

# Area Deaths

**John R. Lowey**  
John R. Lowey, 81 of Mattoon passed away at 6:35 p.m. on Wednesday, October 3, 2018, at the Odd Fellow Rebe kah Home in Mattoon.



Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 12, at the First Southern Baptist Church, 3521 Dewitt Ave. in Mattoon. Rev. John Calio will officiate. Burial will follow in Arcola Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 11, at the church. Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

John was born on March 1, 1937, in Kankakee. He was a son of Paul Francis and Della (Smith) Lowey.

He married Judith Harris on December 26, 1959, in LaGrange.

Survivors include his wife, Judy Lowey of Mattoon; two daughters, Teresa Perrine and husband Jack of Tempe, Arizona, and Jenny Lowey of Pearl, Mississippi; four grandchildren, Sarah Cox and husband Matthew of Phoenix, Arizona, Rachel Perrine of Vancouver, Canada, John Perrine and wife Jenna of Elgin, and Joshua Perrine of Denver, Colorado; one great-grandson, Levi Cox; and two brothers, Jerry Lowey and wife Judy of Bradley and Robert Lowey and wife Sandra of Tucson, Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his parents and four siblings, Owen Lowey, Frances Cotton, Albert Lowey, and Daisy Schoon.

John was a member of the First Southern Baptist Church in Mattoon. He

trusted Christ as his Lord and Savior and endeavored to walk in God's way daily.

John attended Bradley-Bourbonnais High School. He graduated from Illinois State University in Normal with a bachelor's in education.

John started his career as an educator in Heyworth where he taught sixth grade and junior high social studies. He later earned a master's degree in education and school administration. He served as high school principal in Beecher, and in 1969 he and his family moved to Arcola where John served as high school principal until 1971. In 1972 after completing his specialist's degree in administration, he succeeded Leon Sitter as superintendent, a position John served until 1982.

After leaving Arcola, he became the superintendent at Foreman School District in Manito for nine years. He then became the superintendent at Neoga for two years and retired in 1993. After retirement, he served as a financial consultant for the Charleston School District until he finally fully retired in 2004.

John was a dedicated

educator who believed that children are our greatest asset and all children deserve a quality education.

He was an avid golfer and really enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Memorials may be made to the First Southern Baptist Church Parking Lot Fund.

## Harriett Sylvester

Harriett Sylvester, 86, of Ellsinore, Missouri, passed away on Monday, October 1, 2018, in Ellsinore.



Graveside funeral services were held Friday morning in Arcola Cemetery. Pastor Steven Stern officiated. Edwards Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Harriett was born on May 31, 1932, in Decatur. She married Earl "Jack" Sylvester on June 27, 1950, in San Diego, California. He passed away on June 17, 2017.

She is survived by one daughter, Sharon Sylvester of Ellsinore; three grand-

sons, John William Simon and wife Cara of Mendon, Joseph Wayne Simon of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Joshua Wade Simon of Thornton, Colorado; one great-grandson, Noah Jacob Simon of Thornton; one brother-in-law, Gene Sylvester and wife Helen of Arcola; and one sister-in-law, Mildred Hurtt of Rochester, Indiana.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and one sister.

Harriett graduated from Springfield High School where she played the French horn in the band and marching band. She had worked for the U.S. Military at Fort Leonard Wood where she retired as an office clerk.

She enjoyed crocheting, embroidering, gardening and spending time with her family.

## Gregory Emmett Young

Gregory Emmett Young, 41, of Weldon passed away on Saturday, September 29, 2018, in St. Louis, Missouri.

Funeral services were held Friday morning, October 5, at the First Presbyterian Church of Bement. The Pastor Marsha Frederick officiated. Burial was in Bement Township Cemetery.

Visitation was held Thursday evening at the church.

Memorial contributions

can be made to the Young family in care of First Mid Illinois Bank and Trust, Monticello.



Greg was born on February 6, 1977, in Decatur. He was a son of Charles and Peggy Hendrix Young. He married Tracy Kreher on July 15, 2000, in Decatur. She survives. Also surviving are two sons, Wesley J. and Alexander W. Young, both of Weldon; his mother, Peggy Hendrix Young of Monticello; a brother, David C. Young of Bement; and a sister, Betty Lake of Monticello.

He was preceded in death by his father; grandparents, Warren and Betty Hendrix; grandfather, Emmett Young; and grandmother, Peg McKay.

Greg was a volunteer with Weldon Fire Department, an Eagle Scout, black belt, the neighborhood

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## LIFE & HOPE

### A Weekly Devotional

### All Day Long

How should we respond to God? If we think of all the incredible things we are blessed with in life, our response should be one of praise. Even when we go through difficult and trying times in our life, at some point in the trial we realize how grateful we are for God's presence, help, support, and strength in that time. God truly is a shelter in the time of storm.

In Psalm 113 the psalmist is praising the Lord for many of these things. In fact, verse 3 says, *"From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised."*

Yes, we are to praise God all day long. Have you ever thought about how that might change your attitude, outlook, and purpose of life? What if we would look at each situation and say, "How can I give praise to God for this?"

Pastor Nicky Gumble writes, "Praise is the appropriate response to God. He is worthy of all your praise. We teach our children to be thankful--not for our own sake but for *theirs*. We are pleased when they are thankful. God teaches you to praise him because it is the right response to him, and because it is good for you. Thanksgiving is an appropriate response to human generosity. Continual praise is the appropriate response to God's generosity."

I realize that praising God is not always an easy endeavor when the storms of life are raging. But it is one of the choices or responses that we have available to us. As pastor Gumble says above, "it is the appropriate response." A positive response of praise and thankfulness can lift our spirits and set our minds on the positive blessings of God to see us through that storm.

In the good times the list of blessings could go on and on forever. The second half of Psalm 113 testifies that no one is like our God. Verse 4 says, *"The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens."*

No wonder the Lord deserves our praise all day long. There is no one who can compare to the creator of the universe and the provider of our salvation through his son Jesus Christ. Let's praise God together!

**Make it Personal:** Read Psalm 113. Negativity is a choice that leads us down a dark path. Praise is a choice that can lead you down a path of restoration and hope. The Lord deserves your praise today, tomorrow, and every day after. Praise God all day long and let it extend into your nights!

Have a great week,  
Pastor Glen Rhodes  
Arthur Mennonite Church,  
710 E. Park St.

## Forgiveness Seminars

**Thursday, October 4 - 7:00 - 9:00 PM**  
at THE OTTO CENTER

**Thursday, October 18 - 7:00 - 9:00 PM**  
at PENN STATION



Be Freed From the Prison Cell of Unforgiveness

- Who occupies the cell?
- Where is the lock?
- Where is the guard?
- What is going on?

Don't continue to self-destruct  
LET THE PRISONER GO FREE

### Truths about the one we won't forgive

- They occupy most of our thought life!
- We give them much of our precious time!!
- We continually talk with them!!!
- We introduce them to our friends!!!!
- We begin to imitate their behavior!!!!
- THEY CONTROL OUR LIVES!!

How would our communities, homes, schools and work places be different if an attitude of forgiveness would prevail? Would the school shooting cease? Would fewer homes be broken? What about cases of domestic violence and verbal, physical, sexual, mental and emotional abuse?

Would we not all agree that the world we live in is broken and desperately needs healing? Forgiveness provides the healing and brings the deep peace we are all longing for! It brings peace with God and with others around us! Forgiveness is a choice, not a feeling, and is always the first step to experiencing freedom!

If you or someone you know is struggling with unforgiveness with self or towards others, or are dealing with anger, bitterness, hatred, uncontrollable lust, shame, addictions, or other issues, you are invited to these Forgiveness Workshops in Arthur.

To assure that we have enough materials, please register by the Wednesday prior to each event by leaving a message at 217-543-2342 or 217-599-1404.

The workshops will be taught by Lloyd Gingrich and a team who have been teaching on forgiveness in institutions across the United States. There is no charge, and attendees is invited to attend.



For more information or to register call 217-543-2342 or 217-599-1404  
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## Church Directory

### ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE

## 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 tot he 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, 728-7280. Sunday Bible Class 9:45-10:15am; Weekly Communion, 10:30am; Everyone Welcome! Church web site: www.arthurcoc.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 Litwiller, Minister of Worship and Youth; Jeff Marner, Minister of Discipling; 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 10:00am; 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.worshipanew.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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