

Obituaries

James P. Carr

James Patrick (Pat) Carr, 90, of Villa Grove passed away at 10:27 a.m. surrounded by his family at Arbor Rose Memory Care, Monticello, on Monday (Jan. 18, 2021).

He was a loving son, brother, devoted husband, incredible father, amazing grandpa and great-grandpa.

Pat was born on April 26, 1930, in Paris, Ill., the son of Thomas L. Carr and Ruth Twigg Carr.

Siblings preceding him in death were Thomas L. Carr III, Mike Carr and Julia Bounds (Bill).

Surviving are his sister-in-law, Sue Carr of Danville, and brother-in-law, Jack Rhodes of Yuma, Ariz.

He married Martha May Rhodes on June 23, 1951, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Hume. Martha and Pat were blessed with 66 years of marriage until her death on Dec. 14, 2017. Pat's enduring love for Martha was expressed through his lifelong collection of adoring poetry.

Pat's son, Brad Carr (Debby), preceded him in death on Dec. 17, 2018. He is survived by children Belinda (John Beccue), Rick (Dina) and Brian (Dema).

Pat loved being grandpa and great-grandpa to his "grandies": Nathan Beccue (Lexie), Cale Beccue (Kelsey), Jacob Beccue (Kaitlyn), Erin Sanford (Steven), Blain Carr (Lauren), Jennifer Neuschaefer (Frank), Caitlin McMillen (Ryan), Justin Carr (Abbi) and Jamison Carr (Ellen), and family friend, Blake Swan.

Pat has ten great-grandsons, one great-granddaughter and another great-granddaughter on the way, Sullivan, Clark and Augustus Beccue, Reed and Quinn Sanford, Easton and Elliot Carr, Lucas Carr, Taylor Carr, Arlo McMillen and Katy Jane Beccue. And our special neighbors who have always been like family — Vicki and Larry, John and Gloria, and the Vandeventer and Rund Families.

Pat grew up in Hume and graduated in the Class of 1948. He earned his bachelor of science degree from Eastern Illinois University and master of science from the University of Illinois. He became a member of the faculty of Villa Grove schools in 1953 and enjoyed a career spanning 44 years as the district media director for Villa Grove schools.

Mr. Carr's Library, as it was to be called, was a treasure trove of creativity and learning. Pat had an insatiable hunger for knowledge and a deep dedication to young students and staff who visited the library. Many of Pat's educational materials were created to help kids learn. His Educational Puzzle Series of 89 puzzles included Slant-R-Straight; Phase Out; and Name Seek. Pat authored over 100 filmstrip word games, motivational word puzzle books, math puzzle sets, word trip games, drivers education learning cards, science creative visuals, and hundreds of crossword puzzles. Pat believed toys should be educational and was the developer of Approved Educational Plaything, evaluating toys and games and appearing on a local morning television show called "Sun Up" to the latest media materials for children. He created a Coal is Cool Educational Activity Book for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs and authored numerous titles highlighting unbelievable moments in sports, to name a few.

Pat Carr was as many would define: a Renaissance man. He was multitalented, an inventor, a teacher, researcher, a poet, a man of charm and humor, yet he was incredibly humble. His greatest joy came from helping other people.

He loved all the VG students, teachers and staff and considered school his second home. Pat Carr was inducted into the Villa Grove High School Hall of Fame in 1998, which he considered a great honor.

Hobbies and pastimes were numerous, including working as an author of News and Views Teamster Local 26 Newspaper and Central Illinois Cablevision Review. Pat was instrumental in helping to bring cable television to Villa Grove. Pat also loved to tape movies and educational shows to lend to family members, teachers and friends. He often would have several tape players going at once and created an incredible home film library. Pat always preferred a good western and later in his life watched many a John Wayne movie. Photography was another great hobby Pat enjoyed his whole life, often bringing his camera to record athletic events.

Pat had a sports-centric interest, first as an early jumpshot artist at Hume High School in the mid- to late-1940s. After graduation, he turned to supporting his children's interests and participation in many sports. He was an avid VG Blue Devil booster and authored Little Okaw Valley Yearbook that gave visibility and recognition to all conference schools and players. He later became an Indiana State, Eastern Illinois, Bradley University, Parkland College, North Central and Illinois State follower

of his grandchildren's college sports success. He became a huge Larry Bird fan with the Indiana State Connection and later his Boston Celtic career. Finally, he became a VG fast-pitch softball supporter, including announcing games, authoring official tournament program management and providing concession stand funds to his many grandchildren.

The grandchildren — or as he liked to call them, "the grandies" — brought he and Martha so much happiness and joy. Holidays and family gatherings were always special times, and Pat or P.C. loved to plan games, scavenger hunts, movies and treats. Pat was a man who loved family more than anything else. He and Martha built a strong foundation of love for their children and grandchildren, complete with many memories to forever cherish.

Of the many talents of this remarkable man, his ability to express himself through poetry will be a hallmark of his legacy. Pat's ability to touch so many lives with his words continues to bring joy to so many. Pat appreciated the character, values and gifts of people in the community and often chose to honor them with a poem. His poems were about people and written for people. He celebrated the happy and joyful parts of life: birthdays, weddings, new babies, retirements; and the sad, often-tragic lows of life: sickness and death. No one understood the journey of life more than Pat, and no one was more empathetic. He wore his humanity on his sleeve and the gentle nature of his generous and giving heart in his smile.

A special thank-you to Pat's devoted caregivers, Lisa Shrum, Emily Berry, Heather Powell and Ashley Mauer; Arbor Rose Memory Care staff and Harbor Light Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Pat Carr Scholarship Fund, Villa Grove State Bank, Box 50, Villa Grove, IL 61956; or to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Villa Grove.

Private family services will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Aloysius Ndeanafo and the Rev. Joel Phelps. Family burial will be in Hugo Cemetery



Laura K. Coile

Laura Kaye Coile, 51, of Tuscola, IL, passed away at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at the Arthur Home in Arthur, IL following a courageous fight with Huntington's Disease.

Celebration of Life Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, January 25, 2021 at the First Baptist Church, 300 East Daggy Street, Tuscola, IL with Pastor Mike Wilder officiating. Burial followed in the Tuscola Township Cemetery. The family requested everyone attending please wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Visitation was held 1 hour prior to the services at the church.

Laura was born on March 12, 1969 in Charleston, IL the daughter of Michael W. Wright and Judith A. Rahn.

Survivors include her mother: Judith A. Wright of Tuscola, sons: Cody Coile and Austin Coile both of Tuscola, brother: John (Mia) Wright of South Korea and sister: Michelle (Brad) Bugos of Villa Grove and many extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her father and nephew: Adam Wright.

Laura was a member of the Tuscola First Baptist Church. She graduated from Eastern Illinois University.

Memorials are suggested to the Huntington's Disease Society of America, 505 8th Ave, Suite 902, New York, NY 10018

Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com



Jeannette M. Lindsay

Jeannette M. Lindsay, 74, of Denver Colorado, passed away January 14, 2021 at The Denver Hospice, due to cancer complications.

Jeannette was born April 10, 1946 in Grand Forks, North Dakota, to Lyle and Verna (Hoverson) Lindsay.

She is survived by brothers Greg Lindsay (Sara Zuhlke), Rockford, Il., John/Jake (Debbie) Lindsay, Highlands Ranch, CO., nephew Ken Lindsay, Rockford, Il., and Noreen Lindsay, Omaha, NB.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Richard and sister Barbara.

Jeannette graduated from Tuscola High School, Illinois in 1964 and then went to nursing school in Billings, Montana. Immediately after that she entered the U.S. Army Nurse Corp and served in South Korea and San Francisco. She was honorably discharged in 1971 and lived in Denver from 1971 to 1983. While working at Denver General hospital she became a Nurse Practitioner and then worked at Denver Metropolitan State College, student health center. In 1983 she moved to San Diego, CA, worked in college health and then with Kaiser Permanente's orthopedic clinic. She enjoyed many new friends and loved formal ballroom dancing.

She returned to Denver in 1997 where she worked at the Colorado State Prison health clinic and a final, much loved position as a Nurse Practitioner at the University of Colorado, Boulder, student health clinic.

Jeannette was surrounded by many friends and family members during her last months. A Mass for Jeannette will be held at St. Thomas More catholic church, Centennial, CO. and another funeral Mass and reception will be held at St. Timothy's church, Manvel, N.D. at a later date.

It has been a privilege for everyone who knew Jeannette to be a part of her journey.

It is requested that any donations be sent to the American Cancer Society or to the Grand Forks, North Dakota, Veterans Memorial



Zyndle Decker

Zyndle Decker, 58 of Arcola, IL passed away at 12:20 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, IL.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Zyndle was born on November 5, 1962 in Tuscola, IL. He was a son of James Franklin Sr. and Ruby Jane (Heath) Decker.

He is survived by his mom, Ruby Decker of Arthur, IL, one brother, James Franklin Decker Jr. of Broken Arrow, OK, one sister, Rhonda Schrock and her husband Willis of Manchester, TN, uncles, Wayne Smith of Arcola, IL and Don Smiley of Arcola, IL and aunts, Judy Ashley and Elsie Condarco both of Celina, TN and Mary Stewart of Hugo, IL.

He was preceded in death by his father, two sisters, Lisa and Rachel and two uncles, Tom (Taco) Smith and John Smith.

Zyndle worked at Monahan's for many years. He enjoyed arrowhead hunting, he loved thrift store shopping, always looking for something special, and he enjoyed fishing and shooting pool.

McCoy T. Roberts

McCoy Thomas Roberts, infant son of Craig and Jessica (Laley) Roberts, passed away Saturday, January 16, 2021 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL.

McCoy was born January 11, 2021 in Chicago, IL.

He is survived by his parents of Monticello, twin brother: Moxen Roberts, big brother: Corbin Roberts and big sister: Emerson Roberts all of Monticello; maternal grandparents: Richard and Susan Laley of Tuscola, paternal grandparents: Joe and Vicki Roberts of Sidney and Peggy McDonald of St. Joseph along with many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial contributions are suggested to: St. Jude Run-Attn. Monticello Team, 4722 N. Sheridan Rd., Peoria, IL 61614 or stjuderuns.org

Private family services will be held.

Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 705 South Main Street, Tuscola, IL is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com



Colleen L. Sass

Colleen Louise (VadeBoncouer) Sass, of Atwood, IL, was born June 15, 1951 in Chicago, Illinois and passed away on Saturday, January 23, 2021 at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, IL.

She met the love of her life, Lynn Sass, while out for a walk. They married November 14, 1970 and recently celebrated their 50th Anniversary. Although Colleen worked various jobs, much of her life was dedicated to being a wife, mother, and grandmother. Colleen loved her grandchildren fiercely. She enjoyed watching Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears games and coloring, but what she enjoyed most was spending time with her family playing games.

She is survived by her husband Lynn Sass, her daughter Carolyn (Jess) Mick, her sons Craig (Amy) Sass, Shannon (Jenni) Sass, and Kyle Sass. Colleen's grandchildren are Stephanie (Holden), Kolbie, Logan, Claire, Hannah (Jay), and Preston. Colleen's great-grandchildren are Lorelei, Alyas, Jasper, and Rukia. Colleen's surviving siblings are Gilbert "Bucky" VadeBoncouer, Sue (Ray) Lennertz, Wendy (Ed) Sandlin, Karen Kozinski, and Carol (Steve) Bastic. Colleen was preceded in death by her parents, eight brothers, and a sister.

Funeral Services were held at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 66 East US Highway 36, Atwood, IL. Burial followed in the Mackville Cemetery, Atwood, IL.

Visitation was held from 12:00 p.m. until the time of the service on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148-0142

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Mary M. Piercy,

Mary M. Piercy, 87, of Villa Grove passed away at 2:15 p.m. on January 19, 2021 at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana.

Mary was born on June 27, 1933 in Winchester, OH to Lyman and Florence (Helterbran) Scott.

She is survived by three children, Terry (Carl) Vestal of Villa Grove, Duane (Cheryl) Piercy of Villa Grove, and Scott (Daphne) Piercy of Camargo; eight grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Marti Scott and Lucy Scott both of Noblesville, IN.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, and four sisters.

Mary wore many hats throughout her life. She was a veteran of the United States Airforce, was involved in her community and school where she was a bus driver and a lunch lady, was a Mary Kay Beauty Consultant, worked for Ed Hayes Construction, and was involved in Order of the Easter Star. She began working for the Villa Grove Post Office at the age of 40 and would retire from there. Mary loved to travel around the United States to visit new places with her friends. Mary was a hard worker and most importantly a woman of faith. She will be missed by all of her friends and family that she leaves behind.

A graveside service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 24, 2021 at the Villa Grove Cemetery with pastor Jerry Conner officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Villa Grove School or to the Villa Grove United Pentecostal Church.



Robert D. Jolley

Robert D. Jolley, 97, of Tuscola, IL, passed away at 8:50 p.m., Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at his residence.

Graveside Services with military rites accorded will be held at the Tuscola Township Cemetery with Rev. Joseph Carter officiating.

Mr. Jolley was born on March 14, 1923 in Tuscola, the son of George L. and Lottie Young Jolley. He married Betty J. Ferguson on August 20, 1941 at St. Charles, MO. She preceded him in death on March 20, 2011.

Survivors include his sons: Jerry Jolley of Tuscola and Andy (Carol) Jolley of Heyworth, IL., five grandchildren: Jason (Amy) Jolley, Leigh Ann Cloud, Travis (Gina) Jolley, Tyler (Neina) Jolley and David (Elizabeth) Jolley, 11 great-grandchildren: Cody, Samantha, Cory, Hunter, Dominik, Cheyanne, Haley, Gabriella, Olivia, Sebastian and Kendalyn, nine great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded by his parents, two brothers, daughter-in-law: Donna Jolley.

Bob served his country in the US Navy and US Army during World War II in the South Pacific. He received two Purple Hearts and four bronze stars. Bob was a lifetime member of the VFW and American Legion.

He retired from USI Chemical Company, Tuscola, IL where he worked as a welder for over 30 years. He was a member of the Iron Workers Union. He was also a licensed private pilot.

Memorials are suggested to the VFW or American Legion Posts.

Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com



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