

Obituaries

Jack Bennie Barnes

Jack Bennie Barnes, 82 of Arcola, passed away at 2:45 P.M. on Thursday, December 31, 2020 in Effingham.

Private funeral services will be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at the Edwards Funeral Home. Burial with military rights conducted by the Arcola Honor Guard will be in the Arcola Cemetery.

Jack was born on May 15, 1938 in Arcola, IL. He was a son of Benjamin Samuel and Mildred (Stump) Barnes. He married Patricia Howard on March 29, 1973 in Nashville, TN. She passed away on August 22, 2017.

He is survived by four children, Cheryl Marti and her husband Craig of Fairview, TN, Bennie Barnes, Philip Barnes both of Arcola, and Bill Barnes and his wife Tammi of Caseyville; three grandchildren, Misty Shirar and her husband Chad of Fort Wayne, IN, Taysha Barnes and her husband Matt Lammers of Nashville, IL and Kayli Barnes of Arcola, and six great-grandchildren, Caleb, Canaan, Kinsley, Carter, Cason and Cavin Shirar all of Fort Wayne, IN; two step-children, Andee Haney and his wife Pam of Mattoon, and Melissa Snodgrass and her husband Kevin of Mt. Zion; one step-granddaughter, Sarah Snodgrass and her husband Markus Dorsey of Champaign; one step-great-grandson, Zachary Brooks of Mattoon, and one sister, Patricia Fortney of Arcola.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, his beloved cat, Bob.

Jack was a 1956 graduate of Arcola High School. He served his country in the US Army Reserves.

Jack grew up and lived most of his life on a Centennial Farm. He farmed in the Arcola area for 60 years.

Jack was a farmer thru and thru, and he genuinely cared for other people.

He always looked forward to the Arcola Volunteer Fireman's Stag each year and was a regular attendee for 60+ years.

Memorials may be made to the Arcola Public Library.



Cathryn F. "Katie" Bentley

Cathryn F. "Katie" Bentley, 87, of Bement, passed away on Friday, January 1, 2021, at 10:44 P.M., at her residence in Bement.

Public visitation for Katie will be held from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., on Tuesday, January 5, 2021, at the Hinds Funeral Home, 348 N. Piatt St., Bement. We ask that you please wear a mask and social distance. Private family graveside services will be held on Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at the Bement Township Cemetery. The Rev. Marsha Frederick will officiate. Memorial contributions can be made to the Bement E.M.T.s. Association.

Katie was born on October 3, 1933, a daughter of Chester and Gladys Egbert Scott. She married Delmar "Babe" Bentley on June 3, 1951 and he passed away on August 31, 1998. Surviving children include, Dave Bentley of Bement, Eddie (Edward Quarles) Bentley of Indianapolis, IN, Susie (Aaron) Hinds of Bement, and Jimmie (Cindi) Bentley of Bement. Surviving are 3 grandchildren, Tiffany (Dr. Clint) Jackson of Champaign, Carissa (Andy Parsons) Ben-



ner and Kymberly Bentley of Bement. Also surviving are 3 great-grandchildren, Mackenzie and Cole Jackson and Tenley Parsons. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, 2 sisters and 4 brothers.

Katie was an Alumni of Monticello High School in Monticello, graduating class of 1951. She was a clerk at Smitty's Market and later Kitner's IGA for over 50 years. After her retirement, Katie did in home care for residents in Bement. These were people she considered friends and their families were so grateful to have her. Katie loved to play all card games including euchre, uno, and rummy, but her greatest love was spending time with her family.

Aaron and Susie Hinds of Hinds Funeral Home, are proud to honor their mother's life, Cathryn F. Bentley. "Our Family is Here to Serve Your Family". Please visit our website at www.hindsfuneralhome.com to offer condolences.

David Allen Brock

David Allen Brock, 77, formerly of Arthur, passed away on December 27, 2020 in Sebring, FL.

Visitation will be held from 10:00-11:00 a.m. on January 8, 2021 at the Arthur Southern Baptist Church with a funeral service at 11:00 a.m. with the Rev. Lanny Faulkner officiating. Burial will be in the Arthur Cemetery. Shrader Funeral Home, Arthur, is in charge of arrangements.

Dave was born on July 15, 1943 in Du Quoin, Illinois to Rev. Hiley and Chloe (nee Jones) Brock. He graduated Du Quoin High School in 1961. He graduated from Ouachita Baptist University in 1966 with a degree in Business Administration. He then served in the U.S. Army band playing trombone from 1966-1968. He moved to Miami, FL and married Sandra (nee Reed) in February 1973. They had two daughters Lauren (1974), and Leah (1975). Their marriage ended in 1980. Dave and the girls relocated to Arthur, IL. On July 14, 1991, he married Barbara (nee Graham) Fleming in Sullivan, Illinois. She preceded him in death on September 15, 2018.

He worked at MasterBrand Cabinets for over 20 years until his retirement. Dave was heavily involved in the Atwood and Arthur Southern Baptist Churches where he enjoyed teaching Sunday School classes and playing trombone on the worship teams.

Dave is survived by daughters Lauren (Cesar) Leon of Avon Park, FL, Leah Brock Novack of Greenup, and step-children James Robert (Jim) Fleming (and friend Carol Gudausky of Arthur), Travis Michael Fleming (Melissa) of Aurora, and step-daughter, Melissa Diane Carson (Wayne) of Hammond, Illinois. He is survived by 4 grandchildren, 8 step-grandchildren, 3 step-great-grandchildren; his sister, Mary Ellen Rutledge (Mike) of Arthur, and Pam Brock of Defiance, Missouri.

Besides his wife, Barb, he was preceded in death by his brother, Carrol "Bruce" Brock; parents Rev. Hiley and Chloe Brock. Dave loved his family, church, pets, fishing, Fighting Illini basketball, Chicago Bears football, and music (Gospel, Jazz, and Dixieland).

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the National Fragile X Foundation.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Fellowship Home At The Fairway for their patience, dedication, and compassion.

Online condolences to the family may be sent to www.hilligossshraderfh.com



Gene A. Greek

Gene A. Greek, 83, of Atwood, passed away at 8:25 a.m., Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.

Gene was born on September 12, 1937 in Princeton, IN, to Eugene and Delama (Geiser) Greek.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Arlie Carolyn (Malone) Greek, daughters: Rebecca A. Lucas of Tuscola and Margaret E. Greek of Champaign, brother: Robert D. Greek of Evansville, IN, grandsons: William (Kelley) Lucas of Mt. Zion and Shane Lucas of Atwood.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister: Pamela S. King, brothers: Eugene Greek, Jr., Gary Mack Greek and son-in-law: Curt Lucas.

Gene graduated from Edwards County Senior High School, Albion, IL in 1955 and from Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL in 1959. He was formerly employed at Polymer Services Laboratories in Tuscola and Decatur Memorial Hospital, Decatur. He retired as Assistant to the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Illinois.

Gene enjoyed teaching his Sunday school class at First Baptist Church of Atwood, golfing and having morning coffee with his buddies at Harris Electric.

A private family service will be held on Monday, January 4, 2021. Due to the current situation, a celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Carle Hospice, First Baptist Church of Atwood or United Church of Atwood.

Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com

Shirley A. Gentry

Shirley A. Gentry, 79, of Monticello, formerly of Bement, passed away at 7:45 A.M., on Wednesday, December 30, 2020, at the Piatt County Nursing Home, Monticello.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the family is graciously abiding by the suggestions set forth. Graveside services will be held on Monday, January 4, 2021, at 11:00 A.M., at the Bement Township Cemetery, Bement. The Pastor's Ed Cain and Pat Tieman will officiate. Memorial contributions can be made to the Shirley A. Gentry memorial fund in care of Hinds Funeral Home, Bement.

Shirley was born on August 10, 1941, in Sedgewickville, MO, a daughter of Clarence J. and Ila M. Bumgardner Whaley. She married William L. Gentry of March 27, 1965 in Missouri and he passed away on March 5, 1995.

Surviving are 2 daughters, Gail (Ed) Cain of LaPlace, and Barbara (Ken) Waltsgott of Mobile, AL. Also surviving are 4 grandchildren, Tad Cain, Ryan Cain, Shelbi Cain and Harry Waltsgott, as well as a great-granddaughter, Mckinlee. She is also survived by a sister, Laverne Cothren of Doniphan, MO. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, (Obituaries Continued on Page 6)



Area Church Directory - Attend the Church of your choice

LIFEPOINTE CHURCH - 700 E. Main, Arcola. Ph. 217-268-4586. Nondenominational, Spirit-Filled Church. Rev. Gephard and Judy Warman. Sunday Worship Service: 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Rogelio Gutierrez - Spanish Church, Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.; Friday Service 7:00 p.m.

ARTHUR UNITED METHODIST - 128 E. Illinois, 543-3159, Dial-A-Devotion, 543-3711. Pastor Jill Bunker. Informal worship, 8:00 a.m.; Fellowship time, 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m. Web site: <http://arthurunitedmethodist.org/>

ARTHUR SOUTHERN BAPTIST - 530 N. Vine St., Arthur, 543-2672. Doug Davis, Pastor. Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.; Children's Church, every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m., Nursery provided. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Service 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

FIRST APOSTOLIC CHURCH - 320 Surrey Lane, Arthur, 543-3024. Gawain Bevis, Minister. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:15 a.m. Family Night, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. Website: www.facarthur.org

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ATWOOD - 231 N. Illinois, 578-2555. Woody White, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:00 a.m., Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m., Youth 5:00 p.m., Discipleship Class 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study, Tuesday 9:00 a.m.; IGNITE Children's Ministry Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Child care provided at all services. Visit our website www.firstbaptistatwood.org

LAKE FORK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST - 3 miles north of Atwood, 578-2706. Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Bible Study, 6:00 p.m. Thursday; Men's Fellowship, 7:00 p.m., 1st Wednesday; Women's Fellowship 1:30 p.m., 1st Tuesday.

ATWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH - 229 S. Main, Atwood, 578-2880. Pastor Don Gerkin. Bible Class, 9:00 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:15 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF ATWOOD - 210 N. Main, Atwood, 578-2832. Pastor Mike Drake. Non-Denominational Worship Services, 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST - 2 1/2 miles south of Garrett. 578-2203. Church Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School, 10:15 a.m.

BEMENT BAPTIST CHURCH - 748 S. Macon, 678-8155. Rev. Pat Tieman. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - 332 S. Macon, Bement. 762-2566. Monsignor Michael Bliss. Sunday Mass, 7:30 a.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - (Disciples of Christ). Corner of Wing and Piatt, Bement. 678-3035. Pastor Tim Davis. Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.

BEMENT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 249 N. Piatt, Bement. 678-2461. James Fielder, Pastor. Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.; Worship, 10:00 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - 249 N. Macon, P.O. Box 125, Bement. 678-4491. Rev. Marsha Frederick. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN - 102 E. Durfee, Cerro Gordo, Brick church on the corner of Jefferson and Durfee, 763-8641. Larry Traxler, Pastor. Sundays - Sunday School for all ages 9:00 a.m.; Worship Service (nursery provided) at 10:00 a.m. Check us out at www.cerrogordocob.com

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 104 E. Carter, Cerro Gordo. 763-8411. Rev. Lee Legg. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m. Nursery provided.

BRETHREN CHURCH - 209 S. Jefferson, Cerro Gordo. 763-3481. Pastor Terry Leach. Preaching God's Word. **Sunday:** Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Afterglow with meal and fellowship following morning service; Sunday evening services, 6:00 p.m. **Wednesday:** 7:00 p.m. Bible Study and prayer, 8:15 p.m. Choir practice. Come worship with us at the "Little White Church" where you will feel like you belong.

GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH - located at 3470 Christmas Tree Road in Decatur, off of Reas Bridge Road behind Richland College. Senior Pastor Dr. Joey Krol. Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. and Worship 10:00 a.m. We have Family Night Bible Study at 6:30 p.m.

HAMMOND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 3rd & D Street, Rev. Lee Legg, 262-3386. Morning Worship, 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Bible Study & Meal Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., with meal at 6:00 p.m.

HAMMOND CHURCH OF CHRIST - Bible Study, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAMMOND - Pastor Glenn Baker. Worship Service 8:30 a.m., Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Midweek, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - Ivesdale, 352-8364. Father Fredi Gomez Torres. Masses: Sunday, 8:00 a.m.; Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Thursday, 8:00 a.m.

LAPLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - Pastors Larry Bricker and Jim Allison. Sunday Worship, 9:00 a.m.

PRAIRIE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH - 2423 CR 500 E, Lake City, IL 61937. Phone (217) 873-2464. Nursery available for all services. Sunday School for K4-Adults 9:30 a.m. Worship and Children's Church 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening services 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night Bible Study 7 p.m. with Flyer's Club (K4-1st Grade), King's Kids (2nd-6th Grade) and Teens (7th-12th Grade) every Wednesday (Sept.-May). Email: info@prairieviewbaptistchurch.com Website: www.prairieviewbaptist.com

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN - LaPlace, 677-2120. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.

LODGE CHURCH OF GOD - Lodge. Pastor Wes Cornwell. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m.

FAITH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP - 228 N. Broadway St., Lovington. 873-8791. "Real Faith, Real Life". Sunday Service 10:00 a.m. www.lovingtonfaith.org

OPEN HEARTS FOURSQUARE CHURCH - North Side of the Bridge Street Exit Off I-72, Monticello, 762-4455. Sunday Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH - Bridge at Foothill Road, (P.O. Box 403) Monticello. 762-2988. Sunday, Bible Study 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday, Fellowship Supper, 6:00 p.m., Youth Group 6:45 p.m., Children's Classes and Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

CROSSROADS CHURCH OF MONTICELLO - www.ccwired.org. 1602 N 1125 East Road, Monticello (about a mile east of the Monticello Middle School). Sunday services at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH - 779 E Old Route 47, Monticello IL 61856. Sunday Morning Service 9:00 am. Sunday School 10:15 Fall - Spring. "On The Way" Devotional Podcast Available. Rev. Micah Garnett. 217-762-5826 www.christlutheran-monticello.com Nursery available and handicap accessible.

OAKLEY BRICK CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN - 10344 Cerro Gordo Blacktop, Oakley, IL 62501. 763-6500. Rev. David Roe. Children and Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service Adults & Jr., 10:00 a.m.; Adult Bible Study, Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

FAITH LUTHERAN - Rt. 32, 1 mile south of Sullivan, 728-7711. Glenn Strohschein, Pastor. Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning service 10:00 a.m. Saturday services 5:00 p.m. Online services: www.worshipanew.com

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH - 215 E. Pembroke, Tuscola. 253-2084. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Service, 10:30 a.m.; Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. www.faithtuscola.org

EAGLE MOUNTAIN ASSEMBLY OF GOD - 401 E. Sale Street, Tuscola, 253-4444. Pastor Darin Elder. Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship and Sunday School and Youth Groups, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Services, 6:30 p.m. Nursery provided all services.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN - 600 E. Northline Rd., Tuscola, 253-4341. Rev. Jason Braaten. Saturday Evening, 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Worship, 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School and Bible Class, 10:15 a.m.