

Obituaries

Juanita F. Dowler

Juanita F. Dowler, 92, of Villa Grove passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, June 16, 2021.

Juanita was born on December 8, 1928 to Joseph and Lorene (Broedel) Compton. She married Franklin L. Dowler on March 26, 1948.

She is survived by five children, Bob (Frances) Dowler of Arcola, Frank (Nancy) Dowler, Nancy (John Hill) Hallett, David (Jane) Dowler, and Janice (Dale) Ewing all of Villa Grove; 14 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Betty Cain of Savoy and Rose Hill of McKinney, TX; and one brother, Jim (Pat) Compton of Savoy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Frank Dowler, granddaughter Carrie Dowler, three brothers, and two sisters.

Juanita became a member of the First Christian Church of Villa Grove in 1961. She served on many committees at the church but was especially devoted to the Women's Christian Fellowship. Her life was dedicated to serving the church and being a devoted servant of God.

Juanita loved to spend time with her family and was quite the sports fan. She missed very few of her grandchildren's ball games and was their biggest cheerleader. She enjoyed watching Major League Baseball on TV, especially the Cardinals. She had a great sense of humor, quick with a joke, and a smile that was contagious and could light up a room.

She enjoyed praying for and helping others, sewing, playing cards, jigsaw puzzles, and cooking. She was best known for her wonderful homemade noodles.

A funeral service was held at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, June 21, 2021 at the First Christian Church of Villa Grove with Pastor Mike Zylstra officiating. Burial followed at the Villa Grove Cemetery. A visitation was held two hours prior to the funeral service (10:00 - 12:00 p.m.).

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the First Christian Church of Villa Grove.



Joyce E. Rhodes

Joyce Elaine (Brethorst) Rhodes, 78, of Decatur, IL passed away at 5:37 A.M. on Thursday, June 10, 2021, at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, IL.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at the Spirit of Life Church, 4994 Baker Woods Ln in Decatur, IL. Pastor Doug Rudow officiated. Burial was at 3:00 p.m. in the Drummer Township Cemetery in Gibson City, IL. Visitation was held from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday at the church. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Joyce was born on June 12, 1942, in Bloomington, IL. She was the daughter of Siept Henry and

Marianna (Harding) Brethorst. She married Herman Rhodes on July 1, 1994, in Decatur, IL. He

passed away on October 23, 2005.

She is survived by two children, Mark A. Plotner and Michelle L. Warren both of Decatur, IL;

four grandchildren, John G. Plotner, Ryan R. Warren of Decatur, IL, Chloe Ann Warren of Belmont, NC, and McKinna E. Warren of Decatur, IL; four great-grandchildren, Saya K., Ruger R., Remington R., and Benjamin R.J. Warren, all of Decatur, IL; and one brother, Gary Brethorst and his wife Margie of Hendersonville, TN.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents, Herman, and one brother, Larry Brethorst.

Joyce was a member of the Spirit of Life Church in Decatur, IL. She had been a member of the

Marantha Assembly of God in Decatur, IL.

Joyce worked in accounting most of her life, having been employed by Sullivan Chevy in Decatur, IL, Decatur Firemen's Credit Union, John's Marine, Central Illinois Barber and Beauty College, Crown Cork & Seal in Warrensburg, IL, and she owned and operated the Wild Daisy Florist and Wedding Chapel in Decatur, IL. She also enjoyed her last years of retirement volunteering at the Senior Center making flowers.

Joyce enjoyed painting, drawing, sewing, and she sold custom lamp shades and draperies.

She loved the Lord and served him with all of her heart. She loved all of her children,

grandchildren, and great-grandchildren tremendously. Memorials may be sent to the family.



Melvin R. Yoder

Melvin R. Yoder, 71 of Atwood, IL passed away 6:54 a.m. on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur, IL.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 12, 2021, at the Arthur Mennonite Church, 710 East Park Street in Arthur, IL. Rev. Glen Rhodes officiated. Burial was in the Mackville Cemetery in Atwood, IL. Visitations were held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, June 11, 2021, at the church. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Melvin was born on December 22, 1949, in Arcola, IL. He was a son of Rueben J. and Irma E. (Yoder) Yoder. He married Cindy L. Lindgren on August 7, 1976, in Tuscola, IL.

He is survived by Cindy Yoder of Atwood, IL, three children, Samantha Elaine Brown of Tuscola, IL, Amanda Ann Yoder of Tuscola, IL and Ethan Iver Lindgren Yoder of Atwood, IL, five grandchildren, Ayla Elaine Brown of Champaign, IL, Madison RayAnn Yoder of Mattoon, IL, Noah Joseph Reuben Yoder of Bruce, IL, Lilly JoeAnn Bratten-Yoder of Tuscola, IL and Sophia LouAnn Yoder of Tuscola, IL, one great-grandchild, Lincoln James Pierce of Mattoon, IL, three sisters, Anna Yoder and her husband Nelson of Sullivan, IL, Katie Graber of Arthur, IL and Martha Stutzman and her husband John of Worthington, IN, two brothers, Sylvan Yoder and his wife Katie Ann of Arcola, IL and John Yoder and his wife Sarah Ann of Lovington, IL, good friend Mykel Warnsley of Mt. Zion, IL and two cats, Chopper and Graybell.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Paul Yoder and brother-in-law, Al Graber.

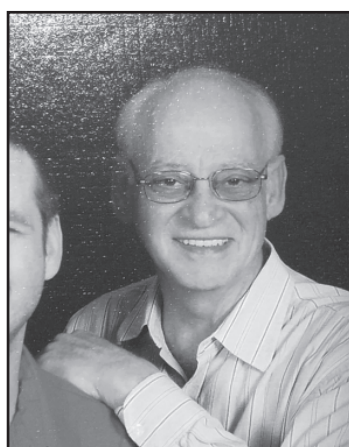
Melvin served in 1W Service in the Orthopedic Hospital in Colorado.

Melvin was a member of the Arthur Mennonite Church where he served as a Christian Ed Leader and was on the Discipling Commission. He designed a program for the ADM Chillers and retired from ADM in Decatur as an Industrial Technician in 2016. Melvin volunteered at the Arthur MCC Thrift Shop.

He enjoyed the annual bicycle ride, cruising the cornfield, gardening, woodworking, baking, especially his famous cheesecakes, cooking and grilling. Melvin was always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need.

Melvin enjoyed collecting marbles and slag glass. He was a shade tree mechanic, fixing lawn mowers and tillers. He enjoyed treasure hunting with his metal detectors.

Memorials may be made to the Arthur Mennonite Church or the Arthur MCC Thrift Shop.



Alan W. Scott

Alan Wayne Scott, 70 of Arcola, IL passed away at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 13, 2021, at his residence.

No formal services will be held at this time. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Alan was born on December 6, 1950 in Tuscola, IL. He was a son of Wayne Roy and Hettie Ann (Fullerton) Scott. He married Elena Elsa Anier on July 1, 1972 in Olongapo City, Philippines. She passed away on November 6, 2020.

He is survived by two sons, Anthony Scott and Ivan Scott both of Arcola, IL, three grandchildren, Hayden Ethan Scott, Lilliahna Anier Scott and Eleanor Rose Scott; one sister Sheryl Deckard of Tuscola, IL

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

Alan was a Navy Veteran of the Vietnam War. After he got out of the military he worked a hog farm, he later drove a concrete truck for Staley Concrete. Alan eventually took a job with Herff-Jones and retired after several years of service.

Alan enjoyed playing guitar, putting models together, working in his yard, fishing or just being outside. Alan was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need.



Orlena M. McDaniel

Orlena May McDaniel, 87, of Tuscola, passed away at 5:20 a.m., Saturday, June 12, 2021 at her residence with her family by her side.

Funeral Services were held at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at the Tuscola First Christian Church, 101 East Church Street, Tuscola, IL with Rev. Les Evans officiating. Burial followed in the Tuscola Township Cemetery. Visitation was held two hours prior to the service at the church.

Orlena was born on April 3, 1934 in Tuscola, the daughter of Homer Leroy and Virginia Helen Day Teeter. She married Curtis L. McDaniel on November 5, 1965 in Tuscola. He survives.

Also surviving are her son: Robert (Lisa) Fowler of Westfield, IN, daughters: Shann Wilks of Tuscola and Alison (Jeremy) Klein of Russellville, KY, grandchildren: Shelby (Aaron) Kincaid, Taylor Wilks, Colin Gilles. Jason (Erica) Fowler and Chelsey Fowler, great-grandchildren: Eleanor and Griffin, sisters: Amanda (Frank) Cribbitt of Colorado Springs, CO and Patricia Voyles of Hesperia, CA.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother-in-law: Delmar Voyles.

Orlena worked as a cosmetologist for over 40 years. She graduated from Chrysler Beauty Academy, Decatur, IL. Orlena was a member of the Tuscola First Christian Church and Tuscola Women of the Moose.

She enjoyed cooking, gardening, painting, entertaining, playing cards, spending time with her grandchildren and having fellowship with others.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Carle Hospice.

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



Karen Burton

Karen "KD" Burton, 60, of Atwood, IL, passed away at 11:46 a.m., Friday, June 18, 2021 at the Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, IL.

Funeral Services were held at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 26, 2021 at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 66 East US Highway 36, Atwood, IL with Ted Shearer officiating. Burial followed in the Mackville Cemetery, Atwood, IL.

Visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, June 25, 2021 at the funeral home.

Karen was born on July 24, 1960 in Dreux, France, the daughter of Bonnie and Carl Barbee and the late Eston M. Stewart. She married Larry D. Burton on May 16, 1998 in Monticello, IL. He survives.

She is also survived by her mother: Bonnie Earley Barbee of Atwood, sons: Mark Benner of Simi Valley, CA, Jammin (Kristina) Weaver of Washington, IL, daughter: Chelsie Weaver of Bloomington, IL, step-daughter: Stacey (Afiba) Martin of Urbana, grandchildren: Jonathon and Jared Houser, Azariah Motley, Landon and Leah Benner (their mother Terra Suzanne), Tripp, Mila and Dash Weaver, great-grandchildren: Zayne Houser and Azyion Lester, brother: David Stewart of Redwood City, CA and sister: Cindy (Mick) Murphy of Arcola.

She was preceded in death by her fathers: Eston M. Stewart, Carl L. Barbee and brother: Michael Stewart.

Karen was a homemaker and former CNA for Carle Home Care. She enjoyed shopping, making crafts and decorating. Her greatest passion was spending time with her grandchildren and taking care of her animals.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Monticello Animal Hospital or Hands-4-Paws.

Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com



Martha L. Ferguson

Martha Leah Ferguson, 90 of Arcola, IL passed away at 4:53 p.m. on Friday, June 18, 2021, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, IL.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 25, 2021, at the Edwards Funeral Home, 221 East Main St. Arcola, IL. Burial was in the Arcola Cemetery. Visitation was held from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 24, 2021, at the funeral home.

Martha was born on July 9, 1930, in Nappanee, IN. She was a daughter of John and Katie Ann (Miller) Schrock. She married Robert D. Ferguson on November 5, 1962. He passed away in 1995.

She is survived by four children, Larry and Nicole Ferguson of Arcola, IL, Michael and Debbie Haddon of Salem, IN, Carol and Bo Pichard of Crawfordville, FL and Alan and Pam Ferguson of Humboldt, IL, 13 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one grandchild, one great grandchild, and seven siblings, Mary, Eli, Ida Mae, John Jr., Maggie, Adlai and Omer.

Martha was a member of the First Baptist Church of Arcola, IL, and the Arcola VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

Martha enjoyed watching NASCAR racing on the weekends. She never met a stranger. If there was a picture of her family and friends, you could always count on her to have taken it or have it. She absolutely loved being with family.

Memorials may be made to the Arcola Senior Center.



Anna M. Gingerich

Anna Mae Gingerich, age 92 years, 1 month, 10 days, passed away on June 16, 2021. She was born on May 6, 1929, the daughter of John C. and Leah (Wagler) Gingerich.

Funeral services were held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 19, 2021, at the HCK West Building, one mile south of Arthur, IL. Bishop Lavern E. Schrock officiated. Burial was in the Otto Cemetery in rural Arthur, IL. Visitation was held any time after 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 17, 2021, and any time after 10:00 a.m. on Friday, June 18, 2021, all at the HCK West Building. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

She leaves to mourn her departure three sisters-in-law, Mrs. (Ben) Sovilla Gingerich of Arthur, IL, Mrs. (Eli) Fannie Gingerich of Sullivan, IL, and Mrs. (Amos) Sarah Gingerich of Dover, 101 nieces and nephews with some being deceased, plus a host of great and great, great, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, ten brothers, five sisters, two stepmothers, four stepbrothers and one step-sister.

Anna was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Belinda K. Baldwin

Belinda K. Baldwin, 70, of Atwood, IL, passed away at 10:48 a.m., Friday, June 25, 2021 at the Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, IL.

Belinda was born on October 31, 1950 in Decatur, IL. She is the daughter of Delbert L. and Pauline Sparks Pagel, Sr. She was preceded in death by her birth mother: Charlotte Paul.

Survivors include her mother: Pauline Pagel, brothers: Delbert (Diane) Pagel, Jr., Thomas Pagel, Frank (Avie) Pagel, Sr. and Kerry (Michelle) Pagel, sisters: Jackie (Jason) Tuthill and Kelley (Keith) Frazier, many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her father and sister: Deborah Pagel.

Belinda worked as a printer in several print shops in Florida. She enjoyed traveling, hiking, spending time at the beach and going to auctions.

Memorials are suggested to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Per her wishes, no services will be held. Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Atwood, IL is assisting the family.

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