

Area Deaths

Bobby Gene Doan

Bobby Gene Doan, 73, of Arthur died at 10:21 p.m. Sunday, January 6, 2019, at OSF Sacred Heart of Mary Medical Center, Urbana.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 12, at Arthur United Methodist Church, 128 E. Illinois Street, with Rev. Bruce Weiman officiating. Burial will follow in Cerro Gordo Cemetery.

Visitation will be held 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, January 11, at Arthur United Methodist Church and also 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Saturday at the church. Shrader Funeral Home, 431 S. Vine Street, Arthur, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Bobby was born July 5, 1945, in El Paso, Texas. He was the son of Robert and Florence Green Doan. He married Arlene Albert on February 13, 1993, in Oakley. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Paul (Kara) Doan of Plainfield and Mark (Sharon) Doan of Effingham; four grandchildren, Haley Doan, Josephine Hayes, Madeline Doan, and Jacob Doan; two stepdaughters, Nichole Minard and Sarah Gibbons of Bethany; five step grandchildren, Savannah Gibbons, Quintin Gibbons, Emma Minard, Colin Gibbons, and Kyler Lawrence Gibbons; a sister, Karen Sue (Robert) Phillips of Claremont; and two brothers, Lonnie (Robert) Doan of Denton, Texas, and Rick (Marilee) Doan of Taylorville.

Bobby graduated from the University of Illinois with an M.S. in Education and was involved in many school systems for 35 years. He taught, coached, or served as athletic director in schools at Noble, Arthur, Pontiac, Sullivan, and Tolono, and was an administrator at Bethany, Bement, and Villa Grove. He was a member of the Illinois Principal's Association where he served on the Governors Board from 1993-2001.

After retiring, he drove a milk truck for Larry Kauffman, was involved with the Arthur Area Economic Development Corporation, served as Bourbon Township Tax Assessor; and owned "Second Chance Wood."

Bobby was a member of Arthur United Methodist Church where he was active in the Methodist Men's group and served as the church treasurer. He also was a member of the fund-raising expansion committee.

He was past president of the Illini Quarterback Club; former Rotarian; was a founding member of the Illinois Amish Heritage Center Board; and a mem-

ber of the East Central Illinois Economic Development Corporation.

Memorials are suggested to Arthur United Methodist Church Community Meal or the Illinois Amish Heritage Center.

Online condolences to the family may be sent to hilli-gossshraderfh.com.

Grace Ellen Waelde

Grace Ellen "Gracie" Waelde, 74, of Sullivan passed away at 9:55 a.m. Saturday, December 29, 2018, at her home.

Celebration of Life services were held Wednesday, January 2, at Sullivan First United Methodist Church with Pastor Charliam Renner officiating. Visitation was held Tuesday evening, January 1, at the church.

Entombment will be at a later date at Greenhill Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to Luke Waelde's College Education Fund.

Reed Funeral Home, Sullivan, is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at reedfuneralhome.net.

Mrs. Waelde was born November 11, 1944, in Canton, Ohio. She was the daughter of Ward and Dorothy Morgan Bell. Gracie graduated with honors in 1980 from Georgia Southwestern College.

She retired from teaching kindergarten at Bethany Grade School. In 2004 Gracie received the "Education Is the Key" award from the Illinois Regional Office of Education.

Gracie loved social media and spending time with her family, especially her grandsons.

She was a member of the Sullivan First United Methodist Church and was active in the Women's Fellowship and Yoga group. In high school she was a Worthy Advisor of the Rainbow Girls.

Gracie married John Robert Waelde on June 13, 1964, in Newcomerstown, Ohio.

Survivors include her husband, John Robert 'Bob' Waelde; son, Mark (Lynn) Waelde of Sullivan; daughter, Jennifer (Josh) Rilying of Springfield; grandsons, Luke Waelde of Sullivan, Dylan Burnett of Charleston, and Austin Minnigerode of Sullivan; and brother, Jim (Amy) Bell of Metairie, Louisiana.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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theme, wouldn't it be nice to have an awesome historical book full of photographs to curl up with under a blanket on these cold winter days. I would say snowy days, but we have not really had many of those.

Noel Dicks still has a few copies of his book "Arthur, Once Upon A Time: A Compilation of Historical Photographs." They are \$25 each, and the author will sign the book if you wish. There is a \$5 shipping fee for each copy if you need one mailed.

In town you can pick up the books at Dicks Pharmacy, Yoder's Lamps and Antiques, The Arthur General Store, and the Arthur Graphic Clarion.

You can reach Noel at his email address, noeldicks33@gmail.com.

Remember, you can order a book via Noel's email even if you don't have winter weather to enjoy. You can take it to the beach or take it with you to read by the pool. This book is flexible! If you don't have your copy yet, you'll want to get one soon as there is a limited supply remaining.

Diners Past, Present And Future

I'm sure many of you have heard by now—it is the Talk of

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SueAnna Beth Schrock

SueAnna Beth Schrock, daughter of Melvin and Susan (Kauffman) Schrock, was stillborn at 10:26 p.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, at Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, January 4, at the Willard Schlabach residence, 1306 CR 1850 N., Sullivan, with Bishop William Otto officiating. Burial was in Gingrich Cemetery, rural Sullivan.

Edwards Funeral Home assisted the family.

SueAnna is survived by her parents, Melvin and Susan Schrock of Sullivan; eight siblings, Denise Lorene, Marcia Kay, Martha Elaine, Lavera Jean, Matthew Joe, Pauline RoseAnn, Aaron James, and John Michael, all at home; paternal grandparents, Ivan and Pauline Schrock; maternal grandfather, Joe Kauffman; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Edna Kauffman.

Town Talk

the Town after all—that R&I Restaurant has closed...for now. The restaurant in its current incarnation was opened in 1981 by Ralph and Irene McMullen and until the end of 2018 was a mainstay for locals year-round to get coffee, breakfast, lunch, and maybe, just maybe, catch up on some gossip.

It was the type of place you could walk into wearing a suit and tie or overalls to get a good hearty meal. Many of the world's problems were solved in that place over the last 37 years, and we will miss some of those familiar faces.

However, long-time employee Tim Mast is going to open back up here in several weeks once all the details are worked

out. He plans on being open from 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday, so you will have to stay tuned.

I know I am jumping around a little bit but many reading this will remember when the eatery was called Moses Cafe. Darwin and Pauline Moses were the owners and opened the restaurant in 1954.

Great memories from the past and hopefully we can all make some more memories here in the near future.

If you have a favorite memory of the R&I Restaurant and the people who worked there, you can email me at ilum986@gmail.com or leave a message on my voice mail at (217) 259-1294. I am on Facebook too.

Don't Forget Saturday's Library Program

It's New Year's Resolution time, and we would all like to find the road to good financial investments.

Edward Jones Financial Advisor Ryan Kleiss will be at Arthur Public Library at 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 12, for a "Rules of the Road" presentation that will cover 10 principles of investing that can help you achieve your goals and help you avoid common investing mistakes.

Another resolution we should all make is to support our local library. Arthur Public Library is a huge asset to our community, so invest in it!

And that's "30" today

Girls' LOVC Tournament Jan. 12

By KENT A. STOCK
Staff Writer

The Little Okaw Valley Conference Northwest Division girls' basketball tournament starts Saturday, January 12. Okaw Valley High School, Bethany, will host the tournament.

Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond is the tournament's top seed and received a bye in the first round of play. Other seeds are as follows: 2. Arcola, 3. Okaw Valley, 4. Cerro Gordo-Bement, 5. Blue Ridge, 6. Argenta-Oreana, and 7. Decatur LSA.

The All-LOVC finals pitting

the Southeast Division against the Northwest Division will take place Saturday, January 19, at Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School.

LOVC NW Division

Girls' Tournament Schedule Saturday, January 12

Arcola vs. LSA, 10:00 a.m.
Okaw Valley vs. Argenta-Oreana, 11:30 a.m.

CGB vs. Blue Ridge, 1:00 p.m.

Monday, January 14
ALAH vs. CGB/BR winner, 5:00 p.m.

Winner's Bracket Semifinal, 6:30 p.m.

Consolation Semifinal, 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 15
Consolation Final, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 17
Consolation 6th place, 5:00 p.m.

Third place, 6:30 p.m.
NW Championship, 8:00 p.m.

CLOSED for Construction:

Yoder's Kitchen will be closing early on Saturday, January 12 at 3:00pm.

We will remain closed for the week of January 14-19 as we complete renovations to improve our services for our customers and staff.

We apologize for any inconvenience and look forward to serving you when we reopen on Monday, January 21!

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