

# Obituaries

## Dean Vandeventer

Dean Vandeventer, 90, of Tuscola died at 12:15 a.m. on Friday, December 18, 2020 at the Champaign Urbana Nursing and Rehab Center.

Dean was born on August 26, 1930 in Hugo, IL to Fred and Stella (Taylor) Vandeventer. He married Ruth Williams on December 22, 1951 in Tuscola.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Vandeventer; two children, Gary Vandeventer of New Orleans, LA and Larry (Debbie) Vandeventer of Charlotte, NC; five grandchildren, Jason (Sandy) Jones of Auburn, Andy (Jaycilyn) Jones of Tuscola, Jennifer (David) Myers of Tuscola, Nicole (JD) Hanks of Boise, ID, and Jason M. (Sally) Vandeventer of Charlotte, NC; seven great-grandchildren Mitchell and Jack Jones of Auburn, Cameron and Cohen Jones of Tuscola, Grady Chovanec of Tuscola, Sloane Myers of Tuscola, and Cooper Hanks of Boise, ID; one brother, Warren (Marcella) Vandeventer of Camargo; and one sister, Helen Hatchel of Camargo.

He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter Julia (Robert Jr.) Jones, and two brothers Wayne and Leslie Vandeventer.

Dean worked at the Zeigler Coal Mine for over 34 years. During that time, he also would work as a farm hand for the Joines family. He is also a veteran of the United States Army. Dean was a strong, hardworking man that would lend a hand to anyone. He was a gentle giant that loved his family very much, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was an avid sports fan, with his favorite team being whichever one his grandchild happened to be playing on at the time. He never missed a game and could always be counted on to be his grandchildren's biggest fan. He enjoyed tinkering in his garage, whether it was working on his John Deere tractor or just "piddeling" with his numerous tools. At family gatherings, he was also the first draft pick for the annual euchre tournament, winning quite often.

A celebration of Deans life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to an organization of the donor's choice.

## Clara J. Jenkins

Clara Jane (Hood) Jenkins, 84 of Arcola, IL passed away on Friday, December 25, 2020 at Carriage Crossing in Arcola, IL from complications of COVID-19.

Private services were held on Monday, January 4, 2021 at the Edwards Funeral Home. Rev. Don Winch officiated. Burial was in the Arcola Cemetery.

Clara Jane was born on March 10, 1936 in Humboldt, IL to William Harrison and Elsie O. (Burch) Hood. She married James (Jim) Nolan Jenkins in August of 1954 at the Humboldt United Methodist Church. He passed away on December 13, 2020.

Survivors include two sons, Jeff Jenkins and his wife Julie of Arcola, IL and Jon Jenkins and his wife Teresa of rural Charleston, IL, four grandchildren, Jessie Jenkins of Arcola, IL, Rodger Ocheltree and his wife Sol of Las Cruces, NM, Nicole Dewey and her husband Carl of Homer, IL and Jon James Jenkins and his wife Lauren of Gallatin, TN, seven great-grandchildren, Nysa, Hunter, Matthew, Haley, Carson, Colton and Addison and a half-sister, Anna Mettler of Urbana, IL.

Jane was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Jim, three half-brothers, Scott Hood, Wayne Hood and Don Hood.

Jane graduated valedictorian from Mattoon High School in 1954.

Jane was one of the original employees hired in April of 1954 at Cabot Corporation in Tuscola, IL. She spent 34 years at Cabot Corporation, starting as a receptionist, then moving on to office manager, Assistant Human Resource Manager, Human Resource Manager and retired as Division Human Resource Manager.

Jane was a person of great faith and very active in her church; first in the Humboldt United Methodist Church and later at the Arcola United Methodist Church. Jane served as chair on almost every committee in her fifty plus years as a member in Arcola. She also spent many hours volunteering her time to community organizations including Arcola Library Board, Arcola Telecare, Mi Raza and Arcola Health Care Center.

Time spent with family and friends, especially her grandchildren, was one of Jane's favorite blessings. Her caring soul and giving heart will be missed by family and friends.

She was a member of the Arcola United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made to the Cunningham's Children Home in Urbana, IL.

## Deana Y. Kallembach

On Saturday, December 26, 2020, Deana Yvonne Kallembach of Monticello, IL, known as "Bubba" to those who loved her, passed away at the age of 82 (Or 65 if she was ever asked).

She was preceded in death by her husband: Roger, her parents: Leo and Elsie Reinhart and her three brothers: Gilbert, Tommy and Danny.

She leaves behind four children: Nicky Kallembach, Tami (Scott) Gadbury, Cary Jackson, Angela (Todd) Wingstrom of Tuscola, IL and her two sisters: Karen (Curt) Weidner and Jeanne (Vern) Zehr.

Deana will be lovingly remembered by her pride and joy, her seven grandchildren: Cory, Victoria, Christina, Noura, Evan, Anna and Ava and her great-grandson: Maverick. She was looking forward to welcoming two new great-grandchildren, one coming in February and the other in May.

She also leaves behind two very dear lifelong friends: Lynn Manuel and Colleen Butler.

The family requests those who wish to express sympathy to consider making a donation to their favorite charity in Deana's name.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

God speed "Bubba".

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



## Sandra M. Closson

Sandra Marlene (Huckstep) Closson, 83 of Arcola, IL passed away at 9:01 p.m. on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 21, 2020 at the Edwards Funeral Home, 221 East Main in Arcola, IL. Pastor Dennis Cunningham officiated. Burial was in the Arcola Cemetery. Visitation was two hours before Sandra's funeral. It was asked that visitors please follow all CDC social distancing guidelines.

Sandra was born on May 27, 1937 in Douglas County, IL. She was a daughter of Earl Sr. and Icie (Anderson) Huckstep. She married William H. Closson on July 31, 1962 in Newman, IL. He passed away on May 16, 2018

She is survived by five children, Terry Hardwick and her husband Rick of Tuscola, IL, Gary Edwards of Arcola, IL, Lorrie Hawk of Arcola, IL, Janice Cunningham and her husband Dennis of Mattoon, IL, and William H. Closson II of Arcola, IL, 24 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren, six great-great-grandchildren and one sister, Edna Mae Daniels of Arcola, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one daughter, Barbara Jean Snyder, one step-daughter, Mary Jane Oakley, one grandson, Owen Cunningham, one great-grandson, Caleb Hardwick, two sisters, Phyllis Stanton and Norma Hudson and three brothers, Harold Huckstep, David Huckstep and Earl Huckstep Jr.

Sandra worked at Cap and Gown for 37 years. She also cleaned houses for many people.

Sandra enjoyed a good western movie, watching birds and squirrels; she was especially fond of hummingbirds.



## Marylee Manzella

Marylee Manzella, 71, of Tuscola, IL, passed away at 4:24 p.m., Thursday, December 17, 2020 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, IL.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at Forty Martyrs Catholic Church, 201 East Van Allen Street, Tuscola, IL where Father Angel Sierra officiated. Burial followed in the Tuscola Township Cemetery, Tuscola, IL.

Visitation was held from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 705 South Main Street, Tuscola, IL. It was asked that guests please follow COVID guidelines.

Mrs. Manzella was born April 3, 1949 in Peoria, IL, the daughter of Leo and Anida Blough Finnegan.

Survivors include her husband: Tony Manzella, children: Mike Manzella, Tony Manzella and Joe Manzella all of Tuscola; step-son: Bob (Timea) Price of Tolono; grandchildren: Rebekah and Clara Manzella, Lidia Manzella and Victoria, Tobias, Alexandra, Ava and Anthony Price; her siblings: Sharon (Rick) Jimenez, Dan Finnegan, Peggy Finnegan, Jamie (Austin) Carr and Matt Finnegan; sister-in-law: Mary Pat Finnegan and brother-in-law: Terry Matarelli and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents and siblings: Mike Finnegan, Susan Matarelli and Tim Finnegan.

Mary grew up on West Florence Avenue in Peoria, the third of nine children born to Irish Catholic parents who both served their country during World War II. She graduated high school from Peoria Spalding Academy in 1967. Soon after graduation she moved to the Champaign-Urbana area to join her sister Sharon and Rick living in Orchard Downs.

Mary worked at a money exchange desk located in Campus Town Florist on Green Street. One day while paying a visit to her friend who worked at a small but mighty family-owned restaurant called Manzella's Italian Patio, Mary met the love of her life, Tony Manzella. A courtship began, but was soon cut short when Tony was drafted into the US Army and shipped off to the Vietnam War. When Tony returned to the states, they were married on September 6, 1968 in Champaign.

As their family began to grow with the birth of three sons, Mary continued to work in various capacities alongside her husband. These included places like Tony's Lunch Restaurant, Manzella's Italian Patio, then to Liga's Restaurant in Tuscola. In 1985, Mary and Tony branched out to Fisher, where they owned and operated Manzella's Restaurant for 11 years. They returned to Tuscola in 1996, when Mary established a daycare business which she operated for several years.

Mary had a love for children which made her popular at family gatherings. She always had games and entertainment for her nieces and nephews. She served as a mediator amongst the cousins to keep the peace.

Mary enjoyed sewing, loved watching Shirley Temple movies and had quite the collection of turtles.

Mary especially loved her family and time spent with her grandkids. She witnessed their growth first hand often serving as their very first babysitter. It gave great peace of mind to her working daughter-in-law's knowing they were in good hands with Nanna.

Memorials donations are suggested to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1000 Dept 142 Memphis, TN 38101-9908.

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## Keli C. Adkisson

Keli Christine Adkisson, 26, of Tuscola, IL, passed away suddenly on Sunday morning, December 20, 2020 as a result of an automobile accident.

Celebration of Life Services were held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, December 26, 2020 at the Tuscola Church of the Nazarene, 1001 Egyptian Trail, Tuscola with Pastor Joe Carter officiating. Burial followed in the Tuscola Township Cemetery.

Visitation was held from 11:00 a.m. on Saturday until the time of the service at the church.

Everyone please wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines.

Keli was born on October 2, 1994 in Mattoon, the daughter of Brett I. and Cathy D. Adkisson.

Survivors include her parents, sister: Chaley (Paul) Shipley and her children: Koen and Emersyn, brother: Tyler Adkisson, maternal grandmother: Peggy Reinhart, paternal grandparents: Kathy and Tom Mann, Ronald Adkisson, uncle: Rusty (Leslie) and cousin: Jack, aunt: Christi (Troy) and cousins: Mat (Chelsea), Connor and Jenessa, uncle: Marshall (Cara).

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather: Russell Reinhart and great-uncle: Dale "Flash" Hanners.

Keli graduated from Tuscola Community High School in 2013. She worked as the office manager for Adkisson Construction Company. Keli loved animals, especially her Akita "Ladybug". Keli was well known for her sense of humor and was a very talented artist. She was a member of the Tuscola Church of the Nazarene. Keli loved spending time with her nephew and niece who grew to love her as "Aunt Kiki". She will be greatly missed by her loving family and many friends.

Memorials are suggested to Hands-4-Paws, PO Box 204, Tuscola, IL 61953

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



## LuAnn Richardson

LuAnn Richardson, 64, of Arthur, IL passed away at 5:38 p.m. on Thursday, December 24, 2020 at Sarah Bush Lincoln Heath Center in Mattoon, IL.

Celebration of LuAnn's life will be held at a later date. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

LuAnn was born on September 14, 1956 in Decatur, IL. She was a daughter of Maxie and Joan Anita (Vaughn) Warf. She married Mark Richardson in 2011 in Charleston, IL.

Survivors include her husband, Mark; two daughters, Lisa and Kerrie both of Basingstoke, Hampshire, UK; her father, Max Warf of Arthur, IL, two siblings, Teresa Miller and her husband Ken of Sullivan, IL and Steve Warf and his wife Gwyn of Arthur, IL, nieces and nephews, Stephany Barnes of Sullivan, IL, Doniella Warf-Snyder and her boyfriend Allan Middendorf of Columbia, IL, Christopher Warf of Arthur, IL, Drew Miller and his wife Heather of Sullivan, IL and Morgan Schum and her husband Jason of Sullivan, IL, a very special friend, Cheryl Godden of Mattoon, IL, and a close family friend, Wayne Pedigo and his wife Julie of Cave City, KY.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Joanie Warf.

LuAnn worked at the Powers School in Sullivan, IL as a custodian, for several years and later she managed the Citgo-Gasland gas station in Arthur for several years.

She was a big University of Kentucky fan and a Fighting Illini fan.

She enjoyed fishing and spending time with family and friends.



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