

Obituaries

Waneta Lea Roller

HUME - Waneta Lea Roller, 87, of Hume died at 11:30 a.m. Sunday (March 11, 2018) at The Oaks Manor, Oakland.

She was born on March 30, 1930, in Allerton, the daughter of James Lester and Beulah Carner Smith and sister of Betty Niksich and Eugene Smith, all of whom preceded her in death.

Waneta and her husband, Philip A. Roller, were married in Paris on July 3, 1949. Philip preceded her in death on Oct. 13, 2017. Waneta and Philip were constant companions for their entire marriage.

Waneta lived in Hume her entire adult life and was an active member of Hume Christian Church. She served the village of Hume as water clerk for many years. Waneta also was a homemaker and socially active member of the community. She particularly enjoyed puzzles and making her family's favorite dishes.

Waneta raised two children with Philip, Cindy (Ray) Smith of Hume and Randy (Sherri) Roller of Seymour, Ind. She delighted in spending time with her children and their spouses. In later life, they were a great source

of happiness for her.

Waneta is also survived by three loving grandchildren, Anita Pierce (Willem) Baker of Luxembourg City, Luxembourg, Dustin (Kallie) Roller of Crothersville, Ind., and Danielle (Andrew) Kirk of Columbus, Ind.; and one great-grandchild, Allen Paul Roller of Crothersville. Waneta took great joy in spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchild.

There was a private family service at Joines Funeral Home, 401 W. Gillogly St., Newman, at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 17, 2018. Public graveside services and interment followed at 11 a.m. Saturday at Young America Cemetery, Hume. Waneta's nephew, Craig Roller, officiated.

Waneta's children and their spouses wish to thank the kind and compassionate staff at The Oaks Manor for their care and support in her last months. They also appreciate the comfort provided by Lincolnland Hospice.

Memorials may be made to Hume Christian Church, Lincolnland Hospice or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Carol Ann Smith

HAMMOND - Carol Ann Smith, 55, of Hammond passed away at 1:45 a.m. Saturday (March 10, 2018) at her son's home in Arthur.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 16, 2018, at Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 66 E. U.S. Highway 36, Atwood, with the Rev. Mike Drake officiating. Burial was in Pleasant Ridge Cemetery, rural Newman. Visitation was held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 15, 2018, at the funeral home.

Mrs. Smith was born Nov. 15, 1962, in Philo, the daughter of Dale and Mary Sidebottom Terven. She married Randy S. Smith on Nov. 28, 1987, in Philo. He survives.

Other survivors include her parents, Dale and Mary Terven of Philo; three sons, Benjamin (Miranda) Smith of Bement, Nicholas Smith of Arthur and Samuel Smith of Atwood; daughter, Mackenzi Smith of Arthur; four grandchildren, Kai, Kamrynn, Zoey and Emmaka; five broth-



ers, Dennis, Lonnie, Roger, Craig and Phil Terven; sister, Theresa Williams; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Carol was preceded in death by her sister, Paula.

Carol was the manager of The Bullseye in Hammond for several years and was the current manager at the Hammond Pub. She enjoyed spending time with her family.

Memorial donations are suggested to the Smith family.

Online condolences may be shared at hilligossshraderfh.com.

Donald A. Morgan

HOMER - Donald Arthur Morgan, 87, of Homer passed away at 12:56 a.m. Tuesday (March 13, 2018) at Piatt County Nursing Home, Monticello.

Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Monday, March 19, at Kirby Funeral Home, 708 S. Main St., Homer. Randy Walters and the Rev. Teri Shane officiated. Burial took place in G.A.R. Cemetery, Homer. Visitation was from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Donald was born March 19, 1930, in Danville, the son of John Arthur and Sarah Alice Coy Morgan. He married Louise Cromwell on March 24, 1951, in Homer. She preceded him in death on Sept. 9, 2016.

Survivors include son, John (Deborah) Morgan of Batavia; daughters, Peggy (Michael) Jenkins of Homer and Nancy (Steve) Hoffman of Farmer City; grandchildren, Tara Jenkins, Josh Jenkins, Leslie (Ryan) Frenk, Danielle (Paul) Huston, Michael Morgan and Rebekah Hoffman; and great-



grandchildren, Mya Huston, Juliana Frenk, Ian Huston, Virginia Frenk and Kyle Huston.

Don was a member of Homer United Methodist Church, Homer Lions Club and Homer Masonic Lodge. He earned his national farmer degree from FFA in 1950, with his state degree in 1948.

He was former South Homer Township supervisor for many years. Don was a Cardinals and Green Bay Packers fan and loved to bowl.

Memorials can be made to Heritage FFA or Homer United Methodist Church.

Sue Jones

HOMER - Sue Jones of Homer passed away on Sunday (March 11, 2018) surrounded by loved ones. She will be forever missed by her husband, Kenny, and her loving children.

Born to Shirley Day (Schloz) on Easter April 6, 1947, Sue was adopted as an infant by Alma and Daniel Pearson. She grew up in her mother's antique shop, developing an appreciation for carnival glass and vintage jewelry. Her warm heart and gentle spirit endeared her to everyone she met.

In 1993, Sue married Kenneth C. Jones. Together, they loved exploring art galleries and traveling to Santa Fe each year to see the desert wildflowers. Each described the other as the love of their life. She delighted in spoiling her grandchildren rotten, often saying she "liked 'em feisty." Her endless patience came in handy at the annual Jones Turkey Bash.

She retired from the University of Illinois after 22 years. Later, she created her own jewelry line, designing original pieces from vintage finds.

A beloved member of United Methodist Church of Homer, Sue believed it was her mission in life to comfort others. She was always ready with a warm hug or an em-



pathetic ear. As a younger woman, she fostered 22 children, nursing many back to health.

She is survived by her husband of 25 years, Kenny; daughters, Jessica Wattles (Brian) of Mahomet and Jennifer Principe (Paul) of Milwaukee, Wis.; bonus kids, Kory Jones (Karen) of Austin, Texas, and Lori Jones of Los Angeles; birth mother, Shirley Schloz; sister, Tonya Mansell; and four grandchildren, Caleb Jones, Penelope Jones, Joel Wattles and Xavier Roman.

A visitation was held from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at Kirby Funeral Home, Homer. Funeral services were held at United Methodist Church of Homer at 11 a.m. Friday.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, memorial gifts may be made to Salt and Light Ministry to fight poverty.

Richard "Rich" Allen Fitzgerald

URBANA - Richard (Rich) Allen Fitzgerald, 56, of Urbana went to be with his Lord on Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018, at home.

Richard was born Sept. 20, 1961, in Champaign to Priscilla and James Fitzgerald. He married Sandy Miller, his wife of 35 years, on Oct. 30, 1982. They are long-time members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Urbana.

Richard is survived by his loving wife, Sandy, and three children, Patrick (Melody) Fitzgerald of Bloomington, Shannon (Casey) Fitzgerald of Champaign and Seth (Denise) Fitzgerald of Tolono. He is also survived by his father, Jim, and three sisters, Susan Frick (Tim) of Longview, Jill Corradi of Urbana, and Jamie Perry (Scott) of St. Joseph. Richard was also blessed with nine nieces and nephews and six great-nieces and great-nephews.

Richard enjoyed a full life. He was a devoted father, and his children were truly the light of his world. He worked at Frasca International for 34 years and cultivated friendships with people from all over the world during that time. Fishing at the pond will forever be cherished memories for his children. He loved to talk and spend time with his friends and family, and keep-

ing in touch with everyone on various forms of social media was truly a joy and a blessing for him. Richard was bigger than life, and the lives that he has touched are too numerous to count. The love and concern from family and friends are what is supporting us all in our time of grief.

Anyone that knew Richard knew that he would not want us to be sad, so we are having a celebration of his life on March 24, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Eastland Suites Hotel, 1907 N. Cunningham Ave., Urbana. Parking is on the north side of the hotel. Please come and share a meal with his family and also the special memories you have of Rich.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, the family has requested that donations be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois, 215 W. Illinois St., Suite 1C, Chicago, Illinois 60654. Please include Richard's name with your gift so that we may be able to thank you in person. Envelopes will also be available at the celebration of life.

Renner-Wikoff Chapel and Crematory, 1900 S. Philo Road, Urbana, handled arrangements.

Condolences may be offered at www.renner-wikoffchapel.com.

The Sidney Scoop

by Ann Rhoton, 688-2812



The Sidney American Legion Post 433 regular monthly meeting should have taken place on Monday, March 19. Look for a report from your columnist in next week's edition of the Southern Champaign County Today Paper.

The Sidney Improvement Group will host their annual Easter egg hunt at the old Sidney Grade School lot located west of the Sidney Christian Church located at 305 East Main Street on Washington Street between Main and Byron Streets at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 24.

The Easter Bunny plans to attend so come on out and have some fun hunting for eggs and visit with and have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny! The Easter egg hunt is for children 2 - 10 years of age. There will be lots of candy and other goodies and a prize will be awarded in each of four age groups. A Saturday, March 31 same place and same time rain/snow date has been set for the event and folks can call Becky Bennett at (217) 688-2372 for more information.

The Countryside United Methodist Church located at 1807 CR 1000N, Urbana between Sidney and Philo will have its 14th annual Flea Market, Silent Auction, and More fundraiser on Saturday, March 24 from 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the church.

Eat in or carry out breakfast and lunch will be served and proceeds from this year's event will benefit United Methodist Church On Relief, Love Packages, and the CUMC/TUMC Henderson Settlement Mission Trip. Call the church office at (217) 688-2422 for more information.

The next regular monthly

meeting of the Sidney Village Board of Trustees will take place on Monday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sidney Community Building located in downtown Sidney. The public is always welcome and encouraged to attend and all monthly meetings, unless otherwise posted, are held in the Sidney Community Building meeting room.

Mark your calendars and save the date! The Sidney School Reunion Committee are hard at work planning this year's Saturday, August 1 school reunion to take place at the Franks Center (site of the old Philo Grade School) located at 127 Washington Street in Philo.

Niemerg's Steakhouse from Effingham, IL will cater the event and dress will be casual. Save the date cards and emails will be going out soon. If the committee doesn't have an email or mailing address for you and/or your siblings please notify Becky Bennett at (217) 688-2372 or drop her a line at beckyb205@hotmail.com.

Anyone who attended the Sidney School is welcome to join the group and additional information will follow as details are firmed up. Please mark your calendar!

Have a great week!

If you or your organization have news items you want published drop a line to Ann Rhoton at P. O. Box 491, Sidney, IL 61877 or call (217) 688-2812; don't hesitate to leave a message if there's no answer.

News items must be turned in by 10:00 a.m. each Friday to be published in the following week's paper. Items submitted after the deadline will be published in the following week's column.

PEACE MEAL MENU

Sidney/Homer Peace Meal menu for Thursday, March 22 through Wednesday, March 28.

Thursday, 3/22/18 - Stuffed chicken breast, one slice of whole grain wheat bread served with butter or margarine, baked onions, Midori blend vegetables, pineapple pistachio pudding, and a half pint of milk.

Friday, 3/23/18 - Tuna noodle casserole, one slice of whole grain wheat bread served with butter or margarine, peas, Harvard beets, fresh fruit, and a half pint of milk.

Monday, 3/26/18 - Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, one slice of whole grain wheat bread served with butter or margarine, seasoned green beans, tropical fruit, and a half pint of milk.

Tuesday, 3/27/18 - Cheese manicotti with meat sauce, one slice of whole grain wheat bread served with butter or margarine, Mexican corn, broccoli, pears, and a half pint of milk.

Wednesday, 3/28/18 - Beef stew with potatoes, carrots, and onions, whole grain biscuits served with butter or margarine, three bean salad, warm fruit crisp, and a half pint of milk.

The Sidney Peace Meal home delivered meals program continues Monday through Friday for seniors who qualify. Individuals who wish to attend a Peace Meal Congregate Meal Site are invited to attend the Peace Meal Congregate Meal Site in Homer.

Homer Peace Meal is served around 11:00 a.m. Monday through Friday in the Homer Village Hall located at 500 East Second Street in Homer. Home delivered meals are available Monday through Friday for seniors who qualify.

To reserve your spot call Peace Meal at 1-800-543-1770 by 12:00 p.m. the day before the meal you wish to attend. Skim milk and desserts with no sugar added are available in many locations. Ask the site supervisor for more information. Peace Meal sometimes needs to substitute on menus, but still guarantees a nutritious meal.

The Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program suggests a donation of \$3.50 for each congregated and home delivered meal, however, no older person will be denied a meal because of their inability to contribute to the cost of the meal. The Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program does accept the Illinois Link Card for payment.

The Sidney/Homer Peace Meal menu is submitted for the Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program by Ann Rhoton.

6:30 pm- Early Bird
7:00 pm- Regular Bingo

Villa Grove
BINGO

Every Friday Night
VFW post 2876



This Weeks Jackpot:
Egg in a Basket Raffle \$2000

Bingo Lic# B1934
Pull Tab Lic# P-48

A Friendly Reminder from Philo Library

Just a reminder, as the deadline draws nearer - we do have limited copies of some of the IRS forms. We also have a loose leaf binder that contains most of the forms you need to file your taxes. For 10 cents per copy, we can make copies of any form you want, or even make copies of the documents when you are ready to send them to the IRS but need a copy for your records.

New non-fiction: "Dirt is Good: The Advantages of Germs for Your Child's Developing Immune System", I always thought playing in the dirt was good and now there is science to back me up. "Everything Happens for a Reason" by Kate Bowler. While driving back from a visit to southern Missouri I listened to her interview on Fresh-Air with Terry Gross.

She's an amazing woman with an amazing tale to share about her ongoing battle with cancer. "Mom & Me & Mom" by Maya Angelou. I was happy to see this donation come in. I had listened to it in the Cloud library app available through the Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS) and as usual found Ms. Angelou a wonderful writer. Of course I have to have a new addition for gardening this time of year and here it is: "How to Window Box: Small Space Plants to Grow Indoors or Out".

DVDs were plentiful this week when I went shopping. I even ran across the librarian from Camargo Library and she was purchasing the same discs as I was. "Ferdinand" the latest animation of an old classic. Ferdinand is a giant bull with a big heart, all he wants

to do is return to his family - but as always, it's not easy. "I, Tonya" is about Tonya Harding and one of the most sensational scandals in sports history. Allison Janney won a best supporting actress award for her portrayal of Tonya's mother - billed as a "dark comedic tale". Another award winner is "The Shape of Water" an "otherworldly" fairy tale - this received the award for best picture at the recent Academy Awards. "Lady Bird" the story of a teenage girl and her mom, it's a look at relationships that shape us, the beliefs that define us and a place called home. And, last but not least the latest "Justice League" movie is out and in demand. Check all these out and see what you think!

We've added a number of new fiction books, I'd like

to just highlight two is this article. A large print by Brad Meltzer "The Escape Artist" is a thriller. A plane that just left a secret military base in the Alaskan wilderness falls from the sky with a young woman's body in it. But, the body is not that of the person they say was in the plane. Jim "Zig" Zigarowski's daughter was best friends with the woman (Nola) who was supposed to be on the plane but is actually on the run. Zig and Nola try to uncover the U.S. Army's most mysterious secret. And, with the warmer weather, my thoughts have been turning to the "beach read" genre. I just finished "Sisters Like Us" and thoroughly enjoyed it. If you like a story with a little fluff and a happy ending, try this one - it was a pleasure to read.

Why preplanning a funeral is so important

Pathway
from Pekin Life Insurance Company

When the reality of the loss of a loved one invades our lives, we need time to adjust. If funeral arrangements are being considered for the first time under the pressures of bereavement, many wishes of the deceased and survivors may be overlooked.

Let us explain the details of Pathway, a Prearranged funeral plan from Pekin Life Insurance Company. You'll understand why preplanning a funeral is so important.

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