

Obituaries

Franklin R. Senters

Franklin Reginald "Reggie" Senters, age 79, of Sullivan, Illinois, passed away Saturday morning, March 20, 2021, at SSM Health Good Samaritan Hospital in Mt. Vernon.

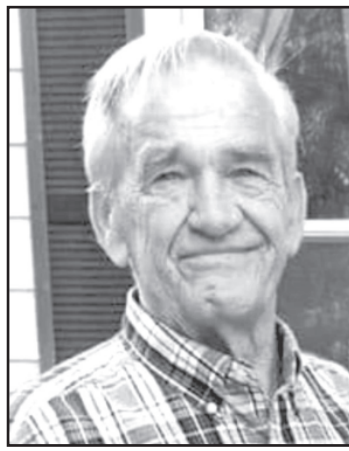
He was born June 7, 1941, in Clay County, the son of Frederick Leon and Claris Amelia (Robinson) Senters. He had been previously married to Constance Jensen, Sue Baldis, and Glenda Senters.

Reggie worked as a carpenter and could build just about anything he set his mind to. He enjoyed fishing, ginseng and mushroom hunting, going on road trips, and chopping wood to make sure he kept the stove stocked. His favorite meal was a good ole' bologna sandwich. Reggie was a die-hard Fighting Illini fan and looked forward to watching every game. Family was very important to him and he enjoyed making memories with the ones he loved most.

He is survived by his children: Kimberly Bobbitt, Jeff Senters, Gina Senters, Constance Keppner, Franklin R. Senters II, Shane Senters, Jamie Farmer, Michelle Powell, Nicole Keller, Tasha Enriquez, Gale Browning, Jennifer Dennis, and Steven Powell; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; siblings: Pat Senters, Margie Descaro, and Rolla Senters; and longtime best friend: Lucille Fultz.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two children: Cindy and Tony; a grandson: Rennen; two granddaughters: Kylie and Amy; a great-granddaughter: Elliana; siblings: Sammy, June, Joe, Gene, Fred, Jack, Jess, and David; and an infant sister: Ruth.

A funeral ceremony was held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, 2021, at Frank & Bright Funeral Home in Flora. Interment followed in Elmwood Cemetery. Visitation began at 11 a.m. until time of service on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial donations are suggested to the family to assist with final expenses and will be accepted through the funeral home. To share a memory or condolence visit: www.frankandbright.com



Joe A. Mast

Joe A. Mast, 41 of Mattoon, IL passed away Saturday afternoon, March 27, 2021 at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, IL.

Funeral services were at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2021 at the Vineyard Church 1805

South Hamilton Street in Sullivan, IL. Jim Plank and Clay Harrington officiated. Burial was in the Humboldt Cemetery. Visitation was held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at the Vineyard Church Sullivan, IL. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Joe was born October 3, 1979 in Tuscola, IL. He is a son of Andy Ray and Sara Marie (Borntrager) Mast. He married Carolyn E. Plank on May 16, 2001 in Arthur, IL.

Joe is survived by his wife Carolyn; four children, Jonathan David Mast, Jesse Allan Mast, Maria Christine Mast and Andy Ray Mast all at home; his mother Sara Marie Mast of Arthur, IL; five brothers, John A Mast and his wife Leona of Arcola, IL, David A Mast and his wife Rhoda Ann of Lovington, IL, Paul A Mast and his wife Sara Fern of Arcola, IL, Phillip A Mast and his wife Lisa Marie of Arthur, IL and Daniel A Mast and his wife Denise Ann of Arthur, IL; four sisters, Mary Ann Helmuth and her husband David of Arcola, IL, Kathryn Ann Miller and her husband John Matthew of Tuscola, IL, Dorothy A Schrock and her husband David of Arthur, IL, and Wilma A Schrock and her husband Kenneth of Arthur, IL.

Joe was preceded in death by his father Andy Ray Mast and stillborn twin brothers.

Joe was an owner and operator of his own semi, driving primarily for T & C Transport of Gays, IL.

He enjoyed riding his motorcycle and spending time with his family and friends.

Joe was a member of the Vineyard Church in Sullivan, IL. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Joe's family.



Jaime Galavis

Jaime Galavis, 70, of Arcola, IL passed away at 5:52 a.m. Saturday, March 27, 2021 at the Arcola Health Care Center in Arcola, IL.

Private visitation will be held at the Edwards Funeral Home at Arcola, IL.

Funeral services and burial will be held in Cadereyta, Mexico.

Jaime was born February 8, 1951 in Cadereyta Jimenez, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. He was a son of Rodrigo and Maria Del (Carmen Gutierrez) Galavis. He married Maria I. Gloria July 20, 1970 in Cadereyta, Mexico.

Survivors include his wife Maria of Arcola, IL; four children Rosa N. Franco and her husband Juan of Arcola, IL, Jaime Galavis and his wife Martha of Arcola, IL, Sergio Galavis and his wife Claudia of Arcola, IL and Adriana Garza and her husband Juan of Arcola, IL; ten grandchildren, Juan, Steven and Ivan Franco, Jahel Galavis, Gisselle Dominguez and her husband Alan of Cadereyta Mexico, Lesly Galavis and Cristian, Johny, Giesselle and Gera Garza; two great grandchildren Alan and Miranda Dominguez; eight siblings, and a brother-in-law Jaime Gloria who he raised like a son.

Jaime was preceded in death by his parents one daughter Adriana Galavis, one brother and one sister.

Jaime worked at The Libman Company in Arcola for over 30 years, retiring in 2011.

He was a member of the Life Pointe Church in Arcola.

Jaime enjoyed watching old cowboy movies from the 1970s and spending time with his family and friends.



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month in U.S.

Illinois DCFS kicks off monthlong observance with virtual event in Carterville

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services today joined Prevent Child Abuse Illinois, the Poshard Foundation for Abused Children, Jackson County States Attorney Joe Cervantez, Associate Judge of the First Judicial Circuit Court Christy Solverson and John A. Logan College President Dr. Kirk Overstreet at a virtual press conference to commemorate Child Abuse Prevention Month. The online event, livestreamed from John A. Logan College in Carterville, kicked off a month-long observance to share child abuse and neglect prevention awareness messages and promote prevention efforts across the country.

"This year has been extremely difficult for all of us, but it's also been a year of people and communities coming together to support each other," said Illinois DCFS Acting Director

Marc D. Smith. "By texting a friend to ask how they are doing, delivering groceries to a neighbor in need or staying on a video call for a few extra minutes so a child can tell you about their day we are all doing our part to strengthen families – and when families are strong, children are safer."

"We are truly in unprecedented times. The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a toll on each of us and continues to impact our children and families. We've all experienced increased stress and disruption in our normal routines," said Denise McCaffrey, executive director of Prevent Child Abuse Illinois. "This year more than ever, it is important that we raise awareness about child abuse prevention and create positive supports for parents and caregivers. April is the perfect time to share the message that all children deserve happy, healthy childhoods

and we all have a responsibility and a role in protecting children."

All Illinoisans can get involved and show their commitment to ending child abuse by wearing blue on April 9 and posting pictures on social media with the hashtags #GreatChildhoods and #GoBlueIllinois.

A recording of the kickoff will be made available on the DCFS Facebook page: [Facebook.com/IllinoisDCFS](https://www.facebook.com/IllinoisDCFS).

To report suspected child abuse or neglect, call the Illinois DCFS Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 1-800-25-ABUSE (800-252-2873). In a non-emergency situation, visit the Online Reporting System at <https://dcfsonlinereporting.dcfis.illinois.gov/>. The user-friendly online system is an easy and convenient way for anyone to report suspected child abuse or neglect using any mobile device. Calls and online re-

ports may be made 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

About the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Founded in 1964, DCFS is responsible for protecting children from abuse or neglect by responding to calls received on the Child Abuse Hotline, 1-800-25-ABUSE (1-800-252-2873). With the goal of keeping children safe, DCFS strengthens and supports families with a wide range of services. When keeping a child safe means removing them from the home, DCFS makes every effort to reunite them with their family. When the best interest of the child makes this impossible, DCFS is committed to pursuing adoption by loving families to provide children with a safe and permanent home. DCFS is also responsible for licensing and monitoring of all Illinois child welfare agencies.

Jesse White issues reminder urging residents to conduct business online when possible

Online transactions up 75 percent over the last nine months; White also extends expiration dates for driver's licenses and ID cards until Aug. 1, 2021

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White issued a reminder today urging the public to visit his office's website at www.cyberdriveillinois.com to conduct transactions online when possible instead of visiting a Driver Services facility. Over the last nine months, more than 3.8 million transactions have been conducted online, an increase of 75 percent.

In addition, White has extended all driver's license and ID card expiration dates an additional two months. All expired driver's licenses and ID cards, as well as those expiring over the next four months, are now valid until Aug. 1, 2021. This extension does not apply to commercial driver's licenses (CDL) and CDL learner's permits.

"Renew online and avoid waiting in line," said White. "More Illinoisans have taken advantage of our office's online services, and we are encouraging others to do the same.

For those who must visit a facility, we ask they be patient as we are experiencing a high volume of customers."

Some online transactions include:

- Purchasing license plate stickers and
- Renewing driver's licenses and ID cards for those who qualify.

To renew license plate stickers online:

- Residents will need a registration ID and PIN, which are located on the renewal notice and registration card – which most people keep in their vehicle's glove compartment.

- Vehicle owners may then visit www.cyberdriveillinois.com and click on "License Plates Renewal" under Online Services.

In addition, White has expanded online renewals for driver's licenses and ID cards. Not everyone qualifies, particularly those who are required to take a written or road test. Those who qualify for online renewal will receive a

letter containing their PIN approximately 90 days before their driver's license expiration date.

Customers may check their eligibility status for online driver's license and ID card renewal by:

- Visiting www.cyberdriveillinois.com and clicking on "Read more on how to renew your driver's license or ID card online" near the top of the main page.

- Then click on "Check your eligibility

now" where they will be prompted to enter their driver's license or ID card number and the last four digits of their social security number.

"My goal remains serving the public to the best of our ability during the pandemic, and reducing facility wait times while prioritizing the health and safety of customers and employees," said White. "Those who conduct business online help shorten the line for those who must visit a facility."

Margaret "Gigi" Collins

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Governor's eviction moratorium extended

By Sarah Mansur
Capitol News Illinois

Gov. JB Pritzker's latest executive order extending the eviction moratorium for residential tenants adds a new legal protection for tenants who are unable to pay rent due to the pandemic.

Executive order 2021-05, issued on Friday, prevents landlords from pursuing legal action in court against a tenant as long as the tenant gives notice of their inability to pay, and the tenant is not "a direct threat to the health and safety of other tenants or

an immediate and severe risk to property."

Pritzker's moratorium on residential evictions, first issued in late March 2020, applies to renters who submit a declaration saying they are unable to pay rent as a result of the pandemic and would be rendered homeless if they were evicted. Eligible renters must earn less than \$99,000 annually if filing taxes as a single person, or \$198,000 if filing tax returns jointly.

The most recent order

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