

## Obituaries

### Clarence W. Cothron

Clarence Wayne Cothron, 79, of Atwood, passed away at 9:33 p.m., Sunday, April 11, 2021 at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Care Center, Mattoon, IL

Private family services will be held. Burial with military graveside rites accorded will be in the Mackville Cemetery, Atwood, IL.

Wayne was born on May 31, 1941 in Louisiana, MO, the son of Louis Franklin and Ida Mackey Cothron. He married Ruth Ann Kamm on November 6, 1960 in Atwood, IL. She survives.

Also surviving are his sons: Giles Franklin Cothron of Byron, GA and Jacob Allen Cothron of Las Vegas, NV, grandchildren: Brittney, Christopher and Holly, brother: Marion Cothron of Tuscola.

He was preceded in death by his parents, infant son: Phillip Wayne Cothron, infant daughter: Darla Sue Cothron, brother: Richard Cothron and an infant sister.

Wayne served his country in the United State Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He retired from Cabot Corporation, where he worked in the maintenance department. Wayne enjoyed fishing, hunting and woodworking. He was a member of the Tuscola Moose Lodge.

Memorials are suggested to the Wounded Warriors Project, Douglas County Animal Shelter or United Church of Atwood.

Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Atwood, IL is entrusted with the arrangements. Online condolences may be shared via [www.hilligossshraderfh.com](http://www.hilligossshraderfh.com)

### Kevin L. Daugherty

Kevin Lee Daugherty, 64, died at 2:54 p.m. Wednesday (April 14, 2021) at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana.

Mr. Daugherty was born Nov. 12, 1956, in Marion, Ohio, a son of Lee and Marguerite (Maggie) Daugherty. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Jimmy.

He had several cousins scattered throughout the U.S., but he was very close to his surviving cousins Barbara Coles of Portland, OR, Lynn (Carla) Baker of Fredericksburg, VA, and Linda Atkinson of Stevensville, MD. Also a part of Kevin's family were his god-daughter Robin Mackey, his grand-god-daughter Rylee Mackey, and Robin's father Michael Mackey, all of whom reside in Peoria, IL.

Mr. Daugherty graduated from Tuscola Community High School in 1975. He went on to attend Eastern Illinois University where he graduated in 1986 with a bachelor's degree in philosophy.

He married Teri McCarthy on March 21, 1986, at the Wayside Chapel in Palos Hills, Ill. The couple later divorced. She resides in Urbana.

An amateur musician who was passionate about music, Mr. Daugherty worked on occasion in the 1980s as a sound technician at Ted's Warehouse in Charleston, as well as for local bands Slink Rand and Clockwork Orange. He also enjoyed reading, especially the Beat-era poets, and a good intellectual conversation.

After moving to Urbana in 1988, Mr. Daugherty worked successfully for several years in rental property management and maintenance. He later started his own landscape and lawn care company.

Owning his own landscape company allowed Mr. Daugherty to spend his days outdoors. He loved to be surrounded by nature and wildlife. His other great passion was for animals, especially dogs.

"His love of animals was a defining characteristic. He loved all animals, but especially dogs were drawn to him. They recognized his good heart and the love he had for them," said his ex-wife, Teri.

Mr. Daugherty could often be seen walking his beloved dog, Duke, around the streets of Tuscola. Duke will stay in Tuscola, eventually to be adopted by a local family.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home in Tuscola. Mr. Daugherty will be cremated and a memorial service will be set at a later date.

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### Mary C. Goodwin

Mary Charlene Goodwin, 89, of Paris, IL formerly of Tuscola, IL passed away at 7:05 p.m. Sunday, April 11, 2021 at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, April 16, 2021 at the Tuscola Church of the Nazarene, 1001 Egyptian Trail in Tuscola, IL. Rev. Joe Carter officiated. Burial was in the Tuscola Cemetery. Visitation was from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 15, 2021 at the Edwards Funeral Home, 221 East Main St., Arcola, IL.

Mary Charlene was born on October 15, 1931 in Mattoon, IL. She was a daughter of H. Rabourn and M. Josephine (Ashworth) Schrock. She married Donald Wayne Goodwin in Mattoon, IL on January 9, 1951. He passed away March 11, 2019.

Survivors include four children, Donald J. Goodwin and his wife Tami of Arcola, IL, Donna Ogle and her husband Tom of Paris, IL, Dianne Alexander and her husband Tony of Robinson, IL and Ron Goodwin of Tuscola, IL; seven grandchildren, Paul Goodwin of Arcola, IL, Lisa Miller (Steve) of Arcola, IL, Erin Krabel (Jordan Lauritzen) of Oakland, IL, Andrew Staley of Hillsborough County, FL, Kristin Rhodes (Ashlee) of Urbana, IL, Deanna Woods (Mike) of Robinson, IL and Roy Anthony Goodwin (Alissa) of Pesotum, IL, eight great-grandchildren, Sean and Avery Goodwin, Tyler Jenkins, Haley and Calli Woods, Jaxson and Braxton Lauritzen and Sarah Miller; two sisters Suanne Deithloff of West Dundee, IL and Ann Forshey of South Carolina.

Mary Charlene was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

She was a 1949 graduate of Mattoon High School where she was a Rainbow Girl with the Masonic Lodge of Mattoon.

Mary Charlene was a member of the United Methodist Church in Mattoon. She attended the Nazarene Church in Tuscola, IL.

Mary Charlene enjoyed sewing but was best known for being a great cook. She was such a good cook that Wayne was hesitant to let his friends eat her cooking, for fear that one may steal her away from him. The lunches that she packed for Wayne were always the envy of the lunch crew.

Spending time with her family and friends made Mary Charlene extremely happy and she was always incredibly supportive of her family.

Memorials may be made to the donor's choice.



### Diana L. Metheny

Diana Lynn Metheny, 69, of Tuscola, IL, passed away at 9:22 p.m., Friday, April 16, 2021 at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Care Center, Mattoon, IL

Funeral Services was held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 705 South Main Street, Tuscola, IL with Rev. Les Evans officiating. Burial was in the Tuscola Township Cemetery, Tuscola, IL.

Visitation was held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Diana was born on March 10, 1952 in Tuscola, the daughter of Glenn L. and Patricia A. Thomas Hanners. She married Fred L. Metheny on July 15, 2006 in Pesotum, IL. He survives.

Other survivors include her sons: Chris Metheny of Tuscola and Jimmy (Mary) Hennis of Tuscola, step-children: Christina Dalton of Camargo, Patti (Greg) Little of Pesotum and Payton (Abigail) Metheny of Villa Grove, grandchildren: Jordan (Marra), Clayton, Brianna, Kendra, Morgan, Brooke, Colton, Gabrielle, and Marc, great-grandchildren: Hunter and Archer, brothers: Brad, Rodney, Randy and Donnie Hanners all of Tuscola, sisters: Kathy (Tom) Mann, Rose Mary Hanners and Connie Jo Green all of Tuscola.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother: Dale E. "Flash" Hanners and sister: Lori Kaye Hanners

Memorials are suggested to Hands-4-Paws.

Diana formerly worked as the tele-communications manager at Burnham City Hospital for many years. She then worked as an aide at East Prairie and North Ward Schools in Tuscola. She retired from the Tuscola IGA where she worked in the deli for several years.

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### Gary D. Martinie

Gary Dean Martinie, Ph.D., of Matthews, North Carolina, died Thursday morning, April 8, 2021 at the age of 77. He was surrounded by his loving wife and three children as he passed into heaven.

Memorial Services were held near the farmlands of Gary's childhood home of Longview, Illinois (just south of Champaign, Illinois). Visitation services were held at the Joines Funeral Home 1375 N St. Rt. 130, Villa Grove, Illinois on Saturday morning April 24, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Christian Services were held following the visitation at noon at the Fairfield Cemetery Chapel, N County Rd. 2580 E, Newman, Illinois. Interment and graveside service followed. All were welcome.

Gary was born in Champaign, Illinois to the late Horace Edgar (Mike) and Mary Nelle (Martin) Martinie and lived in Longview, Illinois for much of his youth. He is predeceased by two of his brothers Jay, Kent, both of whom died early in life and his older brother Galen (Marty) Martinie and his sister-in-law Maureen. Gary is survived by his wife of 55 years Yvonne (Burkhart), his daughter Valerie Martinie of Matthews, NC, son John and wife Janet (Bule) Martinie of Charlotte, NC and son Daniel and wife Shauna (Hamilton) Martinie of Matthews, NC. Gary is also survived by six grandchildren Marybeth, Grace, Jay, Gwendolyn, Lilyana and Maryn Martinie. Gary leaves behind his three sisters Sharon (George) Limbert, Mary (Gerry) Glasgow, Sara (Jack) Cheely and his younger brother Clarence/Butch (Charlotte) Martinie as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Gary graduated from ABL High School where he was an outstanding student, excelling in academics, student government, and multiple sports. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Eastern Illinois University, which is also where he met and married his wife, Yvonne. Gary earned a PhD in Research and Analytical Chemistry from Northern Illinois University, and lived in Sycamore and DeKalb for several years. His three children were born during his time there.

Gary and family moved to Connecticut in 1975 where he worked for Niroyal Corporation, living in the towns of Cheshire and Southington. He moved to Chester County Pennsylvania in 1980 to work at ARCO Chemical Company located in Newtown Square. Gary and Yvonne raised their three children in Exton Pennsylvania, as members of the Sts. Phillip and James Parish. He later worked for High Point Chemical Corp., High Point, NC before moving overseas in 1992 to Saudi Arabia to work for Saudi Aramco. Gary served as the Director for research for Aramco, the largest oil company in the world until his retirement in 2006.

Gary and his wife returned from Saudi Arabia and moved to North Carolina in order to be closer with their grown children, living in Graham, NC and finally Matthews NC. Gary continued to teach after his retirement. Throughout his life, Gary taught at several schools, including teaching Science and Chemistry at Belvidere Junior High, Belvidere, Ill., Fire Science at University of New Haven, New Haven, CT, Hugh M. Cummings High School, Burlington, NC, Randolph Community College, Asheboro, NC, Guilford Technical Community College, Jamestown, NC. Gary's last position was as Visiting Professor of Chemistry and teaching chemistry at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC.

Gary was an accomplished athlete in high school competing in Basketball, Football, Track and Field. Later as a father he coached many of his children's teams and was a lifelong fan of the Chicago Bears as well as the Fighting Illini. Gary was a devoted family man and will be forever loved and missed.



## SAM Food Pantry Update

The SAM Food Pantry located at the Tuscola United Methodist Church at 901 N. Prairie St. in Tuscola will be changing their hours of operation for the months of May and June.

Beginning Wednesday, May 5 and ending on Wednesday, June 30, the pantry will be open for food distribution during the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The last client will be registered at 10:15 a.m.

The change in hours is being implemented due to the decrease in the number of clients using the pantry and according to E. I. F. B. guidelines.

The pantry will continue to operate as a drive-thru. Clients will stay in their vehicles and masks are mandatory when they are approached by pantry volunteers. Clients must have a charged phone in their possession.

All residents of Douglas County, who are experiencing food insecurity issues can use the pantry once a month for the full pantry. Produce and bread can be secured every Wednesday.

We hope that these changes will be convenient for all clients.

The volunteer staff will reevaluate this change on June 23. Update on hours of operation will be posted on the Pantry's Facebook page, in The Journal, and signage at the church entrance.

Questions? Please leave your name and phone number at 217-253-4232.

**Margie Delheimer, Pantry Point Person**



## Road and Bridge discusses improvements

By Jim Allen

The Road and Bridge Committee met on Wednesday, April 14, at 9:00. Chairman Don Munson and committee members Dick Hein and Gary Luth were in attendance. Also present were County Engineer Jim Crane and members of the public.

The work on Cronus Chemicals is ongoing. However, the recent scarcity of materials and the increased cost of materials are causing delays. Also, the restrictions on travel from other countries to the United States is affecting the ability of Cronus officials to make personal contact with stateside corporations.

As of 4-08-2021, bids were out for the road work improvement in the footprint of the Industrial Wind Complex in Newman and Murdock Townships. There has been interest by several companies for this project. Bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday April 28. A special County Board meeting will be held

on May 3 at 11:00 a.m. to award to the lowest responsible bidder.

On May 20, 2020, Douglas County entered into an agreement for professional services with Chastain and Associates for engineering work on the roadways in the Harvest Ridge Wind Farm At that time the estimated cost for these services was \$960,000.00. However, there has been a significant increase in the scope of the project and the needed construction repairs. The estimated fees are now \$1,850,000. This is an estimate and the final cost will be based on actual time and materials. This cost will be reimbursed by EDPR.

Among the reasons for the increased cost of the estimate is that there was no record of the original roadway profiles. Due to time restrictions, Chastain relied on Lidar data provided by EDPR. The data provided by EDPR showed the pavement thickness was off by an average of four inches. Four inches of rock over

28.5 miles of road is significant. Therefore Chastain had to redesign the profiles and redo much of the work that was done. Also Chastain's survey data showed that many culverts were improperly installed. After heavy rains last spring, several of the culverts installed by EDPR were blown out of the ditches soon after they were installed. The report showing what culverts needed to be replaced was not received by Chastain until well after the work started.

All roadways will be returned to their original width. Those that were widened during the construction phase need to be narrowed so the cost of maintenance will not be increased. Adding width to a county or township roadway will significantly increase the money needed for oil and chip as well as other costs. Also, the ditches will need to be reconfigured for drainage. Some roads that had 12 inches of rock put on them are now showing the original oil and

chip surface.

The excess rock is now in the ditches. Where before the soil from cleaning out the ditches could be placed back in the adjoining land, now that soil has contaminated rock. The rock that is taken from the existing roadway will not be used in the reconstruction. Due to mistakes in the original roadwork by EDPR, the cost of reclaiming the roads in the footprint could be close to \$10,000,000.00.

The reconstruction of the roads will be completed in sections, but the final coat of oil and chip will be performed at one time. This will give the roads a seamless look. There are approximately 28.5 miles of roadwork. Since the project is in more than one township and county roads are involved, the county is coordinating the work with EDPR and Chastain and Associates. All the time the County Highway Department spends on the reconstruction will be reimbursed by EDPR.



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