

Obituaries

Shirley Jones

Villa Grove, Il. - Shirley Jones age 78 of Villa Grove, Il., died at 3:55 am on Saturday Dec. 22, 2018 at Carle Hospital in Urbana, Il.,

There was a private Burial in the Villa Grove Cemetery, followed by a memorial service at 11:00 am on Saturday Dec 29, 2018 at the Villa Grove United Methodist Church (302 N 2nd St) Villa Grove, with Pastor Sandi Hire officiating, there will be no visitation, Joines Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Shirley was born November 29, 1940 in Talbot, In., a daughter of James F. and Marjorie (Bishop) Anderson, she married Allen Reckowsky, she later married John D. Jones, he preceded her in death on Dec. 7, 2018.

Surviving are two sons, Mark (Coralea) Reckowsky, and Mike (Connie) Reckowsky, two daughters, Dana (Rick) Evans and Deb (Steve) Stombaugh, 8 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren, and one sister, Mary Kay Anderson.

Shirley was preceded in death by her husband John and her parents.

Shirley was a member of the Delmar D. Darrah Order of



Eastern Star in Tolono, Il., a member of the Villa Grove United Methodist Church, she worked at the Beckman Institute, Urbana, Il., she was the Villa Grove United Methodist Church Secretary for several years, but, she was best known for her service to the community, by visiting Nursing homes, hospitals, and shut-ins also by helping with food for those in need in the community, especially during the holidays.

Memorials can be made to the Villa Grove Peace Meal or to the Villa Grove United Methodist Church.

James E. Davis

Villa Grove, Il. - James E. Davis, age 87 of Villa Grove, Il., died

at 7:45 pm on Sunday Dec. 23, 2018 at the Newman Rehab and Health Care Center, Newman, Il., Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Friday Dec. 28, 2018 in the Joines Funeral Home (Il Rt 130 S) Villa Grove, Il., with Rev. Joy Starwalt and Rev. Dean Beals officiating, visitation were one hour before the services in the funeral home, burial was in the Murdock Cemetery, Masonic Rites will be at 11:00 am with the Villa Grove - Camargo - Newman Lodge Masonic #885.

Jim was born May 5, 1931 in Murdock, a son of Earl and Pearl (Taylor) Davis, he married Patricia Groves July 11, 1952, she survives in Villa Grove, also surviving are four grandchildren, seven great grandchildren.



Jim was preceded in death by his parents, son Tim and Daughter Brenda Parker, and two sisters.

Jim spent 21 years in the U.S. Air Force and retired, then spent 20 years with the U.S. Post Office and retired from there.

He was a 1949 graduate of Newman High School, he loved to work in his yard, and he and Pat loved to go dancing. Memorials can be made to an organization of the donors choice.



Psalms 36:5-12

The Goodness of God

Lord, your constant love reaches the heavens; your faithfulness extends to the skies. Your righteousness is towering like the mountains; your justice is like the depths of the sea. People and animals are in your care. How precious, O God, is your constant love! We find [b] protection under the shadow of your wings. We feast on the abundant food you provide. you let us drink from the river of your goodness. You are the source of all life, and because of your light we see the light. Continue to love those who know you and to do good to those who are righteous. Do not let proud people attack me or the wicked make me run away. See where evil people have fallen. There they lie, unable to rise.

Letters to the Editor

To begin with,

Whether or not the proposed wind farm in Newman Township happens, we shouldn't let this project tear us apart. But I fear that if Newman passes zoning to try to block the wind farm from coming, our community is going to continue declining. People will have to go farther and farther away to find work.

As a young boy Ziegler Coal employed many families from the local area. That was a prosperous time in Newman. People found jobs close to home and spent their money locally. The mine closed and the businesses declined. Recontek came, we thought we had another chance. In a couple of short years the plant closed its doors and people had to go elsewhere for employment. I believe people still have a fear of longevity.

In early 2000, I was dispatched to work in a coal fired power plant. The smoke would go out through the precipitators into the stacks and in the middle of the summer, your skin would develop small red bumps and itch due to arsenic falling out of the smoke. These companies have spent billions of dollars to clean these power plants up. And we are all paying for it in our electric bills. These power plants, and the coal mines, are dangerous to work in and many people are still suffering from the health effects.

Wind energy does not put pollutants into our air or water. The widespread benefits that wind farms bring to communities are undeniable. The schools and roads will improve. Even the gas stations and restaurants benefit. When I worked up at the wind farm near Rossville, I went to the Casey's every morning, and it was packed. The lumber yard went from nothing to something.

The people that are trying to stop this wind farm don't understand the damage they are doing to businesses and families that will benefit from this project for decades to come. These wind turbines have a

30 year lifespan, maybe even more. As far as I can tell, we'll still be using electricity then.

I didn't go to the zoning vote in Newman due to limited information. I've talked to a lot of people that regret not going and voting against zoning. Out of the 700+ registered voters in Newman Township, only 86 people voted for zoning. And 57 voted against zoning. I hope the Newman Township Trustees don't take this small percent of voters too seriously.

For all the hard times that this community has gone through, this is another chance. I hope that local communities do not enact wind energy zoning so that this project can be built. This wind farm is an opportunity that we can't let pass by.

I hope you take a moment to think for yourself and not let others bias opinions influence your decision. But under no circumstance please do not, let this separate us as a community.

Very Sincerely, Aaron E. Luth. Newman, IL

The Sidney Scoop

by Ann Rhoton, 688-2812



The next regular monthly meeting of the Village of Sidney Board of Trustees will take place on Monday, January 7 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.

The Sidney American Legion Post 433 will hold their next monthly meeting at the Post Home located at 221 South David Street in down-

town Sidney on Monday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Happy New Year! 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, January 3 through Wednesday, January 9.

Thursday, 1/3/18 - Beefy vegetable and lentil soup, crackers, sliced pears, peanut butter cup, oatmeal cookie, and a half pint of milk.

Friday, 1/4/18 - Mushroom crusted chicken breast, dinner roll served with butter or margarine, potato casserole, venetian blend vegetables, fresh fruit, and a half pint of milk.

Monday, 1/7/18 - Savory sausage stew with beans, biscuits served with butter or margarine, pineapple tidbits, warm fruit strudel bites, and a half pint of milk.

Tuesday, 1/8/18 - Fried chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, dinner roll served with butter or margarine, breaded tomatoes, seasonal dessert, and a half pint of milk.

Wednesday, 1/9/18 - Ravioli with meat sauce, one slice of whole grain wheat bread served with butter or margarine, broccoli, corn, banana, 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 congregare 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.

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