

Obituaries

Jonas D. Cole-Revell

Jonas D. Cole-Revell, 23, of Springfield, former resident of Tuscola, IL. Jonas went home to be with Jesus at 9:44 p.m. on May 26, 2021.

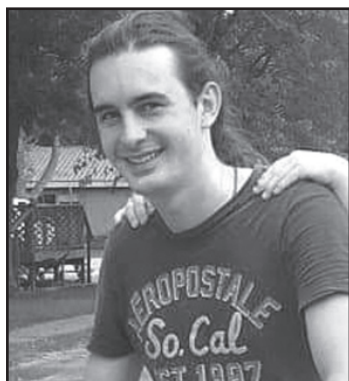
He was born July 8, 1997 in Urbana, IL to his mother, Jennifer Elaine Cole-Revell of Tuscola.

Those he leaves to mourn his departure include his mother Jennifer Cole-Revell of Tuscola; Bryan D. Revell of AZ; his six siblings and one half sister: Kendra (Blake) Bass, of Atwood; Titus, Taylor, Trinity, Scarlett, and Lucas Revell of Tuscola; and half-sister Samantha Bennett of Champaign; niece Raelynn Bass of Atwood; maternal grandmother Anita Cole of Tuscola; maternal great-grandparents Gene and Kitty Eblin of Tuscola; parental grandparents Dwayne Revell of Avondale, AZ; and Donna Huckaba of Martinsville, IL.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather Gary L. Cole, great-grandmother Frances E. Cole, and great-grandfather Leo Cole of Bradford, PA.

He was a former student of Tuscola schools.

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is Christ Jesus our Lord." - Romans 8:38-39



Rebecca J. Winn

Rebecca "Becky" Joan Winn, 73, passed away peacefully, surrounded by the family she adored, on June 3, 2021 at the home of her youngest daughter in Rotonda West, FL.

Becky was born September 27, 1947 in Indianapolis, IN. The second daughter of William Enoch Alexander I and Joan Horine Alexander. Her family relocated to Tuscola, IL. in 1957.

In the Tuscola High School Class of '66 Yearbook, Becky wrote a vow to marry her high school sweetheart and become Mrs. Ronald Joseph Winn. After graduating, Becky married her best friend and the love of her life on August 13, 1966 at Forty Martyrs Catholic Church in Tuscola, Illinois. She and Ron moved to California where Ron was stationed at Mather's Air Force Base in Rancho Cordova. They moved back to Tuscola in 1969 with a blond haired baby boy in the back seat of their Ford Maverick. They made a loving home on the Winn family farm and raised three greatly loved children, Ronald Joseph Winn Jr. (Carol) of Tuscola, IL. Jody M. Winn of Champaign, IL. and Katrina Kay Kohlbecker (Paul) of Rotonda West, FL. In August, they would have been married for 55 years. He survives.

All who knew Becky knew of her great love for her husband and her children. She was an amazingly strong and determined woman and there was nothing more important to her than family. She was an extraordinary cook and to this day, there is no one who makes better noodles. An avid gardener, she took great pride in making all things beautiful.

She found great joy in caring for the ones she loved. A gentle and caring soul with a huge love for people and animals both. An amazing friend who always knew when someone was in need. She showed she was thinking of you with the smallest, simplest of gestures. A fresh tomato on your front porch or a jar of her homemade pickles with a loving note. She knew when someone needed her and she always made sure you knew someone cared. Fun-loving and always active, she loved to be outdoors, work on the farm, race cars, ride motorcycles, water ski and do anything and everything anyone told her she couldn't. Her love for music and dancing is a trait passed down to her children and to their children and will be kept alive forever. She was an unstoppable, whirlwind, breath of fresh air who could make you laugh, dance and cry all in one day.

Becky was preceded in death by her parents, (William and Joan Alexander of Washington, IL.) two brothers (William Alexander II of Washington, IL. and Edward Alexander of Peoria, IL.) and one sister (Jeanne Rankins of Oakland, IL.).

She is survived by her loving husband and three children, Ronald J. Winn Jr. (Carol) of Tuscola, IL., Jody M. Winn of Champaign, IL. and Katrina K. Kohlbecker (Paul) of Rotonda West, FL. Five Grandchildren, Kori J. Winn, Emily K. Wilsey, Daniel B. Pearce, Carly E. Vines and Nathan J. Pearce. Four Great Grandsons, Jaxen J. Hites, Ashton J. York, Maddox L. Warmoth and Maverick R. Wilsey. A brother, Gary M. Alexander of Villa Grove, IL., one sister, Cindy Cummings of Texas and a special daughter and family friend, Juli Trumbull.

Becky was cremated and there will be no services. Her ashes will be cared for and spread together with her devoted husband's for eternity. Always together. The way they lived.

A "Celebration of Life" is being arranged for September of this year in Tuscola, IL. The best way to remember our beautiful wife and mother is to tell stories, cry a little, laugh, sing and never stop dancing.

Stephen W. Marrs

Stephen W. (Zeke) Marrs, 71, of Villa Grove died at 12:10 p.m. Wednesday (June 9, 2021) at his home with his family by his side.

Steve was born September 20, 1949 in Paris, Illinois. He was the son of Frederick W. Marrs and Kathleen Faye Jones Marrs. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters Connie L. Martin, Paula J. Uphoff, and one nephew, Tony W. Payton. Survivors include two sisters, Carmen R. McNamara (David) of Champaign, Illinois and Marilyn S. Klinkow of Urbana, Illinois and three nieces and two nephews, Buffie Shelmadine of Tuscola, IL, Cory Hampsten of Paris, IL Lindsey Cagle of Tuscola, IL Zack Cagle of Tuscola, IL and Melissa Baier of Oswego, IL. He also had several Great-nieces and Great-nephews and one Great-great-nephew.

Steve graduated from Villa Grove High School in 1968. He then entered the US Army where he proudly served in the Vietnam War. Following his enlistment Steve worked for the railroad (Union Pacific Railroad) for thirty-eight years. His career included duties as a trainman, conductor and railroad engineer. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, occasionally riding his motorcycle. He was a member of Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, VFW of Villa Grove, and The American Legion.

Funeral arrangements visitation was from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and funeral service at 2 p.m. with Ted Shearer officiating and Military rites by the Villa Grove VFW Post 2876 on Saturday June 19, 2021 at Joines Funeral Home 1375 IL 130 Villa Grove, IL 61956. Memorial may be made to an organization of the donor's choice.

Lou E. Hendrickson

Lou Ellender Hendrickson, 78, of Casey, IL, passed away at 2:06 a.m., Sunday, June 6, 2021 at Union Hospital, Terre Haute, IN

Funeral Services were held at 3:00 p.m., Friday, June 11, 2021 at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 705 South Main Street, Tuscola, IL. Burial was in the Tuscola Township Cemetery.

Visitation was held from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m., Friday at the funeral home.

Lou was born on March 15, 1943 in Tompkinsville, KY, the daughter of Edgar C. and Mildred Parsley York. She was previously married to William Armbrust and Lawrence Switzer, Jr. She married Michael Hendrickson on June 3, 2017 at Walnut Point State Park in Oakland, IL. He survives.

Also surviving are her daughters: Katherine (Bryant) Hansen of Hanover, PA, Jeanette (David) Cook of Topeka, KS, son: Timothy (Rosanne) Switzer of Effingham, stepsons: Michael Hendrickson, Jr. of Mattoon, Timothy (Kathy) Hendrickson of Atwood, sister: Shirley (Kenneth) Pyle of Villa Grove, brother: Steve (Lori) York of Springfield, eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews, sister-in-law: Dottie (Bill) Murry of Tuscola, brother-in-law: Preston Hendrickson of Mattoon

She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters: Billie Wallace, Sue Long, brother: Eddie York.

Lou worked as a nurse's assistant for many years. She enjoyed helping with the Celebrate Recovery Outreach. Lou was a motorcycle enthusiast. She enjoyed crocheting, traveling and spending time with her grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are suggested to: Hands-4-Paws, PO Box 204, Tuscola, IL 61953

Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com



Marlene Ball

Marlene Ball, 84, of Tuscola, IL, passed away at 7:04 a.m., Thursday, June 10, 2021 at her residence.

Funeral Services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 12, 2021 at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 705 South Main Street, Tuscola, IL with Rev. Kent Conover officiating. Burial followed in the Tuscola Township Cemetery.

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

Marlene was born on June 10, 1937 in Louisville, IL, the daughter of John and Geneva Krantz Mefford. She married Douglas A. Ball on December 20, 1965. He preceded her in death on May 31, 1978.

Marlene is survived by her sister: Eileen Daugherty, brother: Jim Mefford, many nieces and nephews and extended nieces and nephews both blood related and not related.

She was preceded in death by her parents, sisters: Lottie Krantz and Jessie Coteral, brothers: Ed Mefford and Wes Mefford.

Marlene was a remarkable woman who never knew a stranger. Whether man or animal, she would always take in any "stray" who needed her. Every child was her child. If you needed something, no matter what it was, you could always find it "in the back room." The walls of her home saw many card games, get-togethers, laughter and tears. She was very close with her siblings, and even at their age watching them together was like watching children play. She was adored by many generations of children and helped raise each and every one of them. Marlene loved playing bingo and card games with her friends and family. She was the most caring, giving and reliable person anyone knew.

Special thanks go out to Jack Ledbetter, Brandi Reinhart, James Atterberry, Charles Atterberry, Jacob Atterberry, Kim Roan and Christine Fancher, who made it possible for Marlene to pass peacefully at home with her pets.

Special thanks also to Dana Helmuth for caring for Marlene's pets for 2 years while she was being cared for at her niece's home.

Marlene formerly worked as an inspector for Magnavox, Urbana, IL

"For a woman who never had her own children, every single one of us became hers. She never gave up on any of us, even in the moments we deserved it. We always had a home at her house. Her door was never locked."

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Douglas County Road and Bridge Subcommittee

By Jim Allen

The Road and Bridge Subcommittee met on June 9, 2021 at 9:00 with Chair Don Munson, committee members Dick Hein and Phil Morris, and County Engineer Jim Crane in attendance.

The contract for reconstruction of the roads in the Industrial Wind Complex in Newman and Douglas Townships was discussed in detail. On Friday, June 4, at 2:00, a mandatory pre-bid conference was held with 4 contractors in attendance. On June 8, 2021, at 10:00, bids were opened for the construction work in the footprint of the turbines. The lone bidder was Beniach Construction in the amount of \$12,430,896.24. The engineer's estimate for this bid opening was \$13,594,670.75. Since the bid was 8.56% below the

engineer's estimate, it was highly advised by the County Engineer to award the bid to Beniach Construction.

Mr. Crane notified EDPR of the new engineer's estimate when he received it but after numerous efforts to contact their representative by phone, he emailed the information to them. There was no response to the new estimate. As I noted in an earlier column, the original estimate in April was in the \$13,000,000 range before it was reduced to \$7,787,917.27 after Chastain and Associates discussed the project with EDPR's engineer, Hanson Professional Services. At that time I tried to contact Chris Brooks of EDPR and Chastain and Associates for clarification of the changes. I received no reply.

Kevin L. Daugherty

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

A Celebration of Life Gathering was held at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, June 19, 2021 at the Wimple Park Pavilion, Tuscola, IL.



IL Dept. on Aging to offer enrollment assistance for Medicare eligible residents

Virtual 'Welcome to Medicare Fair' Open for Registration Now Through June 21st

Springfield, IL – The Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) today announced it will assist eligible residents navigate the complexities of Medicare and avoid late enrollment penalties through the department's virtual 'Welcome to Medicare Fair'. IDoA's State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is partnering with the SHIP National Technical Assistance Center on Wednesday, June 23, 2021 from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. to provide persons ages 60 and older and persons with disabilities ages 18-59, local, trusted, and unbiased Medicare help in safe and socially distanced ways.

This free virtual event will offer general sessions with expert presenters on Medicare eligibility, enrollment, costs, and coverage options. SHIP experts will explain Medicare coverage options and how Medicare works with other insurances, such as employer insurance, Medigap supplemental insurance, and retiree insurance, and state Medicaid. General sessions will offer subtitles in English and a live transcript in Spanish. There is an Illinois state-specific virtual exhibit that can be accessed at any time during the event. Pre-recorded videos, educational materials, and a chat feature will be available during the fair that can assist with individual Medicare enrollment questions. Click here for more information, the agenda, and to register for the event. You may also register at <https://www2.illinois.gov/aging/AboutUs/calendar/Pages/Medicare-Virtual-Fair.aspx>. Registra-

tion is limited, and you must register by Monday, June 21, 2021.

IDoA's SHIP Program is part of the national SHIP network, funded by the U.S. Administration for Community Living, Office of Healthcare Information and Counseling. The State Health Insurance Assistance Programs share a national mission: to empower, educate, and assist Medicare-eligible individuals, their families, and caregivers through objective outreach, counseling, and training to make informed health insurance decisions that optimize access to care and benefits.

"With 147 Medicare Advantage plans available, and 30 stand-alone Part D Prescription drug plans, there are many different options to choose from, all of which can be overwhelming and confusing," said Paula Basta, Director of IDoA. "Our SHIP counselors are ready to help you make sense of the complicated Medicare system and to make the best choices for your healthcare as we prioritize planning for tomorrow."

Medicare assistance is always available. To find out more about IDoA's SHIP Program, visit <https://www2.illinois.gov/aging/ship>, call 1-800-252-8966, or email SHIP at SHIP@illinois.gov.

SHIP is not affiliated with any insurance company, and counselors do not sell or solicit any type of insurance. SHIP counselors work in the field to help seniors and people with disabilities on Medicare understand the options available to them. They also educate and answer questions about Medicare plans and options.

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Juliana Stratton, Illinois' first Black lieutenant governor and a descendent of enslaved people from Mississippi, spoke about her own ancestors who continued to be held in bondage even after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed and said that for them, Juneteenth was "the true Independence Day."

"Juneteenth is a time of celebration," she said. "Juneteenth is a time of telling our stories of hope. Juneteenth is a declaration of faith that despite chattel slavery, we will never stop fighting for freedom; that despite black codes right here in Illinois that discouraged free blacks to live in this state, we will never stop fighting for freedom; that despite lynchings and other forms of racialized violence that happened two blocks away from where we stand right now, that we would never stop fighting for freedom."

Under the new law, June 19 will be recognized as an official state holiday and all flags covered by the Illinois Flag Display Act will be flown at half-staff. In addi-

tion, a Juneteenth flag will fly over the State Capitol in Springfield.

Juneteenth will also be a paid holiday for state workers and public school employees whenever that day falls on a weekday, which will happen first in 2023.

Currently, 48 states recognize Juneteenth as either a ceremonial or official state holiday.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is currently displaying a rare signed copy of the Emancipation Proclamation. It is one of 48 copies that were made and sold to raise money for sick or wounded Civil War soldiers in 1864, all signed by Lincoln, Secretary of State William Seward and Lincoln's aide John Nicolay. Of those copies, only 27 are known to still exist.

The original, handwritten version that Lincoln signed in 1863 was destroyed in the Chicago Fire of 1871.

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