

Obituaries

Dale H. Sebens

Dale H. Sebens, 94, of Clinton, passed away Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at MercyOne - Clinton.

Funeral Services were held 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at the Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes and Crematory. Burial was in the Oakland Cemetery with military honors conducted by the Clinton AMVETS Post #28. Serving as pallbearers were Lee Kibler, Brandon Mink, James Hammond, Dalton Claussen, Jeremy Dankers, and Brady Dankers. Visitation was from 9:00 a.m. to the service time Tuesday at the funeral home. Online condolences may be expressed by visiting his obituary at www.snellzornig.com

Dale Howard Sebens was born on April 2, 1926, in Atwood, Illinois, the son of Frank and Callie (Romine) Sebens. He was a graduate of Atwood High School. He served in the United States Army during World War II. He married Mary Josephine Larmier on February 6, 1949 in Tuscola, Illinois; she passed away June 12, 1982. He later married Shirley Ann (Davidson) Kibler on June 18, 1983 in Tuscola.

Dale enjoyed farming for over 55 years; retiring in 2000. He was a member of the First Congregational Church, American Legion #190, and the Izaak Walton League. He enjoyed nature, traveling with his wife and spending time with his family.

Dale is survived by his wife: Shirley of Clinton; his sons: Greg (Karen) Sebens of Atwood, Illinois, Curt (Patsy) Sebens of Dongola, Illinois; step-sons: Dave (Velda) Kibler of Camanche, Iowa and Richard Kibler of Ft. Myers Beach, Florida; his daughter-in-law: Cheryl Sebens of Nobelsville, Indiana; two grandchildren, six step-grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, his son: Alan, one brother, and two sisters.

Memorials can be made to the First Congregational Church or the Izaak Walton League.



Wilma L. Myles

Wilma L. Myles, 92, of Decatur, formerly of Tuscola, passed away on Thursday, January 28, 2021.

Private family services will be held. Burial will be the Monticello Township Cemetery. Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Wilma was born on July 16, 1928 in Pacific, MO. Wilma was the daughter of Lawrence & Mildred (Elder) Sumner of Monticello, IL.

She is survived by her daughter: Trinda (Morris) Crutchfield, son: Timothy (Kim) Mitchell, grandchildren: Stephen (Gloria) Spear, Patience (Scotty) Hayes, Timothy (Rachel) Russell, Elizabeth White, John Mitchell, Joseph Mitchell and Erica Mitchell, great-grandchildren: Devyn Cox, Jacklynn Steed, Alyssa Helmuth, Johnathan Steed, Preston Shuman, Kennadie Mitchell, Andrew Mitchell, Megan Russell, Isabella Spear, Sarah Mitchell, Timothy Mitchell, Harli Mitchell, Libby White, Parker Spear, Joie Burns, great-great-grandchildren: Mason Shuman, Mathew Shuman and Chance Cox.

She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter: Jill Russell, son: Jack Mitchell, brothers: Jackie, Willard and Lyle Sumner and sister: Norma Forrester.

Wilma graduated from Monticello High School in 1947. She moved to Tuscola and was employed by Monical's Pizza for over 35 years. She loved working crossword puzzles, jigsaw puzzles and watching hummingbirds.

Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com



James K. Threet

James K. Threet, 90, of Savoy, IL, passed away at 2:05 a.m., Saturday, January 30, 2021 at the Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, IL.

Private Graveside Services will be held at the Tuscola Township Cemetery, Tuscola, IL.

Jim was born on September 5, 1930 at Dundas, IL, a son of IC and Daryl (Curtis) Threet. He married Doris Wetzel on April 13, 1952 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tuscola.

He is survived by his loving wife: Doris "Dot" of 68+ years of marriage, son: Mike (Jotta) Threet of Savoy, brother: Jack C. Threet of Houston, TX and sister: Sue (Buddy) Petrea of Salisbury, NC.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, dear son: Tom and older brother: Dick Threet.

He graduated from Champaign High School in 1948 and attended the University of Illinois majoring in Journalism before being called to serve in the United States Marine Corps in 1951 during the Korean War. He was editor of the base newspaper at Barstow, CA before his discharge in 1953.

Jim was employed at USI/Quantum Chemicals plant near Tuscola for 33 years (1953-1986) as a quality control lab supervisor, retiring in 1986.

He and his wife, Doris, were members of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tuscola and they were also members of the Grace Lutheran Church in Winter Haven, FL. He and Doris are currently members of the St. John Lutheran Church, Champaign.

Jim's interests included playing golf, fishing in Minnesota, hunting Indian arrowheads along the river west of Tuscola with his wife and sons. He enjoyed watching all sports on television and was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan.

Memorials may be given to Immanuel Lutheran Church, St. John Lutheran Church or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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



Virginia A. Green

Virginia Ann Green, 94, of East Peoria, Illinois and formerly of Kinmundy passed away at 3:52 p.m., Saturday, January 23, 2021, at the Generations at River-view Assisted Living, in East Peoria, Illinois.

Virginia was born on May 10, 1926, in Kinmundy the daughter of the late Cecil Chester and Olive Mary (Meyer) Keen. She graduated from the Kinmundy High School in 1944, and she married Burl Green on December 9, 1946, in Salem and they shared 69 years of marriage before he preceded her in death on August 21, 2016. She was a resident of Tuscola for over 60 years as well. She was a homemaker and owned and operated her ceramic shop in Tuscola for 15 years, and sold Fuller Brush for 2 years. They did some traveling and camped at Lake Olney for 21 years, and she enjoyed sewing, puzzle books and watching TV.

Virginia is survived by her two children; Sharon (Gary) Schenke, of Plano, Texas, Marsha (Rick) Burdette, of Peoria, Illinois, three grandchildren; Michelle (Tim) Glaser, of Roanoke, Texas, Jonathan (Stephanie) Schenke, of Midlothian, Texas, Philip (Amanda) Burdette, of Peoria, Illinois, and one great grandchild; Henry Burdette.

Mrs. Green was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband.

Private family services will be held at the McGriff & Triplett Funeral Home in Kinmundy, with Pastor David Kueker officiating, and burial will follow at the Evergreen Cemetery, Kinmundy. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Madison Street Historic Preservation or the Evergreen Cemetery.



Michael J. Brown

Michael James Brown, 64, of Hammond, IL, passed away on Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at his residence.

Funeral Services were held at 1:00 p.m., Monday, February 1, 2021 at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 66 East US Highway 36, Atwood, IL. Burial followed in the Hammond Cemetery with military graveside rites accorded.

Visitation was held from 4 to 6 p.m., Sunday, January 31, 2021 at the funeral home.

Mike was born on May 5, 1956 in Decatur, IL. He married Linda Sue Ditzler on December 24, 1974 at the Old Stonington Church, Stonington, IL, they had recently celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary. She survives.

Also surviving are his sons: Andrew James (Amber) Brown of Lake City and Jeremy Alan (Tabitha) Brown of Mattoon, grandchildren: Brianne Jones, Makayla Brown, Madison Brown, Makenzie Brown, Reginald Edmonds, Conner Edmonds and Kendal Brown.

Other survivors include his parents: James W. "Bill" (Nina) Brown of Cobden and Jack and Ruth (Kearns) Sanders of Moweaqua, brothers: Charles (Bev) Brown of Moweaqua and Robert (Lisa) Brown of Cowden, nephews: Luke (Jennifer) Brown, Rick (Alesia) Brown, Robin (Bonita) Brown, Chris and Curt Whitaker, nieces: Martha (Tom) Brogan, Lois Medrano and Heather (Nathan) Frazier.

Mike proudly served his country in the US Air Force and Illinois Army National Guard for 21 years. He served a tour in Iraq with F Company, 106th Aviation Unit working on Chinook Helicopters for 17 months with his son Jeremy and future daughter-in-law: Tabitha.

He retired as the principal mechanic from the University of Illinois Abbott Power Plant.

Mike always said his mechanical ability was God given. There wasn't anything he couldn't fix or do, including building his home and garage.

He was an avid gun enthusiast and member of the NRA. He enjoyed reloading and shooting. Mike served on the Hammond Village Board of Trustees for several years.

Mike and Linda toured 48 different states on their Goldwing motorcycle and he loved watching his grandchildren play sports.

Memorials are suggested to the Village of Hammond in memory of Michael Brown.

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Former GOP state Senator, Sam McCann indicted

A former Republican state Senator and Conservative Party candidate for governor on Wednesday joined the list of ex-state officials who have been indicted.

Springfield-area lawmaker Sam McCann, who frequently butted heads with Republican ex-Gov. Bruce Rauner and eventually challenged him as a third-party candidate in 2018, was indicted on charges of fraud, money laundering and tax evasion related to his alleged use of campaign funds for personal expenses, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office of the Central District of Illinois.

The indictment alleges that from May 2015 to June 2020 McCann "engaged in a scheme to convert more than \$200,000 in contributions and donations made to his campaign committees to pay himself and make personal purchases." Further, McCann concealed his fraud from donors, the public, the Illinois State Board of Elections and law enforcement authorities, according to the news release.

McCann, of Plainview, was a state senator from 2011 until January 2019 following his unsuccessful third-party run for governor in which he received about 4.2 percent of the vote, or 192,527 votes.

According to the U.S. Attorney's office, McCann organized several political committees which received over \$5 million in donations.

But in several instances, McCann used some of that money to purchase personal vehicles, pay personal debts, make mortgage payments and pay himself, according to the U.S. Attorney's office.

That included \$60,000 spent on a 2017 Ford Expedition and a 2018 Ford F-250 pickup truck, and he later used campaign funds to pay for fuel and insurance for the vehicles.

The indictment also details an alleged scheme in which McCann purchased two recreational vehicles, later establishing an account with an RV rental business in Ohio through which McCann rented the vehicles to himself, paid for by campaign funds. That also led to a tax evasion charge.

"McCann caused a total of approximately \$62,666 in campaign funds to be used to pay the rental cost of the vehicles. The rental business retained approximately \$9,838 for commission and paid McCann, as the owner, approximately \$52,827 by direct deposit to McCann's personal checking account. McCann reimbursed the campaign accounts \$18,000, resulting in more than \$77,000 in campaign funds used to buy and rent from himself," according to the news release from the U.S. Attorney.

McCann also allegedly cut himself a \$20,000 cashier's check from the campaign account in 2016 to pay off a 2011 loan. From May 2015 to August 2020, McCann allegedly spent approximately \$64,750 in campaign funds on two separate personal mortgage loans.

His failed campaign for governor was lucrative as well, according to the indictment.

"McCann allegedly caused the Conservative Party of Illinois to issue approximately \$187,000 in payments to himself personally and an additional \$52,282 in payments for payroll taxes," through June 2020, according to the news release. "Using a payroll service, McCann was allegedly able to conceal himself as the payee for the expenditures from the campaign account."

The indictment also alleges the Conservative Party standard bearer spent \$50,000 in campaign funds on credit card payments related to a family vacation in Colorado and charges from Apple iTunes, Amazon, a skeet and trap club, Cabela's, Scheels, Best Buy, a gun store and cash withdrawals.

McCann is scheduled to appear via telephone conference at 2 p.m. Feb. 16 before U.S. Magistrate Judge Tom Schanzle-Haskins for arraignment.

If convicted, McCann could face penalties up to 20 years in prison for each of the seven counts of wire fraud and one count of money laundering he faces. For tax evasion, he could serve up to five years.

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