

# Area Deaths

## Elynor Rooney

Miss Elynor Claire Rooney, born on May 9, 1925, a devout Catholic and longtime parishioner of St. Henry's Catholic Church, of Arthur passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 10, 2019, at the age of 93.



She was born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee, and was proud to call it her home. Elynor was blessed with many lifelong friendships forged during grammar school, workplaces, and travels.

She loved serving God, spending time with her family and friends, excelling in her career, traveling the world, knitting, sewing, wearing the latest fashions, and of course, cheering on Notre Dame football.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Katherine (Katie) Morgan Rooney and Thomas Byrd Rooney; her sister, Jean

Rooney Oehmig; and her brothers, Paul Rooney and Robert Rooney.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Patricia Rooney, and by many nieces and nephews along with their families.

Loving aunt of Kathy Rooney Cannavello (Doug), Barbara Rooney Pendragon (Ron), Carol Rooney Warren (Randy), Kevin Rooney (Karen), Stephen Rooney (Nancy), Robert "Bert" Rooney (Michelle), Michael Rooney (Dana), and Helen Rooney Buettner (Donn).

Devoted great aunt to Thomas "TJ" Rooney (children TJ Jr. and Noah), Brian Rooney (Christina, children Vanessa and Keinan, grandchild Abbi), Geoffrey Rooney (Kristy, children Cheyenne, Maegan, and Kaitlin), Michael Rooney Jr. (children Cooper and Sullivan), Jessica Rooney Patria (Matt, children Katie and Taylor), Kelly Hagblom, Christopher Hagblom, Cary Hagblom, Carol Ann Chauvin (Dan, children Cole and Kyle), Kathryn Copple (Dirk), Rebecca Rooney, Matthew Rooney, Jennifer Rooney, Alexander Rooney,

and Kristen Rooney.

Elynor loved having a professional career and started it off by working for the railroad in Nashville. Her accomplishments and managerial skills soon led her to jobs in San Francisco and later Indianapolis where she worked for Transamerica Airlines as Director of Contract Administration & Tariffs.

She finished her career at American Trans Air in Nashville where she was Charter Sales Manager and later Director for International Contract Negotiations.

After retirement, she became their Goodwill Ambassador, which allowed her many opportunities to travel the world as their spokeswoman.

She also worked with the Ladies of Charity of Nashville, serving a term as president and many other key roles at their charity thrift shop. She supported many charities, and sponsored several orphans through Catholic orphanages.

One of her most passionate causes was being an advocate for unborn babies in the early days of the Pro-Life movement. She petitioned her elected representatives, both locally and nationally, and was actively involved in campaigns for political candidates that most represented her own moral and personal convictions.

Elynor spent the last five years of her life at The Arthur Home, in Arthur near her nephew Stephen and his wife Nancy. She impressed and entertained the staff there with her genuine charm, shared stories from her world-wide travels, and couldn't help exhibiting some of her managerial skills by trying to take charge at times!

She kept a clipboard full of papers and liked to pop in the office to recommend improvements she thought might benefit everyone. The staff loved her and referred to her as their "Southern Belle."

The funeral was yesterday (Tuesday, April 16) at St. Henry's Catholic Church, 6401 Harding Road Nashville, Tennessee 37205. Visitation was 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., followed by a Mass at 1:00. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Ladies of Charity of Nashville, a non-profit organization. Contact [www.ladiesofcharitynashville.org](http://www.ladiesofcharitynashville.org) for information on donating.

Online condolences to the family may be sent to [www.hilligossraderfh.com](http://www.hilligossraderfh.com).

## James J. Kirwan

James J. Kirwan, 80, of Ivesdale passed away at 10:34 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, 2019, at his residence in Ivesdale.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated Tuesday, April 23, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ivesdale. Rev. Father Fredi Gomez-Torres and Deacon Jim Brewer will officiate. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Ivesdale. Visitation will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. with a rosary service at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, April 22, also at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Ivesdale. Honor guard will be by the 4th degree, Ivesdale Knights of Columbus Council 1047.

Memorial contributions can be made to Ivesdale Knights of Columbus or the St. Joseph's Religious Education Fund.

Jim was born on July 2, 1938, in Ivesdale. He was a son of John and Irene Crouch Kirwan. He married Jeanne Barbour on July 26, 1958, in Ivesdale, and she survives of Ivesdale.

They have been married for over 60 years. Surviving children include Bryon (Cyndee) Kirwan of Seymour, Kathy (Rick) Elkin of Danville, Julia (James Kendrick) Kirwan of Leesburg, Florida, Bridget (Brad) Peters of Monticello, Richard (Amanda Huddleston) Kirwan of Ivesdale, and Mary (Mark Somers) Johnson of Atwood.

Also surviving are 12 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren with another on the way, and 2 brothers, Tom (Carole) Kirwan and Mike Kirwan, both of Ives-

dale. He was preceded in death by his parents; 2 sisters, Pat Taylor and Marilyn Mumm; and a brother, Jack Kirwan.

Jim Kirwan was an ardent Patriarch. He lived by the principles of love God and your family. The phrase, "Life is what you make it" was a constant reminder of his foundation. He believed that if he stayed true to these principles all would be stable in his world.

He was a man who loved to farm, to laugh, to lend an ear whenever you needed and to counsel toward solving your problems. He was an excellent mediator and friend.

He was also a formidable opponent when you stirred his temper by crossing his core values. He cherished his family and taught us all the meaning of true love and support, strength, and how never to give up on each other even when we are at our wits end.

Jim has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for 61 years. He is a past Grand Knight, past Faithful Navigator, and past membership director. He was active in his parish serving on the Parish council and parish building committee.

He was a member of the Belmont School board for 12 years,

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## Real Faith For Real Life

From Pastors of the Arthur Ministerial Association

### From The Pastor's Pen:

Good Friday is quickly approaching... the day that Jesus was crucified. How can the crucifixion of the Son of God be "good"? Why do we take the time to pause on Friday to remember His brutal execution on a Roman cross? Because our Heavenly Father had a plan for Jesus AND He has a plan for you.

Why did Jesus have to die? Isaiah 53:5 says, "But He was pierced because of our transgressions, crushed because of our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on Him, and we are healed by His wounds."

God created us to be in relationship with Him. Every day He would walk with Adam and Eve. That was His plan for us. But sin got in the way. Sin separated us from God because He cannot and will not fellowship with sin.

But, the fall of man in the Garden of Eden wasn't the end of the story. God promised a Messiah, one who would redeem us to God, one who would be pierced because of our transgressions, one who would be crushed because of our iniquities. Jesus took our punishment upon Himself, and it is by His wounds that we are healed!

That day on the cross, God's creation cried out in pain when the sinless Son of God was crucified. Why? Because when my sin (and yours) was taken upon Jesus, our Heavenly Father turned away from His son!

Why would He do that? Remember, God cannot and will not fellowship with sin. For the only time in all of eternity the Father was separated from His son... and all because He was willing to take our sin upon himself to pay the price (death) for it.

The earth shook and the sky turned dark in the middle of the day because of the agony of this separation. The love of Jesus for you sent Him to that cross. Psalm 22 gives a detailed view of what the Messiah would go through, describing crucifixion in stark detail even though it had not yet been invented.

As Jesus' side was pierced with the spear, the Bible tells us that "blood and water" poured out. Medically, the reason for this is that crucifixion forces congestive heart failure that causes a chamber of the heart to burst.

On the cross that day, Jesus died. When the Son of God took my sin (and yours) upon Himself, he literally died from a broken heart. What could be good about that? Jesus was obedient to the Father to the point of death, even the death of a cross. He fulfilled God's plan. That was Friday.

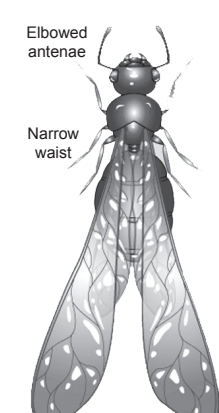
On Sunday, the work culminated with the resurrection of Jesus in victory over sin... in victory over hell... in victory over the grave! Through the forgiveness that comes by faith in Christ, once again we can walk with God every day! God has a plan for you.

Friday was dark and the disciples couldn't fully understand all that was happening. But on Sunday they found the risen Lord! You might not understand the things that God is doing in your life right now. It might be dark. It might be Friday. But know that God has a plan for you, and Sunday's coming!!

To God Be the Glory  
Pastor Doug Davis,  
Arthur Southern Baptist Church

### Learn the dangerous difference between ants and termites.

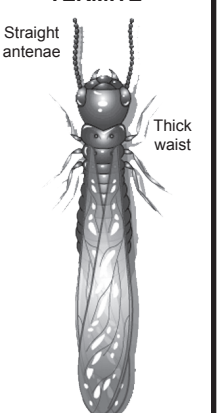
**This is a winged ANT**



Elbowed antennae  
Narrow waist

Front wings longer than back wings  
Actual size 1/2 inch


**This is a winged TERMITE**




Straight antennae  
Thick waist

Both pairs of wings same size  
Actual size 1/2 inch


If you see winged ant-like insects around your property, you must know if they are ants or subterranean termites. If they are swarming termites, there is an established colony nearby looking for new nesting areas... and that means your home is in danger. Call us immediately, we'll eliminate the old colony and protect you from these home-damaging insects.



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### 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*

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**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](http://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](http://www.arthurmennonite.org), email: [arthurmennonite@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.worshipanew.com)

**FIRST APOSTOLIC CHURCH** - 320 Surrey Lane, Arthur, Gawain Bevis, Minister. Sunday School 10am; Sunday Worship Service 11:15am; Family Night, Wednesday 7pm. Website: [www.facarthur.org](http://www.facarthur.org)

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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. "Real Faith, Real Life". Sunday Service 10am. [www.lovingtonfaith.org](http://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 Locke, Senior Pastor, Luke Goss, Assistant Pastor. Sunday School 9:30am; Services 10:30am

**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.

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**JONATHAN CREEK CHRISTIAN CHURCH** - "Forward in Christ, United in Love, Come as You Are". 1425 Jonathan Creek Rd, Sullivan, 728-4369. Website: [jcreek.org](http://jcreek.org). Email: [jonathancreekchurch@yahoo.com](mailto: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 Helmuth, 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](mailto: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](http://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 K4-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 (K4-1st Grade), King's Kids (2nd-6th Grade) and Teens (7th-12th Grade) every Wednesday (Sept.-May). Email: [info@prairieviewbaptistchurch.com](mailto:info@prairieviewbaptistchurch.com) Website: [www.prairieviewbaptist.com](http://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](http://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.newlifesus-livan.org](http://www.newlifesus-livan.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.

**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