

Area Deaths

Amanda Jane Miller

Amanda Jane Miller, 92 of rural Arcola, IL passed away at 3:36 P.M. on Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at her residence.

Funeral services was held at 9:00 A.M. on Sunday, May 9, 2021 at the William Otto residence, 330 E. CR 100 N., Arcola, IL. Bishop David Otto officiated. Burial was in the Miller Cemetery. Visitation was held anytime after 1:00 P.M. on Friday, May 7, 2021 and anytime after 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at the William Otto residence. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Amanda was born on January 5, 1929 in Plain City, OH. She was a daughter of Menno E. and Emma E. (Beachy) Hershberger. She married Elmer S. Miller on December 5, 1950 in Arcola, IL. He passed away on December 30, 2012.

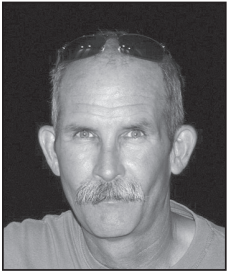
Amanda is survived by five daughters, Emma Jo Gingerich and her husband Leroy of Sullivan, IL, Carolyn Gingerich and her husband Seranus, Tillie Gingerich and her husband Marlin, Clara Mae Kaufman and her husband Jerry and Katheryn Otto and her husband William all of Arcola, IL; one son, Kenneth Miller and his wife Dorothy of Arthur, IL; daughter-in-law, Margaret Miller of Arcola, IL; 47 grandchildren; 149 great-grandchildren; 7 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death

by her parents; her husband, Elmer S. Miller; two sons, Samuel Miller and Enos Miller; four grandchildren, Eli Eugene Gingerich, Wilbur Gingerich, Treva Gingerich and a still born; two great-granddaughters, Cynthia Ann Yoder and Carly Joy Otto; two sisters; three brothers.

Amanda was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Gary A. Moore

Gary A. Moore, 61, of Mattoon, IL, passed away on Saturday, May 1, 2021, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, IL. Gary



was born in Pana, IL on August 22, 1959. He was preceded in death by parents Charles E. and Jean Reedy Moore, and brothers Don, Chuck, and Michael Moore. Gary is survived by his children Teddy Moore (Kayla) of Neoga and Abigail (Dave Beliz) Moore of Mattoon; grandchildren Emery, Harrison, Eden, Avery & Hudson; and sisters Carol Moore of Pana and Judy Moore (Ron) of Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Gary attended schools in Pana and Boody, IL and graduated from East Park Baptist Academy in 1977. After graduation, he served in the United States Navy aboard the aircraft carrier

U.S.S. John F. Kennedy. During his tour of duty, he traveled extensively to Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia. After his service to his country, Gary became somewhat of an entrepreneur, starting and running such ventures as a meat distribution company and an aerial photography business. His interests included golfing, browsing antique stores and garage sales, metal detecting, playing pinocle, mushroom hunting, and eating the hottest peppers he could find. Gary's favorite thing, though, was spending time with his family and friends. He dearly loved his children, grandchildren, other family members, and friends. Gary would never let you leave without giving you a big hug and a heartfelt "I love you."

As per his wishes, cremation rites will be accorded. On Saturday, June 26, 2021, there will be a gathering of family & friends from 9:15-9:30 a.m. at the Chautauqua Building at Kitchell Park in Pana. Everyone is then invited to attend a celebration of life service that is being hosted by the family at Price Cemetery, Oconee at 10:00 a.m. with military rites by the Pana Veterans Honor Guard.

Memorials in Gary's honor may be made to the Mattoon VFW Post #4325, 1220 S 19th St, Mattoon, IL 61938 and will be accepted by McCracken-Dean Funeral Home who is assisting the family. www.mdfh.com

Dale Shoemaker

Dale Shoemaker, 77, of Arcola, died at 8:41 a.m. Saturday, May 8, 2021 surrounded by his family.



Funeral services will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, May 14, 2021 at Shrader Funeral Home, Arcola, with Pastor Matt Stump officiating. Burial will follow in the Arcola Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Friday. Casual attire requested.

Dale was born December 13, 1943 in Shelbyville, the son of Ira Dale and Pauline Lillian Peachee Shoemaker. He was united in marriage to Pamela Jane Morris in Arcola on October 7, 1977.

Survivors include his wife, Pamela Shoemaker of Arcola; son, Brian James (Jessica) Shoemaker of Barrington; daughter, Tiffany (Travis) Drake of Arcola; grandchildren, Nathan James Shoemaker, Brody Dale Drake, Hunter Keith Drake, Mia Mae Drake; and twin brother, Dean Shoemaker of Arcola.

Dale graduated from Arcola High School Class of 1961. He served in the Illinois National Guard from 1965-1971. He retired from the Natural Gas Pipeline (Kinder Morgan) in Arcola after 35 years.

Dale coached his son's JFL league from 1991-1994 with his best friend, Bill Veach. He also enjoyed watching his daughter pitch softball. He was a loving husband, good provider, thinker, and loved Purple Rider Football

and fishing.

Memorial Day Breakfast, Services in Atwood May 31

By DORIS ELMORE
Staff Writer

The Men's Fellowship of the United Church of Atwood, 210 N. Main St., will host a Memorial Day breakfast on Monday, May 31, from 8:30-10 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. The breakfast is open to the public and the cost is by donation. Proceeds will be given to the Atwood American Legion Post #770.

The menu consists of biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, cinnamon rolls, coffee, juice & milk.

The Atwood American Legion James Reeder Post #770 will hold their annual Memorial Day Services at 10:30 a.m. at Mackville Cemetery, west of Atwood. Some chairs will be provided, but persons are invited to bring their lawn chairs.

Real Faith For Real Life

From Pastors of the Arthur Ministerial Association

Think Summer!

Ecclesiastes 4:6
Better one handful with tranquility than two handfuls with toil and chanding after the wind. Before we even realize it, we will be complaining about the heat and spring will be a thing of the past.

Children will be out of school and our thoughts will turn to the things of summertime.

For each of us this will bring something different to mind such as a trip to the lake or beach, but often our thoughts of summer turn to family. Our memories are priceless.

My hope is that we can all somehow find it in us to slow down and take a bit of a break from the hectic lives too many of us live.

That said, we seem to be a creation that is uncomfortable when we take a break from work.

Many people in our culture today seem to conclude that if they are not exhausted, they have failed to do something.

For some people there can even be religious roots to their guilt about taking a break from this intensive way of living.

Remember though Jesus' remarks to Martha when she became upset that Mary was taking a break from

work to listen to Jesus. He tells Martha that she is getting upset over nothing. Just because Martha had chosen to be so hyper was no reason to insist her sister should make the same choice.

I believe that leisure is a part of God's plan for our life.

Sometimes the Christian Church has been so focused on work that we have implied that it is evil for people to relax and enjoy themselves.

The Bible tells us that we should enjoy the work of their hands. But that does not mean that God expects that our only pleasure should be found in our work.

Let's all find some time this summer to renew ourselves so we can function in the best possible way and remember what one is person's recreation is may be another's frustration.

In other words, I realize we all have our own method of this renewal I speak of.

Let's all find a way to slow down this summer and find a way to spend more time with He who created us and those we surround ourselves with.

Pastor Jill Bunker

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ARCOLA FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE-Rev. Ivan Jess 268-4769, 276-3020; Sam Miller, SS Supt. 202-6094. Sunday School, 9:30am Morning Worship, 10:30am; (Sign Language Interpreter) Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm; Wednesday evening Bible Study 6:00pm; Missionary Meeting second Wednesday night of each month.

ARTHUR MENNONITE CHURCH - 710 E. Park St., Arthur. Worship begins at 10:30 am each Sunday. Christian Education classes for all ages begin at 9:30 am. All are welcome, come and join us! Call 543-2781 for more information. Ministry Team: Glen Rhodes, Minister of Discipling & Worship; Jeff Marner, Minister of Administration & Youth; Emily Kauffman, Minister of Outreach; Nancy Kuhns, Minister of Community Life. Website: arthurmennonite.org Email: arthurmennonite@gmail.com

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

ATWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH-229 S. Main, Atwood. Pastor Don Gerkin. Phone 578-2880. Sunday School 9am; Church, 10am; Bible Study 6:30pm

BOURBON BAPTIST CHURCH - David Babb, Pastor, Sunday Worship, 9:30am; Sunday School 10:45am; bourbonbaptistchurch@yahoo.com

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH - Missouri Synod. 1 mile south of Sullivan on Highway 32. Glenn Strohschein, Pastor. Sunday Morning Service 10:00am; Sunday School 9:00am; Saturday services 5:00pm. Online services: www.worshippanew.com

FIRST APOSTOLIC CHURCH - 320 Surrey Lane, Arthur, Timothy Froese, Pastor. Sunday School 10am; Sunday Worship & The Word 11:15am; Wednesday Night Bible Study 7pm. Website: www.facarthur.org

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (ABC/USA)- 120 E. Park, Arthur. John Stewart Pastor; Sunday School 9am, Worship 10am; American Baptist Women's Ministries meets 2nd Mon. 7pm; Prayer chain, 543-2296. For other activities and information, call church 543-2592 or Internet at www.firstbaptistarthur.com

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 231 N. Illinois, Atwood, 578-2555. Woody White, Pastor. Sunday School 9am; Morning worship 10am; Youth 5:00pm; Discipleship Class 6pm; Woman's Bible Study Tues. 9am; IGNITE Children's Ministry Weds. 6:30-8pm. Child care provided at all services. Website www.firstbaptistatwood.org

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH - 300 Northline Rd., Tuscola, 253-2084, Sunday School 9:30am; Morning Worship 10:30am; Evening service 6pm; Wednesday Evening 6:30pm. A Ministry for Everyone: Sunday School for all ages, King's Kids, Teen Dept. Homebuilders & more! www.faithtuscola.org

LOVINGTON FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - Corner of County (Route 32) and Church Streets. Worship 9:30am; Children's Church 4 yrs.-1st grade 10:15am; Sunday School 10:45am for all ages; Wednesday night Bible Study, 7:30pm. Craig Swinford, Pastor.

LOVINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 241 S. Broadway, Lovington Sunday School 9:15am; Worship 10:30am Larry Bricker, Minister.

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

EAGLE MOUNTAIN - Assembly of God. Pastor Darin Elder, 253-4444, 401 E. Sale St., Tuscola. Sunday Services, 10am and 6:30pm and Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm Nursery and children's ministries provided during all services.

SUNNYSIDE MENNONITE CHURCH - Larry Rocke, Senior Pastor, Luke Goss, Assistant Pastor. Sunday School 9:30am; Services 10:30am

COWBOY CHURCH - Penn Station, 122 E. Progress, Arthur. 217-254-8624. Services 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. Rev. Jess Adams and Randy White. Everyone welcome.



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