

Obituaries

Linda Kopp

The memorial service for Linda Kopp was held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 16, at the United Methodist Church in Verndale, with Pastor Ken Uhren presiding. Visitation with the family were held at the church on Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service.

Linda, age 61, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, May 3, 2019, at the hospital in St. Cloud, MN.

Linda was born to Wayne and Gloria (Trana) Kopp on July 12, 1957, in Wadena, MN. She graduated from Verndale High School and later attended Wadena Technical School for Cosmetology. Linda became an office manager for RC Plumbing and Heating in Villa Grove, IL, where she had various duties and then became the office manager. When not at work, she enjoyed reading, cooking and Bingo. In earlier years, she found time to be involved with the Lioness Club, and was active in her church with the UMW and as treasurer. Linda was a person who put others before herself. Her greatest love was for her family, and she made a point to stay connected with them.



Linda cared for her nephews, Wayne and Mitch, when they were little making them feel like her own children.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents Wayne and Gloria, and brother Don. Surviving Linda are her brother, Dean (Sally) of Verndale; sister-in-law, Kim of FL; several nieces and nephews; along with many other family and friends.

Honorary pallbearers will be Wayne, Mitch, Josh, Jordon and Jess Kopp.

Burial was in Green Lawn Cemetery, Verndale, MN.

Arrangements with the Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Wadena, MN (www.SchullerFamilyFH.com)



Delmar Glenn Sappenfield

PHILO — Delmar Glenn Sappenfield, 81, of Philo received his "chrome" angel wings on Thursday (May 10, 2019) at OSF Heart of Mary Medical Center, Urbana.

Delmar was born at Jarman Hospital in Tuscola, to the late John Glenn and Helen (Ordell) Sappenfield, on Dec. 14, 1937.

Delmar married Betty (Lannon) Sappenfield on May 3, 1958, in Philo. She survives. They had four children, Jeff Sappenfield (Rick) of Dallas, Texas, Lisa Sappenfield Boyer (Grant) of Arcola, Dan Sappenfield (Lisa) of Villa Grove and Steve Sappenfield (Mary) of Philo. Their grandchildren include Stan Boyer (Elise), Dustin Boyer, Drew Sappenfield (Sarah), Beth Boyer Hensley (Lucas), Chelsea Sappenfield Williams (Chris), Kayla Sappenfield Lutz (Nick), Shelbie Sappenfield (fiance Kyle Messman), Paige Sappenfield, Cain Sappenfield and Haley Sappenfield; and eight great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are sisters, Carol Swisher of Atlanta, Ga., Janice Fisher (John) of Tolono and Joyce Penfield (Jerry Solosky) of Portage Township, Ohio. He is also survived by brother-in-law, Lyle Lannon, Sidney; sister-in-law, JoAnn (Kleiss) Lannon, Sidney; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by sister-in-law, Barbara (Pontius) Lannon; brother-in-law, Maurice Lannon; and two nieces and one nephew.

Delmar had an amazing smile that lit up a room along with a quick wit and a positive attitude that served him well through his 27-year battle with MS. His family is grateful for his caregivers, Stephanie Elzy-Craig and Monica Miller, and chosen daughter, Melaney Coleman.

He was an avid Illini fan and I Fund Member for 38 years that included tailgating and fun away game trips with Betty, family and friends. Delmar also was a St. Louis Cardinal fan, along with whatever school his children or grandchildren were playing for. Delmar and Betty spent many years square dancing and camping that resulted in many long-term friendships. Other hobbies included drag racing, snowmobiling and boating. He also enjoyed the morning coffee group at the Philo Tavern on a daily basis for the last several years.

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Delmar graduated in 1956 from Unity High School and then served seven years in the Army National Guard, while starting an over 40-year career as a petroleum salesman that began with Illini FS. He finished his career with Marathon as Sappenfield Oil. Delmar won many sales awards that earned Betty and him wonderful trips around the world. He also spent years farming and driving a school bus for the Heritage and Unity districts.

Delmar's business skills led him to leadership roles in many organizations, serving as president of the following organizations: Illinois Square Dancer's Association, Longview Lions and Salt Fork Swingers. He also served on the ABL School Board and started the Central Illinois Independent Petroleum Marketers.

Visitation was held from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 15, at St. Thomas Catholic Church, 310 E. Madison, Philo. Rosary will proceed visitation at 4:30 p.m. The funeral mass was officiated by Father Keith Walder at St. Thomas Catholic Church at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 16. Freese Funeral Homes is assisting with the services.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, memorials may be made to St. Thomas Catholic School, 311 Madison St., Philo, IL 61864 or Greater Illinois MS Chapter, 525 West Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60661.

James "Booney" McCollom

DALLAS TX – James ('Booney') McCollom died peacefully the early morning of Sunday, January 27, 2019. He was 83. Although Jim, his wife Wilma, and their five children relocated to Texas in 1968, he still thought of Villa Grove as home. Jim was the eleventh, and last surviving child of Robert Floyd and Nora Georgia McCollom. He was born December 2, 1935 at home in Old Town.

As a young man, Jim loved sports and was a Varsity member of the football, baseball, basketball, and track teams at Villa Grove High School. He also earned the Chevalier Award in DeMolay his senior year. His high school sweetheart was Wilma Keith; after graduating they were married on September 12, 1954 at the First Christian Church. Jim then joined the US Army as a member of the Intelligence Command. After his service, he began a successful career in retail with Sears & Roebuck in Champaign before joining the Western Publishing Company sales team – which prompted his moving the family to Texas.

In Houston he became active at Westside Christian Church and was one of the founding members of Western Meadows Christian Church, in what was then the far west suburb of Alief. While still selling books during the week, he began preaching occasionally through the South East Texas Evangelizing Association. He joined Gideons International and the Board of Directors at Dallas Christian College. In 1978 he became full-time Associate Pastor at Western Meadows. He was called to Amarillo in 1981 to minister



at Eastside Christian Church before joining the staff of Paramount Terrace Christian Church. He later pastored Northview Christian Church in Taylor, Texas and finally Memorial Christian Church back in Houston. He retired from the pulpit in 2008, and he and Wilma moved to Dallas.

Jim was a respected and much-loved minister, father, grandfather and friend. He is survived by Wilma, his wife of 64 years; their five children, Dena, Steven, Teresa, David, and Marc; and by three granddaughters, Lucy, Kiera, and Ailsa. In addition, Jim leaves many loving nephews and nieces across the country. Jim was preceded in death by his siblings Ruby Dale, Ruth Rachel, Clarence Raymond, Ralph Harrison, Robert Franklin, Mildred Florence, Margaret Opal, Georgia Helen, Phillip Daniel, and Lyndon Boyd.

According to his wishes, cremation rites were accorded earlier this spring. His memorial service will be held at 3:30 on Saturday, May 25th at First Christian Church in Villa Grove. All are welcome to attend. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Center for Brain Health, University of Texas at Dallas, 2200 West Mockingbird Lane, Dallas TX 75235

It's back: Boat Drunks set to revive long time VG staple

For many years, the Saturday before Memorial Day meant one thing for most Villa Grovians. Alumni!

That one word is usually enough to put a smile on the face of most graduates of VGHS of a certain age. Starting with the golf scramble, proceeding through the class reunions to the banquet and then on to the dance, this uniquely VG experience was one that brought hundreds of Villa Grove High School graduates together for a day to reminisce, catch up on current goings on, and "solve" the world's problems.

Things change, however, and with the demise of the community building, and no centralized space to take its place, the Alumni Dance faded into the memories of those who were fortunate enough to have attended those sprawling bashes of the past. Even the five-year reunions, once considered sacrosanct, have begun to be affected as sentimentality fades from the social conscience.

That's all about to change, as thanks to the enterprising efforts of Mayor Cassandra

Gunter, alumna Sandi Anderson Cruzan, and many others, the dance is back!

The venue, the new Main street Plaza, is perfect for hosting a dance party. The spot recently hosted the Feudin' Hillbillies for its Cinco de Mayo debut, and they would have blown the roof off if there was one!

The headliners for the May 25 event are The Boat Drunks, who are one of the more popular acts in the area and feature VGHS alumn Mike Miller. They are sure to bring their island flair to the streets of VG for a night of dance and fun. Continuing the VGHS theme, opening act Garrett and the Geezers, an up and coming group on the local circuit, will be bringing their eclectic mix of rock, blues and whatever to the stage. Front man Garrett Gunter is another Villa Grove alumnus.

There will be plenty of food and beverage options available, and be sure to commemorate the evening by picking up a tee shirt. It's time to grab your shark fins and parrot hats and come together. Alumni is back!

Fair Pageant Contestants Information

Moultrie-Douglas County Fair Pageant

Any young ladies that would like to participate in the 2019 Miss Moultrie-Douglas pageants - Miss (16-21), Jr Miss (11-14), Little

Miss (5-7) (NEW age for Little Miss Contestants) please contact Sandy Hoke 493-3583 or visit our website www.moultriedouglascountyfair.com and download the applications. Deadline for turning

in applications is June 2. The new Miss Moultrie-Douglas will receive a \$2000 scholarship. Scholarships will also be given to our 1st and 2nd runners-ups.

Gold and Silver Spoon Awards

By Aaron Patrick
Congratulations to the following food establishments which received the Gold Spoon Award for excellence in training of Certified Food Protection Managers and Food Handler Staff at the required levels at all times for the month of April 2019: It'll Do Atwood, Sol Del Mar, Casey's-Atwood, East Prairie School, Mi Veracruz, J &

Js Burgers and Beer, North Ward Grade School, Williams Café, Kaskaskia Country Club, Teresa's Too, Stumble In, Joe's Pizza, The Pantry, Tuscola High School, Flesor's Candy Kitchen, Monical's Pizza-Arcola, and Yoder's Kitchen.

Silver Spoon Awards were awarded to establishments with food preparation for excellence in training of Food

Handler staff, and they are: Arcola Hispanic & American Grocery-Deli

The Director, Lana Sanstrom, and I would welcome conversation about this program and other topics concerning the food program. We can be reached at 217-253-4137 or by email through our website, www.dchealthdept.org.

Menus

Villa Grove Peace Meal
May 27 - May 31

Monday: Closed for Memorial Day Holiday

Tuesday: Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Black-Eyed Pea Salad, TX Toast, Pineapple

Wednesday: Brat Sandwich, Corn, Broccoli & Cauliflower, Bun, Fruit Salad

Thursday: Chili w/Beans, Lettuce Salad, Pears, Crackers, Cake or Brownie

Friday: Beef & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Italian Green Beans, Bread, Apple Slices

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.

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