

## Obituaries Cont.

### Michael D. Wolf

Michael D. Wolf, 74, of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina passed away peacefully on December, 18 2020 at Hilton Head Hospital.

Michael was a true Patriot whose love of country was only surpassed by the love and kindness that he showed his family, friends and co-workers throughout his life. Born in Washington, D.C., and raised in Silver Spring, Maryland, Michael was recognized early-on for his intellect, athletic ability and incredible work ethic. Michael got his first job at 11 and never stopped working. In 1962 he transferred to the newly established Albert Einstein High School in Kensington, Maryland, and proved himself immediately as a stand-out in both academics and football. He was elected president of his class, and served as president or captain of numerous clubs and groups, including student government president his senior year. He graduated in 1964 and was accepted to the United States Merchant Marine Academy, however, a disqualifying medical condition was discovered during his entrance processing. Michael was disappointed but undeterred, and in 1965 he entered the University of Maryland where he played football, studied Government, and served as a member of the Wheaton Volunteer Rescue Squad.

After three restless years at UMD, ambitious and eager to join the workforce, Michael left school to pursue a career in the retail industry, starting out at Woodward and Lothrop in 1968. In 1973 Michael joined the May Company, where his business acumen and natural leadership ability quickly propelled him into the leadership ranks of the company, where he served in a number of executive positions before retiring in 1999 as a Senior Vice President after 26 years of service.

After retirement Michael, and the love of his life Barbara, settled in Hilton Head Island, where together they continued to use their time and talents to help others. Michael believed that one of the best examples of life's goodness was "wrapped in a dog," and he found great comfort and joy in his dogs who were always by his side.

Michael was the epitome of the "Class Act," and his kind, larger than life personality filled a room like no other. His heartfelt and thoughtful generosity warmed hearts, and tangibly improved the lives of friends, family, and charitable organizations everywhere. He was particularly generous in his support of St. Luke's Church, and numerous conservative, veterans and first-responder organizations. Michael appreciated the finer things in life, but never forgot his roots, and appreciated the people around him first and foremost. Whether one was an employee, waitress, or carpenter, Michael treated everyone he met with warmth, respect, and genuine appreciation.

Michael leaves behind family and countless friends who loved him dearly. He is survived by his loving and dedicated wife of 36 years, Barbara Dudley Wolf, his loyal brother Craig Wolf, Sister-in-Law Terri Russo, Aunt Mary Ann Owens, nephew and niece Sean and Natalie Dudley, grandniece/nephews Cora, Hudson, and Ranger Wolf Dudley, Goddaughter Aubrey Patrick and Godson David Steel, and dear friend Mollie Vann.

A celebration of life with friends and family will be held in the Spring. Memorial contributions in Michael's name can be sent to St. Luke's Church, 50 Pope Ave., Hilton Head Island, SC 29928, or securely online at [onrealm.org/StLukesHHI/Give/Now](https://onrealm.org/StLukesHHI/Give/Now).

### Jerry Jean

Jerry Jean, 66 of Arcola, IL passed away at 1:56 p.m. on Friday, January 8, 2021 at his residence.

Private family services will be held. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting.

Jerry was born on June 19, 1954 in Decatur, IL. He was a son of Evelyn Mae Jean.

He is survived by three children, Amy Wilson and her husband David of Arcola, IL, Deanna Hanley of Georgetown, TX and Jerry Jean Jr. of Decatur, IL, his former wife of 24 years, Teri Elzy and her children, Keith Chupp, Kati Davis and Valerie Bill, several grandchildren and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Evelyn Fair.

Jerry drove a semi for several years, he worked at Bulk Teck in Arcola for several years and most recently he had volunteered at the Arcola Food Pantry.

### Ellen L. Nelson

Ellen L. Nelson, 60 of Charleston, IL passed away at 4:34 p.m. on Sunday, January 17, 2021 at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, IL.

A memorial service was held at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 23, 2021 at the Edwards Funeral Home in Arcola, IL.

Ellen was born on July 12, 1960 in Chatham, Ontario, Canada. She was a daughter of George and Patricia (Mayhan) Gaines. She married Tim Nelson in 2009 in Tuscola, IL.

She is survived by her husband, Tim of Charleston, IL, one son, Matthew Dutot of Mattoon, IL, one grandson, Logan Dutot of Charleston, IL and her mother, Patricia Gaines of Windsor, Ontario.

She was preceded in death by her father and two sisters, Janice Bellmore and Jocelyn Ulmer.

Ellen enjoyed raising rabbits, horses, ducks, chickens and pigs which was exactly what made her happy. She especially enjoyed driving and riding her horses.

Memorials may be made to the family.



### Norma L. Cox

Norma Louise Cox of Villa Grove, IL passed away peacefully at Newman Rehabilitation and Health Care Center on January 10, 2021.

Norma was born October 1936 to Esta Verian and Clara June (Miller) Arbuckle of Newman, IL. She married Marshall Dean Cox of Allerton, IL in 1953 and was preceded in death by her husband and one sister.

Norma was an avid golfer and loved flowers. She also held a special place in her heart for the Chicago Cubs and the Fighting Illini.

She is survived by her children, Sheree (Kent) Waltz of Metcalf, IL and Gary (Debbie) Cox of Camargo, IL; a brother-in-law, Dale Cox, of Gainsville, GA; two sisters, Patricia Rice of Wingate, IN and Paula Leutzinger of Lovejoy, GA; three grandchildren, Lisa (Dan) Smith of Bloomington, IL, David (Abby) Waltz of Hume IL, and James (Melody) Strubinger of Camargo, IL; and two great-grandsons, Jaxson and Parker Strubinger of Camargo.

Due to COVID, a private family graveside service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 14, 2021 at the Fairfield Cemetery with Mr. Ted Shearer officiating.

In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Murdock United Methodist Church.



### Donald V. Czerwonka

Donald V. Czerwonka, 92, of Tuscola, passed away at 6:35 p.m., Monday, January 11, 2021 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, IL.

Funeral Services were held at 10 a.m., Saturday, January 16, 2021 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 600 East Northline Road, Tuscola, IL with Pastor Jason Braaten officiating. Burial followed in the St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Sigel, IL with military graveside rites accorded.

Visitation was held one hour prior to the services at the church.

Don was born on February 4, 1928 in Sigel, IL, the son of Arthur and Ernestine Gust Czerwonka. He married Leona Marie Mehl on April 23, 1955 in Pekin, IL. She survives.

Also surviving are his sons: Brian Czerwonka, Scott Czerwonka and Chris Czerwonka all of Tuscola, grandchildren: Wade (Ali), Whitney and Emily Czerwonka, great-grandchildren: Addison, Ava and Gia Czerwonka, brother: Melvin Czerwonka of Effingham, sisters: Madeline Horath and Wanda Miller both of Mattoon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant son, brothers: Victor and Howard Czerwonka, sisters: Helen Schwartz, Margaret Engelbart, Lucille Hooker and Delores Baker.

Memorials are suggested to the National Kidney Foundation.

Don served his country in the US Army during the Korean War. He worked for 34 years for Meadow Gold- Beatrice Foods before his retirement. He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church and an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Tuscola, IL is assisting the family. Online condolences may be shared via [hilligossshraderfh.com](https://hilligossshraderfh.com)



### Ned R. Douglas

Ned R. Douglas, 84 of Hindsboro, IL passed away at 4:12 p.m. on Sunday, January 17, 2021 at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL.

Private funeral services were held on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at the Edwards Funeral Home. Rev. Zandra Anderson officiated. Burial will be in the VanVoorhis Cemetery at a later date. Friends were welcomed to pay their respects to Ned and sign the register book between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at the funeral home.

Ned was born on April 2, 1936 in Douglas County, IL. He was a son of Ray E. and Jessie H. (Vandeventer) Douglas. He married Phyllis Crites on February 18, 1961 in Hindsboro, IL.

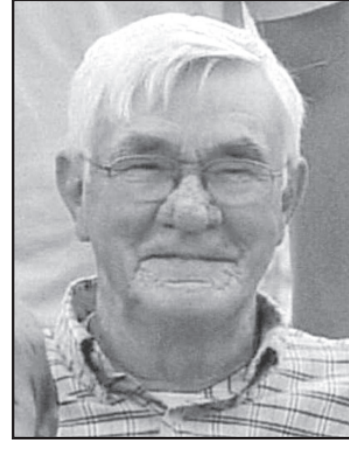
He is survived by his wife, Phyllis of Hindsboro, IL, three daughters, Lora Strader and her husband Chad of Arcola, IL, Lynn Klopfeisch and her husband Rick of Arcola, IL and Lisa Douglas of Hindsboro, IL, seven grandchildren, Reed, Chase and Ellie Strader all of Arcola, IL and Giovanni Salinas of Mattoon, IL and Emma, Camille and Will Klopfeisch all of Arcola, IL, one great granddaughter Genevieve Salinas of Mattoon, IL; one sister, Lorene Shea of Dallas, TX and one brother, Glen Douglas of Phoenixville, PA.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and ten siblings, June, Jean, Dorothy, Don, Larry, Ben, Max, Dale, Rex and Mary Frances.

Ned graduated from Arcola High School in 1954. He was a veteran of the Army National Guard. Ned was a volunteer for the Hindsboro Fire Department for several years.

Ned enjoyed spending much of his time keeping up with the activities of all of his grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Hindsboro Volunteer Fire Department.



## Presidential retirements used to be more diverse

By Tom Emery

With Donald Trump's polarizing election defeat, he became the eleventh President to lose a bid for a second term. What the future holds for Trump, in business, politically, or legally, remains to be seen.

In recent times, U.S. Presidents have followed a familiar pattern after leaving office. Rake in big bucks on the lecture circuit. Get a huge advance for writing a memoir that is usually panned by critics. Get involved in a global cause or two. Work on their presidential libraries.

By contrast, the lives of past retired Presidents were considerably different. Some continued their political careers, while others struggled with financial woes. Others made another run for the White House, while some died shortly after leaving it.

Today, a President's last day in the White House usually marks the end of his public service career. Some past Presidents, though, went back to Washington in lesser roles. A year after leaving office, John Quincy Adams was elected to the U.S. House, becoming the only former President to serve in that body. He spent seventeen years in the House.

Forty years later, Andrew Johnson failed in bids for the U.S. Senate in 1871 and the House a year later. Finally in 1875, he was a legislative appointment to the Senate, the only ex-President to serve in the upper chamber. He died a few months after taking office.

William Howard Taft was appointed Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court in 1921, a position he held for nine years to considerable accolades. It was a dream job for Taft, as he had always coveted a justiceship — even more than the Presidency.

On a state level, John Adams, James Madison, and James Monroe were each delegates to constitutional conventions in their respective states after their Presidential terms. Adams was one of several who were also Presidential electors at later conventions. On the other side, John Tyler, a secession advocate, was elected to a seat in the Confederate House of Representatives from his native Virginia in 1861.

In three cases, ex-Presidents made later runs for the White House on third-party tickets. Martin Van Buren was the Presidential candidate on the Free-Soil ticket in 1848, while Millard Fillmore ran as a Know-Nothing eight years later. In 1912, Theo-

dore Roosevelt made a celebrated run on the Bull Moose party, which had helped split the Republicans. None of the three came close to winning.

Roosevelt was among the most traveled of Presidents in his era, taking excursions on an African safari and a Brazilian expedition in which he contracted malaria and nearly died. A proficient writer, he wrote dozens of books in his pre and post-Presidential days served as associate editor of Outlook magazine from 1910-1914, and was an editorial contributor to the Kansas City Star for a time in 1917.

Similarly, Calvin Coolidge wrote a daily newspaper column in his post-White House life, and contributed to such magazines as the Saturday Evening Post. Coolidge, though, enjoyed only a short retirement, as did Lyndon Baines Johnson, who both died four years after leaving office. The first President, George Washington, lived less than three years after his terms.

Chester A. Arthur, who was wracked with a severe kidney ailment, only lived for twenty months after his last day in office, while James Polk survived a mere three and a half months after leaving Washington.

Many former Presidents have lived in comparative wealth, but some were plagued by financial woes, including Andrew Jackson. James Monroe left office \$75,000 in debt, or nearly \$2 million in today's dollars. Harry S Truman also suffered financial troubles in retirement.

Thomas Jefferson's chronic money woes induced him to sell his 6,500-volume personal library to the government after the British burned Washington in 1814. The Library of Congress was among the buildings lost, and Jefferson's collection became its new nucleus.

Ulysses S. Grant, who struggled with money throughout his adult life, was writing his memoirs just before his death in 1885 to provide for his family. Prior to that, he had traveled the globe, to great adoration. He was also a strong candidate in Republican convention balloting for a return trip to the White House in 1880 before falling victim to a deadlock.

After his second term in office, Grover Cleveland taught at Princeton, where his university president was future U.S. chief executive Woodrow

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