

## Obituaries

### Dennis Ray "George" Grady

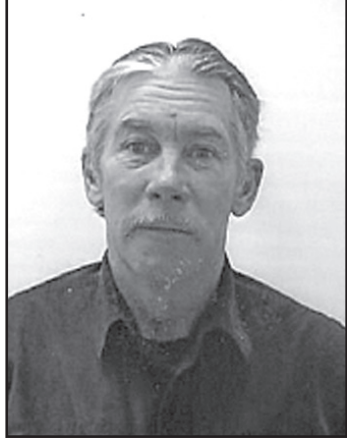
Dennis Ray "George" Grady, 62, of Hammond passed away 5:56 a.m. Wednesday, November 8, 2017 in his home.

Funeral services were held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 11, 2017 at McMullin-Young Funeral Home, Lovington. Visitation was held after 9:30 a.m. Saturday at McMullin-Young Funeral Home, Lovington. Burial was in Keller Cemetery, Lovington. Memorials may be made to the Lovington American Legion Post #429.

Dennis was born July 21, 1955 in Decatur, the son of Harry H. and Doris J. (Donaker) Grady. He was retired from Caterpillar, Decatur as a final adjuster. He married Amber L. (Morgan) Elder June 17, 2010 in Hammond. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife Amber; stepsons, Gage (Jamie) Elder of Hammond and Brody Elder of Lovington; stepdaughter, Brynn Elder of Lovington; sister, Sylvia "Susie" (Fred) Burgener of Moweaqua; 3 nephews and 1 niece; and a step granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents.



### Jean Henry

Jean Henry, 85, of Forsyth, passed away peacefully with family by her side on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at Hickory Point Christian Village.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 10:00am with a visitation one hour prior at the Brintlinger and Earl Funeral Home in Decatur. Burial was in the Point Pleasant Cemetery in Long Creek. Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the Humane Society.

Jean was born on June 11, 1932 the daughter of George and Elsie Mae (Miles) Weiborg. She married Herbert Sample in Springfield in 1948. Then she married Donald Rutherford in Alexandria, VA in 1970. Following his passing in 2003, she married Richard Henry in May of 2005 in Dalton City. He also preceded her in death in 2009.

Jean and husband Don owned and operated the Wheel Inn Motel in LaPlace. She enjoyed raising miniature Dachshunds for many years. Jean was a former member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Decatur.

Jean is survived by her two children; Linda Marie (Jerry) Huffington of Hammond, and Cathy Lee (Larry) Traxler of Lovington. Five grandchildren, Krista (Joe) White of Heyworth; Jenny (Brandon) Walker of Cerro Gordo; Tara (Eric) Matthews of Dalton City; Jason Traxler of Aurora; and Patrick (Heather) Rutherford of Snellville, GA. She is also survived by 9 great-grandchildren and one sister, Margaret Ellington of Watertown, WI, along with several nieces,



nephews, and her two Dachshund dogs, Dixie and Sadie.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents, three husbands, one grandson, Douglas Rutherford, one sister, and one brother.

The family would like to give special thanks to her caregivers; Mary Mabon, Diane Clifford, Pat Stewart, and Jeanie Neece. Thanks also go out to Lincolnshire Memory Care, Hickory Point Christian Village, and Dr. Shackelford.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family in care of Brintlinger and Earl Funeral Homes at [www.brintlingerandearl.com](http://www.brintlingerandearl.com)

### Genevieve Ruth "Jenny" Perry

Genevieve Ruth "Jenny" Perry, 96, died November 10, 2017 at the Bement Health Care Center.

Jenny was born February 24, 1921 in rural White Heath, the daughter of John and Callie (Artman) Valentine. She attended a local one room schoolhouse in White Heath and later graduated from Monticello High School. She married the love of her life, Harry James Perry on March 20, 1939. They were married 51 years before his passing in 1990.

They started their home in the same house where Harry was born and lived there till she moved to town. She was active with the Centerville United Methodist Church where she was a Nursery and Sunday school teacher and Lay Leader for many years.

Jenny was the original chairman of the Piatt County Farm Bureau Women's Committee and very active in the Piatt County Home Extension where she received her 75-year pin.

In the 60's she became an LPN, then continued her education at Parkland College to become to become an RN and then received a degree in Education from the University of Illinois. She loved to travel, especially with Harry, her sister Wanda and her husband Walter.

She loved to follow her children and grandchildren at the Fairs and school events such as band, choir, plays and sporting events. She loved her animals George and Foxy.

Always one to help and encourage friends and neighbors, she did everything from calling to helping with their groceries. Her caring was easily seen from her smile and her concern as she asked how you were. A loving mother, grandmother, and friend, she will be missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Harry, sister Wanda Wienke, and 3 brothers Dwight, Jerry, and Bill Valentine.

She is survived by her sons, Jim (Ann) Perry of White Heath, Fred (Janet) Perry of Bement and Dan (Susan) Perry of Decatur; sister Twilia Mackey of Monticello, 10 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, and a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visitation was held from 5:00-7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at the Mackey-Wright Funeral Home, Monticello. Funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at the Mackey-Wright Funeral Home, Monticello. Interment will be in Monticello Township Cemetery. Mackey-Wright Funeral Home, Monticello



is handling the arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to Centerville United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mackey-wrightfuneralhome.com](http://www.mackey-wrightfuneralhome.com)

### Stephen Russell 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, 2017, at the Bement United Methodist Church, 249 N. Piatt St., Bement. Pastor Paul Unger will officiate. Visitation was held from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, also at the Bement United Methodist Church, Bement. Burial with military rites by the Albert Parker American Legion Post #620, will be in the Bement Township Cemetery, Bement. Memorial contributions can be made to the Albert Parker American Legion Post #620, Bement, Faith in Action, Bement United Methodist Church or Charity of the Donors Choice.

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

He was raised on the family farm, 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 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at Dyess Air Force Base, Abilene, TX., 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 the Bement Masonic Lodge #365 A.F. & A.M., 1981 past Commander 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, son, Robert Postlewait of Monticello, son, Russell Postlewait of Nashville, TN, 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 Postlewait of Monticello, 2 step-grandchildren, Ethan Peterka and Makenna Peterka; sister, Jane (John) Corradetti of New Lenox, 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".

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## Area Church Directory - Attend the Church of your choice

**LIFEPOINTE CHURCH** - 700 E. Main, Arcola. Ph. 217-268-4586. Nondenominational, Spirit-Filled Church. Pastor Henry Schrock - 217-246-0104. Sunday Worship Service: 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Rogelio Gutierrez - Spanish Church, Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.; Friday Service 7:00 p.m.

**ARTHUR UNITED METHODIST** - 128 E. Illinois, 543-3159, Dial-A-Devotion, 543-3711. Rev. Bruce Weiman. Informal worship, 8:00 a.m.; Fellowship time, 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m. Web site: <http://arthurunitedmethodist.org/>

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

**FIRST APOSTOLIC CHURCH** - 721 E. Illinois, Arthur, 543-3024. Gawain Bevis, Minister. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Evening Evangelistic, 6:00 p.m. Family Night, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ATWOOD** - 231 N. Illinois, 578-2555. Lanny Faulkner, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:00 a.m., Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Youth 5:07 p.m., Discipleship Class 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study, Tuesday 9:00 a.m.; AWANA Children's Ministry Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Child care provided at all services. Visit our website [www.aplacetohrive.org](http://www.aplacetohrive.org)

**LAKE FORK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST** - 3 miles north of Atwood, 578-2706. Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Bible Study, 6:00 p.m. Thursday; Men's Fellowship, 7:00 p.m., 1st Wednesday; Women's Fellowship 1:30 p.m., 1st Tuesday.

**ATWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH** - 229 S. Main, Atwood, 578-2880. Pastor Don Gerkin. Bible Class, 9:00 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:15 a.m.

**UNITED CHURCH OF ATWOOD** - 210 N. Main, Atwood, 578-2832. Pastor Mike Drake. Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:15 a.m. Nursery provided.

**ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST** - 2 1/2 miles south of Garrett. 578-2203. Church Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.

**BEMENT BAPTIST CHURCH** - 748 S. Macon, 678-8155. Rev. Don Morr. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

**ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH** - 332 S. Macon, Bement. 762-2566. Rev. Bruce Lopez. Sunday Mass, 7:30 a.m.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH** - (Disciples of Christ). Corner of Wing and Piatt, Bement. 678-3035. Pastor Tim Davis. Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

**BEMENT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - 249 N. Piatt, Bement. 678-2461. Jeremy Lafary, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.; Worship, 10:00 a.m., Saturday Night Fuse at 5:30 p.m.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** - 249 N. Macon, P.O. Box 125, Bement. 678-4491. Rev. Marsha Frederick. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

**CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN** - 102 E. Durfee, Cerro Gordo, Brick church on the corner of Jefferson and Durfee, 763-8641. Tim Laird, Pastor. Sundays - Sunday School for all ages 9:00 a.m.; Worship Service (nursery provided) at 10:00 a.m. Check us out at [www.cerrogordocob.com](http://www.cerrogordocob.com)

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - 104 E. Carter, Cerro Gordo. 763-8411. Rev. Jim Allison. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided.

**BRETHREN CHURCH** - 209 S. Jefferson, Cerro Gordo. 763-3481. Pastor Terry Leach. Preaching God's Word. **Sunday:** Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Afterglow with meal and fellowship following morning service; Sunday evening services, 6:00 p.m. **Wednesday:** 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and prayer, 8:15 p.m. Choir practice. Come worship with us at the "Little White Church" where you will feel like you belong.

**GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH, SBC** - 1 mile E. Richland Community College, 3407 Christmas Tree Rd., Decatur, 875-7558. J.J. Hairston, Pastor and Lynn Smith, Associate Pastor. Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wed. meal, 6:00 p.m. Children, Youth, Adult mid week service 7:00 p.m.

**HAMMOND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - 3rd & D Street, Pastor Jim Allison, 262-3386. Morning Worship, 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Bible Study & Meal Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., with meal at 6:00 p.m.

**HAMMOND CHURCH OF CHRIST** - Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.

**MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAMMOND** - Pastor Glenn Baker. Worship Service 8:30 a.m., Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Midweek, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

**SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH** - Ivesdale. Rev. Patrick Riordan in Residence - St. Patrick's, Tolono, 217-485-5194. Masses: Sunday, 8:00 a.m.; Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., Friday, 8:00 a.m.

**LAPLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - Pastors Larry Bricker and Jim Allison. Sunday Worship, 9:00 a.m.

**LODGE CHURCH OF GOD** - Lodge. Pastor Wes Cornwell. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m.

**CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN** - LaPlace, 677-2120. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.

**PRAIRIE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH** - 2423 CR 500 E, Lake City, IL 61937. Phone 677-2464. Nursery available for all services. Sunday School for K4-Adults 9:30 a.m. Worship and Children's Church 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening services 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night Bible Study 7 p.m. with Flyer's Club (K4-1st Grade), King's Kids (2nd-6th Grade) and Teens (7th-12th Grade) every Wednesday (Sept.-May). Email: [info@prairieviewbaptistchurch.com](mailto:info@prairieviewbaptistchurch.com) Website: [www.prairieviewbaptist.com](http://www.prairieviewbaptist.com)

**FAITH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP** - 228 N. Broadway St., Lovington. 873-8791. Pastor Matthew Perkins. "Real Faith, Real Life". Sunday Service 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Midweek 6:30 p.m. Thursday Impact Youth 6:30 p.m. [www.lovingtonfaith.org](http://www.lovingtonfaith.org)

**OPEN HEARTS FOURSQUARE CHURCH** - North Side of the Bridge Street Exit Off I-72, Monticello, 762-4455. Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH** - Bridge at Foothill Road, (P.O. Box 403) Monticello. 762-2988. Sunday, Bible Study 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday, Fellowship Supper, 6:00 p.m., Youth Group 6:45 p.m., Children's Classes and Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

**CROSSROADS CHURCH OF MONTICELLO** - [www.ccwired.org](http://www.ccwired.org). 1602 N 1125 East Road, Monticello (about a mile east of the Monticello Middle School.) Sunday services at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH** - 779 E Old Route 47, Monticello IL 61856. Sunday Morning Service 9:00 am. Sunday School 10:15 Fall - Spring. "On The Way" Devotional Podcast Available. Rev. Micah Garnett. 217-762-5826 [www.christlutheran-monticello.com](http://www.christlutheran-monticello.com) Nursery available and handicap accessible.

**OAKLEY BRICK CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN** - 763-6500. Rev. David Roe. Meeting til further notice at 214 S. Monroe St., Cerro Gordo. Children's Sunday School 9:00 a.m.; Adult Bible Study Sundays at 9:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

**FAITH LUTHERAN** - Rt. 32, 1 mile south of Sullivan, 728-7711. Glenn Strohschein, Pastor. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning service 10:00 a.m. Saturday services 5:00 p.m. Online services: [www.worshipanew.com](http://www.worshipanew.com)

**FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH** - 215 E. Pembroke, Tuscola. 253-2084. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Service, 10:30 a.m.; Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. [www.faithtuscola.org](http://www.faithtuscola.org)

**EAGLE MOUNTAIN ASSEMBLY OF GOD** - 401 E. Sale Street, Tuscola, 253-4444. Pastor Darin Elder. Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship and Sunday School and Youth Groups, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Services, 6:30 p.m. Nursery provided all services.

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN** - 600 E. Northline Rd., Tuscola, 253-4341. Rev. Jason Braaten. Saturday Evening, 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Worship, 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School and Bible Class, 10:15 a.m.