

Obituaries

Larry D. Coombes

Larry Dale Coombes, 69, of Byron, Illinois (formerly of Villa Grove, IL) passed away Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at Mercy Health, in Rockford, Illinois.

Mr. Coombes was born on July 2, 1951 in Clinton, Indiana to Paul and Mary (Brewer) Coombes. He had one brother, Raymond (Paula) Coombes, two sisters, Margaret (Kim) Snyder and Kay Donaldson all of Paris, Illinois.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother. He married Cindy M. (Dailey) Coombes in Brocton, Illinois on March 11, 1972. She survives with their two daughters Cara (Ryan) Roberts of Byron and Holly (Stephanie) Coombes of Aurora. Grandchildren are Zion and Phoenix Wollert of Aurora and Hanna and Patrick Roberts of Byron. He also enjoyed his nieces and nephews. Mr. Coombes was a long-time member of Villa Grove First Christian Church and more recently attended the Red Brick Church in Stillman Valley, Illinois. Mr. Coombes was involved in agriculture all of his life being born and raised on a farm. He attended Danville Area Community College majoring in Agri-business. He was manager, owner and president of Westridge Agri-Services in Tuscola, Illinois for 48 years, retiring in 2018. He adored spending time with his grandchildren and his family. He loved singing hymns and could often be heard harmonizing in church. He was an avid collector of coins, toy tractors, hats and farm related prints. He was a dedicated fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and Fighting Illini basketball. He could most recently be found driving his shiny red golf cart around the neighborhood.

A private graveside service will be held at the Byron Cemetery with the Rev. Chris Brauns officiating. An open house visitation will be held on Saturday, October 10 from 1-3 p.m. at the Villa Grove First Christian Church with a 3 p.m. service to follow. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Red Brick Church in Stillman Valley, First Christian Church in Villa Grove, Ag in the Classroom or the Tuscola FFA.



James R. McMahan

James R. "Jim" McMahan, 51, of Lovington, IL passed away at 7:26 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2020 at his residence.

Private family graveside memorial services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 25, 2020 in the Arthur Cemetery. Rev. Larry Bricker officiated. Committal Honors were conducted by the Son's of the American Legion Post 429 of Lovington, IL. The Edwards Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Jim was born on September 18, 1969 in Decatur, IL. He was a son of Richard Glen and Kathy Ann (Foster) McMahan. He married Patty Myers Crowe on February 10, 2005 in Las Vegas, NV.

Survivors include his wife, Patty, one son, Tyler McMahan and his wife Hannah of Sullivan, IL, Tyler's mom, Noel Cohan and her husband Joe of Bethany, IL, his parents, Richard and Kathy McMahan of Lovington, IL; three step children, Angie Wingler and her husband Tyson of Arthur, IL, Chris Crowe of Atwood, IL and Chad Crowe of Mattoon, IL; two sisters, Katie Stanley of Lovington, IL and Christa Helmuth and her husband Glenn of Sullivan, IL; maternal grandmother, Alice St. John of Sullivan, IL; mother in-law, Delores "Red" Myers of Atwood; three step grandchildren, Matthew Kidwell, Drew Wingler, and Tyra Wingler; one niece, Alexia Stanley; four nephews, Clayton and Colin Stanley and Justin and Brent Helmuth.

Jim was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, James Foster; paternal grandparents, William and Olive McMahan and his father in-law, Walter Eugene Myers.

Jim graduated from Lovington High School in 1987. He was a member of the Son's of the American Legion Post 429 in Lovington, IL and Sparrows Unlimited of Lovington for almost 19 years.

He had worked at Firestone in Decatur prior to working at CHI in Arthur for several years.

Jim enjoyed cooking on his Traeger Grill as well as playing golf with friends at Timberlake Golf Course.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sparrows Unlimited of Lovington or the Son's the American Legion Post 429 of Lovington, IL.



Patricia L. Hilligoss

Patricia Louise Hilligoss, 82, of Charleston, IL passed away at 10:45 a.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at the Villas of Holly Brook in Charleston, IL.

Patty was born on February 10, 1938, in Toledo, the daughter of Everett and Mary Fern (Gardner) Evans. She and David Hilligoss were united in holy matrimony on July 15, 1973 at Ash Grove Christian Church in Windsor. Patty was a member of the Ash Grove Christian Church in Windsor.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, David Hilligoss of Charleston; siblings: Kenny (Susan) Evans of Mattoon, Marilyn Coleman of Phoenix, AZ and Sue Grissom of Greenup and many nieces and nephews.

Patty was preceded in death by her parents, Everett Evans and Mary Fern Evans; stepmother, Mary Best Evans; siblings: Rex Evans, Vera Shores and Phyllis Pieper.

Family services will be held in Cochran's Grove Cemetery in rural Windsor. Lovins-Lockart Funeral Home in Windsor is assisting the family.

Family and friends are invited to light a candle or share a story in Patty's honor at www.lghfuneralhomes.com.



Christopher D. Crowe

Christopher David Crowe, 46, of Atwood, IL passed away at 9:25 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2020 at his residence.

A celebration of Chris's life was held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, October 3, 2020 at Penn Station in Arthur, IL. Pastor Woody White officiated. Military rites were conducted by The Lovington American Legion Post 429.

Christopher was born July 1, 1974 in Decatur, IL. He was a son of John David Crowe and Patricia Ann Myers.

Survivors include his father, David Crowe and his wife Terri of Charleston, IL and his mother, Patty McMahan of Lovington, IL; paternal grandmother, Estline Crowe of Arthur, IL; maternal grandmother, Delores "Red" Myers of Atwood, IL; one sister, Angie Wingler and her husband Tyson of Arthur, IL; one brother, Chad Crowe of Mattoon, IL; one step sister, Tracie Montz and her husband Jason of Charleston, IL; one step brother, Tyler McMahan and his wife Hannah of Sullivan, IL; two nephews, Matthew Kidwell and Jordan Montz; three nieces, Drew Wingler, Tyra Wingler and Whitney Montz.

Christopher was preceded in death by his stepfather, Jim McMahan, and grandfather's, McKinley Crowe and Walter Myers.

Chris graduated from Atwood High School in 1992. Following graduation, he entered the Navy and later went to work for The Canadian National Railroad where he worked for over 20 years.

He enjoyed golfing, cooking and making homemade wine. Chris also enjoyed collecting and shooting guns.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Lovington American Legion Post 429.



Alice M. Wilfawn

Alice Marie Wilfawn, 87, of Flora, IL formerly of Long Creek, IL passed away at 10:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at Heritage Woods of Flora.

Graveside memorial services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, October 5, 2020 at Macon County Memorial Park in Decatur, IL. Pastor Rick Spangler officiated. The Edwards Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Alice was born on July 24, 1933 in Seneca, SD. She was a daughter of Charles and Evelyn (Barnum) Schultz. She married Don Wilfawn on April 30, 1952 in Council Bluffs, IA. He passed away on July 26, 2019.

She is survived by one daughter, Norine Merrow and her husband Frank of Clay City, IL; three grandchildren, Shawn Merrow and his wife Paula of Springfield, IL, Crystal Smith and her husband Ricky of Mt. Zion, IL and Travis Merrow of Clay City, IL; six great-grandchildren, Shawna and Devon Merrow, Breanne and Mariah McBride and Zoe and Logan Merrow; one step-great-granddaughter, Katelin Smith; two great-great-grandsons, Noah and Jonathan Campbell, and one sister, Donnalee Ware of Ottumwa, IA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and three brothers, Leroy Schultz, Milo Schultz and Charles Schultz.

Alice was a member of GT Church in Decatur; she was always looking to volunteer when needed. Alice had a love for redbirds, animals, dogs and cats, and she enjoyed putting together puzzles, playing cards and she loved plants.

Alice was an exceptional mom, grandma, great-grandma and great-great-grandma.

Memorials may be made to GT Church.



Nichole E. Carver

Nichole Elizabeth Carver, 26, and her infant child, Alexander Michael Carver, of Charleston, IL passed away at 11:55 a.m. on Monday, September 21, 2020 at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, IL.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2020 at Home Church, 2530 Madison Ave., Charleston, IL. Pastor Scott Sims officiated. Burial followed in the Mound Cemetery in Charleston, IL. Visitation was held two hours prior to the service from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the church. The Edwards Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Nichole was born on December 14, 1993 in Mattoon, IL. She was a daughter of Michael Duane Carver Jr. and Jennifer Lee Baker.

She is survived by her parents, Michael D. Carver Jr. and his wife Christina of Charleston, IL, and Jennifer L. Moffett and her husband Brian of Charleston, IL, three brothers, Michael D. Carver III of Charleston, IL, D.J. Hrudicka of Mattoon, IL and Jonah Moffett of Charleston, IL, two sisters, Katlen Farnsworth and her husband Randy of Murphysboro, TN and Erica Petticrew of Mattoon, IL, paternal grandparents, Mike and Tina Carver of Mattoon, IL, maternal grandma, Janice Baker of Charleston, IL and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three siblings, Michael Anthony Miller, Brittani Nichole-Elaine Baker and Alexis Marie Petticrew and her paternal grandfather, Ralph Baker.

Nichole enjoyed playing piano and was very creative. She loved animals and was a great artist.

Memorials may be made to Nichole's family.



Elva E. Chupp

Elva E. Chupp, 61, of Humboldt, IL passed away at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at his residence.

Funeral services were held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at the Levi A. Kaufman residence, 5123 E CR 1600 N in Rural Humboldt, IL. Bishop Phillip Schrock officiated. Burial was in the Bagdad Cemetery. Visitation was held anytime after 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 20 and anytime after 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 21, 2020 all at the Levi Kaufman residence. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Elva was born on September 15, 1959 in Tuscola, IL. He was a son of Ervin M. and Elizabeth J. (Hostetler) Chupp. He married Alta Hochstetler on December 29, 1977 in Arcola, IL.

He is survived by his wife, Alta Chupp of Humboldt, IL, four children, Leona Kay Schrock and her husband Lavern of Arthur, IL, Lavon Ray Chupp and his wife Denise of Arcola, IL, Susan E. Plank and her husband Glendon of Arthur, IL and Larry E. Chupp and his wife Leah of Humboldt, IL, 29 grandchildren, his mother, Elizabeth Chupp of Arthur, IL, two brothers, Willis E. Chupp and his wife Fannie Mae of Arcola, IL and Glen Ray Chupp and his wife Betty of Sullivan, IL, and five sisters, Katie Viola Gingerich and her husband Lester of Arthur, IL, Dorothy Marie Farmwald and her husband John Lee of Sullivan, IL, Carolyn Kay Mast and her husband Reuben of Campbell Hill, IL, Bertha Lorene Diener and her husband Larry of Arthur, IL and Loretta Ann Herschberger and her husband Marlin of Humboldt, IL.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ervin Chupp, two nephews and one niece.

Elva was a member of the Old Order Amish Faith and served as a Minister.

Elva had been a farrier for over 45 years and he also farmed.

Lauretta Williams

Lauretta Williams, 92, of Arcola, IL passed away at 1:56 P.M. Sunday, September 27, 2020 at her daughter's residence in rural Arcola, IL.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at Edwards Funeral Home, 221 East Main St., Arcola, IL. Rev. Shaun DuFault officiated. Burial was in the Humboldt Cemetery. Visitation was held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at the funeral home.

Lauretta was born January 10, 1928 in Decatur, IL. She was a daughter of George B. Sr. and Laura (Weaver) Newman. She married Paul Williams September 23, 1951 in Forsythe, IL. He passed away August 19, 2000.

She is survived by three daughters, Paula Jean Williams and her special friend Luther Colter of Paris, IL, Beverly Joan Gilliland and her husband Robert of Arcola, IL, and Vanessa June Wangler and her husband Loran of Elk Grove Village, IL; five grandchildren, Joe Gilliland and his wife Tammy of Broadlands, IL, Amy Michaels and her husband Bob of Oakland, IL, Vicki DuFault and her husband Shaun of New Castle, IN, Kristi Etheridge and her husband Brett of Bonnie, IL, and Jennifer Meyers and her husband Nathan of Elk Grove Village, IL; thirteen great-grandchildren, Nick Tomlinson, Elizabeth Misner and her husband Chris, Dominic and Savannah Gilliland, Brooke, Hannah, Josiah, Boaz, Silas and Miriam DuFault, Brandon and Taylor Etheridge, and Oliver Meyers.

Lauretta was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one son Paul Andrew "Andy" Williams, and one brother George Newman Jr.

Lauretta graduated from Warrensburg High School in 1945. She attended Millikin University and graduated from Eastern Illinois State College.

She was a homemaker, a farmer's wife, and also worked at the Humboldt Post Office as well as being a volunteer at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

Lauretta was a member of the Humboldt Methodist Church.

Lauretta enjoyed reading, crocheting, and traveling, but her greatest joy came from watching her children and grandchildren play in their sporting events.

Memorials may be made to the Humboldt Methodist Church.

Gary R. Gaines

Gary R. Gaines, 77, of Newman died at 2:19 a.m. on September 28, 2020 at the Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, IL.

Gary was born on November 4, 1942 to John and Lena (Brown) Gaines in Mishawaka, IN.

He is survived by his three children; Gary Gaines of Charleston, Debbie (Tony) Hatcher of Newman, and Brian (Melinda) Gaines of Newman. Also surviving are his grandchildren Ravin Gaines, Brittani Gaines, Josh (Danica) McIntyre, Kayla (James) Ross, Bailey (Dylan) Campbell; and great-grandchildren Russell, Lacey, Landon, James, Clark, Knox, Baby Peanut; three sisters, Wanda (Don) Mast of Middlebury, IN, Laverne (Duane) Hanyzewski of South Bend, IN, Karen (Charles) Colvin of South Bend, IN, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Dorothy Fout.

Gary was great with his hands and really enjoyed woodworking in his free time. He loved watching the Chicago Cubs and Bears play, and was a huge Notre Dame fan. When he wasn't cheering on his favorite sport teams, he was usually watching an old western movie. Gary was a veteran of the United States Army who served from 1961 until 1965. He was also a member of the American Legion Post #201 in Newman, IL. Gary will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

A graveside service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at the Newman Cemetery in Newman, IL. Pastor Justin Smith officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Legion Post #201 in Newman.

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