

## OBITUARIES



### NICHOLAS J. PERINO

Nicholas J. Perino, 63, of Toluca, died on January 27, 2021 at Aperia Care in Toluca. He was born on March 24, 1957 in Galveston, TX to the late Dr. Nicholas and Dolores (Prince) Perino. He was married to Ginny Gauwitz on October 14, 1989 in Peoria. They had one son.

Nick is survived by his son Nicholas A. Perino of Galesburg; brother Chris Perino of Chandler AZ; sisters Michele (Anthony) Solowosky of Deerfield Beach, FL and Maria Perino of Gainesville, FL; and grandchildren Aleeah and Jaxson.

Cremation rites have been accorded and private family burial will be at a later date. Memorials can be made to the ARK Animal Shelter and online condolences can be left at lenzmemorialhome.com



### RILEY DAVID BURTSFIELD

Riley David Burtsfield, 21, Varna IL, died on January 24, 2021 at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. He was born on December 31, 1999 in Peoria to David and Renee Soeder Burtsfield.

Riley grew up in Varna and graduated from Midland High School. He loved high school wrestling, working out, bodybuilding, and like all boys video games. He was employed at SC2 in Moss-ville.

Riley is survived by his mother, Renee (Bill) Baum of Varna; father David (Terri) Burtsfield of Varna; grandfather Jack Burtsfield of Washburn; grandmother Roberta "Bertie" (Bob Bilby) Soeder of

Varna; sisters Emily (Zach Me-kley) Burtsfield of Varna, Haley (Brad Jefford) Burtsfield of Lacon, Breanna (Daniel Hale) Turley of Mackinaw; nephews Brantley, Ryan, Cale, Carter, Cayson; and his dog Gracie. Riley was preceded in death by his grandmother Cheryl Burtsfield; grandfather Jon Vitale; step-grandfather Wayne Soeder; uncle Johnny Vitale; and aunt Jessica Burtsfield.

Visitation for Riley was held at Lenz Memorial Home on Friday, January 29 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Funeral services were Saturday, January 30 at 10:00 a.m. also at Lenz. Burial was at Salem Lutheran Cemetery #2. Memorials can be made to the family and online condolences can be left at lenzmemorialhome.com



### ARTHUR F. MICHAEL

Arthur F. Michael, 102, of Washburn, IL, passed away at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 7, 2021, at Snyder Village in Metamora. He was born on June 12, 1918, in Metamora, to August and Elizabeth (Seipel) Michael. He married Dorothy Pelz on May 10, 1941 in Metamora. She passed away on November 30, 2004.

Surviving are his two sons, Phil (Kay) Michael of East Peoria and John (Bette) Michael of Washburn; two grandchildren, Jill (Max) Paller and Eric Michael; two great-grandchildren, Tori and Landon Paller; and one sister, Annette Meisner of Peoria. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, and four brothers.

Arthur was a U.S. Army Veteran serving during World War II. He was a life-long farmer in the Washburn area. He was a member of the Washburn American Legion Post #661, Woodford County Farm Bureau, and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Metamora.

A Funeral Mass was held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Father Vien Van Do officiated. A Walk-thru visitation was held from 9:30 a.m. until mass time on Wednesday at the church. Burial was in Linn-Mt. Vernon Cemetery in Washburn with military rites accorded by the Washburn American Legion Post #661.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may

be given to St. Mary's Church, 415 West Chatham Street, Metamora, IL 61548 or to Washburn American Legion Post #661, 104 East Parkside Drive, Washburn, IL 61570. Online condolences at www.masonfuneralhomes.com.



### SISTER M. ALPHONSE HUSAK

Sister M. Alphonse Husak, 98, of the Daughters of Saint Francis of Assisi in Lacon, passed into eternity on Tuesday, January 26 at Lacon Rehab and Nursing Home in Lacon with loved ones at her bedside. Born in Sebechleby, Slovakia on November 25, 1922 to the late Jan and Anna Husak, she entered the Congregation of the Daughters of Saint Francis of Assisi at 17 in Bratislava Slovakia on June 25, 1941 to begin her religious life. She professed her first vows on August 15, 1944.

Sister Alphonse volunteered to be one of the 15 original sisters who were commissioned to establish a new branch in America at age 24, right before her perpetual vows in 1947. Her deep faith and trust in God made her ready to leave her country, immediate family, and religious sisters' culture to become a missionary in the Midwest. Sister Alphonse obtained her nursing degree through Saint Mary's Hospital in Kankakee and worked tirelessly as Director of Nursing specializing in labor and delivery for over 45 years in rural Missouri at their Saint Francis Hospital in Mountain View before retiring to the mother house in Lacon.

Sister Alphonse, a faithful daughter of Saint Francis of Assisi for over 75 years, impacted those around her through her deep continuous prayer life. She celebrated the 75th anniversary of her religious vows in 2019.

Sister Alphonse is survived by her sisters in Christ in the Daughters of Saint Francis of Assisi mother house in Lacon, and her sister Francesca and brother Stephen in Slovakia.

There will be no visitation due to COVID 19 and a private mass of Christian burial will be held for Sister M. Alphonse at the Daughters of Saint Francis of Assisi Mother House in Lacon with burial in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery following. Memorials can be made to the Congregation of the Daughters of Saint Francis of Assisi and online condolences can be left at lenzmemorialhome.com



### BETTY L. MATERN

Betty L. Matern, 82, of Toluca and formerly of Wenona, passed away January 31, 2021 in the OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.

A private family burial was held in Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Wenona. The Hurst Funeral Home in Wenona handled Betty's services. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Betty was born in Wenona on

December 17, 1938 to Ben and Ora (Anderson) Travis. She married the love of her life Samuel "Sam" Matern on June 20, 1958 and he died August 2, 2018. She worked over 20 years at Archway Cookie Factory in Wenona.

Betty and Sam loved to travel to the riverboats and Las Vegas. Betty won numerous jackpots on the slots. She was a loving and proud grandma who cherished her family time together.

Betty will be greatly missed by her family and friends, but her memories will live forever.

She is survived by one son Gary (Anna) Matern of Fort Myers, FL and her best friend and constant companion, her daughter Sandy (Guy) Hattan of Toluca; three grandchildren, Misty Vitale of Peoria, Kelsey Matern of Austin, TX and Kaycee Matern of Fort Myers, FL. She is blessed to have many loving nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be directed to the Toluca Ambulance Fund.

Online condolences may be viewed and remembrances shared at www.hurstfuneralhomes.com.

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