

Obituaries

Gregory Bolin

Gregory A. Bolin, 59, of Tuscola, passed away at 8:20 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019 at his home.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Burial will be in the Tuscola Township Cemetery. Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 705 South Main Street, Tuscola, is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Greg was born June 1, 1959 in Tuscola, the son of Max and Jewell Meadows Bolin.

He is survived by his father: Max Bolin of Tuscola; brother: Jeff Bolin of Tuscola, niece: Staci Frantz of Atwood; uncle: Marvin Meadows of South Carolina; aunt: Helen Meadows of Scottsburg, Ind., and special friends: Carol Huckstep and Judy Martin.

Greg was preceded in death by his mother: Jewell Bolin. Online condolences to the family may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com.



Jean Hendrickson

Lois "Jean" Hendrickson, 92, of Atwood, passed away 12:33 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019 at the OSF St. Mary's Hospital, Decatur.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 205 South Pine Street, Arcola, with Father Angel Sierra as celebrant. Burial will follow in the Mackville Cemetery, Atwood.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 25, 2019, with a Rosary Service at 7 p.m. at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 66 East US Highway 36, Atwood.

Jean was born on Aug. 8, 1926 in Decatur, the daughter of Russell and Marvel Thurston Cook. She married Max W. Reeder on Nov. 25, 1948 in Decatur. He preceded her in death on Nov. 14, 1967. She then married John Edgar Hendrickson on June 15, 1977 in Decatur. He preceded her in death on Dec. 30, 2011.

Survivors include her son: Kevin (Debby) Reeder of Waukesha, Wisc.; grandsons: James (Joan) Reeder of Bremerton, Wash. and Joseph (Shannon) Reeder of Lincoln, Neb.; great-grandchildren: Jordan, Aiden, Ian, Meghan, Grace and Evan Reeder; sister: Shirley Henrichsmeyer of Decatur; nieces: Amy (John) Stock and Pamela (Mike) Walker; nephews: Alan Henrichsmeyer and Steve (Norma) Mutch; great-nieces: Kayley and Kassey Stock, Christina Hartmeyer; great-nephew: Matthew Walker; and "special" grandson, Brandon (Amy) Heckler of Tuscola, and their children Kodi, Brandi, Kenzi, Kayli, Alexis and Blake.

Stepson: Gary L. Hendrickson of San Antonio, Texas; step-son-in-law: Howard Kamm of Atwood, step-grandchildren: Melissa Kamm and Kimberly Robinson; step-great-granddaughter: Riley Robinson; and a host of friends.

She will be especially missed by her dear friends and neighbors, Doris and Roy Elmore, Nancy Crossman and Terry Patient.

She was preceded in death by her parents; stepdaughter: Margaret Kamm; great-granddaughter: Gabriella Reeder; and sister-in-law: Juanita Mutch.

While Jean considered herself a homemaker, many years ago she worked at ADM, served as postmaster in Elwin, and was office manager for the IUOE Local 515 Operating Engineers in Arcola. She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Arcola, and the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, having served as Diocesan President from 1990-1992. She was recognized by the DCCW as a "Woman of Distinction" in 2016.

She was a member of the Atwood Chamber of Commerce, a past Village of Atwood Trustee, and a member of both the American Legion Auxiliary and the Atwood Woman's Club for more than 50 years.

Memorials are suggested to the American Legion Auxiliary, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, or St. Mary's Hospital Foundation.

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

Fannie Kauffman

Fannie Marie (Mast) Kauffman, 77 years, 10 months, of Arcola, passed away at 9:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019 at the Arthur Home.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2019 at the HCK West Building one mile south of Arthur, IL. Bishop Jake Stutzman will officiate. Interment will be in the Miller Cemetery in Arcola. Visitation was Monday, Jan. 21, 2019 and Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019 at the HCK West Building. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Fannie was born on March 21, 1941 in Douglas County. She was a daughter of Jonas B. and Maggie J. (Schrock) Mast. She married Jake S. Kauffman on March 12, 1964 in Arcola.

She is survived by her husband, Jake S. Kauffman of Arcola; one son, Joe Kauffman of Tuscola; one daughter, Rosanna, married Eldon Miller of Arcola; six grandchildren, Christine married Leonard Schlabach of Lovington, Lorraine married John Chupp of Arthur, and Mark, Loren, Jared and Jayden Miller all of Arcola; one great-grandson, Kendall; two brothers, John Henry Mast of Humboldt, Adlai "Butch" Mast and his wife Sandy of Arcola; four sisters, Annie married Kenneth Kauffman of Tuscola, Katie married Chrissie Yoder of Arcola, Amanda married Henry Chupp of Arcola, and Leah Married Reuben Kaufman of Arcola; one sister-in-law, Joyce Mast of Humboldt; and one brother-in-law, Nelson Kauffman and his wife Ella of Humboldt.

She was preceded in death by her parents; twin sons; one granddaughter, Regina Miller; two brothers, an infant, Andy Mast and Clarence Virgil Mast; three sisters, Mary Ellen Mast, Alta J. Kauffman and Tillie Sanders and a stillborn sibling.

Fannie was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

my Personal side

By Craig Hastings



So would any of you travel to Mars with 40 other people knowing that the probability of you spending the rest of your days there is likely? I guess this a real plan from what I've seen lately in the news. If you haven't heard about this, here's some of the basics to think about if your tempted. From what I've seen so far my advice to you is to wait for about the third transport leaving earth, and here's why. The first group that arrives will have to establish the colony residence buildings. I'm pretty sure that means that if your one of the first to arrive you get to be the group that sets up all the basic necessity facilities up for the future arrivals.

So the first earthly martians will have to figure out the restroom facilities for themselves and future arrivals. This is one duty I for sure want figured out before I get there. I'm not real sure how the gravity compares to ours here on earth, but I want to know without question that when I flush everything goes down and not up in the room when I'm in there. Will there be a ceiling exhaust fan? I hope so, but who knows. Is the Mars air pure enough to provide a spring fresh scent in the restrooms before I follow after you? Hmmm, it better. I assume there will be a collection tank somewhere nearby for waste collection. What happens when that gets full? Just asking because you know, there won't be a truck stopping by once a week to take it to wherever. And being the first arrivals you certainly

will not have an underground gravity flow sewer system up and running quickly.

I'm also a lot of bit bashful so I want you to have already perfected privacy shower facilities before I arrive. I want to be able to lock a door and not worry about one of the other earthly martians barging in on me. I shared bathroom group toilets and showers at the Illinois State Police Academy back in 1980. That was my first and last experience with that set up and never again if I have a choice. I'm sure you don't want to see me any more than I care to see you. Take no offense, it was just the way I was raised so blame my mom and dad.

On television the organizers of this travel had on display a layout of how your new little village will be built. It appears all of the individual buildings will be joined together by a network of passageways. Why bother with that I'm not sure. Why not just build one big, continuous building with walls and doors? Could it be due to my first concern of how the restroom ventilation is going to work? It could be that the experts expect some of us wouldn't get along, and a need for separation is a precautionary must. There is only one vehicle pictured in the first arrival inventory. If there are 40 of us, who gets first dibs on the car? If I'm going I'll have to have a signed contract with NASA specifying how often I get to drive the Mars Mustang. See that, I've already given my wheels a name. However, if it's extremely slow I'll

rename it the Mars Camaro. Not to worry though. I'll figure out how to add an extra solar panel or two to gain a little more space power so mine's faster than yours.

The food problem won't be a problem for me though. Give me cinnamon with icing Poptarts and dried fruit chewables, and I'll be set everyday for the rest of my time. That's one thing I'm not particular and in need of variety when it comes to food intake. Water with artificial flavoring will suit me just fine too. I do wonder what the plan is for medical needs. What if I need an emergency hernia surgery because I've overworked myself or pushed my Mars car back upright after turning it over on a Mars dune? The gravity issue will be important here also. I don't want everything being held inside to try to get outside when I'm cut open.

And finally, here's why you don't want to go first. As well planned as this first transport will be; things will be forgotten. And it won't be like you can two-day UPS or FedEx what you need to Mars. Nope, I think this flight is about a year long so all of you better plan well for this trip. How does anyone know exactly how much toilet paper and deodorant 40 people will need on Mars? Could that number somehow end up different on Mars? Maybe. Speaking of flight time, a year or more on the same crowded transport with 39 other people and some or most of which I never met before this trip? I'm not so sure. What if I got stuck sitting with that one annoying Mr. know-it-all!? Would there be a way I could end it if I just couldn't take it anymore? Wow! What if someone died on the trip!? Where is that person stored for the remainder of the trip? Will there be a designated cemetery when we land? If not, wouldn't that be a heck of a

detail to be put in charge of when you land? "Hey Hastings, don't forget to bury the dead guy!" No way!

I could go on but, I've said enough here that should I decide to go I'm pushing back to at least the forth transport. I want these few things I've mentioned worked out before I get there. Lastly, though, I'll be honest with you; what if you get there and it's discovered you're not alone? Could be the current occupants might wait to show themselves until they get a good inventory of us earthlings built up. Then when the time's right and the pickings are good, they will strike and keep those of you worthy and the rest of you..... Just throwing that out there. You never know! If you've seen the pictures on TV that have been taken recently on the surface of Mars, there appears to be evidence that someone or something has either visited Mars or occupied it at one time.

The best advantage of not being first: the first 40 could tell those that may follow what they need to be sure to bring and the pros and cons of going at all. I'm too old to go. I think if I was 21 years old and with no game plan for my future I might go if, and I mean if, there's a plan that at least after my first 15 years there I would be given the option to return to earth. All in, I figure I would have eaten up 40-plus years of my life by the time I got back leaving me with another twenty that I had to get a job and work. The closest I've ever gotten to Mars was in my twenties. I was sitting in the fourth row, center stage, of a theater watching the release of the first Star Wars film! I've watched every one of these films, and I've yet to see how and where they use the restroom! Hmmm, I wonder.

Applicants sought for Ag Center Scholarships

The Douglas County Ag Center Committee is accepting scholarship applicants for students with an interest in agriculture to apply for the Douglas County Ag Center Scholarship.

Scholarship winners have something in common: they have a love for agriculture and want to pursue that passion as a career.

For Mark Snider of Tuscola, he knew what profession he wanted to pursue in college—agriculture. "I came to notice the immense importance that the agricultural industry has on the world, as well as having plentiful career opportunities for young professionals. I decided that the career opportunities and sense of purpose the agricultural industry provides made it a worthwhile pursuit."

After graduating from Tuscola High School, Snider continued that pursuit at the University of Illinois. After graduation, he accepted a job as a commodity merchandiser for ADM. At that time, he

worked out of the Havana, Illinois, office. Snider originated corn, soybeans, and wheat for ADM's three river terminals on the southern part of the Illinois River. In September 2018, he relocated to ADM's North American Headquarters in Decatur. In his new position, he is a merchandiser with the Eastern Grain Trading group. His job responsibilities include procurement and trading of corn for the eastern U.S markets by way of rail transportation.

Snider views the agriculture industry with great optimism. He says, "Our farmers, companies, and policy makers are a constant source of innovation. It is inspiring and exciting to be involved in agriculture at a time when so many parts are evolving and changing, and that I get to contribute my small part to an industry that is vital to our growing world."

"It's really rewarding to see what some of the previous Ag Center Scholarship recipients have done with their careers," says Ag Center president, Dennis Ochs. "We are very blessed in this county with producing good crops AND a great crop of students interested in agriculture."



Snider keeps an open mind about learning opportunities. Surrounded by people from different backgrounds at college, he learned to view the world in a different perspective. Learning the skill to question and expand one's worldview is something he continues to do today.

Snider currently lives in Champaign, enjoys traveling, and playing golf as much as possible.

For nearly twenty years, the Douglas County Ag Center Scholarships have helped defray the cost of attending college. Coming from a variety of backgrounds-- on the farm or off the farm—Douglas County college students have benefitted from the scholarships in the field of agriculture. Several have

come back to farm in Douglas County and many currently work for agribusinesses. Several have continued their studies and received Master's degrees.

To be considered for the 2019 Douglas County Ag Center Scholarship, successful applicants must meet the following requirements:

- From Douglas County and enrolled in an Agriculture related field of study.
- Completed one semester of college coursework.
- Submit a copy of college transcript.
- Submit a letter of application telling about yourself (500 word maximum)

Scholarships for the Douglas County Ag Center Scholarship should be submitted to the Douglas County Farm Bureau at 105 N. Main Street, Tuscola, IL 61953 by February 22nd.. For more information about the Douglas County Ag Center Scholarship, contact Pat Titus at (217) 202-5204 or Dennis Ochs at (217) 202-2333.

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