

Obituaries

Mary A. Drake

Mary Alice Drake, 87, of Newman passed away at 10:04 a.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at her home.

Mary was born on December 7, 1933 in Newman to Frank and Zella (Zeigler) Allen. She married James Drake on July 15, 1951 in Newman. He passed away on June 8, 2018.

She is survived by four children, Debbie (Mike) Hamilton of Georgetown, IN, Cindy (Glen) Hawkins of Newman, Scott (Vicky) Drake of Newman, and Kelley Drake of Tuscola; eight grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; one sister, Betty Hopkins; and a sister-in-law, Marge Trapani.

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

Mary graduated from Newman High School in 1951. She was a housewife for the majority of her life, but she did work for a short time at the men's clothing store in Newman. Mary enjoyed being in her garden and canning what she could. She also loved to knit and drive her golf cart around town, but most of all she loved to spend time with her grandkids and great-grandkids. She also spent many winters on vacation in Gulfport, MS with a group of friends. She was a member of the Newman American Legion Auxiliary Post 201 and the Newman First Christian Church.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at the Joines Funeral Home (Newman) with Pastor Justin Smith officiating. A visitation was held an hour prior to the funeral service. Burial followed at the Newman Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Newman First Christian Church.



Jana L. DeLong

Jana L. "Cricket" DeLong, 58, of Atwood, IL, passed away at 4:50 p.m., Friday, February 26, 2021 at her residence surrounded by her family and friends.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10 a.m., Thursday, March 4, 2021 at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, 201 Fifth Street, Ivesdale, IL with Father Fredi Gomez-Torres and Deacon Jim Brewer as celebrants. Burial followed in the Mackville Cemetery, Atwood, IL.

Visitation was held from 5-8 p.m., Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 66 East US Highway 36, Atwood, IL

Jana was born on August 24, 1962 in Decatur, IL, the daughter of Robert L. Canull and Janice L. Belton Canull. She married Brian M. DeLong on September 12, 1989 at Ft. Myers, FL. He survives.

Also surviving are her children: Blake (Linzie) DeLong of Arthur and Paige (Ryan) Cherry of Ivesdale, grandchildren: Brady DeLong and Sydney Cherry, father: Bob Canull of Hammond, mother: Janice (Ron) Thomas of Arthur, sisters: Michelle Nelson of Cisco and Robin Conner of Atwood, step-siblings: Kyle Landes of Shelbyville, KY and Karri Landes of St. Petersburg, FL.

She was preceded by her grandparents and step-mother: Chrissy Canull.

Jana was a homemaker. She was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church and Sadorus Sportsman Club. Jana enjoyed working out, camping and spending time with her grandchildren.

Memorials are suggested to the St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com



Warner G. Eiben

Warner G. "Mick" Eiben, 71, of Tuscola, IL, passed away on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at the Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, IL

Private family graveside services were held at the Tuscola Township Cemetery with Rev. Joe Carter officiating. Burial with military graveside rites will be accorded.

Mick was born in Knoxville, TN, on September 4, 1949. He was the seventh of eight children born to William Riley and Hettie McLemore. At age 11, Mick and his three youngest sisters were adopted by their step-father: Clarence H. Eiben of Ashkum, IL.

Mick was a 1967 graduate of Central High School, Clifton, IL. After high school, Mick served two years in the US Army and served in Vietnam from December 1969 to February 1971, serving with USARV Special Troop.

In 1974, while attending Illinois State University, Mick met and married the love of his life, Cindy Sue Walker. Mick graduated from ISU in 1977 with a BS in English education. That fall, he began teaching at the Tuscola Community High School, where he taught for 34 years before retiring.

Mick took great pride in his work as an educator. He knew that the best way to change the world was to educate the youth of today for a brighter tomorrow.

Mick was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife: Cindy Sue Eiben, two daughters: Sarah Lorraine (Thomas) Jackson of Thomasboro and Sandra Kay Eiben of Tuscola, grandson: David Thomas Schweighart and a brother and three sisters.

Mick was dearly loved by his family, and he will be missed so much. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

In lieu of flowers, please make any donations in memory of Mick payable to the North Ward Elementary School Special Education Department, 1201 North Prairie Street, Tuscola, IL 61953

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



Roger W. Behrends

Roger W. Behrends, 76, of Hugo passed away at 6:00 p.m. surrounded by his family at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana on Wednesday, January 20, 2021.

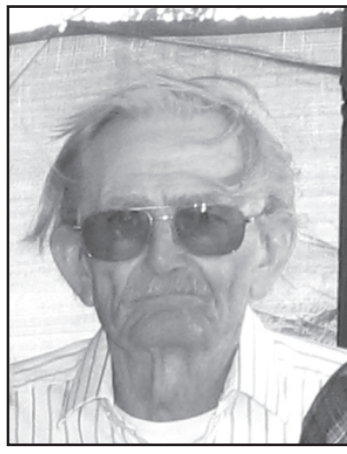
Roger was born February 6, 1944 in Kankakee, Illinois, to Herman and Mabel (Corbin) Behrends. He married Amy Williams on September 13, 1969 at Hugo.

Survivors include his wife, Amy; two daughters, Penny (Eric) Broga of Champaign and Martha (Clark) Cunningham of Springfield; and grandsons Dustin, Matthew, and Jakob Broga of Champaign. Also surviving is one sister, Glendola Meyer of Gilman; one brother, Larry (Tanna) Behrends of Clifton; sister-in-law, Sandra Behrends of Clifton; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Lee and Dale Behrends, and sister Betty Krueger.

Roger earned his Bachelors and Masters degrees from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He taught Agriculture at Teutopolis HS and Oakland HS and was the FFA Advisor for many years. He also worked for Douglas County for many years. All the while working the family farm.

The family entrusted Joines Funeral Home of Villa Grove with the arrangements. Graveside services were held at Hugo Cemetery on January 27, 2021 at 10 a.m.



Oren G. Lockhart

Oren G. Lockhart, 70, of Skyline Springs, IL passed away at 12:41 a.m. on Sunday, February 28, 2021 at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL.

Private memorial services will be held at the Fields Church in Mattoon, IL. Pastor Travis Spencer will officiate. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Oren was born on July 29, 1950 in Rantoul, IL. He was the son of Flores Edwin and Dorothy June (Ford) Lockhart. He married Gina Elaine Davis on May 2, 2002 in Gatlinburg, TN.

Oren is survived by his wife, Gina; two daughters, Erin Spurgeon and her husband Ronnie of Mattoon, IL and Andrea Gilbert and her husband Shane of Mahomet, IL; two stepdaughters, Shonnie Booker of Charleston, IL and Sophie Overton and her husband Cody of Mattoon, IL; eight grandchildren, Dylan, Aidan and Jackson Spurgeon, Madelyn, Mitchell and Ava Gilbert and Lilly and Brooks Overton and one stepsister, Janie McGraw and her husband Lloyd of Miamisburg, OH.

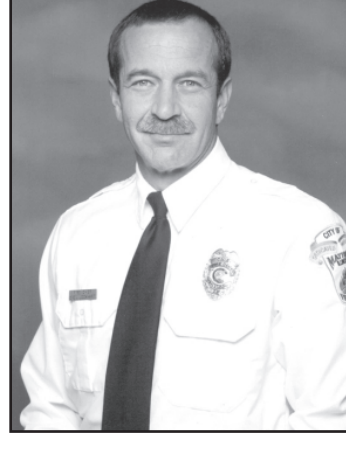
He was preceded in death by his parents. Oren was an Army Veteran of the Vietnam War. He also served in the Army National Guard.

He attended The Fields Church in Mattoon, IL, he was currently serving as Commander of the Mattoon American Legion Post 88. Oren was also a member of the Trident Foundation and he was a founding member of the Coles County Dive Team. He was also a member of the American Legion Riders Motorcycle Club and the Blue Knights Police Motorcycle Club.

Oren began serving the city of Mattoon as a firefighter on January 16, 1973. He moved up through the ranks of driver, captain, chief and director of fire safety before retiring on January 1, 2002. After he retired from the Mattoon Fire Department, Oren became a Coles County Sheriff's Officer, he was instrumental in setting up the security systems at the Coles County Court House in Charleston, IL.

Oren was an avid fisherman and diver. He enjoyed wood-working, beekeeping, motorcycle riding and just spending time outdoors, he especially liked hummingbirds and orioles. His greatest joy was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Camp New Hope.



Peggy L. Fox,

Peggy L. Fox, 79, of Tuscola, passed away 1:27 p.m., Thursday, February 25, 2021 at her residence.

Graveside Services were held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, March 1, 2021 at the Lake Fork Cemetery, rural Atwood, IL with Rev. Kent Conover officiating.

Peggy was born on March 26, 1941 in Atwood, the daughter of Dan T. and Ruth L. Harrington Gully. She married Homer Kitchen. He preceded her in death. She married Robert "Jerry" Fox on July 20, 1995 in Tuscola. He preceded her in death on August 16, 2014.

Survivors include her daughters: Sylvia Peach of Maricopa, AZ, Tamara Page of Villa Grove and Jaqueline Goer of Indianapolis, IN, eight grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister: Marg West.

Peggy worked as a healthcare aide in private homes and she formerly worked at Littlefuse in Arcola.

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



Brian K. Wehrle

Brian Keith Wehrle, 54 of Arthur, IL passed away at 9:07 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at his residence.

Celebration of Brian's life was held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 1, 2021 at the Edwards Funeral Home, 221 East Main St. Arcola, IL 61910.

Brian was born on February 3, 1967 in Decatur, IL. He was a son of Joseph Keith and Sarah Margaret (Scott) Wehrle. He married Beth Marie Young on September 1, 1990 in Arthur, IL.

He is survived by his wife, Beth of Arthur, IL, three children, Brandon Keith Hollenbeck (Nikki) of Tuscola, IL, Lacey Ann Kingery (Waylon) of Atwood, IL and Lauren Beth Wehrle (Jacob) of Arcola, IL, five grandchildren, Carlee, Maddie, Kyndra, Bryson and Hadley, five siblings, Rick Phillips of KY, Pam Marler (Jim) of Allerton, IL, Bev Hill (Dennis) of Effingham, IL, Penny Wehrle (Eric) of Atwood, IL and Donny Wehrle of Windsor, IL, several special nieces and nephews, and his furry friend, Skittles, a Toy Fox Terrier.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Tim Phillips.

Brian was a 1985 graduate of Arthur High School. He drove a semi for over 25 years and was an owner and operator for much of that time.

Brian enjoyed riding his Harley Davidson Motorcycle. He enjoyed grilling out with family and friends but most of all spending time with family, friends, his dog and especially his grandchildren.



Fredia M. White

Fredia Mae (Price) White, 90, of Sullivan, Illinois passed away 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 28, 2021 at St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur. Heaven gained a special guardian angel.

Visitation was held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friday, March 5, 2021, at McMullin-Young Funeral Home, Sullivan. Funeral services will be held 10:30 AM. Saturday, March 6, 2021, at McMullin-Young Funeral Home, Sullivan. Face masks were suggested and it was asked that you please practice social distancing for the services. Burial was in Cerro Gordo Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

Fredia was born November 26, 1930, in Kansas, IL; the daughter of Pearl and Dessie (Moore) Price. As the oldest, she lovingly took on the role as a second mother to her eight siblings. She married Garvin White in September of 1948; he preceded her in death in 1998. Fredia was a member of the Oak Grove Baptist Church, rural Bethany.

Fredia's giving and nurturing nature earned her the title of "Grandma" from more than just blood relation. Fredia made long-lasting friendships with those whom she quickly accepted as family, starting from her roots in the Charleston area. Memories of Sunday dinners in Milmine, where she made sure that everyone got enough to eat, will be forever cherished by her grandchildren. Fredia and Arkey spent their final years together residing in Atwood, where Sunday dinners continued as an important tradition. Family was the cornerstone of her life - from Christmas Eve gatherings, Easter egg hunts in the yard, card playing around the table, to just enjoying family laughter. Fredia enjoyed collecting dolls, crocheting, gardening, playing bingo, and attending church services. Her gentle spirit was genuine and will be remembered.

Fredia is survived by her son Wes (Vicki) White of Sullivan, IL; daughter, Connie Gully of Decatur, IL; brothers, Tom Price of Rardin and Gene Price of Stewardson; sisters Rosie Hite of Rardin, Vella (Jr) Lasco of Long Creek and Loretta (Leonard) Worman of Dietrich. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Fredia was preceded in death by her parents, husband; two sisters, Ruby Brown and Kate Warner; three daughters, Linda Fentress, Paula Myers and Betty Stutzman; one brother, Charles Emanuel Price and one grandchild, Daniel Ray Fentress.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.mcmullinyoung.com



Moxen P. Roberts

Moxen Paul Roberts, infant son of Craig and Jessica (Laley) Roberts, passed away Monday, February 22, 2021 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL.

Moxen was born January 11, 2021 in Chicago, IL. He was preceded in death by his twin brother: McCoy Thomas Roberts on January 16, 2021.

He is survived by his parents of Monticello, big brother: Corbin Roberts and big sister: Emerson Roberts both 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 stjude.runs.org

Celebration of Life Services for Moxen and McCoy were held at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 705 South Main Street, Tuscola, IL. Burial followed in the Tuscola Township Cemetery.

Visitation was held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, 2021 at the funeral home.

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