

Obituaries

Dale G. Underwood

Dale G. Underwood, 77, of Villa Grove, IL, passed away at 5:10 p.m., Monday, March 1, 2021 at the Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, IL

Graveside Services were held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 6, 2021 at the Murdock Cemetery, Murdock, IL.

Dale was born on September 13, 1943 at Jarman Hospital in Tuscola, IL, the son of Ernest L. and Irma C. Woods Underwood.

Survivors include his identical twin brother: Gale (Connie) Underwood, sisters: Patricia (Dale) Fleming, Jane Seider, Joan Underwood and sister-in-law: Sandy Underwood, many nieces and nephews and great-nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother: Cleo Underwood and brother-in-law: Richard Seider.

Dale attended grade school in Murdock, graduated from Newman High School and attended Gem City College in Quincy, IL to learn watchmaking and jewelry repair.

He owned and operated Dale's Jewelry Store in Villa Grove for 42 years.

Dale was a member of the Villa Grove Chamber of Commerce, helped with the Jonah Fish Fry every year and formerly served as a member of the Villa Grove Fire Department. He was a member of the Jehovah Witness Kingdom Hall in Camargo.

The family would like to thank Teresa, his home health nurse and Ashley and Brea for all of their help taking care of Dale and to the Carle doctors and nurses for their care and concern.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to the Villa Grove Fire Department.

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



Helen L. Ray

Helen L. Ray, 91, of Tuscola, IL, passed away at 3:10 a.m., Friday, February 26, 2021 at the Odd Fellow-Rebekah Home, Mattoon, IL. Graveside Services were held at 3:00 p.m., Monday, March 1, 2021 at the Hillcrest Memorial Park, Sandoval, IL.

Helen was born on September 22, 1929 in Centralia Township, IL, the daughter of James and Cora Haney Rhynes. She married Jonathan M. Ray on October 17, 1947 in Salem, IL. He preceded her in death on March 25, 2012.

Survivors include her children: David Ray of Centralia, Danny Ray of Tuscola, Vicky (Billy) Feeney of Mattoon, Johnnie Ray of Neoga and Tom (Deb) Ray of Tuscola, 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and five sisters and son-in-law: Richard Cothron.

Helen was a homemaker. She enjoyed reading, playing bingo and putting together jigsaw puzzles. Helen was an avid Chicago Cubs Fan. She was a member of the Tuscola Moose Lodge and VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

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



Emmett M. Meinhold

Emmett M. Meinhold, 77, of Benson, won his eternal victory hearing the words "well done my good and faithful servant" when he passed away on Wednesday February 24, 2021 at his residence.

He was born on February 2, 1944 in Peoria, IL to Emmett H. and Virginia Campbell Meinhold. He married Nancy Eden, the love of his life on December 30, 1964 in Galesburg, IL. She survives.

Also surviving is one daughter, Mindi (Danny) LeBaube of Roanoke; three sons, Tim (Steph) Meinhold of Tuscola; Todd (Ame) Meinhold of Benson; Marcus (Courtney) Meinhold of Washington; one sister, Sandra Meisner of Eureka; one sister-in-law, Janet Meinhold of Benson; 12 grandchildren, Emilee (Tyler) Severson; Elle LeBaube; Samantha, Madeline, and Tyler Meinhold; Austin (Samantha) Meinhold; Alissa (Brian) Haller; Zach (Madge Sullivan) Meinhold; Adyson Meinhold; Max, Bennett, and Claire Meinhold; and three great grandchildren, Jameson Severson; Sawyer Haller; and Rhodes Meinhold.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Dennis "Diz" Meinhold; and one brother-in-law, Jim Meisner.

Emmett was a lifelong farmer, farming in the Benson and surrounding area all his life. He worked for Caterpillar for 35 years, retiring in 2002.

He was a life-long member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Benson where he served on the church council and served many years as church elder, a position in which he was currently serving. He also served for 13 years on the Roanoke-Benson District #60 School Board.

Emmett was a man of few words, but when he spoke the magnitude of the words stuck with you. He was always the first to help in a time of need and his giving spirit, gentle nature, and kindness were personified when he greeted you with his firm handshake and warm smile.

Emmett's faith and family were the main priority in his life and his willingness to serve his church, community, and family were a testament to this. His voice of reason, his shining light, and his infectious smile will be greatly missed.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 1, 2021 at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Benson. There will be no formal visitation to greet family, but Emmett will lie in state at church from 9-10 a.m. prior to the services. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter Lutheran Church in Benson. Online condolences and tributes may be sent to the family at www.knappjohnsonharris.com.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Emmett M. Meinhold please visit our Sympathy Store.



Richard G. Montague

Richard G. 'Rick' Montague, 64, of Sullivan, passed away at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday February 16, 2021 in his residence.

A Celebration of Life service was at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday March 7, 2021 at the Sullivan VFW with a reception to follow until 4 p.m. Burial will be in the Camfield Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements by the Reed Funeral Home, Sullivan. Online condolences may be sent to the family at reedfuneralhome.net. Memorials are suggested to the Sullivan Gun Club or to the Moultrie County Food Pantry.

Rick was born September 1, 1956 in Decatur the son of Richard M. And Lois Geraldine Jordan Montague. He was a member of the Prairieland Frontiersmen Muzzleloader Club, was very active with the Sullivan Gun Club and he had been a Hunter Safety Master Instructor for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for over twenty five years and had served in the Illinois National Guard. Rick was a building contractor for many years. He married Barbara Dial on March 26, 1982 in Sullivan.

Surviving are his wife Barbara in Sullivan; children David Montague of Light House, Tennessee, Jeremy Montague of Findlay, Laura Shobe of Champaign, Mike Trussell of Spokane, Washington and Michelle Witherspoon of Decatur; sisters Karen Sathers and Cindi Klukis of Sullivan; eleven grandchildren and a great granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents.



Lester W. Fornshell Jr.

Lester William "Bill" Fornshell Jr., age 88 of Chesterton, IN passed away on Thursday, February 25, 2021. He was born on November 7, 1932 in Crown Point, IN to Lester and Florence (Coffman) Fornshell.

Lester is survived by his wife of 42 years, Brenda Lambert and their son, Chance Fornshell. He is also survived by his first wife, Ruth Wandrey and their children, Lester William (Gayle) Fornshell III; daughter, April Fornshell; grandchildren, Billy, Jessica, Daniel, Lakyn, Arianna; nine great-grandchildren; brother, Michael Fornshell; sisters, Pat Walsh, Emily Penn; and his fur baby, Raisin. He was preceded in death by his father, Lester William Fornshell; mother, Florence Fornshell; son, Jeffrey D. Fornshell; daughter, Crystal C. Fornshell-Metheny; grandson, Brandon Fornshell; brother, James Fornshell; and sister, Cheryl Charlson.

Lester was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving as a Seabee from 1950-1953 and enjoyed yearly reunions with his unit. In 1978 he married his loving wife, Brenda and continued to build his family. He was retired from NIPSCO after working as a lineman for 37 years. In 1994, Lester shot the largest deer in the State using a muzzle loader. He loved the outdoors, gardening, watching, and feeding the hummingbirds, and often spending time riding his favorite lawn mower.

Funeral service was held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. at Edmonds & Evans Funeral Home Chesterton, 517 Broadway, Chesterton, IN 46304. Visitation was held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 12:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.ee-fh.com.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Lester William "Bill" Fornshell Jr. please visit our Sympathy Store.



Shelia K. Chambers

Shelia K. Chambers, 64, of Villa Grove, Illinois passed away at Loyola Hospital, Chicago, Ill. on Feb. 15, 2021.

She was born January 10, 1957, the sixth child of Roberta (Keys) Chambers and Joseph Chambers.

Shelia is survived by a brother, Joe (Margaret) Chambers of Champaign, one sister, Beverly (Steve) Brownfield of Thomasboro and one brother-in-law, Robert White and several nieces and nephews. Among her special friends were Janice Berry, Jaima Adams, and Jim Williams, all of Villa Grove.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her infant brother Phillip, a brother Harold, and sister Joyce White.

Shelia enjoyed the simple things in life. She was known for her witty outspoken voice. She loved to be with family, especially her nieces and nephews, and also had a love for animals.

Before retiring, she worked more than twenty years at Carle Hospital.

No services are planned, per her request.



ALAH Lorensen Scholarship available

Lorensen Scholarship available for graduates from Arthur Lovington-Atwood-Hammond. Applications are available on the ALAH website. Due date is March 24 for current seniors and June 1 for students currently attending post-secondary school.

MORGAN TOWNSHIP

Morgan Township is seeking bids for mowing and trimming Knock, Craig, Winkleblack and Union Cemeteries April 1 through September 30, 2020.

Bids, including copy of liability insurance, may be mailed or delivered to Morgan Township, 18302 E County Road 1500 N, Charleston, IL 61920. Deadline for bids is 7:00 P.M. March 22, 2020.

For more information call 345-2821 or 549-6461.

Joan Jacobs, Supervisor



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