

Obituaries

Dale L. Phillips

Dale Leroy Phillips, of Champaign, formerly of Tuscola, passed away at 3:53 a.m., Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at his home surrounded by his family at the age of 86.

He was born on July 29, 1934 to Adrian and Mabel Rideout Phillips in Tuscola, as the eldest son. He married Marlene Wilson on June 1, 1957 in Villa Grove, IL.

Dale graduated from Tuscola High School in 1952. He was a lifelong farmer and enjoyed being outside, "kicking clods" and spending time with family. He also worked at Douglas Transit Company and Oye Trucking Company as a driver. He lived his entire life in Tuscola in his childhood home, where he was born, until about a year ago when he and his wife relocated to be closer to family.

He was a member of Tuscola United Methodist Church, TNT class and Methodist Men. He was strong and hard working. He will be remembered for his calm demeanor, smile, and his perfect timing for a joke.

He is survived by his wife, Marlene, of 63 years, children: Debra Campbell (Chris), and Michael (Roselyn) Phillips, son-in-law: Pete Frieden, grandchildren: Ashley Tennill (Chad), Sarah Caruso (Frank), Brandon Phillips (Ashley), Kayla Phillips (Daniel), Kelsey Frieden, Jesse Frieden and Lacey Frieden. He will be missed by seven beautiful great-granddaughters: Kylie and Adelyn Tennill, Carina and Cora Caruso, Zoe and Olivia Govro, and Gracelyn Phillips. He is also survived by his brother, Larry Phillips (Carolyn) of Tuscola and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and stepfather: Maurice Baker, sisters: Helen Kelly (Eugene), Iola Gray (Alan), Dorothy Rogers (Leslie), step-sister: Dorothy Lytle (Lloyd) and two nieces.

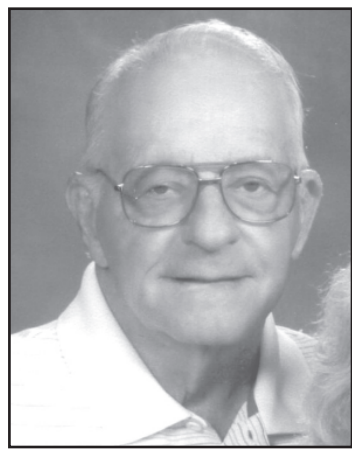
Special thanks to OSF Hospice for their amazing care, especially Karen, Heather and Tomi.

Funeral Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 13, 2021 at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 705 South Main Street, Tuscola, IL. Burial followed in the Tuscola Township Cemetery.

Visitation was held from 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, February 12, 2021 at the funeral home. Please wear a face mask and practice social distancing.

Memorials may be made to Tuscola United Methodist Church, SAM Food Pantry or OSF Hospice.

Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com



Teresa Rahn

Teresa Rahn, age 72 of Byrdstown, TN, passed away on Saturday, February 6, 2021 at her home.

A memorial service was held Thursday, February 11, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at the Jennings Funeral Home Chapel in Jamestown. The family received friends on Thursday, February 11, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Jennings Funeral Home Chapel in Jamestown.

Teresa was born March 18, 1948 in Kearney, Nebraska to Charles Ashton Shafer and Naomi Ruth (Smith) Shafer. Teresa and Myron met in their 30's and got married in Tuscola, Illinois. She worked two jobs to put herself through nursing school and graduated from Parkland College in Champaign, Illinois. She specialized in ICU work at a hospital in Bloomington, Illinois and later acquired an administrative position as an Infection Control Nurse at Carle Hospital in Urbana, Illinois.

Teresa was an avid dog lover and rescued many over the years. She was also a master crafter and created many beautiful keepsakes for her family and friends. In 2009, Myron and Teresa moved to Tennessee. It is hard to live in Tennessee and not be a nature lover! She enjoyed visiting auctions and flea markets all over the state and Myron mentioned that when she wanted to go, he just planned on being there all day! She loved collecting antiques. Teresa was an excellent cook and helped fatten the whole family up with her many fine dinners. Teresa was a member of the Pleasant View United Baptist Church. She was a strong and resilient woman and a great example of passion and personal strength, facing challenges and overcoming misfortune. She will be missed very much!

Teresa is survived by her: Husband of 32 years, Myron Andrew Rahn II; Children, Amy Jean Wright, Mona Diane Wright, Gary Thomas Wright; Step children, Myron Andrew Rahn, III, Shannon LaClair Rahn; Grandchildren, Marcel Simmons, Avery Jay Wright, Chance Michael Hyatt, Ashton Jordan Hyatt, Brayden Wright, Sebastian Wright, David Alexander Wood, Oma Grace Wood; Step Grandchildren, Sydney and Samantha Rahn; Great Grandchildren, Ethan Benjamin Simmons, Eren Nicholas Simmons, Alex Simmons; Brother, William Charles Shafer; Sisters, Lorre Jo Shafer, Charla Jean Shafer Leech; Nephews, Charles Zebulon Leech, William Paul Shafer; A host of other family and friends. She is preceded in death by her: Parents; Daughter, Kelly Jo (Wright) Wood; Cousin, Jimmie Wayne Smith; Sister-in-law, Angela Shafer. Jennings Funeral Homes of Jamestown is in charge of services for Teresa Rahn of Byrdstown, TN.



Rosalie Sharp

Rosalie Sharp, 96, of Tuscola, IL, passed away at 12:05 a.m., Sunday, February 7, 2021 at the Tuscola Health Care Center, Tuscola, IL.

Graveside Services were held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at the Tuscola Township Cemetery with Rev. Duane Piercy officiating. Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Tuscola, IL is entrusted with the arrangements.

Rosalie was born on November 4, 1924 in Clark County, IL, the daughter of Rossell and Denzel Ingram Brandenburg. She married Ivan E. Sharp on December 24, 1944 in Casey, IL. He preceded her in death on October 8, 2014.

Surviving is her son: Gerald "Jerry" Sharp and fiancée: Sharon Hunt of Tuscola, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter-in-law: Jackie Sharp, sister: Allene Legg and brother: Lawrence Brandenburg.

Rosalie was a homemaker and was an Avon Lady for over 40 years. She enjoyed cooking and baking.

Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association.

Jerry would like to thank the nurse's and staff of Tuscola Health Care Center for taking such good care of his mother during her stay.

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Iva J. Atwater

Iva Jean Atwater, 80, of Camargo, IL, passed away at 10:10 a.m. on February 2, 2021, at her home. She was born on August 21, 1940, to Sidner L. Orwig and Bertha Anderson Orwig Welch in Smithfield, IL. She married Arlan Atwater on July 27, 1957. He preceded her in death on November 25, 2014.

She is survived by one son, Mark Atwater of Camargo; one daughter, Kenlyn (John) Deckard of Macomb, IL; four grandsons, Caleb (Kiele) Mackey of Mankato, MN, Benjamin Deckard of Macomb IL, Christopher and Mitchell Atwater of Tuscola, IL; two granddaughters, Robin Mackey of Creve Coeur, IL, and Kerry Mackey of Macomb, IL; one great grandson, Keaton Al-kaisyy of Mankato, MN; three great granddaughters, Rylee Mackey of Creve Coeur, IL, and Braelynn and Violette Mackey of Mankato, MN; a niece; and several great nieces and great nephews.

Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Julie Lee Atwater; two brothers, Ed Hummel and Phillip Carl Dimmitt; and one sister, Wilma M. Danner.

Iva attended Robert Morris College and Western Illinois University. For the last 30 years she worked as an independent agent in the trucking industry. Prior to that she had worked a variety of jobs, including working with her husband Arlan in restaurant management. She also wrote several screenplays. She was a member of Shepherd's Chapel Church in Gravette, Arkansas. She loved and cared for her family tirelessly, and loved her little Shih Tzu dogs.

Memorials may be made to the McDonough County Humane Society, 101 E. Tower Rd., Macomb, IL 61455.

Cremation has been accorded and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

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



Mary E. Rutledge

Mary Ellen Rutledge, 71 of Arthur, IL passed away at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at her residence.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 19, 2021 at the Arthur Southern Baptist Church. Rev. Doug Davis officiated. Burial was in the Arthur Cemetery. Visitation was held two hours prior to the funeral, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the church. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Mary Ellen was born on February 17, 1949 in DuQuoin, IL. She was a daughter of Hiley David and Chloe Berniece (Jones) Brock. She married Michael A. Rutledge on August 1, 1970 in DuQuoin, IL.

She is survived by her husband, Michael of Arthur, IL, and two daughters, Sarah Chloe Rutledge of Arthur, IL and Susan Lynn Golden of Fredrick, OK.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one daughter, Elizabeth Ann Rutledge, her stepmom, Laura Morefield Brock and two brothers, David Brock and Bruce Brock.

Mary Ellen graduated from DuQuoin High School. She then attended McKendree College in Lebanon, IL and graduated in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in education. Mary Ellen had worked at the Atwood Hammond Elementary School district for Title 1 Reading for 33 years then later became a member of the retired teacher's association.

She was a member of the Arthur Southern Baptist Church where she also played the piano, taught Sunday School to kids and adults, at one point she was the youth leader and she also taught VBS over many years.

Mary Ellen was a friend to everyone. She was a Brownie and Girl Scout Leader in Arthur, a "Cool-Aid Mom", a "softball mom" and a mom to everyone.

Memorials may be made to Fragile X Foundation or the Arthur Southern Baptist Church.



Judith L. Buechele

Judith L. Buechele, 82, of Phoenix, AZ formerly of Arcola, IL passed away at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2021 at her temporary residence in Casa Grande, AZ.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at the Edwards Funeral Home, 221 East Main St., Arcola, IL. Randy Walters officiated. Burial was in the Arcola Cemetery. Visitation was held two hours prior to the service at the funeral home.

Judith was born on December 4, 1938 in Evanston, IL. She was a daughter of Henry and Bertha Clara (Kruger) Lockman. She married Carl Buechele on December 4, 1938 in Glenview, IL.

She is survived by her husband, Carl of Phoenix, AZ, one daughter, Kim Menard and her husband Tony of Morton Grove, IL and her caregiver and good friend, Isa Lopez and her husband Ariel of Casa Grande, AZ.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Kenneth Lockman.

Judith was a Veteran of the Naval Reserves for six years.

She was a homemaker and loved playing uno and bingo. Her and Carl loved traveling together in their motorhome.



Richard S. Lampe

Richard S. Lampe, 89 of Arthur, IL passed away at 1:05 p.m. on Friday, February 5, 2021 at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL.

A graveside service will be held at a later date. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Richard was born on September 17, 1931 in Loogootee, IL. He was a son of William John and Agnes Faye (Townsend) Lampe. He married Anna Marie Blankenship on July 27, 1955 in Loogootee, IL.

He is survived by his wife, Anna Marie of Arthur, IL, three children, Vicki Clark and her husband Mike of Charleston, IL, David Lampe of Carthage, MO and Gary Lampe and his wife Karla of Arcola, IL, seven grandchildren, Nicholas Wood and his wife Shaina of Grapevine, TX, Megan Wood (Jason Cluster) of Edwardsville, IL, Brittany Morris and her husband Nathan of Webb City, MO, Brooklyn White and her husband Alex of Harrisonville, MO, Hillary Chupp and her husband David of Arcola, IL Heather Gauna and her husband Harry and Shelby Lampe and her fiancé Nick Robinson of Oakland, IL, one step-grandson, Clint Diener of Carthage, MO, nine great-grandchildren, one sister, Virginia Skjolass and her husband Merle of Stoughton, WI and one brother, Charles "Chuck" Lampe and his wife Pansy of Centralia, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and four siblings, Martha Mitchell, Roy Lampe, Norma Jean Manuel, and Ruth Lampe.

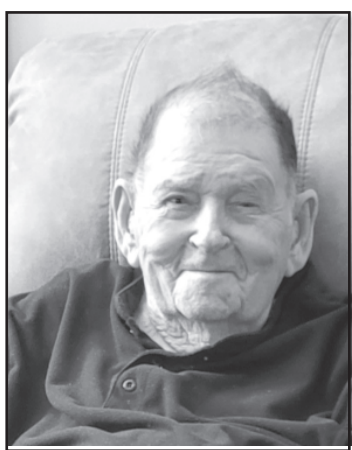
Richard was an Air Force Veteran of the Korean War.

He had worked at USI in Tuscola, IL, Schrock's Cabinet Factory in Arthur, IL and Do It Best in Arthur, IL.

He attended the First Baptist Church of Arthur, IL, he was a member of the Arthur Jaycee's and served on the Arthur Cemetery Board

Richard enjoyed square dancing, playing dominoes with anyone and everyone, especially his group at the Masonic Lodge. He loved baking pies, crafting, yard work and was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan but most of all he loved spending time with his children and grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sarah Bush Lincoln Cancer Center or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.



Terry L. Green

Terry L. Green, 58, of Villa Grove passed away at 5:50 a.m. on February 8, 2021 at his home.

Terry was born on May 14, 1962 in Urbana to Herman and Allie (Swafford) Green. He married Jean Tierney on July 11, 2007 in Urbana.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Green; three children, Adrian Filip, Ann Marie Green, and Michael Green; two grandchildren; two brothers, Glen (Janette) Green of Villa Grove and Ron Lewis of Manila, AR; and two nieces, four nephews, two great nieces and two great nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Larry Green.

Terry was an HVAC technician for Champaign county for several years. He then was a self-employed HVAC technician for four years. Terry loved to be outdoors, and he especially enjoyed camping and fishing anywhere that he could.

No services will be held at this time.

Memorial donations may be made to the First United Pentecostal Church of Villa Grove.

OSFM encourages adults to practice fire safety

The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and the Illinois Department of Aging (IDoA) are encouraging older Illinoisans to keep fire safety a top priority. Some seniors have decreased sight, hearing and restricted mobility, needs that should be considered when creating a fire escape plan. In 2019, out of the 110 fire deaths in Illinois, 47.6 percent of those deaths were people over the age of 60. According to the United States Fire Administration (USFA), older adults face the greatest relative risk of dying in a fire. In 2018, older adults represented 16 percent of the United States population but suffered 42 percent of all fire deaths. Those who are 85 and older were 3.8 times more likely to die in a fire than the total population.

"As the population of older adults increases, it's essential to take the necessary steps to stay safe. People 65 and older, are twice as likely to be killed or injured by fires compared to the population at large. Speak with building managers and/or your family to ensure smoke/CO alarms are working properly. Check on elderly neighbors and encourage them to talk about their fire escape plans. Practice your escape plan to see if you can execute your plan and time it takes to escape. Keep a telephone nearby, along with emergency phone numbers so that you can communicate with emer-

gency personnel if you're trapped in your room by fire or smoke," said Illinois State Fire Marshal Matt Perez.

"In addition to discussing and creating an escape plan with your loved ones, the Illinois Department on Aging offers an Emergency Home Response Service (EHRS) - available to individuals over the age of 60 who meet eligibility requirements. EHRS provides an extra level of protection and peace of mind," said Paula Basta, Director of IDoA. "Our Emergency Home Response Service is a 24-hour, two-way voice communication system that, when activated, links to assistance outside the home. Once you press the button, help will be on its way in any home emergency." For more information on our Emergency Home Response Service, call our Senior HelpLine at 1-800-252-8966 or send an email to aging.ilsenior@illinois.gov.

An alarming trend has been noted by fire departments in Illinois and across the nation of accidents involving people who depend on oxygen. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report that 89 percent of deaths related to fire and home oxygen use are caused by smoking. Never smoke or allow someone to smoke around oxygen tanks. Post NO SMOKING signs in every room of your home.