

Obituaries

Robert Robinson

Robert Robinson, 94, of Newman died at 3:07 a.m. Wednesday (March 11, 2020) at Arbor Rose in Tolono.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 14, 2020, at the Joines Funeral Home, 401 W. Gillogly St., Newman. Burial followed in the Newman Cemetery. A visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 13, 2020, at the funeral home.

Robert was born May 20, 1925, to Amos and Olas (Thornton) Robison. He married Pat (Eperson) Robison on Dec. 4, 1946, in Tuscola; she passed away in 1982.

Bob is survived by two sons, Marty (Karen) Robison and Mike (Mary Ann) Robison; three granddaughters; and four great-granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and two sisters, Rosie Harbaugh and Georgie McCown.

Bob spent the majority of his life as a farmer in the Newman area. When he was not farming, you could usually find him on the golf course.

Memorials made be made to Carle Hospice or the donor's choice.

Larry W. Blackburn

Larry W. Blackburn, 79, of Tolono passed away at 7:30 a.m. Friday, March 6, 2020, at home.

Masonic services were held at 7 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2020, at Freese Funeral Home, Tolono, with funeral services to follow. Visitation was from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 20, 2020, at the funeral home. Burial was private.

Mr. Blackburn was born Nov. 2, 1940, in Coffeen, a son to Wayne and Virginia Jones Blackburn. He married Nancy Wallace on July 3, 1960, in Coffeen; she preceded him in death Nov. 22, 2018.

Surviving are three children, Rodney (Tracy) Blackburn of Sadorus, Melissa "Missy" (Jamie) Chitwood of White Heath and Melinda "Mindy" (Jim) Bragg of Camargo; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers, Maurice "Mo" (Jan) Blackburn of Boynton Beach, Fla., and Tom (Connie) Blackburn of Chatham; and two sisters-in-law, Patricia "Pat" Forbes of Tolono and Carol (Mark) Meyers of Carlinville.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Larry graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1958. He was employed at Ozark Airlines from 1959 to 1989. Larry had a passion for farming and showing sheep.

He was a member of Tolono Masonic Lodge AM & FM 391. He enjoyed Illini basketball and watching old Westerns. He especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation or Carle Guest House.



Walter E. Howard

Walter Erman Howard, 78, of Decatur, passed away on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at his home.

Walter was born in Villa Grove, IL on September 28, 1941 to William Erman and Iva Marie (Dallas) Howard. He married Mary Ann Bangers On December 27, 1967, she survives, also surviving is one son: Walter Jason Howard; one grandson Jenner Fox Howard both of Springfield, IL; one brother Larry (Pat) Howard of Tunica, MS; one nephew: Kevin (Stacey) Howard of Highland; two nieces: Cheri (Jay) Bond of Allerton, Tami Smith of Villa Grove. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother Steven L. Howard.

Walter attended Villa Grove High School and Eastern Illinois University. He served his country in the US Air Force during the Vietnam war. He was stationed at NORAD in Colorado Springs, CO where he met his wife. Walter was a district sales manager for manufacturing companies. He had worked as sales representative for the last five years at Goods Furniture in Decatur. He was a member of the Jaycees, President of the Home Park Swim Club, He coached his son's baseball, soccer and basketball teams for years. He enjoyed playing golf, working in the yard, wood working, and taking care of his yard. He enjoyed writing poems, one of which was published.

Services to celebrate the life of Walter Erman Howard will be private at Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home, burial will follow in Graceland Cemetery with military rites. Memorial contributions in his name are suggested to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinsons.

The family of Walter Erman Howard is being served by the Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Home, 2091 N. Oakland Ave. Decatur, IL. Please view the obituary, send condolences and share memories at www.gracelandfairlawn.com



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<p>First Christian Church (Non-Denominational) 701 N. Sycamore Street, Villa Grove Phone (217) 832-5231 Fax (217) 832-9348 Web Site: www.fccvg.com E-mail: fccvg@frontier.com Minister, Mike Zylstra E-mail: fccvgmin@frontier.com Worship Gathering: 9:30 a.m. Staffed nursery available weekly Open communion observed weekly J.A.M. (age 5-5th grade) 10:15 a.m. Sunday School (all ages) 11:00 a.m. Jr & Sr High Youth Group 1st & 3rd Sunday 5:00 p.m. Sunday Bible Study 6 p.m. Wednesday Choir 6:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Victory Church 100 E. Second St, Camargo Pastor - Duane Piercy Church 832-8398, Email info@victorychurch.life Web Page: victorychurch.life Find us on Facebook Follow us on Instagram Service Times: Sunday Adult Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Soul Cafe- 9am-9:45 Worship & Service - 10:00 a.m. RUSH Youth Group 1st & 3rd Sunday 5-7pm Celebrate Recovery 7:15pm Wednesday Men's & Women's Bible Study- 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday Prayer Group - 6:00-7:00 p.m. Worship Team 7:00-8:00 p.m. American Sign Language Available • Wheelchair accessible • Nursery Care • Sports Ministries • Motorcycle Ministry</p>
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Virginia C. Hausman

Virginia C. Hausman, 90, of Arcola, formerly of Pesotum, passed away at 8:40a.m. Friday, March 13, 2020, at Carriage Crossing, Arcola. Mrs. Hausman was born June 25, 1929, in Guymon, Oklahoma. She was the daughter of Leslie and Mattie (Morrison) Piper. She married the love of her life, the late Earl F. Hausman on December 29th, 1948, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Pesotum. Earl and a sister precede her in death.

Virginia is survived by her son, Craig (Nancy) Hausman of Villa Grove; her daughter Jaci Hausman (Jeff Korenic) of Middleton, WI; five grandchildren, Tiffany (Nathan) Roberts of Arcola; Toby (Danielle) Hausman of Metropolis; Kelby (Tyler) Hausman of Murfreesboro, TN; Sarah Blaskey of Miami, FL; Dylan Blaskey of New Orleans, LA; six great-grandchildren Shelby & Remi McGeehon of Arcola; Elliott & Adley Hausman of Metropolis; and Marlena & Milo Hausman of Murfreesboro; and two step great-grandsons Myles & Cameron Roberts of Arcola.

Virginia and Earl were foster parents for Catholic Social Services for 15 years. Most of her social work career was spent working at Champaign County DCFS and briefly post-retirement at Hope For The Children in Rantoul. She dedicated her life to loving and protecting children. Her hobbies included her grandchildren, baking, sewing, and gardening.

Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later time. Memorials can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or to Alzheimer's Association.

Rita J. Chandler

Rita Jean Chandler, 92, of Urbana, formerly of Newman, passed away at 9:42 a.m. Thursday (March 19, 2020) at University Rehabilitation Center in Urbana.

She was born April 11, 1927, a daughter of John and Sarah Wheatley Lieb in Battle Creek, Mich.

Rita Jean Lieb Lucas married Lowell "Bud" Chandler on Feb. 9, 1947. He preceded her in death Nov. 11, 2007.

Surviving are two children, Peggy (Steve) Craddock of Allerton and Jerry (Karen) Chandler of Janesville, Wis.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a twin sister, Jane Smith of Hume; and three brothers.

Jean grew up in Newman, married and worked on the farm with Bud in rural Newman for many years. She then worked in Newman at Davis Restaurant and owned a ceramic shop in Newman where she gave lessons. She also worked for several years at Lawless Insurance and the Newman grocery store.

She was known for her homemade pies and her oil paintings. She moved from her home in Newman in 2014 to Brookstone Estates in Tuscola, where she resided for 4 1/2 years, then moving to University Rehab Center memory care unit in Urbana.

Private family graveside services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 23, 2020, at Newman Cemetery with Pastor Terry Bailey officiating. Burial was in Newman Cemetery.

The family requests any memorials go to Harbor Light Hospice or the Newman Church of God.

To the Loyal Customers of Kinney's Electrical Service,

Kinney's Electric Service has served the Douglas County area for 71 years. The business was established by Bernadine and Delbert Kinney in 1947. In 1998, day to day operational responsibility transferred to myself, Leon D. Kinney.

It has been a privilege to be a part of this concern since 1968. But since I have been unable to slow or stop the hands of time, I believe that the time for me to step aside has come. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving Tuscola and surrounding areas. I have been blessed to work with so many really nice customers/friends. To those loyal customers, I am so appreciative of your loyalty to me and this business over the years. But it is time for me to investigate the next phase that life may offer. Therefore, Kinney's Electric Service will cease operations as of March 31, 2020. Again, thank you to all of those loyal customers, past and present, who have shown faith in my commitment to fair and effective electrical service. Daniel Jones (217-722-2259) who has worked with me for over 15 years, will be continuing forward to offer electrical service to this area.

Again, thank you all so much!!
Leon D. Kinney

B. Maxine Hall

Mrs. B. Maxine Hall, age 99, of Jefferson City, MO passed away Friday, March 6, 2020 at Stonebridge Adams Street.

Maxine was born on August 16, 1920 in Oakland, IL the daughter of William Ernest Tallmadge Foltz and Lucy Irene (Pedigo) Foltz. She was married on April 4, 1942 in Oakland, IL to Eugene "Gene" Annin Hall, who preceded her in death on July 3, 1969.

Maxine was a 1938 graduate of Oakland High School in Oakland, IL. After graduation, she went to Cosmetology School in Decatur, IL where she became a licensed cosmetologist.

Maxine was the Deputy Treasurer for the Douglas County Treasurer's Office in Tuscola, IL for over 30 years, and was still helping with tax season in their office at 85 years old. Through the years, she also was a bookkeeper with Empire Gas, Seaboard Finance, and Red Ball Trucking Company.

In addition to her diligent career as a bookkeeper, Maxine was a proud member of the First Methodist Church in Tuscola and a dedicated member of the Order of Eastern Star for over 65 years. She served as the Grand Chapter Representative to Iowa during the mid 1980's and treasured those years of traveling to Eastern Star official visits, attending other ceremonious Grand Chapter events, as well as visits to local chapters throughout the states of Illinois and Iowa. She relocated to Jefferson City 15 years ago to be closer to her children. The First Presbyterian Church then became her "home" church. She was active in Presbyterian Women and the Faith Circle Bible Study.

Maxine was a true testament to being a hard worker; surviving the trials and tribulations of growing up during the Great Depression inspired a level of independence and conservative practices in Maxine that her children always admired. Those who knew Maxine knew she was a loving and witty lady who had an infectious laugh with a smile that warmed your heart. She could always be counted on for her honesty—solicited or not.

She was a woman of many talents. As a skilled seamstress she was able to make many of her children's outfits including Jeannine's wedding dress. Maxine also enjoyed knitting, smocking her granddaughter's infant dresses, reading books by Danielle Steele and John Grisham, but her favorite past-time was babysitting her grandchildren as often as she could. She truly cherished any time spent with family, especially road trips to visit her granddaughter in North Carolina and never missing the annual Hall Family Reunions each August.

Survivors include: two children, Jeannine Toomey (husband, Mark) of Jefferson City, Mo. and Rodney Hall (wife, June) of Staunton, IL; three grandchildren, Bevin Stokes (husband, Brandon) of Burgaw, NC, Grant Toomey of Jefferson City, MO, and Matt Hall of Effingham, IL; three great-grandchildren, Gracie Mae Hall, Riley Eugene Hall, and Ari Jane Hall; and her nieces and nephews and many family friends. As an only child, Maxine truly cherished her husband's side of the family for making her one of their own.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Gene, of 27 years; and an infant son, Michael Eugene.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Mrs. Hall's memorial service has been postponed until further notice. Once her service times are confirmed they will be published online. Friends and family may send condolences online or mail sympathy cards directly to Freeman Mortuary to be given to her family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Youth Missions at First Presbyterian Church, 324 Madison Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101 or the Cystic Fibrosis Association of Missouri, RR 1, Box 450, Ava, MO 65608.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Freeman Mortuary, P.O. Box 95, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

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