Mt. Pulaski. with Rev. Jonathan Buescher officiating. Visitation will be held from 4:00-7:00 P.M. on Thursday, November 17, 2016 also at the funeral home. Burial will follow the services at Carlyle Cemetery in Lake Fork, IL. Memorial donations may be made in Bunnie's name to her family.

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Deceased Name: Bedford Hart 1923 - 2016

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• Section: Obituaries

Bedford Hart 1923 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL - Bedford Hart, 92, of Lincoln passed away at 9:50 a.m. November 12, 2016 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital. Bedford was born December 9, 1923 in White County IL, the son of Bedford Jerome and Emma Lucille (Moser) Hart. He married Thelma Rose Jordan May 16, 1947 in Evansville, IN. She preceded him in death on May 3, 2014. Bedford is survived by his daughter Debra J. Heath of Lincoln, two grandchildren: Derek J.(Misty) Heath, Timothy L. Heath, three great-grandchildren: Shelbi Fisher, Cindy Arndt, Blake (Jennifer) Neeley, and two great-great-grandchildren Shay Neeley and Dierks Neeley. He was preceded in death by his parents. He was a member of the Lincoln Christian Church, where he served as an elder and taught Sunday School. Bedford served in the United State Army during WWII from July 1944 through June 1946 in the European Theater where he received a bronze star. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Lincoln Christian Church at a later date. Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln is handling the arrangements.

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Deceased Name: Alice Kurtz 1936 - 2016

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - November 17, 2016

• Section: Obituaries

Alice Kurtz 1936 - 2016 GALESBURG, IL - Alice Kurtz, 80, formerly of Lincoln passed away at 10:54 a.m. on November 12, 2016 at Rosewood Care Center of Galesburg, IL. Alice was born on August 24, 1936 in Mt. Vernon, IN; daughter of Alvin and Minnie Renschler Schneider. She married William Kurtz on January 9, 1965 in Lincoln, IL. He preceded her in death on February 26, 2013. Surviving Alice is one son: Bill (Jessie) Kurtz of Galesburg, IL; one step-daughter: Kathy (Tom) Bruce of Lincoln, IL; three grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; several great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers: Eugene, Lloyd, and Robert. Alice was a farmer in Lincoln. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church, the White Shrine, and the Breast Cancer Support of Logan County. Services for Alice will be 11:00a.m. Monday November 21, 2016 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, IL with Rev. Candida Turner officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to service. Burial at Zion Cemetery will follow the service. Memorials may be made in Alice's name to the Breast Cancer Support of Logan County.

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Deceased Name: Lila M. Conklen 1933 - 2016

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - November 18, 2016

• Section: Obituaries

Lila M. Conklen 1933 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL - Lila M. Conklen, 82, of New Holland passed away at 2:40 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield. Lila was born December 5, 1933 in rural San Jose, IL. the daughter of Clarence and Viola Betzelberger Krusemark; She married Irwin Conklen on February 15, 1953 in New Holland at the Zion Lutheran Church. He preceded her in death July 18, 2009. Lila is survived by two sons: Randy (Mary) Conklen and Rod (Pam) Conklen, both of New Holland. Four grandchildren - Sara (Brian) Boerma of Hartsburg, Katie Conklen of New Holland, Reid (Krissy) Conklen of Kirkwood, IL, and Robin (Jose Maria) of Monterrey, Mexico. Two great grandsons - William Boerma and Tyler Conklen. Two great granddaughters - Emma Boerma and Elizabeth Conklen. Also surviving is her sister, Joanne (Jim) Hawes of New Holland, four brothers and sisters-in-law - Neil and Joyce Conklen, Nelda and Terry Walker both of Mason City, Nancy and Larry Aper of Hartsburg, and Jane and Ed McLaughlin of Murphysboro. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and three infant grandchildren. Lila attended New Holland area schools graduating from New Holland High School in 1951. She and Irwin farmed in the New Holland area for 50 years. She was also employed as a bookkeeper at the Scully Estates office in Lincoln. Lila was an active supporter of 4H having served as co-leader for many years. She not only supported her children in their 4H programs but her grandchildren as well. She was a member of the New Holland Women's Club, the Logan County Farm Bureau Women's Committee, the Legion Auxiliary and the New Holland Area Historical Society. She was a lifetime member of the Zion Lutheran Church of New Holland and was active in the ladies Concordia Society where she held various office over the years. Lila enjoyed traveling with her husband spending several months in Florida during the winter, gardening, reading, and spending time with her family, friends, and grandchildren. She was an avid Illini basketball fan. As well as a life time Cubs fan. Services for Lila will be held at 11:00A.M. on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at Zion Lutheran Church in New Holland, with Rev. Charles Olander officiating. Visitation will be held from 5:00-7:00P.M. on Friday, November 18, 2016 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln. Also a one hour visitation will be held prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Burial will follow the services at Richmond Grove Cemetery in New Holland. Memorial donations may be made in Lila's name to the Zion Lutheran Church or the Logan County Fair Foundation.

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Deceased Name: Wm. Dean Fulkerson

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - November 22, 2016

• Section: Obituaries

WM. Dean Fulkerson 1954 - 2016 ELKHART, IL - WM. Dean Fulkerson, 62, of Lincoln formerly of Elkhart passed away at 9:13P.M. on Friday, November 18, 2016 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln. Dean was born November 3, 1954 in Springfield, IL the son of Robert E. and Elsa (Gray) Fulkerson. Dean is survived by his long time companion Susan Johnson of Elkhart; her sons, Matt, Brian (Crystal, sons: Aiden, Ethan), Beau (daughter Averie), two sisters, Betty (Dan) Althoff of Fort Meyers, FL, and Bobbie Fulkerson of Sacramento, CA; and four nieces, Elizabeth, Sara, Christine, and Amanda, great nieces and nephew. Dean enjoyed life to the fullest with all his many friends and loving family. His passion was fishing, riding his Harley, cooking. He was well-know on the fair circuit with his concession stand "SNAK SHAK" at Menard, Logan, Christain County Fairs, and Illinois State Fair where he had forty years dedication of service. He also farmed many years on the Fulkerson Family Farm in Fancy Prairie, IL. A memorial services and celebration of life will be held at a later date. Services have been entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln.

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Deceased Name: Thomas D. Hyde 1950 - 2016

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - November 23, 2016

• Section: Obituaries

Thomas D. Hyde 1950 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL - Thomas D. Hyde, 66, of Lincoln, passed away at 5:45 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln. Funeral services for Mr. Hyde will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2016, at Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln. Mr. Adam Henderson will officiate. Following the funeral, Tom will take his final ride. All motorcycles are welcome. A celebration of life at the Lincoln American Legion Hall will conclude the day's services. Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday at the funeral home, prior to the service. Thomas Delmar Hyde was born Nov. 2, 1950, in Peoria, the son of Lionel E. Hyde, Jr. and Marilyn M. Harvey Sisson. Mr. Hyde is survived by his daughters, April (Tracy) Matherly of Kenney, and Katrina (Terry) Fouty of Oblong; stepmother, Joyce Hyde of Lincoln; the mother of his children, Alicia Pimental Wells; siblings: Jeff (Amy) Hyde and Joe (Rhonda) Hyde, both of Lincoln, Steve (Ruth) Hyde of Beason, Tony (Cheri) Rodgers of Washington, and Sharon Smith of Pekin; four grandchildren: Alleya Williams, Trey Williams, Justin Matherly and Karrissa Matherly; four great-grandchildren; his dog, Jiggles, and grand-dogs: Brutus, Tucker and Kane; and many nieces and nephews. Tom was preceded in death by three siblings: Jim, Margaret, and Melanie; his parents; fiancée, Candice Bixler; stepfather, Danny Sisson; one brother-in-law, Gene Smith; and nephew, Billy Watson who was more like a son to him. Tom attended Lincoln Community High School. He served our nation in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, working as a mechanic. Following his military service, Tom had worked as a heavy equipment operator and had owned his own motorcycle repair shop, Tom's Shop. Tom was a founder of Crawford A.B.A.T.E. of Robinson, Ill., and a member of Salt Creek A.B.A.T.E., National Rifle Association, Illinois A.B.A.T.E., Down Riders Association, and Lincoln American Legion Post #263. He held his girls in his arms and was surrounded by loved ones when he departed this world to go be with God and all his loved ones who had gone on before him. Memorials may be made to: Salt Creek A.B.A.T.E. and Humane Society of Logan County. Funeral arrangements are entrusted with Peasley Funeral Home of Lincoln.

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Deceased Name: Joyce Irene Voyles (Levi) 1937 - 2016

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - November 23, 2016

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Joyce Irene (Levi) Voyles 1937 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL - Joyce Irene (Levi) Voyles of Lincoln, Ill., passed away Monday, Nov. 14, 2016, surrounded by her four daughters. She was born Dec. 24, 1937, in Lincoln, to Charles Morgan and Louise (Stuan) Levi. She leaves behind her four daughters: Cheryl Smiley (special companion, Brian Cook), Deborah (Brian) Brackney, Teresa Voyles, and Dawn (Joe) Nikolai; nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Joyce is also survived by her sister, Mary Fuller, and two brothers, James Levi and Kenneth Levi. Her parents and one sister, Betty Jean Levi, preceded her in death. Joyce retired from Saint-Gobain in 2000 after 34 years of service. She was a member of St. Johns United Church of Christ and The Red Hat Club. She enjoyed playing cards, spending time with her many friends at The Oasis Center in Lincoln, gardening, and traveling. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with her family whom she loved deeply, and following and supporting her grandchildren in all their sports and activities. Joyce was a religious, loving, compassionate, and selfless person who always took time to help others, and contributed to several charities and organizations. A memorial service will be held at St. Johns United Church of Christ in Lincoln, Ill., at 11 a.m. on Dec. 3; visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Memorials are suggested to: St. Johns United Church of Christ in Lincoln, Ill., or The Oasis Senior Center in Lincoln, Ill.

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Deceased Name: Linda C. Reed 1947 - 2016

Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - November 25, 2016

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Linda C. Reed 1947 - 2016 CLINTON, IL - Linda C. Reed, 69, of Clinton, Ill., passed away 11:24 a.m., Nov. 22, 2016, at Advocate BroMenn Regional Medical Center in Normal, Ill. Services will be 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 26, 2016, at Calvert Funeral Home in Clinton, Ill., with Scott Marsh officiating. Burial will follow at Texas Township Cemetery in Clinton, Ill. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 25, 2016, at the funeral home. Memorials may be directed to: The Moultrie County Beacon, or Texas Christian Church. Linda was born March 20, 1947, in Lincoln, Ill., the daughter of Robert and Maxine (Routson) Coombs, Sr. She married Robert L. Reed on Oct. 22, 1966, in Clinton, Ill. Survivors include her husband, Robert L. Reed of Clinton, Ill.; son, Robert (Susan) Reed, Jr. of Waldorf, Md.; mother, Maxine Coombs of Lincoln, Ill.; sisters, Marsha Plymell of Clinton, Ill., and Susie Robinson of Lincoln, Ill.; brother, Robert (Valerie) Coombs of Lincoln, Ill.; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, David Wayne Reed, and father, Robert Coombs, Sr. Linda was a bus driver for 20 years for Special Education children. She loved her church, Texas Christian Church. Linda was a Red Cross volunteer, but most of all she enjoyed being a homemaker. Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com.

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Deceased Name: Jeanette M. Becker 1961 - 2016

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Jeanette M. Becker 1961 - 2016 Jeanette M. (Conaway) Becker, 55, of Odin, IL., passed away November 23, 2016 at Good Samaritan Hospital, Mt. Vernon, IL. Cremation rites have been accorded by Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home. Memorial visitation will be from 5-7 PM Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at the First United Methodist Church, Mt. Pulaski. Memorial services will follow at 7 PM. Burial will be at a later date. Jeanette was born August 19, 1961 in Lincoln, IL., the daughter of Larry and Shirley (Sparks) Conaway. Jeanette was a 1979 graduate of Mt. Pulaski High School. She was a CNA and an EMT in the area. Surviving are her parents Larry and Shirley Conaway of Mt. Pulaski; children Lacey Kingsley of Patoka, and Bradley Kingsley of Lincoln; grandchildren Landon Graperhaus and Alivia Kingsley; and siblings: Larry (Cindy) Conaway of Mt. Pulaski, Tabatha (Rich) Cruise of Mt. Pulaski, and Eddie Conaway of Springfield. Memorial donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Mt. Pulaski.

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Deceased Name: Linda L. Sherrer 1952 - 2016

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Linda L. Sherrer 1952 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL - Linda L. Sherrer, 64, of Lincoln, passed away Thanksgiving day, November 24, 2016 at St. John's Hospital, Springfield. Visitation will be from 5-7 PM Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 10 AM also at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Zion Cemetery, Lincoln. Linda was born June 4, 1952 in Lincoln, IL., the daughter of Charles and Donna Belle (Petro) Vannoy. She married Earl Smith, he preceded her in death. She later married David Sherrer on July 5, 1983. She was employed at the bottle factory in Lincoln for 31 years and was a past employee of the Woodlawn Café. Survivors include: her husband David Sherrer of Lincoln; children: Jodi Miller of Lincoln, Shane (Tamie) Smith of Petersburg, Eric Smith of Lincoln; and Kelsey (CJ) Skelton of Middletown; step children: Stacey (RD) Shull of Beason, Tonia Lowe of Atlanta, and Tamira Ryan of Victorville, CA; 18 grandchildren; 1 great granddaughter, and her brother Billy Vannoy also survive. She was preceded in death by her parents; her first husband Earl Smith, and her son Derek Sherrer. Memorial donations may be made to the family and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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Deceased Name: Ronald H. Aper 1941 - 2016

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Ronald H. Aper 1941 - 2016 ATLANTA, IL - Ronald H. Aper, 75, of Atlanta passed away on Saturday, November 26, 2016 at 4:43 p.m. at the Advocate BroMenn Regional Medical Center in Normal. Funeral Services for Mr. Aper will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at the McLean Christian Church with Mr. Tony Billingsley officiating. Visitation will be held on Wednesday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the McLean Christian Church. Burial will be in the Atlanta Cemetery. Ronald Harry Aper was born on April 19, 1941 in Hartsburg, the son of Harry and Francis (Trepel) Aper. He was united in marriage to Sherry Deanne Walters on September 21, 1962. She preceded him in death on February 2, 1993. He later married Peggy Barr on May 18, 1996. She survives. Also surviving are his children: Valerie Schmid, Natalie (Jim) Bailey, Stacy Kirby, Angela Neville and Elizabeth (Darrell) Miller; one brother: Jim (Kathy) Aper; one sister: Elizabeth Kingsley; twelve grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers and one infant sister. Ron graduated from the Hartsburg-Emden High School in 1959. He is a member of the McLean Christian Church, Atlanta Masonic Lodge #165 AF & AM. Ron owned the UPS Store in Bloomington and the 217 Roadhouse Bar & Grill in Atlanta IL. He was also part owner of the Atlanta Golf Course. Previously he had operated and managed the Country Aire Restaurant for 23 years, owned Mr. A's Pizza, Two of A Kind, and R&S Washhouse, all in Atlanta. Memorials may be made to the McLean Christian Church, Atlanta Fire Department or Atlanta Rescue Squad. Quiram Peasley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Deceased Name: Charles E. "Sonny" Smith 1935 - 2016

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Charles E. "Sonny" Smith, Jr. 1935 - 2016 LINCOLN, IL - Charles E. "Sonny" Smith Jr., 81, of Lincoln passed away on Monday, November 28, 2016 at Advocate Bromenn Medical Center in Normal, IL. Charles was born on February 13, 1935 in Lincoln; son of Charles E. and Carrie (Byers) Smith Sr. He married Elaine Embry on December 26, 1964 in Leitchfield, KY. She survives in Lincoln. Also surviving Charles are his children: Steven (Sheri) Smith and Michael Smith both from Bloomington, IL, grandchildren: Nolan and Garrett Smith. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother: Hubert, and sister: Nancy Shehorn. Charles was an operator at Eaton Corp, formerly Cutler Hammer, for 42 years. He was a member of IAM Machinist Union, loved spending time with his family especially taking vacations together, bowling, and was an avid St. Louis Cardinal fan. Services for Charles will be held at 10:30A.M. Friday, December 2, 2016 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with Ron Otto officiating. Visitation will be held from 4:00-7:00P.M. Thursday, December 1, 2016 also at the funeral home. Burial at New Union Cemetery will follow the service. Memorial donations may be made in Charles' name to Lincoln Christian Church.

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Deceased Name: Elsie Piotraschke (Bock) 1937 - 2016

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Elsie (Bock) Piotraschke 1937 - 2016 Memorial Service 10 a.m., Saturday, December 03, 2016 Northglenn United Church of Christ 10500 Grant Drive Northglenn, CO 80233 Elsie (Bock) Piotraschke was born Dec. 31, 1937, to Henry and Elda Bock, and was the eldest of two children. She graduated from LCHS in 1955, Deaconess School of Nursing in 1959, and received a Bachelor of Nursing from Elmhurst College in 1962. Upon graduation, she spent 2½ years in Ghana, West Africa, as a missionary nurse. From Africa, Elsie worked as a midwife serving the impoverished in the inner city of Chicago. Elsie moved to Colorado where she worked the majority of her career at Denver General, St. Anthony's, and St. Joseph's Hospitals. She worked in nursing, mother/baby units, newborn nursery, and as a lactation consultant. Nothing brought joy to her face like holding a baby in her arms and seeing the joy on the face of a mother for the first time. In Colorado, she met Gerald Piotraschke while with the Denver Fiddle Steppers square dancing club. They married Nov. 28, 1971. Her passion for music, the arts, community, family and the joys of sarcasm filled her time. She had two sons who always knew how to make Elsie roll her eyes and laugh, and she cherished time spent with her granddaughter. Elsie is survived by her husband, Gerald; two sons, Gary (Nicole) and Greg (Sharleen); a granddaughter, Michalah; her brother, John (Carol) Bock; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Helping those in need in the poorer parts of Africa and her local community remained a passion of Elsie's throughout her life. She always encouraged people to understand the person instead of their race, creed, age, or orientation. To honor what was close to her heart, donations may be made in her name to: The UCC Division of Overseas Ministries, PO Box 1986, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986, or a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements made through Olinger Highland Mortuary & Cemetery, Thornton. CO.

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