

Obituaries

Rev. Jesse M. Adams

Rev. Jesse M. Adams, 90 of Arcola, passed away at 11:30 P.M. on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at his residence.

Funeral service were held at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, January 10, 2021 at Penn Station, 122 East Progress St., Arthur. Rev. Randy Walters officiated. Burial with Military Rites conducted by the Arcola Honor Guard was in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Rural Oakland. Visitation was held two hours prior from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at Penn Station. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. Please observe all social distancing guidelines and the family requests you to wear a mask.

Jesse was born on January 9, 1930 in Fairgrange, IL. He was a son of Jesse Harrison and Delta (Lewis) Adams. He married Sharon Lois Oliver on August 2, 1953 in Ashmore; she passed away on January 20, 1985. He later married Barbra Clapp-Cox on November 23, 1985 in Arcola.

He is survived by his wife, Barb Adams of Arcola, two daughters, Danyll Cox and her husband Chuck of Hindsboro, and Shawna Melton and her husband Chad of Arcola, grandchildren, Tim and Tom Cox, Colten and Delaney Melton, Paul Hilgenberg, Keith Cummins, Samantha Cain, Keisha Camden, Denise Smith, Travis Claver, Carol Floyd and Casey Koester, two step-daughters, Debbie Stanberry and her husband Harley of Greenup, and Diane Koester and her husband Todd of Effingham, and one sister, Judy Price and her husband Lester of Granbury, TX.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, one daughter, Debbie Hillis, one grandson, James Pyles, four brothers, Audy, Robert, Leonard, George and one sister, O'Dell.

Jesse was a Navy Veteran of the Korean War serving from 1948 to 1952. He was a member of the Arcola VFW Post 7862.

Jesse was a parts man at Hutton Parts Service in Charleston, for many years and also at King Brothers in Arcola.

He served the Lord as a Minister of the Gospel for 65 years, having served at the Antioch Church in Oakland, Oak Grove Baptist Church in Oakland, Whetstone Church in Charleston, Arcola First Baptist Church and the Cowboy Church in Arthur which he started in 2010.

Jesse also served as the Assistant Goat Superintendent at the Illinois State Fair for 28 years and he was a 4H judge for electric and mechanical projects for several years.

He enjoyed gardening, fishing, hunting, target shooting, camping, playing cards and he had preached at many weddings and many more funerals. Jesse never turned anyone away that needed help.

Memorials may be made to the Arcola VFW Post 7862 or to Lincolnland Hospice.



Barbara J. Baker

Barbara J. Baker, 83 was touched by her Heavenly Father and carried to her eternal home early morning on January 6, 2021.

Barbara was the oldest child of Rosetta and Merle Jesse and was born in Las Vegas, Nevada on December 14, 1937. Her parents preceded her in death.

In January 1956, she married the love of her life John Baker and they provided a loving home together as they raised a family of five children. She was a farmer's wife. She loved that together they raised a large garden to share with family and friends with the resources that the Lord provided. The Cerro Gordo Church of the Brethren provided a spiritual home for Barbara. She was a very active member and served in several areas of ministry within the church. She loved her Cerro Gordo community and served as the Village Clerk before going to work for ADM, where she retired after 20 years of service in Accounts Payable.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, husband, John and brother Larry. She is survived by a family that loved her greatly and who will miss her dearly: her brother, Gary Jesse (Kathy); her children: Synda Bowlby (Elroy), John Alan Baker (Marsha), David Baker (Janet), Kim Lehmann (Mark), and Tracy Gabriel (Jamie). Her 14 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren all brought her so much joy. Many brothers and sisters-in-law and nieces and nephews made her family circle complete.

A celebration of life was held Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 2:00 in her church home of Cerro Gordo Church of the Brethren.

The family thanks Traditions Hospice for their loving care and support. Memorials can be made to Cerro Gordo Church of the Brethren, PO Box 45, Cerro Gordo, IL 61818.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family in care of Brintlinger and Earl Funeral Homes at www.brintlingerandearl.com.

Mary Virginia Dillon

Mary Virginia Dillon, 96, of Arthur, died December 31, 2020 at the Arthur Home.

She was born June 18, 1924, to John Thomas Dillon and Mary Alma (Bilbrey) Dillon, the youngest of their eleven children.

A private family burial was held at Arthur Cemetery, with a future Memorial Service to be announced after COVID restrictions are removed. Shrader Funeral Home, Arthur, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Her lifelong vocation as a loving Aunt began at age 2,



when nephew William (Bill) Dillon was born. She perfected being a beloved Aunt to nieces, nephews, their children and grandchildren.

She radiated love for her family, friends, church, and a series of aristocratic pet cats. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the First Baptist Church of Arthur, and an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

She is survived by her nephews, Gene Kuleff, Larry (Barb) Coward, Lynn (Mary) Coward, Mike (Nancy) Coward and niece Susan (Charlie) Turner. She is survived by great-niece Calene Kohn and great-nephew Brett Dillon, and Mary's large extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, all ten siblings and their spouses.

Memorials are suggested to the First Baptist Church of Arthur, 120 E. Park St., Arthur, IL. 61911.

Online condolences to the family may be shared at www.hilligossrhraderfh.com.

Charles W. "Charlie" Harris

Charles W. "Charlie" Harris, 93 of Effingham, passed away Sunday, December 6, 2020 at HSHS St. Anthony Memorial Hospital in Effingham.

A private funeral mass was held at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Effingham with burial in St. Anthony Cemetery with military graveside rites. Memorial donations may be given to St. Anthony Church or St. Anthony Grade School.

Charlie was born December 31, 1926 in Dieterich, the son of Ronald and Nora (Harmon) Harris. He married Gertrude Anne Osthoff on November 26, 1945 at the St. Anthony Rectory. Charlie served with the United States Army during World War II and was a life member of the Effingham VFW and American Legion. Charlie was an employee of the United States Postal Service for 40 years as a rural mail carrier and was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Effingham. He and Gertrude both were avid dancers, driving many a mile to have a good time on the dance floor. Country drives going nowhere in particular was also a favorite past time.

Charlie is survived by his wife of 75 years, Gertrude of Effingham; children, Ronald (Sherrill) of Effingham, Alan (Sharon) of Effingham, Bob (Becky) of Altamont, Linda (Tom) Ash of Cerro Gordo and Joe (Renee) of Glendora, CA; grandchildren, Christy (John) Dietzen, Donna (Shawn) Fitzgerrald, Michael (Brenda) Harris, Cory (Susan) Harris, Shannon Harris, Chelsea Harris, Nicole (Ryan) Gibbons, Megan (Travis) Tanner, Libby (John) Wilhelm, Ann (Obituaries Continued on Page 4)



Mt. Zion Assembly of God

634 Woodland Dr. • Mt. Zion • 864-2701

Schedule of Services

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. • Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Children's Service 10:45 • Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Power Night 7:00 p.m.
Children's Service 7:00 p.m.

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First General Baptist

2825 S. Baltimore, Decatur
423-8359

Schedule of Services

Sunday Worship: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Evening Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. for all ages
Wednesday Bible Study/Children's Choir 6:30
Child Care Provided

Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church

345 Main St. • Phone: 864-2528
Rev. Mike Wakeland

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Later on our website:

www.mtzpresbychurch.net

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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 Christian Church. 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.