

# Obituaries

## Harrold R. Gallion

Harrold Ross Gallion, 95, of Newman died on March 4, 2021 at the Newman Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.

Harrold was born on September 11, 1925 in Decatur, Illinois to J. Wesley and Jennie (Drake) Gallion. He married Rose (Jurney) Gallion on January 25, 1948 in Newman.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Rose Jurney Gallion; three children, Cathy Boyd, Diane (Charly) Anderson, and Amy McGinness; ten grandchildren, Haley Boyd, Ashley (Jason Friese) Boyd, Oliver Boyd, Cory (Mandy) Anderson, Wade (Casey) Anderson, Christopher (Taylor Reed) Ray, Ted (Jessi) McGinness, Ferrin (Danny Stankus) McGinness, Jake McGinness, and Bethany (Jordan) McGinness Hellman; and seven great-grandchildren, Payton Schnebly, Liam Schnebly, Eden Schnebly, Brinley Friese, Seth Anderson, Sawyer Anderson, and Kade Ray.

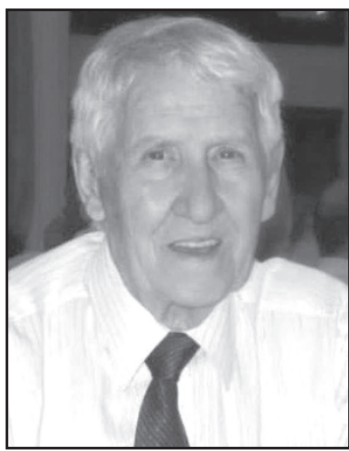
He was preceded in death by his parents.

Harrold was a proud veteran of the U.S. Navy where he served on the USS Tillman as a corpsman during World War II. After serving his country, he attended Western Illinois University and worked at USI/Quantum Chemical Plant in Tuscola, Illinois as a chemical operator for 35 years. He loved taking care of his home that he built with his father for his family. He enjoyed being outside working in his yard and putting in his garage, well-known in his neighborhood for his constant whistling and singing. Harrold was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bears and Illini sports. Most of all, he adored and devoted his life to caring for his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and will be remembered by all of them for his sense of humor and playfulness, knowledge, and willingness to help at a moment's notice.

Harrold was a member of the Newman First Christian Church and the Newman American Legion.

Private family services were held with military rites and officiated by Justin Smith, Pastor of the Newman Christian Church. Joines Funeral Home (Newman) is assisting the family with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Newman American Legion.



## Bruce D. Clough

Bruce Dean Clough, 65 of Borton, IL passed away at 3:54 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at his residence.

Private services were held at 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 27, 2021. Burial was in the Union Cemetery. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Bruce was born on September 26, 1955 in Bourbon, IL. He was a son of Joseph Layle and Pearl Lucille (Tate) Clough.

He is survived by two children, James Dean Clough and his wife Chevon of Shelburn, IN and Helen Faye Walker of Toledo, IL, ten grandchildren, Skyler, Kalie, Alexis, Kayden, Makeanzie and Ashlynn, and Dakota, Elizabeth, Dominic and Savannah, and three siblings, Virginia Tayler and her husband Colin of Oakland, IL, Allan Clough of Borton, IL and Pamela Frericks of Robinson, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son-in-law, Daniel Walker, three sisters, Carol Layton, Linda Mitchell and Debra Clough, and three brothers, Clyde Russell Clough, Doyle Wayne Clough and Donnie Joe Clough.

Bruce had worked at C-Car Industries in Charleston as a forklift operator and warehouse supervisor. He retired in January of 2021 with over 40 years of service.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and spending time outdoors, but most of all spending time with his family and friends, especially his grandchildren.



## Beverly E. Bennett

Beverly E. Bennett, 76, of Tuscola, IL, passed away at 5:30 a.m., Sunday, March 7, 2021 at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

Visitation was held from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, March 13, 2021 at the Tuscola United Methodist Church, 901 North Prairie Street, Tuscola, IL.

Private family services will be held at the Tuscola Township Cemetery.

Beverly was born on July 20, 1944 in Paris, IL, the daughter of Winfield B. and Lillie M. Flickner Whitcher. She married Thomas D. Bennett on August 19, 1967 at the First Christian Church in Paris, IL. He survives.

Also surviving is her son: Robert Maxwell (Cathleen) Bennett of Washington, IL, daughters: Sarah Catherine Bennett of Finland and Jennifer Ellen (the late Timothy) Bender of Villa Grove, IL, grandchildren: Olivia, Megan, Samuel and Andrew.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother: John C. Whitcher.

Beverly was a member of the former Jarman Hospital Auxiliary, United Methodist Women, Red Hat Society, a former Cub Scout Den leader in Pack 80 in Tuscola of the Boy Scouts of America, Brownie, Junior and Cadette troop leader of Girl Scouts of America and member of the Green Meadows Girl Scouts Council of Illinois, Tuscola Library Storyteller and after school reading program coordinator.

She worked as a substitute elementary school teacher in Tuscola, two years at Paris and one year in Peoria from 1967 - 1968. She served as assistant to the Pastor and Education Director of the Tuscola United Methodist Church, where she also was a Sunday School teacher. Beverly also worked as a secretary for State Farm Insurance after she and Tom moved to Tuscola in early 1973.

Memorials are suggested to: Tuscola United Methodist Church, 901 N. Prairie Street, Tuscola, IL.

Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences may be shared via [hilligossshraderfh.com](http://hilligossshraderfh.com)



## Jennifer J. Thomas

Jennifer Jo Thomas, 62 of Arcola, IL passed away at 9:40 p.m. on Friday, March 12, 2021 at her residence.

Private funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at the Edwards Funeral Home, 221 East Main St., Arcola, IL. Burial will follow in the Arcola Cemetery.

The funeral and burial was private (family only). The service was streamed lived on the Edwards Funeral Home Facebook page. Visitation was held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at the Funeral Home. The family requested for everyone to wear a mask.

Jennifer was born on August 5, 1958 in Mattoon, IL. She was a daughter of Roy Lee and Kathleen Jo (Holloway) Armstrong. She married Michael Stephen Thomas on September 3, 1988 in Arcola, IL.

She is survived by her husband, Mike Thomas; eight children, Sarah Bailey and her husband Alvino of Lockport, IL, Patrick McCullough and his wife Rebecca of Humboldt, TN, Heather Yadon and her husband Shawn of Alpine, TX, Meghann McCullough of Mahomet, IL, Matthew McCullough of Arcola, IL, Beth Gatrost and her husband Jeff of Independence, MO, Katie Barnes and her husband Greg of Tahlequah, OK and Marty Thomas of Arcola, IL, twelve grandchildren, Aidan, Andrew, and Kaitlyn Bailey, Ryan McCullough, Emy Yadon, Madeline and Blake Pilkington, Jaxson McCullough, Ava Gatrost, Gage, Garin and Taytum Barnes and one more on the way, one brother, Jeff Armstrong and his wife JoEllen of Altamont, IL and one sister, Heidi Kirklin and her husband Marc of Prattville, AL.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Jennifer was a 1976 graduate of Mattoon High School. She earned her Associates Degree in Nursing at Lake Land College. She served as a Registered Nurse at Burnham Hospital in Champaign, IL for one year before accepting a position at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL where she worked as a Registered Nurse and would go on to become an educator for the Eastern Illinois Regional Office of Education.

Jennifer enjoyed gardening, cooking and baking but most of all spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Marty Thomas Scholarship Fund.



## Mary L. Sievers

Mary Lou Thompson Sievers, 87, passed away January 23, 2021 in Carlisle, PA. She was born in Villa Grove, IL in 1933 to Glenn and Marge Thompson. She graduated from Tuscola High School in 1951.

Mary Lou graduated in the class of 1957 from Illinois Normal University with a degree in health and physical education. She taught in various locations in Illinois before moving to Hawaii where she met her husband, Richard E. Sievers, and married in 1965. He passed April 4, 2013.

After Richard's retirement in 1989, they moved to Fountain Hills, AZ. They were long-time members of the Newcomers/Oldtimers Club, Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church and volunteers at the Desert Botanical Garden. She adored gardening, arts and crafts, the outdoors, hiking and camping.

In 2015, Mary Lou moved to Carlisle, PA to Chapel Point nursing home to be closer to her daughter, Lynn. She is survived by David and Lynn Kennaly, and grandchildren, Patrick and Erin. Mary Lou's sister, Joanne Romine of Rockford, passed Sept. 2020.

Mary Lou was cremated with the Neptune Society and her remains will be buried at a later date next to her husband of 48 years, Richard, at the National Memorial Cemetery in Arizona. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church or the Desert Botanical Garden, Fountain Hills, AZ.



## Jan Bunke

Jan Bunke, 70, of Rantoul, formerly of Villa Grove, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday evening (March 2, 2021) at her daughter's home.

She was born April 28, 1950, in West Bend, Wis., a daughter of Ernest and Rose (Bruessel) Bunke. She married Dale L. Reed and later married Guy D. Statzer.

She is survived by two children, Ryan (Jessica) Reed of Tuscola and Tracy (Bart) Smith of Villa Grove; a sister, Carol (Bob) Giombetti of Florence, Wis.; and five grandchildren, Lindsey, Zachary, Krysten, Scarlet and Remington.

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

She graduated from high school in West Bend. She held various jobs over the years, often working in the accounting department. She was a member of Christian Life Church in Rantoul, where she enjoyed her Bible study.

There was a gathering of friends and family from 2 to 3 p.m. Monday with a memorial service at 3 p.m. at Christian Life Church, Rantoul. Pastor Terry Sheppard officiated. Memorials may be made to Christian Life Church.



## Kevin D. Bratten

Kevin Donald Bratten, 53, of Tuscola, IL passed away peacefully at Carle Foundation Hospital on Thursday, March 4, 2021 with family at his bedside as a result of a heart attack.

Celebration of Life Services were held at 12:00 p.m., Saturday March 13, 2021 at the Tuscola Church of the Nazarene with Pastor Joseph Carter officiating. Graveside Services followed in the Tuscola Township Cemetery.

Kevin was born in Elgin, IL on January 24, 1968, the son of James D. and Dottie J. Bratten.

Survivors include his daughter: Lilly JoeAnn Yoder-Bratten and her sister: Sofia, brother: Greg (Karen) Bratten, sister: Kimberly (Tim) Mitchell, brother: Andy (Carrie) Bratten, brother: Kris (Sheila) Bratten and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Kevin attended Tuscola High school and spent his adult life within the community. Kevin was most recently employed at Adkisson Construction, skilled in electrical work, construction, and repair. Kevin loved to spend time with friends and family and never knew a stranger. Kevin's greatest accomplishment was becoming a father to Lilly who he loved endlessly. Kevin had a love for his family that is truly indescribable. He enjoyed listening to the Rolling Stones, Chicago, Chicago Cubs baseball, and finding rare items and the beauty within them. Kevin was well known for his humor, dedication to friends and family, and his ability to "keep on keepin on". He could frequently be found riding his bicycle and waving largely at a friend passing by while on the hunt for his next adventure. He will be greatly missed and will never be forgotten. In his last moments Kevin was able to give his all for others to continue to live their life through the selfless gift of organ donation.

Memorials and donations received will be applied to funeral costs and all remaining donations will be placed into a savings account for his daughter, Lilly.

Everyone is asked to please follow social distancing guidelines.

Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements. Online condolences may be shared via [hilligossshraderfh.com](http://hilligossshraderfh.com)



## Marty Kirkman

Marty Kirkman, 71, of Camargo passed away unexpectedly at 8:05 p.m. Tuesday (March 9, 2021) at Carle Foundation Hospital.

Marty was born on July 28, 1949, in Monticello, to William and Marjorie (Eckleberry) Kirkman. He married Cindy Kirkman on March 28, 1969, in Villa Grove.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy Kirkman; two children, Kris (Spencer) McPherson and Patricia (Ron) Floyd; six grandchildren, Veronica (Brendan) Fosdick, Spencer J. McPherson, London P. McPherson, Dalton (Dahlin) Floyd, Shain (Alicia) Ewing and Payton Floyd; four great-grandchildren; and three brothers, Carl (Francie) Kirkman, Tom (Pam) Kirkman and Bernie Kirkman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers and one sister.

Marty was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who was called home too soon. He was so much to so many: friend, counselor, teacher and jokester. He was a blessing to all, but to his family, he was everything. The void left behind can only be filled by God's grace and love.

A memorial service was held at 5 p.m. Sunday, March 14, at Apostolic Life UPC, Urbana, with Rev. D. L. Rogers officiating. Visitation was from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at Joines Funeral Home, Villa Grove.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the family or Life Line Connect at [lifelineconnect.org](http://lifelineconnect.org).



## Cameron D. Schrock

Cameron Devon Schrock, the son of Delmar and Linda Jo (Miller) Schrock, was born on June 6, 2001. He walked through Heaven's Gates on March 10, 2021. Cameron brought smiles to our faces for 19 years, 9 months and two days.

Celebration of Cameron's life was held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at the Arthur Mennonite Church, 710 East Park Street, Arthur, IL. Rev. Glen Rhodes officiated. Burial was in the Arthur Cemetery. Visitation was held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, March 12, 2021 at the church. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. The celebration of life service will be streamed live on the Arthur Mennonite Church Facebook page.

He is survived by his parents, a brother, Dillion Warrior and his fiancé, Cassie of Villa Grove, IL, a sister, Michelle Schrock of Tuscola, IL, maternal grandparents, Merle and Rachel Miller of Arthur, IL, paternal grandparents, Roger and Anna Mae (Diener) Schrock of Arthur, IL, five aunts, four uncles, ten cousins, one niece and one paternal great-grandma, Anna Schrock.

He was preceded in death by his maternal great-grandparents, Ben and Barbara Miller, and Samuel and Mary Ann Miller, and his paternal great-grandparents, Enos and Martha Diener and Phineas Schrock.

He was a member of the Arthur Mennonite Church.

Cameron loved being outside, listening to music, and enjoyed a good baseball game. If anyone was going anywhere, he loved to go along.

Memorials may be made to the Cerebral Palsy Foundation.



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