

Area Deaths

Juanita A. Elzy

Juanita A. Elzy, 92, of Sullivan passed away at 9:05 p.m. Sunday, November 12, 2017, at Sullivan Health Care, Sullivan.



Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. today (Wednesday, November 15) at McMullin-Young Funeral Home, Sullivan. Visitation will be held one hour before the funeral services at the funeral home. Burial will be in Greenhill Cemetery, Sullivan. Memorials may be made to the Highway Church of Christ or to the donor's choice.

Juanita was born October 30, 1925, in Findlay. She was the daughter of Herman I. and Julia (Welch) Spencer. She married Francis T. Elzy January 25, 1946, in Franklin, Tennessee. He preceded her in death on March 18, 1993.

Juanita was a retired secretary for Progress Industries, Arthur.

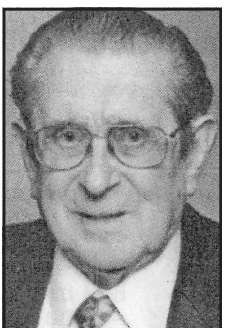
Juanita is survived by her sisters, Joyce Artis of Mt. Pulaski and Lucille Fultz of Sullivan; nieces, Sue Blake, Cathy Wacaser, Pat Walker, and Linda Fultz; and several great- and great-great nieces and nephews.

Juanita was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Francis.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.mcmullinyoung.com.

Rev. Henry Graham

Rev. Henry Graham, age 95, of Mattoon passed on Friday, November 3, 2017, at Mattoon Health Care and Rehabilitation Center.



Funeral services

will be held on Tuesday, November 7, at Schilling Funeral Home with Henry's grandson, Reverend Travis Fleming officiating. Burial followed at Dodge Grove Cemetery.

Henry was born on September 3, 1922, in North Okaw Township. He was the son of John and Audrey (Ellis) Graham. He married Floy Ferguson on April 6, 1939, in Charleston. She preceded him in death on April 9, 2012.

Henry was the father of two children, Bill Graham of Mattoon and Barbara Brock of Arthur. Henry and Floy made their home on the Centennial Farm northwest of Mattoon. He worked hard as a pastor and as a livestock and grain farmer.

Henry was a member of the Coles County Farm Bureau, George Sentel Masonic Lodge 764 of Sullivan, National Chaplain Association, and the National Rifle Association.

He was a former pastor at the Jonathon Creek Christian Church, Chaplain at the Illinois Masonic Home, and the Mt. Zion General Baptist Church, all in the Sullivan area.

He is survived by a son, Bill (Linda) Graham; a daughter, Barbara (Dave) Brock; five grandchildren, Jim Fleming of Arthur, Melissa (Wayne) Carson of Monticello, Derek (Tricia) Graham of Mattoon, J.D. (Poppy) Graham of Sullivan, and Travis (Melissa) Fleming of Aurora; two step-grandchildren, Lauren (Leon) Caesar of Avon Park, Florida, and Leah Rawlings of Charleston; four nephews; four nieces, 15 great-grandchildren; 15 step-great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Floy; brother, Marvin Graham; sister, Cleo Cole; and son-in-law, George Fleming.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in his honor are suggested to Allenville Christian Church, Mt. Zion General Baptist Church of Sullivan, First Southern

Baptist Church Building Fund in Mattoon, or First Southern Baptist Church in Arthur.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.schillingfuneralhome.net or Schilling Funeral Home's Facebook page.

Stephen R. Postlewait

Stephen Russell Postlewait, 67, of Bement passed away peacefully at home with his family by his side on Saturday, November 11, 2017, after a six-year battle with Multiple System Atrophy.



Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 15, at the Bement United Methodist Church, 249 N. Piatt Street, Bement. Pastor Paul Unger will officiate. Visitation was held from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. yesterday (Tuesday, November 14) also at the church in Bement. Burial with military rites by the Albert Parker American Legion Post 620 will be in Bement Township Cemetery,

Bement.

Memorial contributions can be made to Albert Parker American Legion Post 620, Bement; Faith in Action; Bement United Methodist Church; or a charity of the Donor's Choice.

Steve was born on September 11, 1950, in Urbana. He was a son of Robert and Martha Turney Postlewait.

He was raised on the family farm and graduated from Bement High School in 1968 and Bradley University in 1972. While at Bradley, he was a member of the ROTC, including Color Guard, and Alpha Kappa Psi fraternity. He was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene, Texas, and Yokota Air Force Base, Tokyo, Japan.

After serving, Steve worked as a certified public accountant for 36 years; he retired from ADM in July 2012. He enjoyed farming and was a member of the 1988 class of the Illinois Agricultural Leadership Foundation traveling to Brazil and Napa Valley, California.

Steve was a member of Bement Masonic Lodge 365 A.F. & A.M., 1981 past com-

mander and member of the Albert Parker American Legion Post 620, and a lifetime member of the Bement United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Postlewait.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Sue Postlewait of Bement; two sons, Robert Postlewait of Monticello and Russell Postlewait of Nashville, Tennessee; step-daughter, Kara Peterka of Mahomet; step-son, Eric (Erica) Conley of Cerro Gordo; his mother, Martha Postlewait of Bement; two grandsons, Everett and Eli Postle-

wait of Monticello; two step-grandchildren, Ethan Peterka and Makenna Peterka; sister, Jane (John) Corradetti of New Lenox; and brother, Sam (Sue) Postlewait of Mt. Zion.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Kelly, Evelyn, and Jeni for their excellent care, compassion, and kindness to Steve during his illness.

Aaron and Susie Hinds of Hinds Funeral Home, Bement, have the honor to serve the Postlewait family in their time of need. "Our Family Is Here To Serve Your Family."

Historical society to host Annual Meeting on Nov. 16

Moultrie County Historical and Genealogical Society will hold their Annual Meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 16, Sullivan First United Methodist Church located across from the Sullivan Fire Station. Supper will be served at 6:00 p.m.

The cost of supper is \$15 and will be prepared and served by the United Methodist Women. Reservations need to be in ASAP and walk-ins will be welcome. Reservations can be made at


the Heritage Center or The Stone Law Office.

The program will be presented by Janet Roney who will share the story of how the society was formed 50 years ago. All 14 remaining charter Entertainment will be presented by the "Keenagers" who will entertain us as a band playing music with historic kitchen utensils.

The "Keenagers" number about 18 or 19 folks from the Arthur area.

Church Directory

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FORGIVENESS

We have all heard the saying, "to err is human, to forgive is divine." The Lord's prayer depicts this by us asking the Lord to forgive our wrongdoings as we forgive those who do us wrong. Forgiveness doesn't necessarily mean that we forget; however, forgetting would sometimes be a good thing. It should reflect no resentment towards the individual who harmed us. A divorced friend of ours told us about going to the store and recognizing the sales clerk as her ex-husband's old girlfriend whom he was seeing while they were still married. After the wife left the store, she realized that the clerk had not recognized her, however she felt compelled to go back to introduce herself, and to let her know that she held no resentment towards her. After the woman talked for awhile, they embraced, forgave each other and with tears in their eyes, they departed, both feeling much better. Forgiving someone in our hearts or in person is not always easy, but it is important for our mental well-being, and especially for our souls. When Jesus was unjustly crucified, He asked his heavenly Father to forgive them for they know not what they do.

Get rid of all bitterness, passion, and anger...instead be kind and tender-hearted to one another, and forgive one another as God has forgiven you through Christ.
Good News Bible Ephesians 4:31,32

ARCOLA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - USA, 311 E. Jefferson, Arcola. Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m. Phone 268-3212

ARCOLA FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE - Rev. Ivan Jess 268-4769, 276-3020; Sam Miller, SS Supt. 202-6094. Sunday School, 9:30am Morning Worship, 10:30am; (Sign Language Interpreter) Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm; Wednesday evening Bible Study 6:00pm; Missionary Meeting second Wednesday night of each month.

ARTHUR CHURCH OF CHRIST - 415 W. Fourth, Arthur. Ronald Bartanen, Minister. Sunday Morning Bible Study, 9:30am; Weekly Communion, 10:30am; Worship Service, 10:30-11:30am; Wednesday Class 1:30pm. Everyone Welcome! Church web site: www.arthurchurchofchrist.com

ARTHUR MENNONITE CHURCH - 710 E. Park, Arthur. Sundays: Christian Education 9:30am; Worship Celebration 10:30am For youth group and small group schedules, call 543-2781. Ministry Team: Glen Rhodes, Minister of Administration and Community Life; Ashley Litwiler, Minister of Worship and Youth; Jeff Marner, Minister of Discipleship; Lamar Miller, Minister of Outreach. Everyone Welcome! Come Worship with us this Sunday! Church web site: www.arthurmennonite.org, email: arthurmennonite@gmail.com

ARTHUR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH - 530 N. Vine St., Arthur. Pastor: Doug Davis, Worship 9:30am; Children's Church every Sunday morning at 9:30am, Nursery provided. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00pm, Wednesday: Service 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. 543-2672.

ATWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH - 229 S. Main, Atwood. Pastor Don Gerkin. Phone 578-2880. Sunday School 9am; Church, 10am; Bible Study 6:30pm

BOURBON BAPTIST CHURCH - David Babb, Pastor, Sunday Worship, 9:30am; Sunday School 10:45am; bourbon.baptistchurch@yahoo.com

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH - Missouri Synod. 1 mile south of Sullivan on Highway 32. Glenn Strohschein, Pastor. Sunday Morning Service 10:00am; Sunday School 9:00am; Saturday services 5:00pm. Online services: www.worshippanew.com

FIRST APOSTOLIC CHURCH - 320 Surrey Lane, Arthur, Gawain Bevis, Minister. Sunday School 10am; Morning Worship 10:45am; Evening Evangelistic Service 6pm; Family Night, Wednesday 7pm

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (ABC/USA) - 120 E. Park, Arthur. John Stewart Pastor; Sunday School 9am, Worship 10am; American Baptist Women's Ministries meets 2nd Mon. 7pm; Prayer chain, 543-2296. For other activities and information, call church 543-2592 or Internet at www.firstbaptistarthur.com

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 231 N. Illinois, Atwood, 578-2555. Lanny Faulkner, Pastor. Sunday School 9am; Morning worship 10am; Youth 5:07pm; Discipleship Class 6pm; Woman's Bible Study Tues. 9am; AWANA Children's Ministry Weds. 6:30-8pm. Child care provided at all services. Website www.aplacetothrive.org

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH - 300 Northline Rd., Tuscola, 253-2084, Sunday School 9:30am; Morning Worship 10:30am; Evening service 6pm; Wednesday Evening 6:30pm. A Ministry for Everyone: Sunday School for all ages, King's Kids, Teen Dept. Homebuilders & more! www.faithtuscola.org

LOVINGTON FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - Corner of County (Route 32) and Church Streets. Worship 9:30am; Children's Church 4 yrs.-1st grade 10:15am; Sunday School 10:45am for all ages; Wednesday night Bible Study, 7:30pm. Al Rennert, Pastor.


LOVINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 241 S. Broadway, Lovington Sunday School 9:15am; Worship 10:30am Larry Bricker, Minister.

FAITH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP - 228 N. Broadway St., Lovington. 873-8791. Pastor Matthew Perkins. "Real Faith, Real Life". Sunday Service 10am. Wednesday Midweek 6:30pm. Thursday Impact Youth 6:30pm. www.lovingtonfaith.org

EAGLE MOUNTAIN - Assembly of God. Pastor Darin Elder, 253-4444, 401 E. Sale St., Tuscola. Sunday Services, 10am and 6:30pm and Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm Nursery and children's ministries provided during all services.

SUNNYSIDE MENNONITE CHURCH - Larry Rocke, Senior Pastor, Lonnie Gingerich, Assistant Pastor. Sunday School 9:30am; Services 10:30am; Evening Services 6pm.

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LIFE & HOPE

A Weekly Devotional

Those Who Come After

Did you know that you can get free TV? In a recent Wall Street Journal article, it was reported that 29 percent of Americans were not aware that you can get local channels on your TV with just a simple antenna. No cable, no satellite dish, no monthly bill. Most of those who did not know this were under 30 years old. They grew up in the satellite era and have been accustomed to paying (or their parents paying) for programming.

Last week I wrote about those who have come before us. The 500-year anniversary of The Reformation has made us think of people like Martin Luther and others who have truly changed history. Of course, no one has changed history like God's Son, Jesus Christ. He came to live, sacrifice his life, and be resurrected to save all those who believe in Him from sin and death. This is great news that must be shared!

In Deuteronomy 6:6-9 we are reminded of the importance of sharing this great news of Jesus and the things of God with the next generation. This is how the Message Bible paraphrases those verses. "Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night. Tie them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder; inscribe them on the doorposts of your homes and on your city gates."

It's too easy to go through life and forget to talk about the things that are really of utmost importance. Another recent article stated that many children can identify Pokemon characters before they can identify basic animals. It also said that 50 percent of high school students thought that Billy Graham preached the Sermon on the Mount.

We can't be too hard on our children or high school students because it is up to us to teach these things to them. As the verse says, "Get them inside of you and then get them inside of your children." We must talk about them, teach them, and explain them to those who come after us. We can't assume that they will learn the important truths of life on their own. Knowing about free TV is really not that big of a deal, but knowing about the life-changing salvation and grace of Jesus definitely is. Pass it on!

Make it Personal: If you are a parent or grandparent, I hope you will personally make it a point to share your faith, your experiences, and your hopes with the younger generation. The church can teach and reinforce those things, but it must begin in our homes. "Train up your child in the way they should go..." Proverbs 22:6

Have a great week.

Pastor Glen Rhodes
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