

## Deceased Name: Robert L. Prunty 1928 - 2017

*Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - October 2, 2017*

• Section: Obituaries

Robert L. Prunty 1928 - 2017 Lincoln, IL—Robert L. Prunty, 89, of Lincoln passed away on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at The Christian Village in Lincoln. Robert was born on April 3, 1928 in Lincoln IL, the son of Floyd and Mary (Lee) Prunty. He married Virginia Rachel Williamson on April 16, 1950 in Lincoln. She preceded him in death on March 1, 2014. Robert is survived by his son, Thomas (Michelle) Prunty of Aurora, IL; two grandchildren, Thomas Paul Prunty Jr. and Sarah Rose Prunty. Additionally, Robert is survived by Fran Wilson of Lincoln and Patricia Czajkowski of Las Vegas, NV, who were both extended and crucial members of the Prunty Family. Robert was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; his brother, Jerry; his sisters, Marilyn and June. Robert proudly served his county in the U.S. Army from June 1951 – September 1953 as a Mess Sergeant and a Barber. When Robert returned to Lincoln he worked as a barber; and later opened Prunty Barber Shop where in 2013 they celebrated 50 years of business. Robert enjoyed playing tennis at the Lincoln Recreation Center. Additionally, Robert loved going on Caribbean cruises with his wife, Virginia. A Memorial Service will be held for Robert at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at The First United Methodist Church in Lincoln with Pastor Michael Paulson officiating. A visitation will be held prior to the service from (9:30-11:00 A.M.). In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in Robert's name to The Alzheimer's Association. Services have been entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln.

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**Deceased Name: Duane F. Aughenbaugh 1935 - 2017**

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Duane F. Aughenbaugh 1935 - 2017 Clinton, IL—Duane F. Aughenbaugh 81, of Clinton, Illinois passed away 7:15 AM October 1, 2017 at St. Clara's Manor, Lincoln, Il. Services will be 10 A.M., Thursday, October 5, 2017 at the Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, Illinois with Rev. Laurie Hill officiating. Burial will follow at Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Kenney, IL. Visitation will be 4 – 7 P.M., Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at the funeral home with Masonic Rites at 7 P.M. Memorials may be directed to the Kenney Heritage Association or the DeWitt Co. 4-H Foundation. Duane was born December 24, 1935 in Kenney, IL the son of Hershel and Irene (Shyer) Aughenbaugh. He married Betty L. Smith February 25, 1955 in Decatur, IL. Survivors include his wife, Betty L. Aughenbaugh, Clinton, IL; children: Steve (Sarah) Aughenbaugh, Lincoln, IL and Tom (Karen) Aughenbaugh, Clinton, IL; six grandchildren: Laura (Kyle) Frick, Evan Aughenbaugh, Gregory Aughenbaugh, Ethan Aughenbaugh and Cami and Cari Aughenbaugh. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Dale Aughenbaugh; and one sister, Marjorie Schoby. Duane farmed in Macon and DeWitt Counties and was a Crop Adjusting Supervisor for North Central Crop Ins. Co. He was a member of several Masonic bodies including a Lifetime Member of DeWitt Lodge #84 AF & AM; Clinton Commandery Chapter #66, Clinton Council #74, Scottish Rite Valley of Bloomington, Goodbreak Chapter #59 Presiding Officer, Past Officer and Past Master of Henderson Lodge #820 and Secretary for over 50 years, a Knight York Cross of Honor, Past Patron Order of the Easter Star, the oldest living Past Commander of Clinton Commandery #66, and Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois. Duane was also a member of the Farmers' Grain Board of Directors of Chestnut and Kenney, the Prairie Production Credit Assoc. Board of Directors and the DeWitt Co. Genealogical Society. The family would like to thank the caregivers at St. Clara's Manor and Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital for their excellent care during Duane's illness. Online condolences may be made at [www.calvertmemorial.com](http://www.calvertmemorial.com)

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**Deceased Name: Barbara Jean Peddicord 1942 - 2017**

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Barbara Jean Peddicord 1942 - 2017 Lincoln, IL—Barbara Jean Peddicord, age 75, of Lincoln, passed away on Friday, September 29, 2017 at Lincoln Christian Village. Barb is survived by a sister, Karen (Ron) Weidhuner; brother, Harry (Wanda) Nichols; as well as several nieces, nephews and friends. She is preceded in death by both parents and one daughter, Stephanie Sophia Peddicord. Barb was born on February 25, 1942 the daughter of Harry and Louise Nichols of Athens, IL. She was a member of Jefferson Street Christian Church. Barb was a true friend to everyone and a loving Aunt. Visitation for Barb will be held on Friday, October 6, 2017 from 9:00 – 11 AM at Jefferson Street Christian Church in Lincoln, IL. Services will immediately follow at 11 AM at the Church. Cremation rites have been accorded. Michael Mallick will be officiating. Memorials can be given to American Cancer Society for Pancreatic Cancer. Mott & Henning Funeral Home is assisting the Peddicord family. On-line condolences

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**Deceased Name: Gary Frederick Koester 1946 - 2017**

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Gary "Skip" Frederick Koester 1946 - 2017 Lakeport, FL—Gary "Skip" Frederick Koester, 71, of Lakeport, Florida passed away on September 24, 2017. He was born on July 31, 1946 in Lincoln, Illinois. Gary lived in Lincoln until leaving to serve as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps in the Vietnam War. Gary married Lana M. Kraft in 1968. They relocated to Florida where they raised their children. Gary loved his family, fishing, NASCAR, western movies, football and the Chicago Cubs. He was preceded in death by his mother, Nellie Mae Koester, and his father, Frederick "Fritz" Koester. Gary is survived by his son, Troy Koester (Kelly) and his daughter, Kimberlie Koester-Bender (Eric), grandchildren: Troy (Jr.) Koester, Drew Koester, Bowen Bender, Egan Bender and Gwenlyn Bender, siblings: Susan Pirtle, Fred Koester and their families. A graveside service for immediate and extended family will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 7, 2017. Friends and family are invited to attend a celebration of his life at the American Legion in Lincoln, IL at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 7, 2017. In lieu of flowers, those who desire, may donate to the Wounded Warrior Project (PO Box 758541, Topeka, KS 66675-8541) in his honor.

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**Deceased Name: Andrea N. Virgil 1982 - 2017**

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Andrea N. Virgil 1982 - 2017 Middletown, IL—Andrea N. Virgil, 34, of Middletown, passed away on Saturday, September 30, 2017, at 3:43 p.m. at MD Anderson Cancer Center of Houston, Texas. Funeral services for Andrea will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. at Jefferson Street Christian Church in Lincoln. Mr. Laurin Hill will officiate. Burial will follow at Irish Grove Cemetery in Middletown. Visitation will be held on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the church prior to the funeral. Andrea Nicole Virgil was born December 4, 1982, at Brokaw Hospital in Normal, the daughter of Michael and Terri Renfro Virgil. Andrea is survived by her parents; one sister: Misty (Perry Barr) Virgil of Tempe, Ariz.; fiancé Michael Anderson of Middletown; grandparents: Clara Louise (Jim) Denny, Jennifer Stout, and Terry Renfro; aunts and uncles: Lisa (Dale) Nelson, Cindy (Kurt) Wendlandt, Michelle (Mario) Bonaparte, Jay Renfro, Steve (Bev) Virgil, Kathy, Suzzi Virgil, and Sandy (Greg) Wilkins; countless beloved cousins; and her beloved miniature beagle, Huntlee. Andrea was preceded in death by grandfathers Harold Stout and Robert Clarence Virgil. Andrea was a 2001 graduate of Greenview High School. She received her Licensed Practical Nursing degree in Panama City, Fla. She worked at the Cardiovascular Institute at Bay Medical Center. Memorials may be made to the family for the endowment of melanoma research. Final arrangements are entrusted with Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln.

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**Deceased Name: Robert E. Bolyard 1941 - 2017**

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Robert E. "Bull" Bolyard 1941 - 2017 Elkhart, IL—Robert E. "Bull" Bolyard, 76, of Elkhart passed away at his home on Tuesday, October 3, 2017. Graveside Services for Bob will be at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, October 9, 2017 at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield with Dr. Raju Paturi officiating. Military Rites will be accorded by American Legion Post # 263 of Lincoln Visitation will be held on Sunday, October 8, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln. Robert Eugene Bolyard was born on June 18, 1941 in Bluff City, Illinois the son of Pearl Henry and Martha Ernestine Kohler Bolyard. He was united in marriage to Donna Koehne on July 5, 1977. She survives. Also surviving are his children: Robert Anthony (Mary) Hooper, Michael Thomas (Michelle) Koehne, Jamison Henry Wilhelm (Shelbie Gleason), Jeremiah Ernest Eugene Bolyard. One Uncle Richard Kohler. Grandchildren: Eric, Christian, Tiffany, Michael, Makayla, Colton, Riley Pearl, Alaina, Brixen Ivy. One Great-Grandson, Liam He was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister: Kathryn LaBarre. Bob served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Mt. Pulaski Masonic Lodge # 87 A.F. & A.M. and Teamsters Local #916. He was a sponsor and Committee Member for Ducks Unlimited in Lincoln for many years. Bob was a avid Cubs fan. He enjoyed woodworking and fishing. Bob worked for Concrete Ready Mix for 10 years. Memorials may be made to American Legion Post # 263 in Lincoln.

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**Deceased Name: Marlene E. Maxey 1931 - 2017**

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Marlene E. Maxey 1931 - 2017 Freeport, IL—Marlene E. Maxey, 86 of Freeport died Wednesday, October 4th, 2017 at Stephenson Nursing Center, Freeport, IL. She was born August 12, 1931 in Freeport. She was the daughter of Viola (Henning) and Lynn Elliott. She married Donald Maxey on May 2, 1953 at White Pines State Park. Marlene was a supervisor at Economy Fire and Casualty where she worked for 22 years and retired in 1994. She was a member of Freeport First United Methodist Church and taught Sunday School for 25 years at previous churches. Her memberships also include Eastern Star and the American Legion Auxiliary where she served as President. She enjoyed making backpacks for children in Mexico. Surviving are her son Gary (Sandy) Maxey of Appleton, WI and her daughter Sheri Maxey of Freeport. She has 7 grandchildren; Meghan (Jake) Hernandez, Karin Maxey, Sarah (fiancé, Nicholas Interrial) Comer; Amanda (fiance' Larry Wong) Sanders; Ben (fiancé, Mary O'Connell) Maxey; Dan Maxey; and Robyn Maxey and 4 great grandchildren, Alex Davis, Logan Hernandez, Carter Hernandez, and Emilyynn Maxey. Her parents, husband, and sister Marjorie (Roderick) Drexler preceded her in death. Funeral services will be held Saturday, October 7th at 10:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church with the Reverend Calvin B. Haines Jr. officiating. There will be a visitation before the service beginning at 9:00 a.m. Burial will be in the Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Dixon, IL. A memorial has been established in her name for Freeport First United Methodist, Friends Forever Humane Society and the American Heart Association. Friends and family may view and sign the family guest book at [www.walkermortuary.com](http://www.walkermortuary.com)

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## Deceased Name: Patty Jo Hunt 1939 - 2017

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Patty Jo Hunt 1939 - 2017 Lincoln, IL—Patty Jo Hunt, 78, of Lincoln, passed away October 5, 2017 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital. Visitation will be from 5-7 P.M. Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 11 A.M. Wednesday, October 11, 2017 also at the funeral home with Henry Johnson officiating. Burial will follow in Harristown Cemetery, Decatur, IL. Patty was born September 25, 1939 in Blue Mound, IL., the daughter of Cleatus and Myrtle (Young) Clements. She retired from Logan Correctional after several years of service. She was formerly employed at Lincoln Developmental Center. Patty loved to write. She always enjoyed a good book and liked to listen to music. She collected ink pens. Survivors include: son Timmy Hunt, daughter Tracy Hunt, grandchildren: Dallas Hunt, Dalton Hunt, and Toni Hunt, great grandchildren: Tylayah Hunt, Kaliyah Leone, and Isaac Hunt, and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, several siblings, infant son Samuel, and several nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made to the family in care of Tracy Hunt and will be accepted at the funeral home.

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**Deceased Name: Gloria S. Kelroy 1951 - 2017**

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Gloria S. Kelroy 1951 - 2017 Byron, IL—Gloria S. Kelroy, 66, of the Town of Byron passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at her home. She was born on April 5, 1951 in Emden, IL, the daughter of Christian Eldon "Bud" and Anna Clara (Kutz) Westen. Gloria was baptized at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Emden, IL. On November 19, 1977, Gloria married Thomas Kelroy in Emden, IL. They farmed in the Town of Byron and Gloria received an Associate Degree from MPTC. She worked for the UW-Fond du Lac Extension retiring in 2016. Gloria was a member of the Home and Community Education group, served as Byron Town Clerk, on the Fond du Lac Beautification Committee and was a 4-H Leader. She greatly enjoyed gardening, her flowers and traveling but most important was time spent with family, grandchildren and many good friends. Those left behind to cherish Gloria's memory include her husband Tom, mother Anna Clara Westen, daughters Bridget (Tim) Schaumberg, Amanda (TJ) Veneris and Kristen (Tim) Nordberg, grandchildren Taylor and Hunter Schaumberg and Graham and Clara Nordberg, brothers Larry (Joyce) Westen and Clarke (Tammy) Westen, sister Rita (Larry) Haedicke, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Fred and Karen Kelroy, Barb Kelroy, Marlene and Chuck Bernhard and Diane and Dave Giese, nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. Gloria was preceded in death by her father Christian Eldon "Bud" Westen, brother Dennis Westen and in-laws Bob and Pearl Kelroy and Delores Kelroy. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Sunday October 8th at 6:00 P.M. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lomira (699 Milwaukee St). Rev. Michael Petersen will officiate and family inurnment will be Monday at St. John's Cemetery, Byron. Visitation will be Sunday Oct. 8th from 2:00 P.M. until time of Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lomira. Memorials are appreciated to the Fond du Lac County Master Gardener Assoc, Byron Veterans Memorial, Sons of Zebedee Parish or St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Emden, IL. The Twohig Funeral Home of Fond du Lac is serving the family with arrangements with online guestbook and condolences at [www.twohigfunerals.com](http://www.twohigfunerals.com).

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**Deceased Name: Nancy A. Long 1933 - 2017**

*Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - October 8, 2017*

• Section: Obituaries

Nancy A. Long 1933 - 2017 New Holland, IL—Nancy A. Long, 83, of New Holland, passed away on Friday, October 6, 2017, at her daughter's home in Lincoln. Graveside services for Mrs. Long will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Cemetery in Lincoln. Nancy Ann Even was born December 5, 1933, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the daughter of Aloysius J. and Edith Buell Even. She first married Richard A. Sheley in 1955. She later married Theodore Long in 1976. He preceded her in death. She is survived by her children: Holly (Don) Johnson and Rick (Mary Jane) Sheley; four brothers, four sisters, five grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two children: Hope Maria Sheley and Perry Michael Sheley. Nancy was a 20-year member of the Girl Scout Council and a member of Lincoln Community Theater and Lincoln College Radio. She enjoyed reading and listening to Cubs games. Memorials may be made to Ronald McDonald House. Final arrangements are entrusted with Peasley Funeral Home of Lincoln.

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## Deceased Name: Frank Raymond Camille 1928 - 2017

*Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - October 17, 2017*

• Section: Obituaries

Frank Raymond Camille 1928 - 2017 Sherman, IL—Frank Raymond Camille, 89, of Sherman died at 8:40 a.m., Monday, October 16, 2017 at his home. He was born June 5, 1928 in Springfield to Joseph and Elizabeth Mari Camille. He married Marian S. Urban on June 3, 1950 and she preceded him in death on July 28, 2010. He is also preceded in death by his parents; one son-in-law, Mike Wise; two brothers, Ralph and Joe Camille; one sister, Mary Aldridge and one brother-in-law, Glenn Aldridge. Survivors include three daughters, Sandra (Deacon Jim) Bollman of Sherman, Linda Wise of Williamsville and Donna Hudgins of Sherman; two sons, Frank R. Camille, Jr. of Elkhart and John (Margie) Camille of Lincoln; nine grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Joann Camille of Rochester and Charlotte Camille of Sherman; two brothers, James V. (Connie) Camille of Sherman and Robert (Helga) Camille of Asheville, NC and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Frank was a member of St. John Vianney Church since the 1930's. He was a lifetime member of the Farm Bureau, Lincoln Land Antique Tractor and Engine Club, Advisory Council for Production Credit Association and Board Member of Elkhart High School. He farmed in the Elkhart, Sherman, and Williamsville area for more than sixty years. Visitation: 9:30-10:45 a.m., Friday, October 20, 2017 at St. John Vianney Church in Sherman. Funeral Mass: 11:00 a.m., Friday, October 20, 2017 at St. John Vianney Church with Reverend Raphael Paul De Moreno officiating. Burial to follow at Wolf Creek Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to St. John Vianney Church. Share stories, pictures, Facebook and Twitter at: [StaabFamily.com](http://StaabFamily.com)

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**Deceased Name: Gordon J. Hjort 1936 - 2017**

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• Section: Obituaries

Gordon J. Hjort 1936 - 2017 Bloomington, IL—Gordon J. Hjort of Bloomington formerly of Hudson, passed away on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 5:55 a.m. at Bickford House, Bloomington. His service will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at 2 p.m. at the College Park Christian Church, Normal, with Pastor Brent Salm officiating. Following the service burial will take place at the Hudson TWP Cemetery, Hudson. Visitation will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 1-2 p.m. at the church. Memorials may be made to the College Park Christian Church or Alzheimer's Association. Calvert & Metzler Memorial Home is in charge of arrangements. Gordon was born on May 9, 1936 in Laurium, Michigan, the son of Edwin Arthur and Charlotte Alma (Norum) Hjort. He married Mary Ann Toivonen on July 26, 1958 in Eagle River, Wisconsin. She preceded him in death on February 16, 2016. He is survived by his children; Kevin (Amy) Hjort of Lakewood, WI and Brenda (Mike) Shay of Hudson and his grandchildren; Jessica (Tim) Dehn, Kaitlyn (Jon Propp) Hjort, Nicole Hjort, Natalie and Laura Shay and one great grandchild. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife and one sister Elaine Hansen. He started work with Cutler-Hammer which later became Eaton Corp and then went to work for Action Tech retiring from there in 1990. He was a member of College Park Christian Church of Normal, Lincoln Elks Club and volunteered for Junior Achievement and Boy Scouts of America. Gordon enjoyed woodworking and traveling with his wife Mary Ann to Wisconsin. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family. He will be dearly missed by all of them.

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**Deceased Name: Marjorie L. Kindred 1939 - 2017**

*Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - October 18, 2017*

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Marjorie L. "Judy" Kindred 1939 - 2017 Lincoln, IL—Marjorie L. "Judy" Kindred, 78, of Lincoln, passed away October 14, 2017 at The Christian Village. Cremation rites have been accorded by Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home. Marjorie was born August 4, 1939 in Lincoln, IL., the daughter of Floyd Altman and Ruth (Heinzel). Survivors include: her children Jeff Kindred, Cindy Kindred, Troy ( Marie) Kindred of Vashon, WA., and Kelly (Jeff) Newell of Chatham, IL. ; 8 grandchildren; and sisters Carol Altman and Ann Boyer. She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband Lyle Kindred, and brother Richard Altman. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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**Deceased Name: Emil C. Ramlow 1925 - 2017**

*Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - October 20, 2017*

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Emil C. Ramlow 1925 - 2017 Beason, IL—Emil C. Ramlow, 92, of Beason passed away on Friday, October 20, 2017 at The Christian Village in Lincoln. Emil was born on April 29, 1925 in Burtonview IL, the son of John H. and Katherine (Stuan) Ramlow. He married Lois J. Wood on September 15, 1946 in Lincoln. She preceded him in death. Emil is survived by his son, Thomas (Nancy) Ramlow of Beason, IL; his daughter, Gloria Jean (Steve) Schaub of Gibson City; his brother, Virgil Ramlow of Dayton, OH; and a special friend Marie Harris of Springfield. Additionally, Emil is survived by nine grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren. Emil was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, five brothers, two sisters, and one great-granddaughter. Emil proudly served his country in the U.S. Army from August 1943 – January 1946. When Emil returned to Lincoln he worked as a supervisor at The Bottle Factory for 36 years; and farmed. Emil also loved to dance, fish, and hunt; but above all else, Emil loved spending time with his family. Services for Emil will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lincoln, IL with Rev. Amy Zietlow officiating. Visitation will be held from 4:00-7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. Following the services, The Illinois Patriot Guard Riders will escort the funeral procession to New Union Cemetery; where full military rites will be accorded by American Legion Post Number #263. Memorial donations may be made in Emil's name to Holy Cross Lutheran Church or Immanuel Lutheran Church.

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**Deceased Name: Tom McCurry 1921 - 2017**

*Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - October 22, 2017*

• Section: Obituaries

Tom McCurry Jr. 1921 - 2017 Mt. Pulaski, IL—Tom McCurry Jr., 95, of Lincoln, formerly of Cornland, IL, passed away on Friday, October 20, 2017 at the Christian Village, Lincoln. Tom was born on December 5, 1921, the son of Thomas and Eva (Scroggins) McCurry Sr. Tom married Eleanora L. Utech in Lincoln, IL in 1944. She preceded him in death on March 27, 1991. Tom is survived by his children, Thomas W. McCurry III of Lincoln and Janet M. McCurry of Lincoln; his sister, Annis Morris of AZ; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and three brothers. Tom was a farmer; he also enjoyed camping, auctions, and he loved Mardi Gras. Services for Tom will be held at 11:00A.M. on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski. Visitation will take place two hours prior to the service (9:00-11:00A.M.) on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 also at the funeral home. Following the services burial will be held at Steenbergen Cemetery in Mt. Pulaski. Memorial donations may be made in Tom's name to The Christian Village.

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**Deceased Name: Gene Bathe 1929 - 2017**

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• Section: Obituaries

Gene Bathe 1929 - 2017 Hartsburg, IL—Gene Bathe, 88, of Hartsburg passed away on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, IL. Gene was born on October 15, 1929 in Sullivan, IL, the son of Harry and Mabel (Byrom) Bathe Sr. He married Marjorie Lessen on June 28, 1953 in Hartsburg, IL. She survives. Gene is also survived by his children, Norma Bathe of Hartsburg, Michael (Christine) Bathe of Normal, and Nancy (Paul) Kemp of Janesville, WI; his grandchildren, Courtney Bathe, Quinnton Kemp, and Cassidy Kemp. Gene was preceded in death by his parents and seven siblings; Gene was the last member of his immediate family. Gene retired from Lehn & Fink as a shipping clerk after 42 years. Gene worked with the Hartsburg Fire Dept. for 41 years; 16 of which he was the Fire Chief. He was an EMT for 28 years, and the Water Plant Operator for 55 years. He was with the International Chemical Workers Union Local #316 for 42 years, where he was president for 3 years; and recording secretary for 21 years. Additionally Gene was the President of the Lehn & Fink Credit Union for 10 years. He was Chairman of the Board at Hartsburg Methodist Church, and served as the Sunday School Superintendent for 13 years. Gene was on the Board of Logan County Paramedics Association. He was the recipient of The Larry Schroyer Award for Lifetime of Excellence in Emergency Services. Gene enjoyed sports, especially his beloved St. Louis Cardinals and NASCAR; Jeff Gordon was his favorite. Services for Gene will be held at 11:00A.M. on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Hartsburg, with Rev. Lisa Goodwin officiating. Visitation will take place from 4:00-7:00P.M. on Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. Burial will follow the services at Hartsburg Union Cemetery, Hartsburg. Memorial donations may be made in Gene's name to Disabled American Veterans or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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**Deceased Name: Samuel Lawrence Hodge 1931 - 2017**

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Samuel Lawrence "Larry" Hodge 1931 - 2017 Lincoln, IL—Samuel Lawrence "Larry" Hodge, 86, of Lincoln, passed away October 17, 2017 at The Christian Village. Cremation rites have been accorded by Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home. Memorial visitation will be from 5-7 PM Thursday, October 26, 2017 at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home. Memorial services will follow at 7 PM with Ryan Edgcombe officiating. Burial will be at 10 AM Friday, October 28, 2017 in Camp Butler National Cemetery, Springfield. Larry was born June 11, 1931 in Rifle, Colorado, the son of Shiveral Frederick Hodge and Gladys (Johnson). He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. Larry was a music lover and was a pianist in a country music band called the "Mustang Band". He loved to travel and to fly and at one time owned his own airplane. He loved life and enjoyed seeing nature. Larry loved to joke and had a big heart. He will be truly missed by all who knew and loved him. Surviving are his long time companion John Steiger of Lincoln and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Barbara Williams. Memorial donations may be made in his honor to the American Legion or to the VFW.

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## Deceased Name: Marilyn Kay Cherry 1943 - 2017

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Marilyn Kay Cherry 1943 - 2017 Elkhart, IL—Marilyn Kay Cherry, 74, of Elkhart, passed away on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, IL. She was born March 5, 1943, in Springfield to Winnie Ackridge Wise. She married Ed Cherry on June 13, 1963, and he preceded her in death on October 20, 2015. She is also preceded in death by her mother, her brother Mike Wise, her granddaughter Jill Denise Reynolds, and her brothers in law Orville Bentley, Bob Fuiten, and John Cherry. Marilyn is survived by her five children: Melisa (Mike) Beal of Mechanicsburg, Rebecca (Joseph) Simko of Sherman, Laura (Robb) Hanner of Athens, Scott (Hillary) Cherry of Mt. Pulaski, and Robert (Callie) Cherry of Normal; ten grandchildren: Chris (Kristy) Maus, Mary (Mitchell) Gillett, Brittney (Rory) Taylor, Jessie Maus, Nick Hanner, Nathan Simko, Cason Cherry, Teagan Cherry, Lila Cherry, and Eve Cherry; five great-grandchildren: Lexy, Evelyann, Fallon, Faye, and Adeline; her sisters Jan Bentley and Connie Wise, her brother Larry (Polly) Wise, her sisters in law Linda Wise, Ruth Fuiten and Janet Cherry, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Marilyn graduated from Elkhart High School in 1961 and retired from Corporation Service Company in 2006. She and Ed lived and farmed in the Cornland area for 42 years, then moved to Elkhart in 1992. She was a member of the Elkhart American Legion Auxiliary. Marilyn was known for being a great cook, creating memorable family holidays, and for being able to host several coffee and tea drinkers at her kitchen table at a moment's notice. She was usually the quietest person in the room, but she had a great sense of humor and loved her family deeply. She was always there when we needed her. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. We were blessed to have her in our lives, and she will be greatly missed. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at Elkhart Cemetery at 10:00A.M. Memorial donations may be made in Marilyn's name to Ronald McDonald House of Central Illinois. Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home of Mt. Pulaski has been entrusted with the arrangements.

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**Deceased Name: Kevin Lee Baker 1959 - 2017**

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Kevin Lee Baker 1959 - 2017 Dwight, IL—Kevin Lee Baker ,58, of Dwight, IL formerly of Mt. Pulaski, IL, passed away at 12:15 a.m. on October 24, 2017 at the Fox Developmental Center in Dwight. Kevin was born on February 19, 1959 in Lincoln, IL. He was the beloved son of devoted parents: Don and Margaret (Martin) Baker. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister: Mary Eileen Baker. Kevin is survived by his siblings: Ronn (Joann) Baker of Streator, IL, Larry (Pam) Baker of Mt. Zion, IL, Debra (Steve Battin) Pollock of Lincoln, IL, and Candy (Gary) Foss of Camp Point, IL; nieces and nephews: Seth, Audra, Bethany, Julie, David, Clint, Ian, and Ashley. Kevin was a long term resident of the Lincoln and Fox Developmental Centers for over 40 years. He had a vibrant laugh, loved music, and touched the lives of those who knew him. A private family graveside service was held at the Mt. Pulaski Cemetery honoring Kevin's life.

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**Deceased Name: Lawrence A. Bussard 1924 - 2017**

*Courier, The (Lincoln, IL) - October 28, 2017*

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Lawrence A. Bussard 1924 - 2017 Springfield, IL—Lawrence A. Bussard, 93, of Springfield, IL died from natural causes at 6:20 AM, Saturday, October 21, 2017 at Memorial Medical Center. He was born on August 24, 1924 to Herron and Mary Jones Buzzard at Bolar, VA. He and Constance Locher married on November 19, 1960 at Nativity Church in Dubuque, IA. Mr. Bussard earned an Associates Degree from St. Charles College in Catonsville, MD. In 1949 he earned a Bachelor's Degree from Loras College in Dubuque, IA. In 1954 he earned his Master's Degree in social work from the Richmond Professional Institute of the College of William and Mary. Mr. Bussard came to Illinois in 1949 to work for the State of Illinois, Department of Human Services where he was employed in a variety of administrative positions, which included four years as the Superintendent of the Lincoln Developmental Center in Lincoln, IL. After retirement he went to work for Springfield ARC and the Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. He was honored for his many years of work by having Lawrence Place, a home for those with development disabilities in Lincoln, IL, named for him with this dedication: "In honor of Lawrence A. Bussard whose vision, planning, and dedication promoted the development of comprehensive services for the handicapped of Illinois." For the past twenty-three years he volunteered as a Red Coat Escort at Memorial Medical Center, and he also volunteered at the Dana Thomas House Sumac Gift Shop, clocking over 15,000 volunteer hours and walking over 17,000 miles. He was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and an active and sustaining member of many cultural, educational, and civic organizations. He was a kind, decent, and generous man—a consummate gentleman—who strongly believed in service to others. He will be deeply missed. Mr. Bussard is survived by his wife of almost 57 years, Constance Locher-Bussard of Springfield; three children, Anthony Locher Bussard of Waltham, MA, Marie Sarah Bussard and wife Sharon Hall of Bellingham, WA, and Martha Caroline Bussard of Kenmore, WA; one sister Jane Quarles of Richmond, VA, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Elnora Liesfeld, and Wilma Lee Hodge. There will be a Memorial Mass on Friday, November 3, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception followed by a reception at the Sangamo Club. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Locher-Bussard Scholarship Fund at Clarke University, Dubuque, IA 52001, or a charity of the donor's choice. Share stories, pictures, Facebook and Twitter at: [StaabFamily.com](http://StaabFamily.com)

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## Deceased Name: Duane Melton 1936 - 2017

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Duane Melton 1936 - 2017 Lincoln, IL—Duane Melton, 81, passed away at 6:23 a.m. on October 28, 2017 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital. Duane was born on September 9, 1936 in Lincoln, IL; son of Dale H. and LaMoyne (Fletcher) Melton. He is preceded in death by his parents. Surviving Duane are his two brothers: William "Bill" (Linda) Melton and Jerry (Rosemary) Melton both of Lincoln, IL. Duane was a member of the Lincoln Christian Church A graveside service for Duane will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday November 1, 2017 at New Union Cemetery with Ron Otto officiating. Memorials may be made in Duane's name to the American Legion Post# 263. Services entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, IL.

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**Deceased Name: Wayne A. Conrady 1930 - 2017**

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Wayne A. Conrady 1930 - 2017 Lincoln, IL—Wayne A. Conrady, 86, of Lincoln passed away at 4:40 a.m. on October 29, 2017 at his home at Timber Creek Village, Lincoln, IL. Wayne was born on December 5, 1930 in Lincoln, IL ; son of Benjamin Franklin and Viola Ferne (McChesney) Conrady. He married Lois Elaine Paulus on October 7, 1951. She preceded him in death on July 23, 2014. Surviving Wayne are his children: three daughters: Elaine Conrady, Lincoln; Carla (Greg) Jurgenson, Atlanta; Jan (Mark) Schleder, Green Valley; two sons: Gary (Valerie) Conrady, Lincoln; and Greg (Lisa) Conrady of Hartsburg; twelve grandchildren: Ryan (Lyndi) Alberts, Alissa (Rob) Smith, Theresa (Justin) Kegley, Leanne (Dan) Walton, Caleb (Jordan) Schleder, Sawyer, Schyler, and Sage Conrady, and Cody, Savannah, Wyatt and Shyanne Conrady; and nine great grandchildren; two brothers: Gene (Joyce) Conrady and Benjamin (Rosemary) Conrady both of Lincoln; one sister-in-law: Alice Paulus. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother: Harold (Margaret) Conrady, brother-in-law: Wilbur Paulus and son-in-law: Daniel Hayes. Wayne graduated from Hartsburg-Emden High School, Hartsburg, IL and attended Lincoln College of which he served on the Alumni Board. As owner-operator of Big Oak Farms and Big Oak Hunting Paradise, Wayne's true passions were Family, Agriculture and Civics. If Wayne was not at an event with family, he was out working with livestock or raising crops, or advocating for the rural community, agriculture and natural resources. Through Wayne's lifetime, he was a member of Lincoln Jaycees (Outstanding Young Farmer, 1964); Logan County Board (Chairman '82-'86), Land of Lincoln Workforce Board (35 yrs.); Lincoln Courier Man of the Year, Lincoln Elks; Logan County Agriculture Toastmasters; Logan County Soil and Water District; Agriculture Advisor to USDA Secretary Edward Madigan; Logan County Pork Producers; Illinois Pork Producers (Pork Promoter of the Year, 2011); Annual Illinois State Fair Pork Patio Cashier; Logan County Angus Association; Illinois Angus Association Director; American Angus Association; Breeder of the Year Logan County Calf Scramble; Pheasants Forever, Quail Unlimited, and a proud NRA member. Wayne was an active member of St. John United Church of Christ where he served on Church Council in various leadership roles. Wayne's love for life was fueled by his active support of children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. His loyalties encompassed Hartem Stags, Lincoln Railers, Midwest Central Raiders and most recently Mt. Pulaski Bruins. Livestock shows were his summer highlight, Angus cattle and swine shows. He also enjoyed attending music programs, award ceremonies, and the Farm Progress Show to see his grandsons' contributions to the ag industry. Thank goodness for Face Time so he could interact with his great grandchildren who do not live locally. His greatest joy was food, fun, and laughter as he retreated with the whole family each summer in various locales. A memorial service for Wayne will be held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, November 5, 2017, at St. John United Church of Christ in Lincoln with Rev. Kenneth Kramer officiating. Visitation will be at the church from 3:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. Saturday, November 4, 2017, and one hour prior to the memorial service. Burial at Hartsburg Union Cemetery will follow the service. Memorials may be made in Wayne's name to the Logan County 4-H Foundation/Ross B. Conrady Scholarship Fund or Land of Lincoln Workforce (to provide training funds for individuals in need). Wayne's family would like to thank the staff of Timber Creek and Jennifer Wallace for all the care, love and support that was given to their father. Services are entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, IL.

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**Deceased Name: Mary Ellen Bristow 1926 - 2017**

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Mary Ellen Bristow 1926 - 2017 Lincoln, IL—Mary Ellen Bristow, 91, of Lincoln passed away on Sunday, October 22, 2017 at The Christian Village in Lincoln. Mary Ellen was born on August 6, 1926 in Waynesville, IL the daughter of Everett Paul and Mary Theresa (Krenkel) Huffer. She married Francis Wilson "Mick" Bristow on August 10, 1944 in Atlanta, IL, they lived in Waynesville, Clinton, and then retiring in Lincoln. He preceded vher in death on January 2, 1981. Mary is survived by her children, Paul (Melvina) Bristow, Jerry (Terri) Bristow, and Linda(Gary) Nodine all of Lincoln; her sister, B. Sue (Richard) Marcotte of Lexington, SC. Additionally Mary is survived by eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Mary was preceded in death by her parents and one brother: Charles Everett Huffer. Mary was retired from Lincoln College, DCFS, Fifth Street Dollar Store, and Lincoln Garment Factory Store. She enjoyed crocheting, sewing, and her grandchildren. A graveside service will be held for Mary at 1:00 P.M. Friday, November 3, 2017 at Union Cemetery in Waynesville, IL with Ryan Edgecombe officiating. Memorial donations may be made in Mary's name to The Humane Society of Logan County. Services have been entrusted to Fricke-Calvert- Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln.

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**Deceased Name: Thomas J. Romer 1932 - 2017**

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Thomas J. Romer 1932 - 2017 Mt. Pulaski, IL—Thomas J. Romer, 85, of Mt. Pulaski, IL, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 28, 2017 in Decatur, IL. Tom was born on August 31, 1932 at St. Clara's Hospital in Lincoln, IL, to Roman C. and Dorothy (Davis) Romer and is a graduate of Mt. Pulaski High School and Western Illinois University. He is survived by his sons Thomas Romer of Mt. Pulaski, IL and Timothy (Bethany) Romer of Heyworth, IL and his two grandsons Timmy and Alex Romer. Tom is also survived by his siblings, Joan Suycott of Verona, WI, Roman "Jim" Romer of Springfield, IL, Steve "Kibby" Romer of Dillon, CO. Richard "Dick" (Barbara) Romer of Springfield, IL and Joe (Emily) Romer of Pinecliffe, CO. Tom married Marietta McCue of Elkhart, IL on September 26, 1966 and was happily married to her until her passing on June 30, 2013. Tom is also preceded in death by his parents, infant son John, sister Lynne Baylis and brother Robert "Bob" Romer. After high school, Tom served in the United States Navy from 1952-1956. Tom was a proud citizen of Mt. Pulaski and was an active member and one time commander of the American Legion Post #447 and served several terms on the Mt. Pulaski School Board. He was also an Eagle Scout. An avid supporter of the arts, Tom played trumpet in area community bands and was instrumental in reviving the Mt. Pulaski Community Band. He was a lifelong member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic church. He was most proud of his Dixie band The Vinegar Hill Brass. Tom also loved the Chicago Cubbies and passed this passion down to his sons. Visitation will be from 4:00-7:00 P.M. Thursday November 2, 2017 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski. A rosary will be recited at 3:15 P.M. prior to visitation. The funeral will be held on Friday, November 3, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Mt. Pulaski. Burial will follow at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery where full military rites will be accorded. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Central Illinois Down Syndrome c/o Team Alex Romer, The American Alzheimer's Association, American Legion Post #447, or Mt. Pulaski Community Band.

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