

Area Deaths

Norman E. Buckner

Norman E. Buckner, 95, of Sullivan, passed away at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, January 6, 2019, in his residence.

Celebration of Life service was held Friday morning, January 11, at Sullivan First United Methodist Church with Pastor Charliam Renner officiating. Visitation was Thursday evening at Reed Funeral Home, Sullivan. Burial was in Greenhill Cemetery, Sullivan, with Military Rites conducted by Sullivan American Legion Post 68.

Memorials are suggested to Sullivan First United Methodist Church or to a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences may be sent to the family at reedfuneralhome.net.

Norman was born June 22, 1923, in Carrier Mills. He was the son of John A. and Julia Ann Henshaw Buckner. Norman graduated from Southern Illinois University with a Master's Degree in Education. He had a specialist certificate in guidance counseling for kindergarten through 12th grade.

He was the social studies teacher and basketball and baseball coach at Roberts/Thawville High School and then taught social studies and coached basketball at Villa Grove Junior High School.

Norman then taught social studies, was a guidance counselor and an assistant coach for football, basketball, and baseball at Sullivan High School for 25 years.

After retirement he worked for Delbert's Men's Wear in Arthur and then served as a court bailiff for Moultrie County for 14 years.

He was a member of Sullivan First United Methodist Church, Illinois Education Association, and Moultrie County Teachers Association. Norman was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He married Mary Parr on December 27, 1953, in Argenta. She preceded him in death on November 23, 2014.

Surviving are his daughters, Jean (Gary) Wood and Ann (Stan) Sanner of Sullivan and Sue (Kevin) Adkins of Helotes, Texas; sister, Barbara Williams of Hanna City; grandchildren Jennifer (Eric) Goodman of Springfield, Beth (Stephen) Puricelli of Louisville, Kentucky, Melissa (Jake) Haegen of Bement, John Ryan (Heather) Pruitt of New York City, New York, and Amy Jeanann Adkins and Mary Victoria Adkins of Helotes, Texas; and great-

grandchildren, Will Haegen and Ruby Haegen of Sullivan, Jillian Goodman and Reid Goodman of Springfield, and Eline and Ella Puricelli of Louisville, Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Mary, and four brothers.

Madge M. Fultz

Madge M. Fultz, 85, of Atwood passed away at 4:00 a.m. Friday, January 11, 2019, at The Arthur Home in Arthur. Graveside Services were held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, January 14, at Mackville Cemetery in Atwood. Visitation was held one hour prior to the services at Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 66 East U.S. Highway 36, Atwood.

Mrs. Fultz was born on January 6, 1934, in Atwood. She was the daughter of Lyle and Eva Corwin Baker. She married Robert G. "Bob" Fultz on January 27, 1954, at Lake Fork Church in rural Atwood. He passed away on March 15, 2008.

Survivors include her son, Steve Fultz of Atwood; daughter, Lisa (John) Hedrick of Decatur; grandchildren, Mark (Autumn) Taylor and Christy (Travis) Rahn; great-grandchildren, Bradly Mast, Daisy Mast, Savannah Taylor, and Erin Taylor; stepgreat-grandchildren, Emily Rahn, Justin Rahn, and George Rahn; and brother, George Baker of Arthur.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Delmar Baker; and sisters, Ruth Ellen Eades and Ethel Barnes.

Memorials were suggested to United Church of Atwood or American Cancer Society.

Madge was a homemaker and a member of United Church of Atwood. She loved crocheting and playing cards. Online condolences may be shared via www.hilligossshraderfh.com.

Nadine McKee Funk

Nadine McKee Funk, 93, of Bement passed away at 1:37 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.

Visitation was held from Saturday morning, January 12, Melissa (Jake) Haegen of Bement United Methodist Church. Celebration of life services followed the visitation at the church. Private burial was held on Friday in Bement Town-

ship Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Bement EMT's, Bement Ball Park Fund, or Off The Fence Ministry, Bement.

Nadine was born on July 17, 1925, in Argenta. She was a daughter of Harold A. and Myrtle A. Baker McKee. She married John Robert Funk on December 9, 1944, in Sherman, Texas. He passed away on June 28, 2014.

Surviving are two daughters, Linda (John) Kirgan of Pekin and Judi (Dwight) Gregory of Bement. Also surviving are three grandchildren, Karrie (Jeremy) Burdette of Bartonville and Joshua Gregory and Jeremiah (Jamie) Gregory, both of Bement; as well as seven great-grandchildren, Wyatt and Kora Burdett and Trinity, Selah, Judah, Zion, and Mercy Gregory.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter, Dr. Janice Lynn Woodhouse; son-in-law, John Prombo; grandson, Kreg Kirgan; great-grandson, Justus John Gregory; and son-in-law, Cliff Knapp.

Nadine was a resident of Bement for most of her life. She graduated valedictorian of her class from Bement High School, attended U.S. Army Nurse Cadet Program at Northwestern University Medical School, and married Army Air Corp cadet pilot John R. Funk on December 9,

1944.

After John's military service, the newlyweds relocated to the family farm outside Bement. Nadine and John were the loving parents of three daughters.

In addition to being a mother and helping John to grow the family farm and start C.O. Funk and Son, an International Harvester dealership, she also did extensive community service work.

Her service included work as PTA president, volunteering in 4-H and Girl Scouts, and directing the Bement PTA summer swimming program which served 280 youth in one year.

She also served in various capacities at Bement United Methodist church, including Sunday School superintendent, VBS director, and Junior Worship coordinator. She was named "Woman of the Year" for outstanding work with Bement youth in 1957.

Additional community service included extensive work on behalf of the Piatt County Mental Health Center; Piatt County Republican Women, which included escorting Republican presidential candidate Barry Goldwater at the convention in Chicago; was a charter member of the Bement Area Chamber of Commerce, a charter member of the "Internet Bement" Board which

brought higher speed internet to Bement Schools and community; the American Legion Auxiliary; Friends of the Bement Public Library; the Bement Community Council; the Support Our Schools group; Bement Athletic Boosters; and the Piatt County Senior Citizen Transportation Program. She also was a commissioner of Piatt County Housing Authority, and was a Bement Village Board trustee.

Professionally, Nadine served as Piatt County Deputy Circuit Clerk from 1964 to 1972 and was a Piatt County Probation Officer from 1972 to 1975.

From 1975 to 1980, she was appointed and served as chief probation officer and director of Piatt County Probation and Court Services. From 1986 to 1994 she was director of Piatt County Mental Health. During her tenure as director, the current mental health center was constructed. She eventually retired from dedicated community service at age 85.

Nadine had an adventurous spirit and loved to travel with John in their Beechcraft Bonanza. She was John's co-pilot as they flew over 100,000 miles throughout North and South America.

She later traveled to India, Nepal, England, China, Singapore, Thailand, and Malaysia. In

spite of medical challenges in the last few years, she still wanted an adventure and was hopeful to make it to Machu Pichu in Peru.

She was married to John for over 69 years. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She lived a life of integrity and service to her family and community. She will be greatly missed by many.

Hinds Funeral Home, Bement assisted the Funk family with arrangements.

Town Talk

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goals in a recent Fannie May fundraiser.


Each student who sold 25 items or more for the fundraiser is being treated to the limo ride and a delicious meal at McDonald's, donated by the Matlocks!

Students who qualified for the special outing are Kylan Sallie, Lisa Schrock, Austin Carlington, Brayden Morris, Beau Green, Jase Kingery, Matthew Schrock, Kade Ballinger, Jayden Garza, Keri Schrock, Jeremy Gingerich, Hadden Fabert, Adyense Cusick, Cash Hale, Cruz Hale, Aiden Ballinger, Jada Bon-treger, Ryan Gingerich, Sara Herschberger, Tim Gingerich, Sara Rogers, Rylan Miller, Kevin Gingerich, and Lillian Daily.

That's "30" for today

Church Directory

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FORGIVENESS

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 Litwiller, Minister of Worship and Youth; Jeff Marner, Minister of Discipling; 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.

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LIFE & HOPE

A Weekly Devotional

Are You Satisfied?

Satisfaction is sometimes hard to find. Perhaps a certain rock song from the 1960's comes to mind? "I Can't Get No Satisfaction," sang the Rolling Stones.

Often times the problem is that people look in the wrong places for satisfaction. People spend a lot of time and money trying to find things and buy things that will bring satisfaction and happiness. It may do the trick for a moment, but those feelings of being satisfied are often fleeting.

In his classic book, *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis wrote, "If I find myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world."

The suggestion that Lewis is making is that finding satisfaction in this life goes beyond pleasing ourselves. It is found in God and in being part of something bigger than just us.

The prophet Isaiah is addressing this in the Bible when he says, "The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen you." (Isaiah 58:11)

King David said, "For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things." (Psalm 107:9)

Jesus himself said, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

The answer to finding satisfaction in life hinges on where we look for it. Lasting joy and satisfaction can be found in the eternal things of God, not the temporal things of this world. Yes, life will still have storms that come along, but focusing on our eternal hope and joy in Jesus can see us through those circumstances.

As Isaiah said, the Lord will satisfy your needs in that sun-scorched land, and God will strengthen you.

Make it Personal: Read Isaiah 58:11-14.

I recently heard someone say, "As you do whatever you'll do today, make sure to invest in your connection with your Creator, with an eye toward that other, eternal world for which you have been made. That's how you'll find real satisfaction, no matter the circumstances."

Have a blessed week Everyone.

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