

# Obituaries

## Ursula Maria Calvert (Spors)

Villa Grove – With profound sadness we announce the passing of Ursula, our loving and devoted mother, grandmother, wife, sister, aunt, and friend to all whose lives she touched. She peacefully left this world at her residence in Villa Grove, IL at 7:33 p.m. on Sunday, March 3, 2019.



Ursula was born on October 21, 1930 to Adalbert P. Spors and Maria Lietz Spors in Alenstein, East Prussia (province of Germany). In her early years, she attended the Liceum of The English Lady, Aschaffenburg, Germany, where she learned design, cooking skills, and English. After surviving the invasion of the Russians during WWII, she immigrated to the United States in 1951 with her father and younger sister, Hilli. She proudly graduated in 1956 from St. Anthony School of Nursing in Terre Haute, IN.

While working as a nurse, Ursula met her loving husband William C. Calvert. They married in 1959 in Terre Haute and settled in Villa Grove because there was a Catholic church and the town was within 30 miles of USI Chemical in Tuscola.

She was the beloved mother of Christina Calvert (Michelle Jensen), William (Vickie), and Martin (Donna), proud grandmother of Maria Calvert, cherished sister to Colonel Hiltrud G. Spors-Houle (USAF, Ret.), and loving aunt to Patricia Krug (Edward).

Ursula was predeceased by her parents, Adalbert and Maria; her husband of 47 years, Bill; her brother-in-law, Norman Houle; her sister-in-law, Ursula F. Schmidt; and several aunts and uncles.

Ursula lived a full life as a wonderful mother, homemaker,

and parishioner at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. A few of her rolls at Sacred Heart included being a member of Altar-Rosary Society, choir member, a quilter for decades, and was involved in establishing the first parish council, in which she participated for 5 years.

She loved to sing in her beautiful soprano voice, and kept an immaculate house and yard. Some of her fondest memories involved her 9 year participation in the Villa Grove Community Theatre.

Most of all she loved her family and instilled in her children strong values that have served them well. She will be dearly missed and forever in our hearts.

Our family would also like to extend a special thank you to the Carle Hospice team, private caregivers, and to all that visited, sent food, and showed loving support.

A funeral mass was held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 208 N Pine St, Villa Grove, IL on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 beginning at 10:30 a.m. A reception and luncheon followed in the church hall.

No flowers are requested, however, donations to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Sacred Heart Altar-Rosary Society, or to a charity of choice are welcome. Funeral services are provided by Joines Funeral Home, Villa Grove, IL.

## Peggy S (Kramer) Blanchard

Peggy S (Kramer) Blanchard, age 71 of Charleston, IL. formerly of Villa Grove, IL. died at 7:58 pm on Saturday March 9, 2019 at the Hilltop Nursing Home in Charleston, IL.

A visitation was held from 5 pm to 7 pm on Thursday March 14 at the Joines Funeral Home (11 RT 130 S) Villa Grove, IL.

Peggy was born Oct. 28, 1947 in Effingham a daughter of Henry A. and Mary R. (Roedl) Kramer, she married David Blanchard, he survives, also surviving are step son Bradley Blanchard, brothers, Henry E "Woody" (Mary Alice) Kramer, Casper A "Tony" Kramer, sisters, Bob-

bi (Rumer) Kramer, Barbara Legner, Anita (Jerry) Brazzell, Mary Parker (Dr Peggy Johnson) Anicia Kramer, Cami (Stephen) Piskiack, 23 nieces and nephews, 27 great nieces and nephews. Peggy was preceded in death by her parents, sister, Denise Diane Hassan, brother, Bernard Laverne Kramer and step son Matthew Blanchard.

Peggy taught school in Hume, IL. at the Shiloh School, and the Tuscola School District, she taught for 34 years and retired in 2005.

She will be deeply missed by all who knew her and leaves a legacy for all to cherish.

## Jim Kilburn

Jim Kilburn, 73, of Tuscola, IL passed away at 1:57 A.M. on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, IL.

A Celebration of Jim's life will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at the Victory Church in Camargo, IL. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting the family.

James Allen Kilburn was born on June 1, 1945 in Robinson, IL. He was the son of Vaughn Eugene and Doris Rosalie (Correll) Kilburn. He married Donna Jo Lorance on May 20, 1966 in New Hebron, IL.

Survivors include his wife, Donna; one daughter, Wendy Jo Shaffer husband, Andy, one granddaughter, Haley Renee Reifsteck, and one step grandson, Brandon William Michael Reifsteck, who is proudly serving in the United States Army; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Jack Kilburn.

## Letter to the Editor

I urge everyone to ask their state representatives and state senators to vote against the extreme abortion-to-the-moment-of-birth bill being pushed through Springfield and to join the prolife rally in Springfield on March 20. House Bill 2495 and its counterpart Senate Bill 1942 are pure evil. This bill is being excused as merely codifying existing law. That's a lie. It will legalize abortion up to the moment of birth and for any reason. It will strip all civil rights from premature infants at 24 weeks gestation to term. Rights which these preemies currently enjoy.

Our oldest daughter was born six weeks early and spent three weeks at the Carle NICU. We cannot thank Carle obstetrics and the Carle NICU enough for the out-

standing care we received. At the NICU we saw babies born at 24 weeks and even one born at 23 weeks. Let me assure you they are human beings at that gestation whether in the NICU or still in the womb. And they are little fighters. They fight for every breath. Their will to live is beyond amazing. Now they need us to call Springfield and fight for them.

As a further insult we will all be paying for these abortions because this bill mandates insurances with pregnancy benefits to cover all abortions regardless of reason and allows DCFS to use our tax dollars to pay for them.

It is insanity. It is evil. This should be a bridge too far for all of us.

Christine Schwenk

## Easter Bunny Pet Pictures

The Easter Bunny will be at the Jarman Center's Summer Camp Room at 704 N. Main St in Tuscola on Saturday April 6th from 9 am - 2 pm presented by Hands 4 Paws.

The Easter Bunny will be here for photos with pets and children

Call 217-508-5310 to set up your appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

## HELP WANTED

### Lincoln Street Lounge Broadlands Bartender and Waitress

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### THE CITY OF VILLA GROVE IS MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS

1. A New Water Treatment Plant
2. Hopefully A New Community Building At Richman Park, Pending Grant Approval
3. A Community Stage on Main St. For Future Events (Vacant Lot Next To JR's)
4. A New Emergency Services Building
5. Update/Repairs To Our Infrastructure
6. Sewer Plant Upgrades
7. Co-Op With IDOT On Repairs To Rt. 130
8. Goal Setting & Project Planning For TIF District
9. Continued Support For School District & The Business Community

I WOULD APPRECIATE  
YOUR SUPPORT ON

APRIL 2, 2019



### DEADLINES Classified Friday @ 2pm News- Friday @ 2pm Ads- Friday @ 2pm



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## Menus

**Villa Grove Peace Meal**  
March 25 - March 29  
**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 Baker Potatoes, Mexi Corn, Bun, Juice  
**Thursday:** Beefy Veg. & Lentil Soup, Pears, PB Cup, Crackers, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie  
**Friday:** Salmon Burger w/ SaucePkt., Potato Casserole, Venetian Blend Veggies, Roll, 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 congregate 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 March 25-29

25 <b>Breakfast:</b> Breakfast Pizza  <b>Lunch:</b> Meatball Sub On WG Bun Shredded Cheddar Cheese Cooked Carrots 100% Fruit Slushy	26 <b>Breakfast:</b> Cinn. Coffee Cake  <b>Lunch:</b> Toasted Ravioli Marinara Sauce Carrot Sticks Pineapple	27 <b>Breakfast:</b> WG Biscuit And Sausage Gravy Or WG Donuts  <b>Lunch:</b> Hamburger On WG Bun Baked French Fries Sliced Cucumbers Apple	28 <b>Breakfast:</b> Pancake And Sausage On Stick  <b>Lunch:</b> Pulled Pork On WG bun Green Beans RF Cheese Doritos Dragon Punch Peaches	29 <b>Breakfast:</b> Scrambled Eggs WG Biscuit  <b>Lunch:</b> Mac, And Cheese Peas Yogurt Applesauce
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9:00 A - 3:00 P

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