

Obituaries

Virginia Rose Ashworth

Virginia Rose Ashworth, Villa Grove, left her Earthly home on February 10, 2019. Virginia was born November 25, 1932 a daughter to Vern and Rema (Elkins) Fulk in Olney, IL. She married Ben Ashworth on December 10, 1948.

Virginia is survived by one daughter, Barbara Reifsteck, Fisher; two sons, Benny (Julie) Ashworth, Arcola, and Charlie Ashworth, Fisher; five sisters, Jean Houchin, Dorothy Gumble, Violet Buckels, Marilyn Buckels and Carolyn Sue Fleshner.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three brothers, one daughter and two granddaughters.

Virginia took great pride in being the loving matri-

arch of an abundant family. She was a beloved wife for 57 years, a mother for 69, a grandmother for 48, a great grandmother for 28 and a great-great grandmother for 6. Virginia put the Lord God first in all she did everyday. She also enjoyed playing bingo, crossword puzzles, cross-stitching and making crafts. Virginia was a member of the Cornerstone Baptist Church, Villa Grove and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Villa Grove VFW.

Services were held Wednesday February 13, 2019 at 11:00 am at Joines Funeral Home, Villa Grove. Pastor Bill Henry to officiate. Visitation was held one hour prior at 10:00am. Burial to follow at Villa Grove Cemetery.

Gary Wayne Nohren

Gary Wayne Nohren, age 69, of Villa Grove, left this world peacefully on February 11, 2019.

Gary was born on November 13, 1949 in Champaign to parents Wayne Edward and Jacquelin Jean (Mathews) Nohren. He was salutatorian of the Class of 1967 from ABL High School, Broadlands. He then graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign majoring in Agriculture Economics in 1971.

Gary is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Grant and Tammy Nohren, as well as three nephews, Tyler Nohren of Oswego, Matthew Nohren (Andrea) of Oswego and Logan Nohren of Villa Grove. He is also survived by a new great nephew, Jack Nohren. He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother, Roger.

Gary was a farmer who loved to talk about the weather and complain about most everything. "Heater" began his softball pitching career in 4-H ball in 1964 and later coached and managed numerous men's fast-pitch teams for over 44 years. He was always ready and willing to help with scheduling, financing, purchasing uniforms/equipment, transportation and, most importantly, the "post-game festivities." Furthermore, he was quick to offer his opinion and expertise on the game he enjoyed so much. He was inducted into the Illinois ASA Hall of Fame in 1998 as an ASA Regional Director and Co-Director of State Tournaments. Nohren Farms fast-pitch team was also inducted into the same Hall of Fame in 2010. Gary also loved barbershop quartet singing and was a member of

the Illini Statesmen Chorus and the Coles County Chorus as an outstanding tenor for over 50 years. He was named Barbershopper of the Year for the State of Illinois in 1996.

Gary's nephews were his world. He always attended all of their events and would tell anyone how proud he was of them. He loved and was thankful to have them in his life. Gary was also the most giving person. It didn't matter who you were, as he was always happy to provide his generosity to anyone in need, especially if it involved sports. Gary could talk sports all day. He bled orange and blue, was an Illini season ticket holder (both football and basketball) for 40 years, and was recognized as an esteemed President's Council member. He also loved the St. Louis Cardinals, Green Bay Packers and Boston Celtics.

Services were held at Joines Funeral Home, 1375 IL-130, Villa Grove on Saturday, February 16. Visitation took place at 10:00am-12:00pm and the funeral immediately followed. Burial was at St. John's Cemetery, Broadlands. A celebration of Gary's life then took place at Tri-City Country Club, Villa Grove. All were welcome to attend. The family would like to thank everyone for their continued prayers, kindness and generosity during this very difficult time.

Donations may be sent to the "Gary Nohren Memorial Athletic Fund" which has been set up at Villa Grove State Bank, 10 N. Main Street, Villa Grove, IL 61956. The family will use funds to benefit future athletic needs in the community.

Carolyn Kleiss

Carolyn Kleiss, 70, of Tuscola, IL passed away at 1:39 P.M. on Monday, February 11, 2019 at her residence.

Graveside services were held at 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at the Tuscola Township Cemetery. Father Angel Sierra officiated. The Edwards Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Carolyn was born on October 3, 1948 in Mattoon, IL. She was a daughter of Merle and Geneva (Woods) Kearns. She married Barry M. Kleiss on June 14, 1969 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Arcola, IL. He passed away on July 20, 2007.

Survivors include a daughter, Michelle Owen and her husband Bart of Mattoon, IL; two sons, Robert Kleiss and his wife Heather of Tuscola, IL and David Kleiss of Tuscola, IL; six grandchildren, Austin, Luke and Courtney Owen, McKenna Kleiss, and Carleigh and Rebecca Kleiss; two great-grandchildren, Kade and Griffin; two sisters, Marilyn McCoy of Arcola, IL and Mary Thompson and her husband Jack of Camargo, IL; her mother-in-law, Phyllis Kleiss



of Tuscola, IL; two sisters-in-law, Pam Sprague and her husband Clark of Tuscola, IL and Kathleen Campbell and her husband Gary of Tuscola, IL; and a brother-in-law, Todd Black of Tuscola, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her father-in-law, Paul Kleiss; a brother-in-law, Russell McCoy; and a sister-in-law, Judy Black.

Carolyn was a member of the Forty Martyrs Catholic Church in Tuscola.

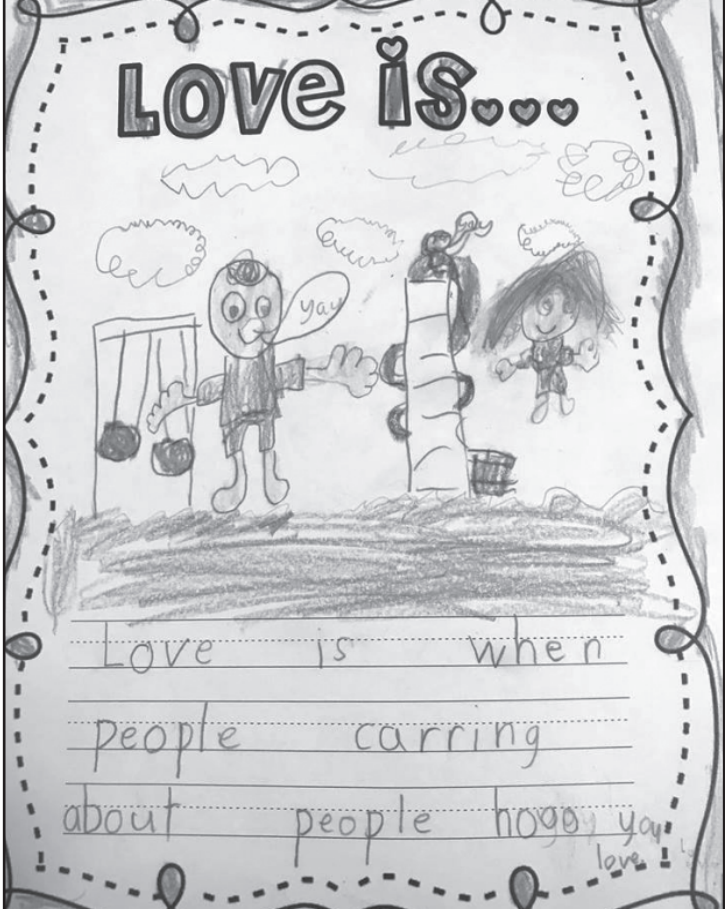
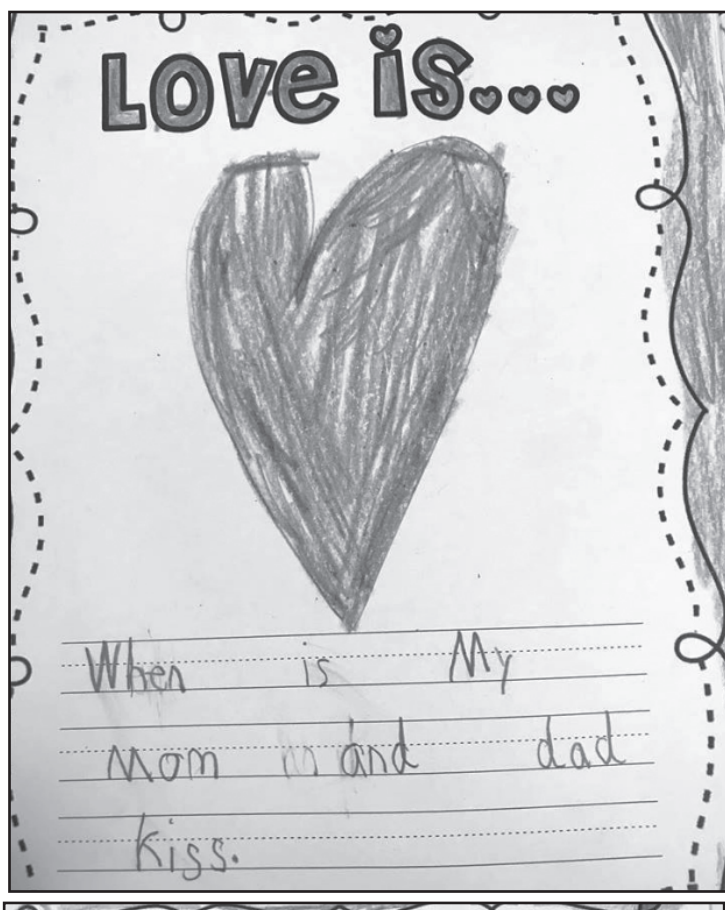
She enjoyed traveling, shopping, antiquing, reading, going out to eat, and spending time with her family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.



Psalms 141: 1-10 An Evening Prayer
 I call to you, Lord; help me now! Listen to me when I call to you.
 2 Receive my prayer as incense, my uplifted hands as an evening sacrifice.
 3 Lord, place a guard at my mouth, a sentry at the door of my lips.
 4 Keep me from wanting to do wrong and from joining evil people in their wickedness.
 May I never take part in their feasts.
 5 Good people may punish me and rebuke me in kindness, but I will never accept honor from evil people because I am always praying against their evil deeds.
 6 When their rulers are thrown down from rocky cliffs, the people will admit that my words were true.
 7 Like wood that is split and chopped into bits, so their bones are scattered at the edge of the grave.
 [b] 8 But I keep trusting in you, my Sovereign Lord. I seek your protection; don't let me die!
 9 Protect me from the traps they have set for me, from the snares of those evildoers.
 10 May the wicked fall into their own traps while I go by unharmed.

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Menus

Villa Grove Peace Meal February 25 - March 1
Monday: Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Brussels Sprouts, Wheat Bread, Apricots
Tuesday: Shepherd's Pie w/Veggies, Creamy Cole Slaw, Dinner Roll, Warm Fruit Crisp
Wednesday: Pork Chop Sandwich, Buttered Baby Potatoes, Mexi Corn, Bun, Fruit Juice
Thursday: Beefy Veg & Lentil Soup, Sliced Pears, PB Cup, Crackers, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie
Friday: Mushroom Crust Chick Breast, Potato Casserole, Venetian Veggies, Roll, Fresh Fruit
For Reservations Call at 832-9445
 Skim milk and desserts with no sugar added are available in many locations. Ask the Site Supervisor for information. Sometimes we need to substitute our menus. We still guarantee a nutritious meal. The Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program suggests a donation of \$3.50 for each congregant and home delivered meal. No older person shall be denied a meal because of their inability to contribute towards the cost of the meal. We accept Illinois Link Card.

Villa Grove School Breakfast and Lunch Menu February 25-28

25	26	27	28
Lunch: Turkey And Cheese On WG Bun Baked Tater Tots Sliced Tomatoes Mixed Fruit	Lunch: Meatball Sub On WG Bun W/ Marinara Cooked Carrots Shredded Mozz. Cheese 100% Fruit Slushy	Lunch: Turkey Tacos WG Shell Refried Beans Shredded Lettuce Shredded Cheese Mild Salsa Orange	Lunch: Pulled Pork On WG Bun Green Beans RF Cheese Doritos Dragon Punch 100% Juice
Breakfast: Jr. Chicken Patty On WG Biscuit	Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza	Breakfast: WG Biscuit And Sausage Gravy Or WG Donuts	Breakfast: Cinn. Coffee Cake

Classified Deadlines-
Friday @ 2pm
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