

Obituaries

Mary Hitt

Mary Maudine Hitt, 93, Arcola, formerly of Tuscola, passed away at 10:10 p.m. on Sunday, July 7, 2019 at Hilltop Skilled Nursing and Rehab in Charleston.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Mary was born on May 1, 1926 in Ezel, Ky. She was a daughter of Henry and Lucy (Combs) Lewis. She married Robert Hitt on Oct. 14, 1945. He passed away.

She is survived by her caregivers, Jess and Barb Adams and several other nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents and her husband.



J.M. (Mike) Flenniken

Heaven was surely blessed in receiving John Michael ("Mike") Flenniken on July 1, 2019.

Mike was born in Monticello on April 29, 1951. Mike always kept an open heart to those that were less fortunate and went out of his way to help all who crossed his path. From assisting family members with sound advice when the worst of times struck to volunteering many hours to the St. Mary Outreach Program, Mike never slowed down in generously serving others.

Mike was a devoted loving husband to his wife of 35 years and loving father to four children. There was absolutely nothing he would not do for those he loved so very much.

It would seem that Mike breathed green. Being raised in a strong farming community, he began his profession at John Deere (Deere & Company) early in life and remained dedicated to the company for his entire career as a brilliant engineer and manager which took him to places all around the world. Mike retired as Director of Engineering and Technology. Mike utilized his brilliance not only for his career but was self-taught in so many needed projects for his family and friends.

Mike was a true outdoorsman loving, nature, gardening and hunting with his dog Rose and friends. The world would be hard pressed to find a man more self-driven, goal-oriented, energetic, accepting, and generous. Mike will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Mike is preceded in death by his brother Charles Flenniken, father John Flenniken, and son-inlaw Mark Krueger. He is survived by his wife Grace Flenniken, daughter Michelle Flenniken (Blake), Son Eric Flenniken, daughter Michelle Hernandez, son Vincent McCoy, (Carol), mother Mary Lou Flenniken, sisters, Cindy Flenniken and Ann Brewer, and eight grandchildren.

Gatherings in Mike's honor will be held on July 27, 2019 at St. Mary Catholic Church 902 Crawford Road, Rock Hill, SC 29730, beginning with a visitation with the family at 9:30 am followed by a mass beginning at 10:30 a.m. A small reception will be held immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary Outreach Program.

Mary Carlyle

Mary Fern Carlyle, 94, of rural Tuscola, passed away at 2:08 a.m., Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center, Mattoon.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at the Zion United Church of Christ, rural Arthur, IL with Rev. Kenneth Roedder officiating. Burial will be in the Zion Church Cemetery.

Visitation was Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 66 East US Highway 36, Atwood, IL and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Mary Fern was born on Feb. 10, 1925 in rural Douglas County, the daughter of Orval C. and Leola K. Frahm Heit. She married William H. Carlyle on Aug. 23, 1954 in Pekin. He preceded her in death on Dec. 28, 2013.

Survivors include her daughters: Katana S. Ponder of Hammond, Ramona A. Carlyle of Arthur and Marcia G. (Dave) Hackett of Tuscola; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren; sister: Darlene (Larry) Harshbarger of Ft. Myers, Fla.; sister-in-law: Patty Heit of Atwood; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son-in-law: Harold Ponder; and brother: Lyle Dean Heit.

Memorials are suggested to the Zion United Church of Christ or Alzheimer's Association.

Mary Fern attended Millikin University. She was a former school teacher, and she earned her pilot's license. Mary Fern was a member of the Zion United Church of Christ, where she was the church pianist and organist for 70 years. She loved animals, mainly dogs and cats and she enjoyed gardening. Mary Fern's family came first and foremost all of her life.

Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com.



Clarice Dallas

Clarice Dallas, 94, of Arcola, formerly of Tuscola, passed away at 5:45 p.m., Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at the Arcola Health Care Center, Arcola.

A Prayer Service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 20, 2019 at the Arthur Cemetery, Arthur. A Celebration of Life will be held immediately following at the Fellowship Center, 301 Lafayette Ave., Mattoon.

Clarice was born on Feb. 27, 1925 in Monroe County, Kentucky, the daughter of Clemon and Verda Turner Headrick. She married Carroll L. Dallas on Feb. 21, 1943 in Garrett. He preceded her in death on May 21, 1979.

Survivors include her daughters: Diane Durnil of Mattoon and Sue (Robert) Francus of Port Charlotte, Fla.; nine grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren; brother: Joe Headrick of Arcola; and sister: Amy Steen of Tuscola.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter: Judy Adams; granddaughter: Cynthia Bassettl; grandson: James Johnson; great-granddaughter: Chantelle Clark; great-great-granddaughter: Skailar Mendenhall; infant brother; and sister: Chloe Walker.

She was a homemaker and member of the Baptist Church. Clarice loved sewing, crocheting, spending time with family and gardening. She really enjoyed the flowers she grew.

Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Tuscola, is handling the arrangements. Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com.



ROSC

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With ROSC, Blackwell says he hopes to be able to direct patrons to the services they need more efficiently.

Blackwell says sitting at the ROSC Council table, he has learned in more detail the services provided within the county including youth services at the RISE Behavioral Health. He has also worked with Rosecrance located in Champaign County with the possibility of bringing grant-funded substance abuse treatment to the Douglas County Jail.

"That's a connection that wouldn't have been made without ROSC discussions though it's separate from ROSC work," Blackwell said.

Blackwell says he has classmates and childhood friends who, since graduation, have become addicted to illegal substances—something he says isn't rare in Douglas County communities.

"It's not uncommon to find someone who is addicted to narcotics to then commit property crimes to help support their habit," Blackwell said. "It's, unfortunately, pretty common in Douglas County. It affects everyone."

The idea behind ROSC is being inclusive and that includes pathways to recovery, Hays said. "We're not saying the only way to get sober is the 12-step recovery program, because people get sober in church, people get sober through art therapy, people get sober through music, and all of that is OK. All pathways of recovery are able to sit at that table."

As the conversations continue in the county, Hays says one of the areas to address is the lesser-discussed problem—children of parents living with drug and alcoholic addiction.

"If the children live in that, that becomes all they know and if that's how they believe life is then chances are they will follow suit," Hays said. "How can we provide primary intervention in these children's lives via school or public health? When there is a family member who is sick from substance abuse it touches every other family member; the whole family is sick. That means the children are sick, too."

RISE Behavioral Health Director Lauren Christina has been a part of the ROSC Council discussion since its start in Douglas County.

"It's been great to sit down and talk with all the key holders in the county to learn what issues everyone else sees," Christina says. "We have a unique perspective because we are mental health. I certainly didn't know everyone at the table, so we started the conversation to see how mental health can fit in to the puzzle."

She said that the discussion has helped the community leaders draw connections in an effort to efficiently direct residents to the correct services at the correct location.

The open meetings have covered topics of peer support and how to start peer support groups in the community, Christina added.

"I think we need to get more people involved in the conversation," Christina said. "I think the best prevention is to talk about it. We just need to start saying the words. 'You are doing heroin; you are talking about suicide.' These are things we like to quietly keep in the corner that we don't deal with, but helping people realize there is an organic connection with substance abuse and mental illness is key, and we can all develop problems with mental health and substance abuse pending on what paths we choose in life. At the end of the day we are all people, and we deserve the same standards of care."

With that in mind, Christina says substance abuse counseling fits RISE's mission.

"We see the two issues go hand in hand," Christina said. "While not everyone who has mental illness also has substance abuse disorder, and not everyone who has substance abuse disorder also has mental illness, a lot of people with substance abuse disorder have some kind of mental health difficulties."

From the RISE perspective, helping Douglas County residents seek services that are currently available is difficult due to numerous hurdles, including transportation. Coles County and Champaign County have substance abuse services available, though Douglas County does not.

"When you talk about people who have probation, DCFS, and all of these other things to do, it's just hard," Christina said. "What we end up seeing is the person just doesn't do it at all, which our mission is that we believe people can recover and people can be in recovery and people can live in recovery. So, what can we do to help remove the barriers? Our answer to that was at least to provide some type of service."

A key in the Douglas County strategic plans is the need for transportation and treatment facilities.

"We didn't want anyone left untreated just because they couldn't get there," Hays said.

RISE has submitted the state application to provide outpatient substance abuse counseling locally, however there is no timeline provided by the state detailing when services could be available at this time. Though RISE decided prior to the Douglas County ROSC discussions to apply for the application, Christina's crew has received guidance on the components and structure of the application through contacts made at the council table.

"I have never been part of us all sitting in the same room," Christina said. "It's neat to see us all sit down to say this is a problem in our community and these are community members we care about. We are always going to get further as a team than we are as separate entities or organizations."

The Douglas County stakeholders meet monthly on Wednesdays from 10:30-11:30 a.m. For more information contact Hays at 217-258-6018 ext. 526. The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 24 at the Douglas County Health Department.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Your Guide To Local Houses of Worship

First Christian Church
100 E. Church St., Tuscola
253-2394
*Worship services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school: 9:15 a.m.
Youth Group 7th-12th @6:33 Sundays
After school program 5th-6th, Wednesdays*

Tuscola United Methodist Church
901 N. Prairie • 253-4232
Sunday Worship Services:
8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Forty Martyrs Catholic Church
201 E. Van Allen
253-4412
Saturday Evening Mass
5:30 p.m.
Sunday Morning Mass
8:00 a.m.
Daily Mass Mon & Fri:
8:00 a.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
600 E. Northline
253-4341
Saturday Evening Service:
5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship Service
9:00 a.m.

Eagle Mountain Assembly of God
401 E. Sale
253-4444
Sunday Service:
10 a.m.

First Church of God
821 E. Barker St. • 253-2180
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Prayer time 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Wednesday night 6 p.m.
Missionary women meet 2nd
Tuesday each month 6 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
1100 E. Northline Rd
253-3896
Sunday Morning
Sacrament Meetings:
9:30 a.m. and 10:40 a.m.
Wednesday Youth Night
7:00 p.m.

Bourbon Baptist Church
626N Co Rd 475E, Tuscola
Pastor: David Babb
Church 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
email: bourbon.baptistchurch@yahoo.com

United Church of Christ
114 E. Pembroke
253-2532
Sunday Morning Worship:
10:30 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:20 a.m.

Zion United Church of Christ (Rural Arthur)
Sunday Morning Worship:
9:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.

First Baptist Church
300 E. Daggy
253-4231
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

Faith Baptist Church
300 Northline Road
253-2084
Sunday school: 9:30am
Sunday Morning service: 10:30am
Sunday Evening service: 6:00pm
Wednesday Adult Bible study,
Real Teens, King's Kids – 6:30pm
www.faithtuscola.org

Church of the Nazarene
1001 Egyptian Trail
253-3541
Sunday Worship Service:
10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship:
6:00 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study and
Prayer: 7:00 p.m.

Calvary Temple 700 E. Main St., Arcola
Pastors: Henry Schrock & Rogelio Gutierrez
Sunday services in English
at 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.
Sunday services in Spanish at 2 p.m.
Bible study/prayer in Spanish Tues. at 7 p.m.
Bible study/prayer in English Wed. at 6 p.m.
Phone 217-246-0104 (Schrock)
or 217-636-4838 (Gutierrez)

Lifepointe Church
700 E. Main St., Arcola • 217-268-4586
Pastor: Scott Howell
Assistant: Henry Schrock
Sunday, 10:30 Worship Service
Wed., 7 pm Bible Study
Spanish Service
Spanish Pastor Rogelio Gutierrez
217-636-4838
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Wed., 7 pm Bible Study

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