

Area Deaths

Edna Marie Goss

Edna Marie Goss, 90, of Sullivan passed peacefully with her children at her bedside on Friday, December 28, at Mason Point in Sullivan.

Celebration of Life services were held Monday morning, December 31, at Sunnyside Mennonite Church in Chesterville with Pastor Brian Petersheim officiating. Burial was in Sunnys.

Visitation was Sunday evening, December 30, also at Sunnyside Mennonite Church.

Memorials were suggested to the donor's choice. Reed Funeral Home, Sullivan, was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at reedfuneralhome.net.

Edna was born August 16, 1928, to Anson and Bertha (Kauffman) Miller of Arcola. She married Charles Goss Jr. of Nappanee, Indiana, on August 20, 1950, and for 68 years Edna and Charles lived life on the farm, raising five children and teaching them to love the Lord and a strong work ethic.

She leaves her husband, Charles, and her children, Donald Goss (Beverly) of Mattoon, Robert Goss' wife Karen of Sullivan, Lyle Goss (Esther) of Findlay, William Lynn (Bill) Goss (Geneva) of Salem, South Dakota, and Lori Goss Plank (Jim) of Sullivan; 17 grandchildren, Erin Goss Brooks and husband Frank of Richmond Heights, Missouri, Madeleine Goss Powers and husband Cory of Shelbyville, Charles W. Goss of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Broderick Goss of Sullivan, Luke Goss and wife Heidi of Sullivan, Lisa Goss of Sullivan, Steve Goss and wife Hannah of Harrington, Dela-

ware, Brenda Goss Bankes and husband Aaron of Medford, Wisconsin, Cheryl Goss Meyer and husband Tom of Salem, South Dakota, Melissa Goss Fitzjarrald and husband Christopher of Palmer, Alaska, Kimberly Goss of Mattoon, Shelbi Plank Swartzentruber and husband Jeremy of Arthur, Spencer Plank and wife Tayler of Omaha, Nebraska, Micah Plank and Magdalen Plank of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Isaiah Plank and Ian Plank of Sullivan; 12 great-grandchildren, Sydney Dehart, Elana, Olivia, Liam, Iliana Krutsinger, Celia, Avery, Oliver, Camille Goss, Lucy Goss, and Judah and Gavin Swartzentruber.

Special care given by Sharon Goss, Viola Jess, Betty Helmuth, and the First Collins Nursing staff of Mason Point.

Celebrating Edna's heavenly homecoming are her parents, one infant sister, and her son, Robert Goss.

Edna loved to prepare a home cooked meal for her family—mashed potatoes covered with a chunked beef gravy was a requested specialty! She also loved to work outside, especially mowing the huge lawn on the farm.

While her children were young, Edna had an "Egg Route" in Mattoon for which her 1,000 laying hens provided the eggs. In later years, Edna graduated with her CNA certification from Lake Land College and was employed through LincolnLand Home Care as a Caregiver.

Edna's grandchildren brought her much joy. Edna's kindness and gentle way of caring for others will live on for generations.

New pharmacist

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pharmacist in the first place. So I finally decided the time was right to get back to work in a place that had those same values of personal service."

Both Reed and Kenworthy agreed that not only could an independent pharmacy compete in all areas with their bigger competitors but could outmatch them in many areas.

"We carry 200 to 300 of the most common drugs prescribed by doctors. If we don't have it in stock, we can get it by the next day," said Kenworthy.

"We accept most all major insurances such as Medicare, Medicaid, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Aetna, Health Alliance, as well as other managed care plans," explained Reed.

"For our cash customers, as an independent pharmacy, we can often make agreements that vastly reduce the price of medication. The bigger places are bound by corporate contracts that dictate the pricing structure. As much as a pharmacist might want to help out, the corporate office has set the price and there is no negotiating," said Kenworthy.

The pair emphasized that technology has not only leveled the playing field, but has given places like Dicks Pharmacy an edge.

"We have an app that can be used to access your prescription history, order drugs, get information on refills, and more. You can choose how you want to stay in touch with us, be it a phone call, no prompts through an automated system here; you get to talk to a person, text message, and it is all available 24/7. It helps put you in control of your health care, and we are here to assist you in any way."

Another change that has been made over the past several years is that Dicks Pharmacy accepts credit and debit cards. Yet one more perk of the pharmacy is their delivery service. Their service area includes Arcola, Tuscola, Garrett, Atwood, Hammond, Lovington, Sullivan, and the Arthur area.

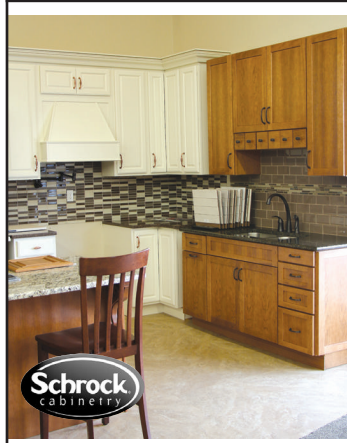
In looking toward 2019, the pharmacy is looking to bring back flu shot services plus offer programs on various topics involving prescriptions and health.

Dicks Pharmacy also offers over-the-counter products, durable medical equipment, plus gifts and notions. Of course, the old-fashioned soda fountain is still there with ice cream, sodas, sun-daes, shakes, and other goodies.



SECOND IN TOURNAMENT. The Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond girls' basketball team finished second in their own tournament held before Christmas. On their way to runner-up at the Knights Holiday Classic, ALAH defeated Blue Ridge, Shelbyville, and Tuscola before losing a hard fought game against Sullivan in the championship. Front row: Jolynn Barbee, Addi Tinkle, Alexa Miller, Nisa Asghar,

Emma Harris, Marissa Herschberger, Shae Slabaugh, and Maddie Snyder. Second row: Kensli Eads, assistant coach Brianne Eads, Annie Snyder, Abby Abercrombie, Mallory Nichols, Taylor Nichols, Mackenzi Bowles, Marcy Petersheim, Shaylie Miller, and head coach Mac Condill. Photo by Marty Yeakel.



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