

# Obituaries

## Vickie L. Burns

Vickie Lynn Burns, 69, of Moline, passed away, Thursday, December 31, 2020, at her residence.

Vickie was born on November 26, 1951, in Moline, the daughter of Richard and Joanne Gower Rockwell. She married Dr. J. Richard Burns on March 9, 1974, in East Moline.

She was the office manager with East Moline Chiropractic Clinic for 47 years. She was a loving mother and wife; she was always caring about others.

Survivors include her husband, Dr. J. Richard Burns; son, Keith Burns (Amanda Potter); sister, Cindy (Dave) Gibbs, brothers, Shelley (Sherry) Rockwell, Shawn Rockwell, Todd (Mary) Rockwell, sister, Bridget Rockwell, mother-in-law Martha Burns of Tuscola and sister-in-law Barbara (Mark) Kroenig of St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her parents and daughters, Angela Christine and Dr. Kelly Burns and her father-in-law Dale Burns.



## Janice K. Wetzel

Janice K. Wetzel, 85 of Tuscola, formerly Chicago, died Saturday, January 16, 2021 at home. She was born July 15, 1935 in Chicago, the daughter of Margaret and Francis McElligott. She is survived by her son Raymond Wetzel of Crown Point, IN and daughter Rhonda Booher (Aaron) of Tolono, 4 grandsons Brandon Booher (Shannon), Brett Booher, Brian Booher (Veronica), and Dakota Wetzel, and 3 great-grandchildren Adelynn, Levi, and Parker.

Jan was a highly respected secretary for the director of the District 31 office of the United Steelworkers union for 30 years, retiring in 1984. She was key in organizing countless district conference meetings and other social events for the union. She had a forte for planning and organizing, was a fantastic cook, and always enjoyed hosting parties and family gatherings at home. She was a member of the Oak Lawn Elks and the Tuscola Moose clubs and always looked forward to visiting with friends there.

Jan loved spending time with her family and always had them in her thoughts no matter what. She loved to brag about her children and grandchildren and was so proud to be Gigi to 3 great-grands with one more on the way. She was a lifelong Chicago Bears fan and always looked forward to football season. She will be remembered as a generous, feisty and loving Mother and Grandmother, leaving us all with many great memories and so many stories to tell.

As her final act of generosity Jan has donated her body to the Anatomical Gift Association. No funeral service will be held. Memorial contributions may be made in her honor to an organization of the donor's choice.

What Jan would really like is for you to raise a glass to her memory and remember like her tattoo said, "It's 5:00 Somewhere"!

Online condolences may be shared via [hilligossshraderfh.com](http://hilligossshraderfh.com)



## Robert W. Shriver

Robert W. Shriver, 58, of Tuscola passed away at 5:48 p.m. on Sunday, January 17, 2021 at his home.

Robert was born on July 21, 1962 in Wichita Falls, TX to David and Runelle (Fessler) Shriver.

He is survived by two daughters, Angela Shriver Orwin and Mariah Blankenship; four grandchildren, Maleah Roberts, Sarah Rogers, Kelly Orwin, and Jessie Orwin; one sister, Tina Reinhart; niece and nephew, Jessica and Dustin Reinhart; and great-nephews, Davian and Drayden Peters.

He was preceded in death by his parents, David and Runelle Shriver.

There will be no services held.

## Noah B Helmuth

Noah B Helmuth, 96 of Harrisonburg, VA (formerly of Arthur, IL) passed away on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community, where he was a resident for the past eight years.

Private family graveside services were held on Saturday, January 16, 2021 in the Arthur Cemetery. Rev. Michael Loss officiated. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Noah was born on April 12, 1924 in Arcola, IL. He was a son of Benjamin and Lizzie (Schrock) Helmuth. He married Edna L Miller on December 16, 1943; she passed away on August 24, 2019.

Noah and Edna, through their early years of marriage, were dairy farmers and began their family.

In 1964 he became co-owner of M&H Equipment, which became Helmuth Implement in 1966 when Noah and Edna bought out another business partner and changed the name. With an already full life, in 1972 Noah and Edna began traveling to Chicago on weekends where Noah eventually became the pastor of Chicago Community Chapel. Noah and Edna's pastoral journeys also took them to, Arthur Mennonite Church (Arthur, IL), Cazenovia Mennonite Church (Cazenovia, IL), Roanoke Mennonite Church (Roanoke, IL), East Peoria Mennonite Church (East Peoria, IL), East Union Mennonite Church (2) (Kalona, IA), and Stuarts Draft Mennonite Church (Stuarts Draft, VA).

In 2002 Noah & Edna moved to Harrisonburg, VA to be closer to at least some of their family. For the past 8 years they have lived at the Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community where they were blessed with many friends and care workers.

Noah is survived by four sons, Andrew N (Joan) Helmuth of Arthur, IL, Ervin N Helmuth of Sarasota, FL, Phillip N (Loretta) Helmuth of Harrisonburg, VA and Leslie N (Sylvia) Helmuth of Harrisonburg, VA; a daughter, Susanna (Richard) Plank of Goshen, IN; 10 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Edna Helmuth, one grandson, Michael Helmuth, 3 brothers and 5 sisters.

In lieu of flowers gifts may be made to VMRC Foundation Good Samaritan Fund, 1491 Virginia Avenue,



## Theresa Fields

Theresa Fields, 69, of Villa Grove passed away at 7:30 p.m. on January 7, 2021 at Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital in Mattoon, IL with her husband by her side.

Theresa was born on July 16, 1951 at Jarman Hospital in Tuscola. She was the daughter of Merle and Norma (Christians) Rahn.

She is survived by her husband, Christie (Cork) Fields, step-daughter Candace McElhaney, granddaughter Maggie, her brother Cary (Beth) Rahn of Bourbon, IL, and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers Bruce and Kevin.

Theresa graduated from Tuscola High School in 1969 and was proud of her class. Her senior year of high school the superintendent of Douglas County Schools persuaded Theresa to go to college and become a teacher. She then attended Eastern Illinois University and graduated in 1973 with a degree in education. She taught from 1973-1977 at Polo School District. She then moved to Springfield to work for the Illinois State Bar Association. Wanting to get closer to home, she moved back to teach in Villa Grove in 1980 until her retirement in 2011.

During her teaching career at Villa Grove, she taught junior high and high school Home Economics and Consumer Education. She was president of VGEA for many years and also served as secretary. Theresa was Student Council Advisor for several years and was honored to be chosen as the Grand Marshall of the Homecoming Parade.

Theresa was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tuscola, IL all of her life. She taught Sunday school for many years and served as secretary for the Ladies Association.

She was a life-long member of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority and looked forward to their monthly meetings and luncheons.

Theresa loved to vacation, short weekend getaways, EIU and U of I ballgames, and shopping. She loved going out and running into former students who would often say "Miss Rahn (or Mrs. Fields), do you remember our foods class, our fake wedding, or Consumer Education class?"

Special thanks go out to Karen and Roger Schweighart who were like a sister and brother to Theresa. Karen would call, text, and check on Theresa.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made at the Villa Grove State Bank for the Theresa Fields Scholarship Fund for Villa Grove High School students or to the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tuscola in her name.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tuscola where Rev. Jason Braaten officiated. Burial followed at the Villa Grove Cemetery in Villa Grove.



## Luis A. Gonzalez

Luis A. Gonzalez, 62 of Newman, IL formerly of Arcola, IL passed away at 9:47 p.m. on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, IL.

A Private Funeral Mass was held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Arcola, IL. Father Angel Sierra officiated. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Luis was born on April 24, 1958 in Valadeces, Mexico. He was a son of Armando and Maria Gloria (Rodriguez) Gonzalez. He married Arminda Rodriguez on March 18, 1978 in La Grulla, TX.

He is survived by his wife, Arminda of Newman, IL, five children, Ydania Carranza and her husband Javier of Arcola, IL, Ydalia Cruz and her husband Javier of Arcola, IL, Arminda Quiroz and her husband Peadro of Paris, IL, Luis A. Gonzalez Jr. of Arcola, IL and Angelica Ibarra and her husband Francisco Javier of Newman, IL, and five grandchildren, Giselle Rodriguez, Maximiliano Rodriguez, Andrea Gonzalez, Adamari Carranza and Adalina Carranza.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Luis was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. He had worked for Myron Shonkwiler at Whisnand Hybrids for over 20 years and enjoyed auto mechanics.



## Betty J. Thoman

Betty J. Thoman, age 95, of Kingston, Tennessee passed away Sunday, January 10, 2021 at Methodist Medical Center in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. She was born September 6, 1925 at home in Fayette County, Illinois. The daughter of Marion and Edna Benefiel-Siebert. She married Julian Thoman on February 12, 1949 in Vandalia, Illinois.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Julian Thoman; infant daughter, Deborah Thoman; parents, Marion & Edna Benefiel-Siebert; siblings, Marjorie Bailey, Robert Siebert, Wanda Mahon, Mary Cole, James Siebert, and Connie Bingham.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Tuscola, Illinois where she was active in many areas, serving as co-leader of the Sam Food Pantry, taught Sunday school class for young children, was a member of the United Methodist Women, a member of the Chapel Class at the church and also volunteered at North Ward Grade School Breakfast Program. She also enjoyed baking specialty cakes. Prior to moving, she worked for Illinois Bell for 8 years in Vandalia, Illinois. In 1956 they had the opportunity to move to Tuscola, Illinois where she worked for General Telephone for 6 months. She then worked for Dr. Stanley Cross for 32 years as a Dental Assistant. After the death of her husband in 2017 she moved to Kingston, Tennessee to be closer to her daughter. Family was very important to her and the love she felt for us was unwavering and unconditional. She always put the needs of all of us before her own and she taught us the power of family. Her strength was an inspiration for us all.

Survivors; Daughter, Pamela L. McDonald (David) of Kingston, TN; Grandchildren, Christina Edwards, Amy McGarigle (Mike); Step-grandchildren, Dean McDonald (Kris), Dawn Mannino (Anthony); Great-grandchildren, Nineteen; Brother, Gary Siebert of Mulberry Grove, IL; Sister, Carolyn Thompson of Vandalia, IL. Several extended family members and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date in Vandalia, Illinois and will be announced once the information becomes available. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Tuscola United Methodist Church, Sam Pantry at 901 North Prairie, Tuscola, Illinois 61953.

Online register book can be signed at [www.FrakerFuneralHome.net](http://www.FrakerFuneralHome.net). Fraker Funeral Home of Kingston, Tennessee is in charge of all the arrangements.

## James O. Sudkamp

James O. Sudkamp, 90, of Newman, formerly of Sadorus and Effingham, passed away on Sunday, January 10, 2021.

He was born to Leo and Helen (Goldstein) Sudkamp on November 19, 1930 in Urbana with his twin brother Gerald. He survives along with his sister, Mary Ann Hartsfield, of Savoy. James was preceded in death by his parents and older brother Donald Sudkamp.

James attended Champaign High School and served in the United States Navy. He married Zula Mae Eaton on September 20, 1960. She preceded him in death in 2004.

Surviving are his children; Linda Kocher of Tuscola, IL; Mike Sudkamp (Khon) of New Port Richey, FL; and Dan Sudkamp of Hamilton, OH; seven grandchildren; and three great grandchildren with two more on the way.

Mr. Sudkamp had many careers during his lifetime. He was involved in construction of the State Farm Center, built his own home, and loved to build things. Mr. Sudkamp even worked on his own home well into his late 80's, much to the despise of his family, and had a love of making large rooms into small rooms. He owned his own video game and arcade route, Ace Music. James raised pigeons and traveled to many Pigeon shows in Indiana, Kentucky, and a big one in Chicago. He retired to Lake Sara in Effingham and was an avid fisherman. He enjoyed watching Illini sports, Cubs baseball, car shows, auctions, antiques, and gardening. James also loved watching Westerns such as Bonanza, McClintock, and Gun Smoke and he was especially fond of ones starring John Wayne, Roy Rogers, and Gene Autry. Mr. Sudkamp was a member of the VFW, Knights of Columbus, and the American Legion. Jim was a wonderful father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Later, in 2012, Jim married Anna May Partenheimer and she preceded him in death in 2017.

Memorials in James's name can be made to the American Legion or the Tuscola Moose Lodge.

Services will be private. Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Tuscola, IL is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences may be shared via [hilligossshraderfh.com](http://hilligossshraderfh.com)



## Lillie Joyce Dalzell

Lillie Joyce Dalzell, 73, of Villa Grove died at 12:04 a.m. on January 2, 2021 at Pleasant Meadows Senior Living in Chrisman.

Lillie was born on May 5, 1947 to Avery and Nannie (Hughes) Meeks. She married Steve Dalzell on September 6, 1969 in Providence, KY.

Lillie graduated from Providence High School and then attended Murray State University where she got a bachelors degree in Home Economics. Over the years Lillie worked in several real estate offices, and was an antique dealer. She loved going to garage sales and finding antiques, being in her garden, and most of all her family.

She is survived by her husband, Steve Dalzell; one son, Shawn (Stacey) Dalzell; and two grandchildren, Paige and Cody Dalzell.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Avery and Nannie Meeks.

A graveside service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 16, 2021 at the Murdock Cemetery and Mr. Ted Shearer officiated. Joines Funeral Home (Villa Grove) is assisting the family with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the National MS Society ([nationalmssociety.org](http://nationalmssociety.org)) or to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

