

Deceased Name: Deborah J. Brandt 1953 - 2017

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Deborah J. Brandt 2017 Lincoln, IL—Deborah J. Brandt, 64, of Lincoln, passed away at 4:41 p.m. on Wednesday, November 29, 2017, at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln. Funeral services for Mrs. Brandt will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. at Peasley Funeral Home with Rev. Mike Abel officiating. Visitation will be held on Sunday at the funeral home from 1:00 p.m. until the time of the service. Deborah Jean Tungate was born February 25, 1953, the daughter of Milburn and Hallie Tucker Tungate, Sr. She married Gary "Buzz" Lee Brandt on February 5, 1972, at the Atlanta United Methodist Church. He survives. Deborah is also survived by her children: Micah (Laura) Brandt of Auburn, Ky. and Brad (Stephanie) Brandt of Lincoln; three grandchildren: Cameron, Liam, and Sawyer; three sisters: Mary Lou (J.T.) Noe of Bradfordsville, Ky., Ann (Mitch) Rohlfs of Lincoln, and Hannah Tungate of Shawnee, Okla.; and three brothers: Milburn Tungate, Jr. of Lincoln, Hobart "Hoagie" Tungate of Lebanon, Ky., and Glen Tungate of Lincoln. She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers: Adrian, James, Robert, Daniel, and Randall Tungate; and one sister: Marsha Tungate Cisco. Debbie had worked for the Ardagh Group at the "bottle factory" in Lincoln for 30 years. During her time, Debbie could always be found doting on her work family and helping anyone in need. She spent all of her spare moments spoiling her three beloved grandsons and spending quality time with her family. Memorials may be made to Bloomington-Normal Treatment Center or Home Sweet Home Ministries of Lincoln (Mission Mart). Final arrangements are entrusted with Peasley Funeral Home of Lincoln.

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Deceased Name: John Davison 1928 - 2017

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John Davison 1928 - 2017 Middletown, IL—John Davison, 89, of Middletown passed away on Thursday, November 30, 2017 at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, IL. John was born on March 16, 1928, in Logan County; the son of James and Matilda (Steinhour) Davison. He married Ione Leinweber on June 22, 1952 in Minooka, IL. She survives him in Middletown, IL. Also surviving John are his children: Julie (Rex Gill) Brown and Gail (Karen) Davison; one sister: Delores Burger; five grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; three step grandchildren; one step great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, two brothers, one grandchild, and one great grandchild. John proudly served his country as a member of The Military Police in The U.S. Army. John enjoyed being outside, especially while spending time in his garden. When he wasn't outside, he would often be found watching his beloved Chicago Cubs. He also loved his western shows and movies, John Wayne was his favorite. John was truly a hard working man, but he always made time for his family; especially listening to his grandchildren's stories. Services for John will be 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, IL with Josh Gorrie officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to services. Burial at Irish Grove Cemetery will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made in John's name to First United Methodist Church in Middletown, IL.

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Deceased Name: John T. Hayes 1954 - 2017

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John T. Hayes 2017 Emden, IL—John Hayes, 62, of rural Emden, passed away on December 1, 2017 at St. Clara's Manor, Lincoln, IL. He was born December 11, 1954 in Lincoln, IL to J. Thomas and Patricia Fahy Hayes. He is survived by his mother; one brother, Mark (Star) Hayes of Lincoln, IL; two sisters-in-law Jan (Mark) Schleder of Green Valley and Dawn Hayes of Glenview; his beloved niece, Theresa (Justin) Kegley and their children, Riley, Cooper and Colton of Rockford, niece Leanne (Daniel) Walton and their children, Jack and Joah of Sugar Grove; and nephew, Caleb (Jordan) Schleder of Duluth, GA. John was blessed with a large and proud Irish Catholic family. He leaves behind many aunts, cousins, and friends that are family. He was preceded in death by his father and two brothers, Daniel and Christopher. John was a lifelong member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Delavan where he served as lector. He was a devoted Alumni of San Jose High School and served on the board. As a lifelong sports enthusiast, John always found himself as a spectator for many local high school sports teams, the Bradley Braves and his favorite Chicago White Sox. John has never known a stranger and was known by many as an avid softball player, coach, manager, and umpire. John may have lost his fight with ALS, but he won the eternal victory of life with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Cremation has been accorded. A memorial mass for John will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 9, 2017, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Delavan. Msgr. Timothy Nolan will officiate. Visitation will be from 4 - 7 pm Friday, December 8, 2017 at Davis-Oswald Funeral Home in Delavan and from 9:00 to 9:45 am Saturday at the church. Burial will be at St Mary's Cemetery in Delavan. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church or ALS World Wide. To express condolences online, visit www.davisoswaldfh.com.

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Deceased Name: Raymond P. Buch

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Raymond P. Buch 2017 Lincoln, IL—The departure for Raymond P. Buch of Lincoln, IL came on Wednesday, December 6, 2017. As the apostle Paul wrote, " the time of my departure is at the hand. I fought the good fight and kept the faith; and henceforth there is made up for me a crown of righteousness; but not for me alone, but for all those who love the Lord." 2nd Timothy 4:7. Ray was preceded in death by his wife Audrey, who taught chemistry and science at the Lincoln Jr. High School. Ray is survived by his sons: Ron (Dianne) Buch of Highland, IL and Dave (Mary Ellen) Buch of Springfield, IL; one daughter: Carol (Mike) Forbeck of Shamong, NJ. He had five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Ray was born in Pittsburgh, PA on November 12, 1926. He graduated from Perry High School in 1944, after which he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving in the Pacific theatre, ending with the battle at Okinawa Island. Ray held a BA in Radio, a Masters in Speech, and a Masters of Divinity from Lincoln Christian College. He held preaching ministries in Illinois and Florida, and was an Associate Professor of Speech at Lincoln Christian College. He retired from Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL. Services for Ray will be 10:00 a.m. Saturday December 9, 2017, at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, with Ken Genicks officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to service. Burial at Zion Cemetery will follow the service, where full military rites will be accorded by American Legion post #263. Memorials may be made in Ray's name to Lincoln Christian Village.

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Deceased Name: Linda K. Overbey 1944 - 2017

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Linda K. Overbey 1944 - 2017 Chestnut, IL—Linda K. Overbey 73 of Chestnut, IL passed away 2:16 PM December 4, 2017 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital, Lincoln, IL. Services will be 11 A.M. Saturday, December 9, 2017 at Calvert Funeral Home, Clinton, IL with Greg Taylor officiating. Burial will follow at McClimans Cemetery, Hallsville, IL. Visitation will be 10 – 11 A.M. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be directed to a charity of the Donor's Choice. Linda was born September 24, 1944 in Mount Pulaski, IL the daughter of Irwin George and Mary Louise (Allison) Grathwohl. She married Thomas L. Overbey July 3, 1964 in Clinton, IL. Survivors include her husband: Thomas L. Overbey, Chestnut, IL; 2 children: Tommy Overbey, Alton, IL and John (Jenni) Overbey, Hallsville, IL; 2 granddaughters: Katie and Bethany Overbey, Clinton, IL; siblings: Pat Burman, Forsyth, MO, and Ruth Ann (Jim) Frye, Kenney, IL. She was preceded in death by her parents. Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com

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Deceased Name: Michael D. Ertel

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Michael D. Ertel 1941 - 2017 Bradenton, FL—Michael D. Ertel (76) of Bradenton, FL formally of Lincoln, IL passed away surrounded by family on December 3, 2017. Michael was born October 7, 1941 to Dean and Sara (Lindner) Ertel in Springdale, Ohio. He married Phyllis Voiers on September 6, 1961. They had a loving, supportive life together for 56 years. They moved their daughters, Kelly (Tim) Pleasant and Kristin (Tom) Splain to Lincoln, IL in 1968, so that Michael could teach business and accounting at Lincoln College for over 30 years. Michael had a positive influence on the many students, and people he came in contact with and was a member of Lincoln Rotary and Trinity Episcopal Church. Michael was preceded in death by his father Dean Ertel and brother, Greg Ertel. His brother Glenn and loving mother Sara, will miss him dearly. He has several grandchildren, Karlie, Darcie, Tad, Corey, Jennifer, Brittany, and Trace who have fond memories of annual vacations to the Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri. He also has several great-grandchildren, Marco, Rylan, Rowan, Gia, and Emmy who spent last summer as a family visiting and creating new memories in Florida. According to his wishes, there will be a private family memorial service at a later date.

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Deceased Name: Russell Barry 1961 - 2017

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Russell Barry 1961 - 2017 Emden, IL—Russell Barry, 56, of Emden passed away on Monday, December 4, 2017 at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield, IL. Russell Dean Barry was born on January 12, 1961, in Emden, Illinois, the son of Allen and Lula Belle (Conrady) Barry. Russell attended Emden Grade School and was a member of Hartsburg-Emden High School's Class of 1979. Russell was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church and the Sons of the American Legion, Post 506, Emden, IL. Throughout his working life, he drove a semi-truck, both cross-country and locally. He also worked construction and helped on the family farm. When Russell was home, he spent as much time as he could outdoors, fishing and hunting at local ponds and on the river. Russell was a supporter of Hartem Athletics and was very proud of his nieces, who play volleyball. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan. He also enjoyed nice dinners and trying his luck at the card table. Russell will be missed by his mother, Lula Belle; sister, Roberta (Ron) Gray of Byrnes Mill, MO, and brother Ron (Vanessa) Barry of Emden; nieces and nephews, Rebekah (Jason) Gray-Long of High Ridge, MO, Robert Gray of West Lafayette, IN, and Lexi and Lily Barry of Emden; great-nephews, Jace and Grayson Long; aunt, Darline Becker of Emden; and special friend Tina Coers, of Emden. Russell is preceded in death by his father, Allen Barry; grandparents William and Lilly (Hilgendorf) Barry, Seide and Anna (Rademaker) Conrady. Visitation will be held on Friday, December 8 from 3-7pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church. A memorial service will be held at the church on Saturday, December 9 at 1pm. Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln is handling the arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to Emden Fire & Rescue and Hartem Athletics. Interment will follow the service at Hartsburg Union Cemetery.

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Deceased Name: Ruth Aper

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Ruth Aper 1927 - 2017 Hartsburg, IL—Ruth Aper, 90, of Hartsburg, went home December 7, 2017 at The Christian Village with her family by her side. Visitation will be from 10 AM until 11 AM Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Hartsburg. Funeral services will be at 11 AM with Pastor Lisa Goodwin officiating. Burial will follow in Hartsburg Union Cemetery. Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home has been entrusted with her care. Ruth was born May 26, 1927 in Hartsburg, IL., the daughter of Rudolph and Florence (Rentschler) Aper. She worked at the family general store and restaurant in Hartsburg while growing up. She retired from Lehn and Fink after more than 30 years of service. She was active in her community and served on the Hartsburg Town Board. She was active in her church, St. John's Lutheran, and sang in the choir. She enjoyed bowling and was a die hard Chicago Cub fan. Survivors include nieces and nephews: Gloria Aper Hermes (Garry), Pam Coogan (Steve), Steve Aper (Marge), Dan Hieronymus (Brenda), Cindy Esper (Dave), and Brian Aper; several great nieces and nephews, great-great nieces and nephews, and great-great-great nieces and nephews. She is also survived by many cousins and friends. Ruth was the last of her immediate family. She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Arthur Aper, twin sister June Taylor, and sister Mariann Suedmeier. The family wishes to sincerely thank Toni Lolling for her love and care and the staff of The Christian Village for the excellent care, friendship, and love they showed to Ruth.

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Deceased Name: Virginia Lee Gemberling 1922 - 2017

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Virginia "Ginny" Lee Gemberling 1922 - 2017 Dallas, TX—Resident of Dallas since 1956, passed away quietly on December 1, 2017 at age 95. She was born January 15, 1922 in Springfield, Illinois, the only child of William Carl Best and Jean Benscoter Best, both of whom preceded her in death. She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Robert Perry Gemberling. She is survived by their only daughter, Dr. Gail Gemberling of Austin, Texas. As a child, Ginny resided in Decatur, Peoria and Springfield, Illinois, graduating from Springfield High School in 1940. She attended Springfield Junior College and was employed at Franklin Life Insurance Company, Illinois Department of Education, and the Treasurer's Office. In 1948, she married Robert Perry Gemberling whom she met on a reluctant blind date. The couple moved to Chicago where Ginny worked for Aetna Insurance Company until her husband was appointed a Special Agent of the FBI. The couple moved to Washington, D. C. while he attended the FBI Academy at Quantico, Virginia in 1950. Following his training, the couple resided in Detroit. They later moved to Indiana where they resided until 1954 when they moved to Honolulu, Hawaii where she gave birth to their only child, Gail Gemberling. While in Hawaii, Ginny pursued her love of dance and became an accomplished hula dancer. In 1956, the couple was transferred to the Dallas FBI Office where Mr. Gemberling later became the lead investigator in the Kennedy Assassination case. Ginny had a love of the arts and was quite an accomplished artist although she never pursued it commercially. She encouraged exposure to the arts at home, and the family often attended Dallas Summer Musicals and notable art exhibits. Ginny loved Big Band Music of the 1940's and could often be heard singing familiar tunes of the day. The couple was avid Dallas Cowboy fans dating back to the days when they played in the Cotton Bowl. A proud and devoted mother, Ginny was an active member of the PTA, Tri-Delta Mother's Club, and was a Girl Scout Leader. She was a member of the Dallas Ex-FBI Agents' Wives Association. After her husband's retirement, the couple was active in the Society of Ex-FBI Agents where they travelled throughout the country keeping in touch with those they had met along the way. A few years after her husband's death, Ginny sold the house they had resided in since 1956 and moved to The Forum in Dallas where she resided until her death. Visitation will be held to celebrate Ginny's life at Sparkman Hillcrest Funeral Home, 7405 West Northwest Highway in Dallas on Monday, December 11, 2017 from 10 AM to 1 PM. A graveside service will be held at Bethel Cemetery in Emden, Illinois on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 11 AM where Ginny will be buried alongside her beloved husband. Memorials may be made to the Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI Foundation, P. O. Box 1027, Quantico, Virginia, 22134.

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Deceased Name: Harrison A. Turley

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Harrison A. "H.T." Turley 1925 - 2017 Lincoln, IL—Harrison A. "H.T." Turley, 92, of Lincoln, passed away Saturday Morning at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital with his loving family by his side. Harrison was born on March 30, 1925 in Lincoln, IL; son of Ora Harrison and Ora Emily Clemens Turley. He married Nola Willmert on June 14, 1952 in Searcy, AR. She survives him. Also surviving are his children: Darnell L. Turley of Cantonment, FL, Kevin A. Turley of Whitesburg, TN, Mark V. Turley of Murfreesboro, TN, Randall D. Turley of Clinton, IL, Cinda L. Lubich of Litchfield, IL, Rhonda J. Manus of Lincoln, IL, and E. Gerian Rahn of Lincoln, IL; one brother: Charles E. Turley of Kimberling City, MO; many grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers: Henry and Harold Turley, and one sister: Mary Elizabeth. Harrison graduated Lincoln Community High School in 1943, after high school he enlisted into the United States Navy for active duty from March 29, 1943- April 5, 1946. He served as Chief Radio Operator for the Merchant Marines from 1946-1955. He worked at PPG for 30 years and retired in 1987. He was chosen PPG Citizen of the Year in 1978 and received 1,000 dollars for charity of choice. H.T. also worked for over 20 years at Lincoln Park District. Harrison was very active in Boy Scouts of America, serving many areas. He enjoyed the annual fishing derby at Goodman's Ponds in Atlanta, IL, coached Little League Baseball and loved baseball, as he was a pitcher for the Men's Fast Pitch Baseball. He was a member of the American Legion Post #263 and Lincoln Southern Baptist Church. A memorial service for Harrison will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday December 16, 2017 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln with Rev. James Williford officiating. Visitation will be two hours prior to service. Burial at Zion cemetery will follow the service where full military rites will be accorded by American Legion Post #263. Memorials may be made in Harrison's name to Boy Scouts Of America.

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Deceased Name: Duane Barry Work 1950 - 2017

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Duane Barry Work 1950 - 2017 Lincoln, IL—Duane Barry Work, 67, of Lincoln, passed away December 10, 2017 at his residence. Visitation will be from 10 AM - 11 AM Thursday, December 14, 2017 at Second Baptist Church. Home Going Services will follow at 11 AM also at the church. Cremation rites will then be accorded. Burial will be in New Union Cemetery at a later date. Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home has been entrusted with his care. Duane was born June 11, 1950 in Springfield, IL., the son of Barry and Jacqueline (Mills) Work. He married Sharon Buss on June 14, 1995. He retired from Eaton Corporation after 42 years of service. He was an active member of Second Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon, a member of the Finance Committee, an Assistant Sunday School Teacher, and sang in the church choir. He was an avid record collector, Chicago Bears Fan and St. Louis Cardinals Fan. He was a dear friend to many. Survivors include his wife Sharon Work; brothers Thomas Work and Marcus Work; step daughter Denise Cline; and 3 step grandchildren. Extended family and friends also survive. Memorial donations may be made to Second Baptist Church.

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Deceased Name: John D. Quiram 1943 - 2017

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John D. Quiram 1943 - 2017 Atlanta, IL—John D. Quiram, 74, of Atlanta, passed away at 4:15 a.m. on December 11, 2017, at his home. Funeral services for Mr. Quiram will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2017, at the Atlanta United Methodist Church. Rev. Mike Abel will officiate. Burial will follow at the Atlanta Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, at the Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home in Atlanta. Masonic Rites will be accorded at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Quiram was born January 5, 1943, in Springfield, the son of Gordon DeWitt and Dorothy Janet Cox Quiram. They preceded him in death. Survivors include one daughter: Staci L. (Cary) Waggoner of Ocala, Fla.; two sons: Jay D (Jody) Quiram of Champaign, and Quentin J. (Lisa) Quiram of Waynesville; five grandchildren: Andi Dansby, John Quiram, Cole Quiram, Jay Gordon Quiram, and Cale Quiram; one brother, James G. (Sandy) Quiram of Sycamore; one sister, Janet L. (Ted) Glaser of Fremont, Mich., his fiance of 30 plus years, Frances Leesman-Nollman; and three nieces. Mr. Quiram attended the Atlanta Public Schools, I.S.N.U., and was a 1969 graduate of the Indiana College of Mortuary Science in Indianapolis. Mr. Quiram operated the Quiram Funeral Home in Atlanta from 1976 until 2006. The funeral home was founded by his father in 1940. Mr. Quiram was a member of the Atlanta United Methodist Church, past Master and 52 years member of the Atlanta Masonic Lodge #165 A.F. & A.M., and past President and 47 years member of the Atlanta Rotary Club. John was also a former board member of the Atlanta Public Library and Museum. Mr. Quiram was a former pilot and held an Extra Class Amateur Radio Operator's License through which his call sign was W9JQ. He was also a 40 plus years member of the Illinois Funeral Director's Association. John also enjoyed playing with the Atlanta Community Band for many years. Memorial contributions may be made to his church or a charity of the donor's choice. Final arrangements are entrusted with Quiram-Peasley Funeral Home of Atlanta.

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Deceased Name: Susan Anderson (Hammitt) 1966 - 2017

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Susan (Hammitt) Anderson 1966 - 2017 Hartsburg, IL—Susan (Hammitt) Anderson, 51, of rural Hartsburg, IL., died December 9, 2017 at her home following a lengthy battle with cancer. Visitation will be from 10AM until 12 Noon, Saturday, December 16, 2017 at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home, Lincoln. Funeral services will follow at 12 Noon. Burial will follow services at Hartsburg Union Cemetery. Susan and her twin sister, Cynthia, were born at White Hall, IL. hospital on February 19, 1966 to Loyal Fox and Donna Ray Powell. When they were 4 years old the twins were adopted by Wayne and Lois Anne Hammitt of Meredosia, IL. Susan graduated from Virden, IL high school. She was baptized into Jesus Christ by her brother, Ryan Hammitt when she was in junior high school. She married Keith Anderson in 1988 in Emden, IL. and later divorced. They had 4 children, Kasey Anderson (fiancé Nick Simpson), Karly Yakle (husband Joshua), Cody Anderson, and Colton Anderson. In addition to her 4 children she is survived by one grandson, Kollin Jr. Bell, one granddaughter, Haven Elaine Simpson, and one other grandchild on the way; her mother Lois Anne Hammitt of Quincy, IL.; long time companion Ronald Schleder; brothers and sisters: Steven Chilsted, Bruce Chilsted, Vicky (husband Pat, deceased) Lyons, Teal (Mark) Cunningham, Douglas Fox, Julie Ryan, Gabriel Fox, Dwight Hall, Phillip Hall, Cynthia Hammitt (Keith) Andersen, Pamela (Randy) McElroy, Fred (Sarah) Hopper, along with her adopted siblings Royce (Lisa) Hammitt, Cheryl (Tim) Eads, Ryan (Lynda) Hammitt, and Daniel Hammitt. Also surviving are numerous aunts, uncles, nephews, and nieces. She was preceded in death by her father, Loyal Fox, her mother Donna, her adopted father Wayne Hammitt, grandparents Bert and Ethel Fox, Hallett and Kathryn Ray, numerous aunts and uncles, and nephews Travis Cunningham, Jacob Lyons, and Jon Lyons. Susan worked for Long John Silvers in Jacksonville, Springfield, and Lincoln, serving as manager for several years. She also worked at a group home in Lincoln, caring for residents as though they were her own. She was a skilled cook, never afraid to try a new recipe. She loved hosting large family dinners and would begin planning menus months in advance. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

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Deceased Name: George William Overton 1943 - 2017

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George William "Bill" Overton 1943 - 2017 Lincoln, IL—On December 13, 2017, George William "Bill" Overton passed away to continue his eternal journey with Jesus. He left behind his wife, Janet Austin Overton, their children, Heather Overton–Behl (Kevin), Tara Overton-Hennessy (Paul) and Tara and Paul's children, Zo Overton-Hennessy (Bethany) and Xavia Overton-Hennessy. His parents, George and Beatrice Pitzer Overton and his sister, Mary Overton Drysdale preceded Bill in death. Bill was born February 16, 1943 in Freeport, Illinois and moved to Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin when he was young. In college, he met the love of his life, Janet. They were married September 7, 1964. Burial will be in Plummer Cemetery, West of Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The family will be hosting a memorial gathering from 9-10 am, Saturday, December 16, 2017 at The First United Methodist Church in Lincoln, with a memorial service at 10 am. Memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church or the Lincoln-Logan Food Pantry. Share stories, pictures, Facebook and Twitter at: StaabFamily.com

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Deceased Name: Robert P. Lolling 1930 - 2017

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Robert P. Lolling 1930 - 2017 Lincoln, IL—Robert P. Lolling, 87, passed away on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at his home in Lincoln, IL. Robert was born on September 13, 1930 in Hartsburg, IL the son of Gratus and Marie (Swartz) Lolling. He married Jean Elenore Huskins on October 2, 1950 in Lincoln, IL. She preceded him in death on July 31, 2016. Surviving Robert are his children: Kenneth "Mike" Lolling of Embarras, MN, David Paul Lolling of Lincoln, IL, Deborah Sue (Tony) Meyer of Lincoln, IL, and Shari Diane (Donnie) Boyd of Metropolis, IL; Eight grandchildren: Tanya Lolling Adams, Mark Kazakaitis, Kristi Kazakaitis Carter, Sabra Boyd (Dagan) Brucker, Mollie Lolling (Matt) Murphy, Jeannie (Daniel Maxey) Lolling, Zachary Lolling, Hannah Lolling. Three great-grandchildren: Shane Adams, Jamison Carter and Addison Brucker. One great-great grandchild: Asher Scott. Sister-In-Law, Pat Lolling; and one Brother-In-Law, Kenneth Huskins; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, two brothers, Walt and Donald Lolling; and two sisters, Gretchen Knowles and Minnie Buss Bates. Robert was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Lincoln. He worked as a storage control manager at Caterpillar for 37 years. Robert also worked in housekeeping at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital. Robert adored his family and enjoyed spending a lot of time with them. Services for Robert will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, December 18, 2017 at Faith Lutheran Church in Lincoln, IL with Rev. Mark Peters officiating. Visitation will take place from 2:00-4:00P.M. on Sunday, December 17, 2017 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. Burial at Zion Cemetery will follow the service. Memorials may be made in Robert's name to Faith Lutheran Church or Alzheimer's Association.

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Deceased Name: Kenneth W. Bracey 1937 - 2017

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Kenneth W. Bracey 1937 - 2017 Dunlap, IL—Kenneth W. "Ken" Bracey, 80, passed away Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at his residence. Ken was born June 11, 1937, in New Holland, Ill, to Ted and Anna (Stolz) Bracey. He married Judith Winter on December 29, 1963 in Mason City, Ill.; she preceded him in death on January 18, 1995. He later married Nancy Nelson on December 9, 1997 in Maui, Hawaii. Surviving are his wife, Nancy, of Dunlap; three daughters, Becky (Tom) Bazzetta of Morton, Jean (Loren) Soria of Geneseo, Ill., and Kathy (Jerry) McCombs of Peoria; one son Mark (Tonya) Nelson of Sioux City, Iowa; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is also survived by his brother John (Phyllis) Bracey of Canton, Mo. Ken pitched in relief from 1956 to 1964 in the New York Yankees and New York Giants/San Francisco Giants organizations. Ken was known as one of the most respected scouts in Major League baseball. He worked for the San Diego Padres for many years, where he was a scout, a national crosschecker, and a minor league manager. In 1984 and 1998, he was part of the Padres' pennant-winning clubs and continued to work for the club from 1969 to 1987 and again from 1990 to 2009. While with the Padres, he worked as a Special Assistant to the General Manager, Kevin Towers, from 1997 to 2006. Ken also served as a scout from 1987 to 1990 with the Brewers. He spent 2007 to 2013 working as a Special Assistant for the LA Dodgers General Manager, Ned Colletti. In 2004, Ken was named the scout of the year for the Midwest and was inducted into the Major League Baseball Scouting Hall of Fame in 2005. He thought of the scouts he worked with over the years as family. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 23, 2017, at Knapp-Johnson Funeral Home and Cremation Center in Morton. Burial will be at a later date at Mason City Cemetery in Mason City.

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Deceased Name: James Walter Skorzak 1954 - 2017

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James Walter "Jim" Skorzak 1954 - 2017 Lincoln, IL—James Walter "Jim" Skorzak, 63, of Lincoln, passed away December 14, 2017 at Memorial Medical Center. Cremation rites have been accorded by Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home. Burial will be at a later date in St. Paul Cemetery, Mosinee, Minnesota. A family visitation was held December 16, 2017 at Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home. Jim was born January 20, 1954 in Bay City, Michigan, the son of Walter Anthony Skorzak and Virginia Earldine (Storrs) Skorzak. He married Carol Marie Cordray on May 25, 1974. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy. He served his community for 25 years as an Illinois State Policeman, retiring as Master Sergeant. He was previously employed as a deputy in Boone Co. and as a Belvidere City Policeman. Jim enjoyed military history, American history, metal detecting; and football. He was an avid Green Bay Packers fan. His greatest treasure was his grandchildren. He spent as much time with them as possible. Surviving are his wife Carol Skorzak; daughter Michelle (Chad) Finley; son Michael (Jen) Skorzak; grandchildren: Abbey, Gabe, Jake, Emma, and Eli; brother Kirk Skorzak; and extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Tom Skorzak. Memorial donations may be made in his memory to the Wounded Warrior Fund.

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Deceased Name: Doris L. Sparks 1928 - 2017

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Doris L. Sparks 1928 - 2017 Marseilles, IL—Doris L. Sparks, 89, of Marseilles, passed away Saturday, December 16, 2017 at Aperion Care in Marseilles. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery in Marseilles. Seals-Campbell Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Doris was born on September 21, 1928, to Chester and Laura (Brodbeck) Kendall. She graduated from Marseilles High School. On May 7, 1949, she married William Sparks who preceded her in death earlier this year. Doris was a longtime member of the Marseilles United Methodist Church and was an active member of the United Methodist Women. She was always willing to provide food – whether it is for funeral dinners, friends in the nursing homes or families in need in the community. She volunteered at Rivershores Nursing Home for many years. Bill and Doris enjoyed having their grandchildren spend time with them every summer. There were day trips, treats and always lots of crafts. The grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews, have many wonderful memories of their visits to Marseilles. Doris is survived by one son, Steve (Patricia) Sparks of Emden; one daughter, Martha (Paul) Davis of Hedrick, Iowa; beloved grandchildren, Gregory Phillips, Geoffrey Phillips, Ginnifer Smith and Dustin Spray; her great-grandchildren were a delight to her, they are, Douglas, Zachary, Danielle, Aubrey and Griffin Phillips and Addison Smith; and one sister, Linda (Tom) Weiss of Ottawa. She was preceded in death by her husband and one sister, Bernice Bevill. Memorials may be made to the Marseilles United Methodist Church or the Marseilles Nursing Service.

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Deceased Name: Rosalie Jolene Peacock 1925 - 2017

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Rosalie Jolene Peacock 1925 - 2017 Urbana, IL—Rosalie Jolene Peacock, 92, of Urbana, Illinois; Murray, Kentucky; and Chillicothe, Illinois passed away on Saturday, December 16, 2017 with family by her side. She was born to Ralph Aubrey Eaton and Eva Marie Tolby on May 25, 1925 in Wapella, Illinois. She married Myrle Wayne Peacock on January 12, 1946 in Clinton, Illinois. They were married for 63 years. Myrle, the love of her life, preceded her in death on April 23, 2009. She was also preceded in death by her brother David Ralph Eaton and her sister Donna Lorraine Weaver. Jolene received her associate's degree in library science from Illinois Central College and worked as a medical librarian at St. Francis Hospital in Peoria, Illinois for ten years. Jolene's passion and obsession was miniatures. She traveled to many countries with other miniature enthusiasts collecting miniatures for the dollhouses and room boxes that Myrle built for her. Several newspaper articles were written about her love of miniatures. She was also an avid reader. Jolene was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She is survived by her sister, Joyce Marie Fink of Beason, Illinois and her five children and their spouses: Cecile (Gary) Nessler of Sun City, Arizona; Douglas (Martha) Peacock of Chillicothe, Illinois; Shelley (Gary) Houser of Urbana, Illinois; Becki (Bob) Avila of Metamora, Illinois; and Lisa (Scott) Funcannon of Austin, Texas. She is also survived by eleven (11) grandchildren, nineteen (19) great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Condolences may be sent to the family in care of renner-wikoffchapel.com.

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Deceased Name: Martha J. Hendrickson

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Martha J. "Marty" Hendrickson 1929 - 2017 Lincoln, IL—Martha J. "Marty" Hendrickson, 88, of Lincoln passed away on Sunday, December 17, 2017 at St. Clara's Manor in Lincoln. Martha was born on June 5, 1929 in Bloomington, IL, the daughter of Charles and Katherine (Gilbert) Nichols. She married Ralph Hendrickson on June 3, 1950 in Lincoln, IL, he survives her in Lincoln. Martha is also survived by her children: Julie (Joe) Daugherty, Sue (Bruce) McWilliams, and Steven Hendrickson; her brother: Gene (Pat) Nichols; four grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; and eleven great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Don and Jerry; and her sister, Judy. Martha was retired after working for Dr. Carroll, Dr. Ulrich, and Dr. Tomlinson. She enjoyed fishing, bowling, and playing cards; Martha was also an avid Chicago Cubs fan. Above all else, Martha loved her family and friends. Services for Martha will be held at 2:00P.M. on Friday, December 22, 2017 at Zion Lutheran Church in Lincoln with Rev. Mark Thompson officiating. Visitation will be held from 5:00-7:00P.M. on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln. Burial will take place after the services at New Union Cemetery in Lincoln. Memorial donations may be made in Martha's name to Zion Lutheran School or Illinois Council of The Blind.

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Deceased Name: Phyllis Ann Simpson 1937 - 2017

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Phyllis Ann Simpson 1937 - 2017 Lincoln, IL—Phyllis Ann Simpson, 80, of Lincoln, passed away on Sunday, December 17, 2017 at 10:16 p.m. at her home. No services are scheduled. Cremation Rites have been accorded. Burial will be at a later date in Zion cemetery. Phyllis Ann Weingarz was born on September 2, 1937, in Lincoln, the daughter of William and Marie Bartels Weingarz. She was united in marriage with Willie O. Simpson on September 1, 1956. He survives. Also surviving are her children: Alice (Hank) Barr, Patty (Mike) O'Neill, Greg Simpson, Craig Allen (Tammy) Simpson, Linda K. (Fiancee Virgil Bell) Brawdy; seven grandchildren, and seventeen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers: William Weingarz and Joe Weingarz, and one grandson: Jeremy Simpson. Phyllis graduated from Lincoln Community High School in 1955. She was an avid bowler and a member of the Salvation Army Church. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or American Heart Association. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted with Peasley Funeral Home in Lincoln.

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Deceased Name: Zella Shehorn 1930 - 2017

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Zella Shehorn 1930 - 2017 Ozark, AL—Zella Shehorn, 87, formerly of Mt. Pulaski, IL passed away at 8:15 p.m. on December 17, 2017 at Ozark Health and Rehabilitation in Ozark, AL. (I want everyone to know that Grandma was not alone when she passed. Her granddaughter and great granddaughter were by her side, holding her hand.) Zella was born on June 25, 1930 in Mt. Pulaski, IL; daughter of Willis Henry and Eva (Purcell) Ayers. She married Robert Shehorn on October 15, 1950 in Mt. Pulaski Illinois. He preceded her in death on August 15, 1991. Surviving Zella is son: Darrell Shehorn of Wisconsin; grandchildren: Angela (Brad) Wessner of Ozark, AL and Michael Shehorn of (unknown); two great grandchildren: Sierra and Brad Wessner Jr; one sister: Betty Erlenbush of Lincoln, IL; one brother: Lonnie Ayers of Lincoln, IL; one sister-in-law: Peggy Willis Ayers; numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, one son: Stephen Shehorn, and her siblings: Willis "Junior" Ayers, Robert Ayers, Lucille Seiler, and Rosemary Lathrop. Services for Zella will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday December 23, 2017 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Mt. Pulaski, IL with Robert Twist Officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to service. Burial at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery will follow the service. In lieu of flowers, please consider the needs of the family.

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Deceased Name: Flora Helen Tibbs 1930 - 2017

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Flora Helen Tibbs 1930 - 2017 Lincoln, IL—Lincoln-Flora Helen Tibbs ,87, passed away at 8:03 a.m. on December 20, 2017 at St. Clara's Manor in Lincoln, IL. Flora was born on October 3, 1930 in Cicero, IL; daughter of William and Helen (Rogers) Anderson. She married Wilburn Tibbs on June 23, 1951 in Lincoln, IL. He preceded her in death on October 14, 1991. Surviving Flora are her children: Jennie (Dan) Dean of New Holland, IL, Billy Joe (Susan S.) Tibbs of Middletown, IL, Jeff (Andy) Tibbs of Greenview, IL, John (Susan R.) Tibbs of Middletown, IL, and Jerry Tibbs of New Holland, IL; her siblings: Mary Etta Rogers, Abraham Anderson, and Elsie Tibbs; nine grandchildren: Brittany, Julie, Jessica, Jodee, Rachael, Jill, Jay, Jason, and Jade; nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings: Ben, Lem, William, and Robert. A graveside service for Flora will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday December 30, 2017 at Richmond Grove Cemetery in New Holland, IL with Rick Deters officiating. Memorials may be made in Flora's name to New Holland Fireman's Fund or St. Clara's Manor. Services are entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln.

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Deceased Name: June Elizabeth Rockwell 1920 - 2017

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June Elizabeth Rockwell 1920 - 2017 Mt. Pulaski, IL—June Elizabeth Rockwell, 97, of Mt. Pulaski, IL passed away at 4:23 A.M. Wednesday December 20, 2017 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln. June was born on June 8, 1920 in Mt. Pulaski, IL to John and Ruth (Von Lobberecht) Bender. She married Russell Rockwell on September 10, 1941 in Mt. Pulaski. He preceded her in death on November 6, 1984. Surviving are five children, Gene (Donnie) Rockwell of Pickens, SC, Jana Goodman of Louisville, KY, Dennis (Cathleen) Rockwell of Harvel, IL, Nancy (Danny) Boyd of Linn Creek, MO, and Cathie (Jim) Sutton of Mt. Pulaski, 12 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, four brothers and two sisters. June was a homemaker and worked for the Glass Factory in Lincoln for 19 years. She was a member of the Mt. Pulaski Historical Society and loved to read. Services for June will be at 11:00 A.M. Wednesday December 27, 2017 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 9:00-11:00 A.M. prior to services. Burial will follow at Mt. Pulaski Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Mt. Pulaski EMS.

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Deceased Name: Robert Paddack 1935 - 2017

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Robert Paddack 1935 - 2017 Mason City, IL—Robert Paddack, 82, went to meet his Lord on Dec. 22, 2017 at the Mason City Nursing Home with the loving care of his family, the Nursing Home Staff, and Hospice. He was born in Sayre, OK on Dec. 13, 1935 to Alba and Helen Simmons Paddack. He married Elizabeth "Lisa" Brown Paddack on July 25, 1956 in Wray, CO. She survives. Robert prepared for his life as a church pastor at Phillips Univ. and Seminary, Enid, OK from where he graduated in 1981. During that time he served student pastorates at Geuda Springs and Ashton, KS, and Amorita, OK. He served the Christian Church in Henrietta, NY for 5½ years, followed by a pastorate at the First Christian Church in Mason City, IL for 34 years, retiring in the year 2000. He is survived by one daughter and two sons: Cindy (Paul) Musgrave of Wray, CO; Bruce (Lesa) Paddack of Greenwood, IN; and Bryan (Susan) Paddack of Odessa, TX. There are 7 beloved grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He was active in the community: serving on the Mason City Area Nursing Home, the County Health Board, Mason City Church Association, member of Optimist Club, Masonic Lodge, and Rotary Club. Visitation will be at Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City, Tuesday, December 26, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. The Celebration of Life Worship Service will be Wednesday, December 27 at 10:00 a.m. at the United Presbyterian Church in Greenview with Pastors, Stephanie McCullough of Greenview and Bill Boyce of Havana officiating. Memorial gifts may be made to the Greenview Presbyterian Church, the Mason City Christian Church, or the Mason City Area Nursing Home. Condolences for the family can be left online at www.hurleyfh.com. Hurley Funeral Home in Mason City is assisting the family with arrangements.

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Deceased Name: Patricia Hayes 1921 - 2017

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Patricia Hayes 1921 - 2017 Emden, IL—Patricia F. Hayes, 96, of rural Emden, passed away on December 24, 2017 while holding her son, Mark's hand at Hopedale Nursing Home, Hopedale, IL. She was born January 21, 1921 in Peoria, IL to Charles J. and Lucille Hutter Fahy. Patricia married her beloved J. Thomas Hayes on November 22, 1951 in Oglesby, IL and they celebrated 61 years together in 2012. She is survived by one son, Mark (Star) Hayes of Lincoln, IL; two daughters-in-law, Jan (Mark) Schleder of Green Valley and Dawn Hayes of Glenview; one sister, Margaret Stegen of Richmond, IN; two sisters -in- law, Mary Allman of Monticello and Margaret Hayes of Hopedale; two granddaughters, Theresa (Justin) Kegley and their children, Riley, Cooper and Colton of Rockford, and Leanne (Daniel) Walton and their children, Jack and Joah of Sugar Grove; and grandson, Caleb (Jordan) Schleder of Duluth, GA. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, J. Thomas and three sons, John, Daniel, and Christopher. Patricia graduated in the class of 1938 from Rockford High School. Prior to her marriage Patricia was a Civil Service employee, working at Camp Grant in Rockford and the Veterans Administration office in LaSalle. She was a faithful parishioner of St. Mary's Catholic Church where she served on the Altar and Rosary Society. Patricia was a longtime volunteer at Hopedale Medical Complex where she could be found calling out BINGO for the nursing home residents. She was also very well known for her award winning delicious sugar cookies. Patricia was known for her relentless faith in God and commitment to her faith. The family extends their gratitude to the staff at Hopedale Medical Complex where "Mrs. Pat" had been a resident for seven years. A funeral mass will be held on Thursday, December 28th at 10:30am at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Delavan. Msgr. Timothy Nolan will officiate. Visitation will be from 9am - 10:30am at the church prior to the funeral mass. Burial will be at St Mary's Cemetery in Delavan. Davis-Oswald Funeral Home in Delavan is handling the arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church or Hopedale Medical Complex.

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Deceased Name: Margaret E. Randolph 1940 - 2017

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Margaret E. Randolph 1940 - 2017 Bloomington, IL—Margaret E. Randolph, 77, passed away peacefully with her family by her side at 4:13 PM Thursday, December 21, 2017 at her residence in Bloomington. A service celebrating her life will be held at 10:00 AM Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at Calvary United Methodist Church, 1700 N. Towanda Ave, Normal IL. The Reverends Randy and Debbie Reese will be officiating. Private family interment will be at Randolph Cemetery, Kenney, IL. Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM on Tuesday, December 26, 2017 at Calvary United Methodist Church, Normal, IL. Margaret's life began on September 24, 1940 in Lincoln, IL as the daughter of George C. and Olga Stoll Irwin. She married her high school sweetheart and the love of her life Dr. John E. Randolph on June 30, 1963 in Beason, IL. Dr. John passed away April 4, 2007. She is also predeceased by her parents and her brother Robert Irwin. Surviving are her two daughters, Julie (Steve) Knipstein, LaGrange Park, IL and Dr. Laura (Dr. Jerry Oakey) Randolph, Bloomington, IL, five grandchildren, Max and Zoey Knipstein and Aidan, Jack and Vaughn Oakey, three brothers, George (Shiela) Irwin, Middletown, DE, John (Doris) Irwin, Beason, IL and her twin brother Maurice (Karen) Irwin, Lincoln, IL, two sisters, Jane Jacobs, Lincoln, IL and Betty (Richard) Peyer, Ocean Isle Beach, NC, and two brothers-in-law, Robert (JoAnn) Randolph, Chillicothe, IL and David (Cathy) Randolph, Kenney, IL. Margaret loved her family, friends, church and golf, generally in that order. She was an extrovert with a huge smile, with a gift for getting to know people and a tendency to get involved and help out in ways both large and small. Margaret adored her five grandchildren, and was a constant source of fun, food and life lessons for all of them. She never stopped being a mom to Julie and Laura, and was always available to hear stories, offer advice or find a recipe. She embraced her sons-in-law Steve and Jerry and delighted in cooking for and watching and talking about sports with them. A fierce competitor, Margaret cherished her golf group at Bloomington Country Club and enjoyed spirited games of Scrabble and Rummikub. Her generosity had no bounds. Margaret had a unique ability to connect with people of all ages and backgrounds in a way that left everyone loving Marg. She was a spirited conversationalist and had a knack of getting to really know people, even if she only met them for a short time. She supported numerous charitable causes and organizations and was always willing to provide assistance to someone in need. Margaret was a farm girl at heart, and believed food was a key element in any celebration and a solution to many problems. She and John hosted numerous family gatherings and parties at their home, and planned and executed each one with near military precision. She was famous for her cinnamon rolls, and would invariably show up with a pan for a friend who had lost a loved one or needed comfort. Margaret graduated from Beason High School in 1958, attended University of Illinois for one year and went on to graduate from the Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Springfield in 1962. She worked as nurse for three years at the University of Illinois Education and Research Hospital in Chicago, and though she stopped working to raise her children she continued to find ways to be of service throughout her life. Margaret served as the President of the McLean County Medical Alliance, the CL Chapter of PEO and the Board of the Day Care of McLean County. She was an active member of Calvary United Methodist Church for 45 years, volunteered at Bro-Menn Hospital, supported the ISU-Mennonite School of Nursing in countless ways and spent many summers working with the Women's Golf Association at Bloomington Country Club. Margaret showed great courage during her 11 year fight against ovarian cancer. She would attack each setback with vigor and determination, and relished the good times with wonderful trips, golf games and time with friends and family. Her family is grateful for the care and support she received from the staff at Community Cancer Center, Calvary United Methodist Church, the nursing team that cared for her 24/7 over the past seven weeks and from the many wonderful friends who were members of "Team Margaret" over the years. The family suggests memorials be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Calvary United Methodist Church, Normal, IL or to the Community Cancer Center, Normal, IL. Arrangements are being handled by Calvert & Metzler Memorial Home, Bloomington, IL.

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Deceased Name: Dolores Detmers 1929 - 2017

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Dolores Detmers 1929 - 2017 Lincoln, IL—Dolores Detmers, 88, of Lincoln, passed away Friday, December 22, 2017 at The Christian Village. Cremation rites have been accorded by Holland Barry & Bennett Funeral Home. Burial will be at a later date. Dolores was born July 7, 1929 in Lincoln, IL., the daughter of Clarence Duffey and Pauline (Propst). She married Frederick Detmers on June 22, 1950. He preceded her in death on August 25, 2016. Surviving are her children: Alan (Vicki) Detmers, Dale (Patty) Detmers, and Linda Bersch; 8 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. Memorial donations may be made to Zion Lutheran Church of New Holland or to The Christian Village Memory House.

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Deceased Name: Dale Glenn Klemm 1962 - 2017

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Dale Glenn Klemm 1962 - 2017 Chillicothe, IL—Dale Glenn Klemm, 55, of Chillicothe, died 8:34 a.m. Friday, December 22, 2017 at Adena Regional Medical Center following a brief illness. He was born April 11, 1962 to the late Wilbur and Dorothy Polley Klemm. Surviving are two sisters, Linda (Bill) Doles, of Chillicothe and Retta (Herb) Ruholl, of Effingham, IL; a nephew, Les (Melanie) Ruholl, of Monroe, NC and three great- nephews. He was predeceased by an infant sister. Dale worked at McDonalds and Dollar Tree and was a member of the First Wesleyan Church. Graveside services will be held 2 p.m. Wednesday, December 27, 2017 in Greenlawn Cemetery with Anne Cop officiating. Friends may call at the WARE FUNERAL HOME from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday. You may sign his online register at www.warefh.com

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Deceased Name: Elaine E. Ray

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Elaine E. Ray 1934 - 2017 Lincoln, IL—LINCOLN- Elaine E. Ray, 83, of Lincoln passed away on Tuesday, December 26, 2017 at Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln. Elaine was born on October 31, 1934 in Havana; IL; daughter of Earl S. "Slim" and Corena (Stoever) Morris. She married Richard Ivan Ray on March 8, 1953 In Havana, IL. He survives in Lincoln. Sir Ivan was her top priority and they were married nearly 65 years. Elaine is also survived by her children: Kevin M. (Linda) Ray of Lincoln, IL, Keith H. (Jeaneen) of Lincoln, IL, Kimber Leigh (Dave) Brucker of Bloomington, IL, and Kara L. (Clay) Rull of Maryville, IL; eleven grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother: Richard H. Morris, and one son: Kyle I. Ray. Elaine was devoted to her family, enjoying tea parties with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She spent much of her time creating crafts, items for her wardrobe, home decorations, and banners for the church. She volunteered countless hours in service to LWML, Zion Lutheran Church and School, ALMH Auxiliary, and the local food pantry. Services for Elaine will be 11:00 a.m. Friday December 29, 2017 at Zion Lutheran Church in Lincoln, IL with Rev. Mark Thompson officiating. Visitation will be from 9:00-11:00 a.m. prior to service also at the church. Burial at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Havana, IL will be at 2:00 p.m. Memorials may be made in Elaine's name to Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Zion Lutheran Church, and School. Services are entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln, IL.

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Deceased Name: Bevan Bridges Alvey

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Bevan Bridges Alvey, Sr. 2017 Lincoln, NE—Bevan Alvey passed away at his home in Lincoln, NE with his wife, Sharon Kresse, and his four children at his side. In Bevan's senior yearbook, the staff had chosen for his description a line from Shakespeare's Henry V: "He is as full of valor as of kindness, princely in both." Bevan held that his greatest accomplishment and blessing in this life are his children: Bevan Jr., Rudi, Eugene, and Kresse. His other sacred devotion was to his country. He chose to enter the Army during the Vietnam War and served as a platoon leader in the Air Cavalry, a branch of the 101st Airborne Division. He told his children that all he wants on his headstone is "1st Lt Bevan Alvey." His leadership extended to his career as a tax attorney in Minneapolis, MN and his mentoring and developing of advisors with Ameriprise Financial in Minnesota, Nebraska, and Iowa. Over the years, many advisors have expressed gratefulness for the influence he has had on their careers. Bevan's family has felt the love and support of so many friends as they shared this difficult journey of Bevan's recent illness with them. Bevan has chosen to return to his hometown of Lincoln, Illinois for a private service at the Trinity Episcopal Church where he once served as an altar boy. He will be buried at his family's cemetery in Atlanta, Illinois with his father and mother, Thomas William Alvey and Mary Ella Bevan Alvey. He was also preceded in death by his niece, Elizabeth Alvey Irwin. Besides his children, he is survived by his three grandchildren, his niece and nephews, and his brother and sister, Thomas William Alvey, Jr and Jennette Alvey Simkins. He is also survived by his ex-wife Sally Mathews Alvey. Peasley Funeral Home is in charge of local arrangements.

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Deceased Name: Anna E. Tibbs 1925 - 2017

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Anna E. Tibbs 1925 - 2017 New Holland, IL—Anna E. Tibbs, 92, of New Holland passed away on Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at St. Clara's Manor in Lincoln, IL. Anna was born on August 12, 1925 in Logan County Illinois, the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Harnacke) Juhl. She married Paul Tibbs, he preceded her in death on January 19, 1988. Anna is survived by her sons, Dennis (Bev) Tibbs and Darrell "Wes" (Debi) Tibbs; her daughter-in-law, Sharon Tibbs; seven grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and her sisters, Norma Juhl and Harriet Morrison. Anna was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her brothers, Walter, William, and Herman; her sister, Helen; and her son, David. A graveside service for Anna will be held at 1:00p.m. on Saturday, December 30, 2017 at Richmond Grove Cemetery, New Holland. Memorial donations may be made in Anna's name to Zion Lutheran Church, New Holland or New Holland Fire Department. Services have been entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home, Lincoln.

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Deceased Name: Nancy L. Overby 1940 - 2017

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Nancy L. Overby 1940 - 2017 Lincoln, IL—Nancy L. Overby, 77, of Lincoln passed away on Friday, December 29, 2017 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, IL. Nancy was born on December 1, 1940 in Alton, IL the daughter of George and Leona (Dickmann) Ostendorf. She married Jerry Overby on August 18, 1962 in Edwardsville, IL. He preceded her in death on October 11, 2015. Nancy is survived by her son, Michael (Karen) Overby; her daughter, Michelle (Tito) Gomez; her grandchildren, Anthony Gomez, Mark Overby, and Nick Overby; and her sister, Judy Selkirk. Nancy was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and her grandson, Patrick. Nancy was a Math Instructor at Lincoln College for 16 years. She enjoyed traveling in the United States; and spending time in her garden. Services for Nancy will be held at 10:00A.M. on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Lincoln. Visitation will take place from 4:00-7:00P.M. on Friday, January 5, 2018 at Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln; with a 3:30P.M. prayer service. Burial will be at Calvary Catholic Cemetery in Edwardsville, IL at 2:30P.M. on Saturday, January 6, 2018. Memorial donations may be made in Nancy's name to Holy Family Catholic Church.

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