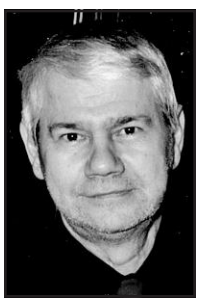


# Area Deaths

**Robert "Jay" Brinkley**  
Robert "Jay" Brinkley, 63, of Pierson Station passed away at 7:31 a.m. on Friday, December 28, 2018, at his residence.



A memorial service was held Wednesday evening, January 2, at Edwards Funeral Home in Arcola. Visitation preceded the funeral.

Jay was born on September 18, 1955, in Decatur. He was a son of Robert McCain and Betty Jean (Neil) Brinkley Sr. He married Doris Titus on October 22, 2001, in Arcola.

Survivors include his wife, Doris; three children, William Michael Binion and wife Suzanne of Kansas City, Missouri, BobbiJo Snider and husband Travis of Arthur, and Joshua Brinkley and wife Jamie of Decatur; six grandchildren, Alexandria Pomorin and husband Nathan of Arthur, Brian Binion of Arcola, Kaylee Binion of Charleston, and Justice McElwee and Ashton and Austin Ellison, all of Arthur.

He was preceded in death by his parents; infant twin sisters; and three brothers, Terry, Roger, and David Brinkley.

Jay worked at Trailmobile in Charleston for several years until they closed in 2001. He worked at MasterBrand Cabinets in Arthur for 12 years until he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in March 2018.

Jay was a Ham Radio operator for over 20 years. He enjoyed riding his Harley, playing X-Box with his grandchildren, and being with his family.

**Ruenell (Crowe) Casteel**

Ruenell (Crowe) Casteel, 87, of Lovington passed peacefully in her home with her family by her side on Sunday, December 30, 2018.



Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, January 3, at Lovington United Methodist Church with Rev. Larry Bricker officiating. Visitation was held Thursday morning prior to the funeral, also at the Church. Burial was in Keller Cemetery, Lovington.

Memorials may be made to Lovington United Methodist Church or Lovington Ambulance Service. McMullin-Young Funeral Home was in care of the arrangements.

Ruenell was born March 9, 1931, in Gamael, Kentucky. She was the daughter of John Daniel and Dona (Netherton) Crowe.

She married Richard T. Casteel Sr. on March 20, 1949. He preceded her in death on October 29, 2006.

Ruenell was a devoted, loving, and caring wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. Ruenell was a member of Lovington United Methodist Church.

Ruenell is survived by her son, Richard T. (Connie) Casteel Jr. of Lovington; daughters, Nina Casteel of Lovington, Carolyn Casteel of Westerville, Ohio, and Nancy (Doug) Wildman of Lovington; grandchildren, Tonya (Ed) Irvin, Carrie (Jason) Marette, Shaun (Danae) Casteel, and Leif (Kristin) Wildman and Elise Wildman; great-grandchildren, Lauren (Kip) Reckard, Jonathan Irvin, Haley and Emily Marette, and Elaina, Maya and Dean Casteel; and special friends and caretakers, Evelyn Fair and Rosanna Plank.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brothers, Tim Crowe and Carl Crowe; and sisters, Delma Simmons, Opal Adkins and Noretta Kirkwood.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the staff of Harbor Light for their kind and compassionate care for Ruenell and their support for her family.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.mcmullin-young.com.

**Trudy E. Moseley Koskinas**

Trudy E. Moseley Koskinas, 46, of Sullivan passed away at 4:23 a.m. Thursday, December 27, 2018, at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

Funeral Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, December 31, at Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Atwood. Burial was in Mackville Cemetery, Atwood. Visitation was held one hour prior to the services at the funeral home.

Trudy was born on June 24, 1972, in Champaign. She was the daughter of Norman Moseley and Marcia Humes. She married Theodoros Koskinas on June 20, 2007, in Bement. He survives.

Also surviving are her children, Stephanie Reynolds of Sullivan, John (Cassity) Reynolds of Mauston, Wisconsin, Elizabeth Reynolds of Villa Grove, and Hillary Koskinas and Tevez Koskinas, both of Sullivan; father, Norman Moseley of Atwood; mother, Marcia Goff of Barron, Wisconsin; and sister, Tracy (David) Davis of Hammond.

She was preceded in death by her step-father, Rick Goff.

Trudy was a homemaker and worked as a CNA at several area nursing homes. She enjoyed playing bingo, watching criminal and forensic file shows on TV, and she loved having new socks. One of her most important things

in life was spending time and having her family together.

Online condolences may be shared via www.hilligossshraderfh.com.

**Carlton Lindsey**

Carlton "Buck" Lindsey, 89, of Arcola, died at 9:00 p.m. Sunday, December 30, 2018, at Arcola Health Care Facility.



Carlton was born May 31, 1929, in Butler County, Kentucky. He was the son of Leburn and Nola Cardwell Lindsey. He married Annie Marie Embry on March 6, 1946, in Hartford, Kentucky. She preceded him in death on February 23, 2013.

He is survived by one son, Dwight (Faith) Lindsey of Arcola; two sisters, Maxine West and Kathlene Childress; and three grandchildren, Steven Lindsey, Kai Lindsey, and Jill Howen.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie; son, Dwayne; brother, Charles; and three sisters, Berthlene Flener, Mae Lou Flener, and Joyce Sue Phelps.

Carlton farmed in the Arcola area for many years. He was

a member of Arcola Masonic Lodge.

There will be no local services. Shrader Funeral Home, Arcola, is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences to the family may be sent to www.hilligossshraderfh.com.

**Norma Jean Shaffer**

Norma Jean Shaffer, 92 of Humboldt passed away at 8:55 p.m. on Sunday, December 30, 2018, at Mattoon Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.



Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 5, at Edwards Funeral Home, 221 East Main in Arcola, with The Rev. Brent Budd officiating. Burial was in Embarrass Cemetery in Redmon. Visitation was one hour before the funeral at the funeral home.

Norma was born on December 10, 1926, in Isabel, Illinois. She was a daughter of Albert and Nina Pearl Ritchy. She married James Edward Shaffer on September 25, 1946, in Paris, Illinois. He passed away in 1981.

Norma is survived by one

daughter, Joyce Mast of Humboldt; seven grandchildren, Travis Mast of Humboldt, Clarence Mast and wife Jennifer of Neoga, Theresa Mast of Humboldt, Troy Mast and wife Justine of Bourbon, Tina Trujillo and Pam Stone and husband Ken, all of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Gary Mast of Sullivan; 11 great-grandchildren; and 9 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Edward Shaffer; her son-in-law, Clarence V. Mast; her father, Albert Ritchy; her mother, Nina Pearl Eaton; and her brother, Albert Ritchy Jr.

Norma was affectionately known as "GG." She enjoyed sewing, knitting, crocheting, putting puzzles together, and caring for her dog, Patches. Her greatest joy was spending time with all her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and her great-great-grandchildren.

**Donna R. Poundstone**

Donna R. Poundstone, 87 of Monticello, formerly of Bement, passed away at 8:37 a.m. on Thursday, January 3, 2019, at Kirby Medical Center, Monticello.

Cremation rites have been accorded per Donna's wishes. Private family services will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made to Faith In Action, Monticello.

Donna was born on December 2, 1931, in Fisher. She was a daughter of Willie Asa and Charlotte Frances Crowley Paul. She married Jerry Poundstone on November 19, 1955. He passed away on December 2, 1994.

Surviving children include Tim (Gayle) Poundstone of Assumption, Donald "Butch" (Sandy) Hanshaw of Murphysboro, Daniel (Deb) Poundstone of Lake Jackson, Texas, and David (Stacy) Poundstone of Monticello. Also surviving are eight grandchildren and two sisters, Dorothy Logan of Tennessee and Wanda Mahin of Theodosia, Missouri.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two sons, Rick "Rocko" Poundstone and Larry Hanshaw; a grandson, Nicholas Poundstone; three brothers; and three sisters.

Hinds Funeral Home, Bement, is in charge of arrangements.

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## Church Directory

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**F**ORGIVENESS 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 to the 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 Litwiler, Minister of Worship and Youth; Jeff Marner, Minister of Discipleship; 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; Second Service 11:15am; 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. Brian Talty, 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.

**JONATHAN CREEK CHRISTIAN CHURCH** - "Forward in Christ, United in Love, Come as You Are". 1425 Jonathan Creek Rd, Sullivan, 728-4369. Website: jcreek.org. Email: jonathancreekchurch@yahoo.com. Pastor Tim Henderson. 9:00am Adult Sunday School; **Sunday Worship**: 8:00am Traditional Service, 10:00am Contemporary Service; 10:00am FROG Super Kids Church (for children 4-12); 6:00pm Contemporary Service. **Family Night**: Wednesday Evening (Sept.-May) 6pm-8pm (with a light meal provided), (May-Sept.) 6:30pm-8pm (no meal during the summer months). Men's Ministry Meetings 6:30pm, 2nd & 4th Monday of the Month @ JCC Church. Women's Ministry Meetings (Home Fires Ministry) 6:30pm, 2nd & 4th Monday of the Month contact Helen Moore @ 856-839-6012 for info. Come Join Us, Everyone Welcome.

**NORTH VINE MENNONITE CHURCH** - 312 N. Vine, Arthur, Brian Petersheim, Sr. Pastor; Mike Helmut, Asst. Pastor. Sunday School for all ages 9:30am; Message 10:30am; Sunday evening services 6pm. No services on last Sunday night of every month. All are welcome.

**SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH** - Washington & Pine Streets, Arcola, 268-3766. Rev. Angel Sierra, Pastor. Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.; Weekday Mass Thursday 5:30 p.m. Confessions Thursday 5:15 p.m. or by appointment. Email: johnbaptist@consolidated.net

**LIFEPOINTE CHURCH** - 700 E. Main, Arcola. Nondenomination/Spirit-Filled Church. Ph. 217-268-4586. 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 CHURCH** - 128 E. Illinois, Arthur. Rev. R. Bruce Weiman. Worship 8am & 10am; Sunday School 9am Nursery for Sunday School and 10am Service. www.arthurunitedmethodist.org

**VINE STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH** - 249 S. Vine, Arthur. Pastor Bob Silvanik. Sunday School 9am; Worship 10am. Christian Women's Fellowship meets first Wednesday each month 1:30pm, September-June. Nursery and air conditioning.

**ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST** - Rev. Dennis Gartung. P.O. Box 252, Arthur. 2 1/2 miles south of Garrett. Church Worship 9:00am.; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m

**LOVINGTON FIRST CHURCH OF GOD (ANDERSON)** - 301 W. State St. Lovington, IL 61937. Pastor Rodney Houser. Phone 873-4749 9am Sunday School, 10am Morning Worship, Wednesday 7pm Midweek Services, adult and childrens ministries.

**PRAIRIE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH** - 2423 CR 500 E., Lake City, IL 61937. Phone 677-2464. Nursery available for all services. Sunday School for K-4-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 (K-4-1st Grade), King's Kids (2nd-6th Grade) and Teens (7th-12th Grade) every Wednesday (Sept.-May). Email: info@prairieviewbaptistchurch.com Website: www.prairieviewbaptist.com

**LOVINGTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH** - 360 W. Springfield Rd. Sunday School 9:30am. Morning Worship 10:30am, Evening Service 6pm, Wednesday Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study, 7:00pm Church phone: 873-5116. www.fblovington.org

**NEW LIFE CHURCH** - R.R. 1, Sullivan, IL 61951 (3 1/2 miles east of Sullivan on the Cadwell Rd.) Ph. 728-4200 Dave & Debra Dolan, Pastors; Liz Dolan, Minister of Music; Debra Dolan, Secretary. Sunday Worship 9am. Wednesday Worship Service (for all ages), 7pm. Website www.newlifesullivan.org

**CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP** -212 E. Third Street, Arthur. Sunday Worship services 10am, Sunday evening worship service 6:30 pm. Everyone warmly invited to join us for worship.

**COWBOY CHURCH** - Penn Station, 122 E. Progress, Arthur. 217-254-8624. Services 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. Rev. Jess Adams and Randy White. Everyone welcome.

**UNITED CHURCH OF ATWOOD** - 210 N. Main St., P.O. Box 379 • Atwood, IL 61913 • 578-2832. Mike Drake, Pastor. 8:30-10am, Coffee & Donuts; 9am Sunday School, 10:15am Worship Services, Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-Noon

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## LIFE & HOPE A Weekly Devotional

### Renew, Restart, Reboot

Well, the New Year is upon us. 2019 has started. One of the things I like about the beginning of a new year is the opportunity it gives us to bring renewal, change, and transformation to some things in our life. It's a time to remind myself to restart my phone, restart my computers, restart the copy machine, and change the filter in my Keurig coffee machine. I often forget to do those things even though it's recommended.

The beginning of a new year is also a reminder that our God is a God of new things, new starts, and new creation. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

There are also many other references in scripture that remind us that God is about making old things new. Isaiah 43:18-19, Isaiah 65:17, Ephesians 2:15, and Revelation 21:5 are just some of those.

So the question as we begin this new year is... What do you want or need to renew, restart, or reboot in your life? When I ask that question, I am not asking about your phone, computer, or other things. I'm asking what you would like to change in your life this year: Your spiritual life, your family life, your marriage, your work life, your church life, or any other area.

Jesus can and will help you make those changes if you call on him to help. The old regrettable things of 2018 can be made into the new transforming things of 2019. The best part of being a follower of Jesus Christ is that he will help you with this. He will forgive you for those times you failed, and encourage you to leave them in the past. It's time to embrace the message of Jesus, "The old has gone, the new is here!"

**Make it Personal:** Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-20. Take time to look up the other verses above and learn more about this new change the Bible speaks of. Yes, it's important to restart all of those devices. But it's most important to give your life a renewed outlook and a fresh beginning in this new year.

Happy New Year Everyone.

Pastor Glen Rhodes  
Arthur Mennonite Church,  
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