

# Obituaries

## James R. Wierman

James R. Wierman, 86, of Atwood, IL, passed away at 1:15 a.m., Friday, July 23, 2021 at the Tuscola Health Care Center.

Funeral Services were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 66 East US Highway 36, Atwood, IL. Burial followed with military graveside rites at the Mackville Cemetery, Atwood, IL.

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

Jim was born on August 26, 1934 in Champaign, IL, the son of John and Gertrude Mabel Hill Wierman.

Survivors include three nieces, one nephew and best friend and longtime neighbor: Jerry Jurgens.

He was preceded in death by parents, brothers: Wilfred and Cedric Wierman and sister: Phyllis Winings.

Memorials are suggested to the Tuscola Health Care Center.

He served his country as a member of the US Army.

Jim formerly worked for Rhema Bag in Arthur, Viobin in Monticello and the Finance Center in Indianapolis. He also worked as a librarian for Monticello Christian Academy and Atwood Public Library. He enjoyed reading and was a historian and genealogist.

Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com



## Carl R. Rentz

Carl R. Rentz, 54, of Tuscola, IL, passed away suddenly on Friday, July 23, 2021 at OSF Heart of Mary Medical Center, Urbana, IL.

Graveside Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at the Tuscola Township Cemetery. No Visitation will be held.

Carl was born on November 30, 1966 in Calvert City, KY, the son of Leonard H. and Carol Wilke Rentz.

Survivors include his sister: Debra Rentz and husband: John Gutekanst of Athens, OH, nephews: Sam and Jacob Gutekanst, step-mother: Karen Rentz of Paxton and his aunt: Irene Shumway of Pratt, KS.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother: Ronald Rentz.

Carl graduated from Tuscola Community High School in 1985 and received an associate degree from Parkland College in Agriculture.

He formerly worked for Nestle Company in product distribution.

Carl was an avid sports enthusiast, especially for the Chicago Cubs and NASCAR. Carl was very kind, gentle and had a great sense of humor. He loved his family very much, especially his nephews.

Memorials are suggested to the American Diabetes Association.

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



## Dennis L. Chaplin

Dennis L. Chaplin, 68, of Camargo, IL, passed away suddenly Thursday morning, July 22, 2021 at his residence.

Celebration of Life Services was held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, July 29, 2021 at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 705 South Main Street, Tuscola, IL with Rev. Duane Piercy officiating.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at the funeral home.

Dennis was born on December 24, 1952 in Tuscola, the son of Richard A. and Anita L. Stortzum Chaplin.

He married Catherine A. Moody on January 4, 1975 in Tuscola. She survives.

Also surviving are his son: Nathan (Chelle) Chaplin of Tuscola and daughter: Cara McKinnie of Tuscola, grandsons: Ethan Chaplin, Isaac Chaplin, Myles McKinnie and Lucas McKinnie, brother: Mark (Cathy) Chaplin of Tuscola, father-in-law: Don Moody of Tuscola

Step-brother: Harold Hutchens and step-sister: Cheryl Broady

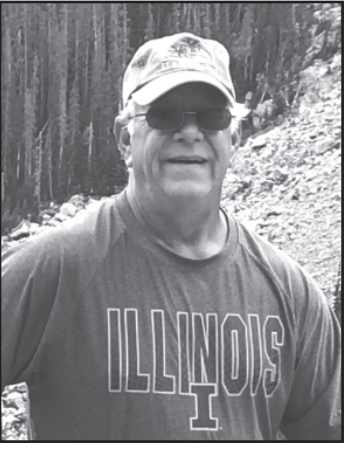
Dennis was preceded in death by his parents, step-father: Arnold Hutchens and brother: Ronald Chaplin.

He graduated from Tuscola Community High School in 1971.

Dennis retired from a 30+ year career at Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company. He was the chairman of the USW Local #348 of the Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Group, and took great pleasure in his service. Upon his (professional) retirement, he set out upon becoming the best Papa he could be to his grandchildren. He and Cathy found a love of RVing and travel, spending time in Florida when the weather got cold in Illinois. He was an avid fan of the Illini, and was the only San Francisco Giants fan anyone was aware of in the East Central Illinois area (he blamed Willie Mays). He will be greatly missed by his friends and family. We find comfort in knowing that the world was made better by his existence in it, and are thankful for the time we had, even if it felt like it was not enough.

Memorials are suggested to the Tuscola Community School District.

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## Patricia J. Reynolds

Patricia J. "Patty" Reynolds, 86, of Champaign, IL, passed away on Thursday morning, July 22, 2021 at her residence.

Celebration of Life was held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, July 31, 2021 at the Faith United Methodist Church, 1719 South Prospect Ave., Champaign, IL with Rev. Dr. Sheryl Palmer officiating. Burial followed in the Tuscola Township Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, July 30, 2021 at the church.

Patty was born on January 20, 1935 in Galton, IL, the oldest daughter of Edward and Margaret Sidwell Wetzel.

Surviving are two daughters: Nancy (Joseph) Howe of Farmer City, IL and Marty Forrest of Springfield, IL and a son: James (Tim) Reynolds of New York City, NY, sister: Phyllis Burress of Coconut Creek, FL, brother: Robert (Jane) Wetzel of Reno, NV, grandson: Jacob (Kristina) Forrest of Farmer City, IL and six granddaughters: Lindsey (Jason) Pritchett of Farmer City, IL, Sarah (Tyler) Roth of Bloomington, IL, Elise Howe and Addie Howe both of Urbana, IL, Jessica (Crystal) Riney of Springfield, IL, Jennifer (Abby) Collins of Springfield, IL, nine great-grandchildren, two nephews, a niece and five cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, step-father: Montelle Hackett and brother-in-law: Bill Burress all of Tuscola.

She graduated from Tuscola Community High School in 1952 and from Decatur Macon County Hospital School of Nursing in Decatur, IL.

She was employed at Dr. John Warner Hospital in Clinton, IL for 16 years.

Memorials may be made to Cunningham Children's Home, 1301 North Cunningham Ave., Urbana, IL 61802

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



## Betty J. Alcorn

Betty Jane Alcorn, 95, of Arthur, IL formerly of Arcola, IL passed away at 11:35 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 24, 2021, at the Edwards Funeral Home. Rev. Dwayne Kittle officiated. Burial was in the Arcola Cemetery. Visitation was from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 23, 2021, at the funeral home.

Betty was born April 21, 1926, in Camargo, IL. She was a daughter of Ernest Roy and Eva Maire (Hallowell) Tate. She married Richard "Dick" Alcorn on February 7, 1948, in Arcola, IL. He passed away June 1, 1985.

Survivors include three children, Diane Stone and her husband Gary of Arthur IL, Albert Eugene Alcorn and his wife Linda of Arthur, IL and Tamera Sue Goodwin and her husband Donnie of Arcola, IL; three grandchildren, Scott Stone, of Cape Girardeau, MO, Paul Goodwin of Arcola, IL and Lisa Miller and her husband Steve of Arcola, IL; two step-grandchildren, Steve Stone of Lantana, FL and Curt Schroeder and his wife Cindy of Carrollton, GA; four step-great grandchildren, Alex Stone, Dylan and Taylor Schroeder and Sarah Miller; one sister, Pat Kittle and her husband Dwayne of Radford, VA and one brother-in-law, Dick Johnson of Charleston, IL.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Dick Alcorn, and a sister Carol Johnson.

Betty was a member of St. John's Catholic Church in Arcola, IL.

Betty worked at the Finfgale Shoe Store in Arcola for several years. She later went to work for Arcola True Value and retired from there in 1997 after 16 years of service. Following her retirement, she did volunteer work with RSVP in Coles County. Betty enjoyed cooking, reading, and playing card games like Hand and Foot and Pinochle. Bingo was also a favorite for her. Betty's greatest joy came from just simply spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Arthur Home.



## Vera J. Nauta

Vera J. Nauta, 75, of Tuscola, died on Saturday, July 24, 2021 at Bickford House in Bloomington, IL.

Vera was born on August 20, 1945 in Decatur, IL to her parents, Esther (Pogue) and Edward Reynolds. She graduated from Lakeview High School in Decatur in 1963 and received a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Illinois in 1969. She worked as a medical technologist at Carle Clinic in Urbana, IL for 30 years and had a business buying and selling antique silver for several years. After her retirement, she took classes through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Illinois and enjoyed spending time with her grandsons. She loved animals and had many pets over the years at her beloved home in Tuscola. She also enjoyed following the Illini sports teams.

She is survived by her daughter Margaret Nauta (Jeffrey Kahn) of Bloomington, IL; grandsons Harris Kahn and Alex Kahn of Bloomington, IL; and her friend Michael Shannon of Urbana, IL and his family Eric, Cara, Charles, Gwendolyn, and Theodore Shannon of Denver, CO. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brothers, David Reynolds and Joseph Reynolds.

There was a visitation for friends and family on Friday, July 30, 2021 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 705 South Main Street, Tuscola, IL. No formal memorial service was held. A private burial was in the Lewis Cemetery, rural Tuscola, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Humane Society are suggested.

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## Cynthia S. Davis

Cynthia Sue "Cindy" Davis, 43 of Arcola, IL passed away at 9:22 p.m. on Sunday, July 18, 2021, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL.

Private graveside services were held on Saturday, July 24, 2021, in the Van-Voorhis Cemetery. Pastor Matt Stump officiated. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Cindy was born on June 10, 1978, in Mattoon, IL. She was a daughter of Riley James and Lee Ann (Greathouse) Davis.

She is survived by her mom, Lee Ann of Arcola, IL, three aunts, Elaine Komada and Jeff McCollum of Lerna, IL, Malinda Reece and her husband Dick of Arcola, IL and Jami Greathouse and Tammie Lovett of Urbana, IL and five cousins, Jimmy Kay Vandeventer and her husband Stevie of Camargo, IL, April Karpus-Weddle and her husband Quinn of Mattoon, IL, Jessie Clapp and her husband Adam of Monticello, IL, Ashley Karpus of Austin, TX and Tony Komada and his fiance' Miranda of Monticello, IL.

She was preceded in death by her father and grandparents, James and Chloanne Greathouse.

Cindy was a big fan of Mickey Mouse, Scooby-Doo and Mulan. She enjoyed going to Camp New Hope in Mattoon, IL where she won several trophies.

Memorials may be made to Camp New Hope.



## Margaret J. Loy

Margaret JoAnne Springer Loy peacefully left this earth to be with the Lord on July 23, 2021, at 8:48 a.m. at Odd Fellow Rebekah Home in Mattoon, IL. She was just three days shy of her 87th birthday.

Mass of Christian Burial was held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 30, 2021, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Arcola, IL. Father Angel Sierra officiated. Burial was in the Arcola Cemetery. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

JoAnne was born on July 26, 1934, to Earl and Blanche (Thompson) Giblin. She grew up in Winchester, IN with her sister Linda and brother Earl. After school she worked at Westinghouse for many years and later at Bahama Joes in Florida where she lived in DeBary, FL next to her best friends Becky and Mike Sadler. She loved to read, make ceramics, and go to garage sales.

JoAnne married Harold Loy on July 28, 2007, in Arcola, IL. As JoAnne often mentioned "She got Harold back after 33 years". Harold passed away on December 12, 2018.

JoAnne is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Vanessa & Gregory Swanson, her sister and brother-in-law Linda & Paul Webb, her brother and sister-in-law Earl & Ellie Giblin. She has numerous Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren, Nephews, Nieces and Cousins. She is also survived by Harold's children, Debbie Gutwein, Steve, Mark, and Robert Loy and Kandice Norrell as well as her good friend and caregiver, Marcia Miller.

JoAnne was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Arcola, IL

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and sons Donny & Larry Kiser.



## Sandra Newman

Sandra Newman, 48 of Mattoon, IL passed away at 4:47 p.m. on Friday, July 16, 2021, at her residence.

Graveside services will be held at a later date The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Sandra was born on October 23, 1972, in San Diego, CA. She was a daughter of Jerry Lee and Peggy Louise (Harris) Butler.

She is survived by three children, Sylvia Martinez of Mattoon, IL, Hugo Martinez of Mattoon, IL and Christina Newman of Humboldt, IL, three grandchildren, Chloe, Freddy and Ashton, her mother, Peggy Butler of Hindsboro, IL, and three brothers, Jeff Butler and his wife Stephanie of Danville, IL, Dustin Butler of Hindsboro, IL and Jacob Butler of Danville, IL.

The most important thing in Sandra's life was spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She had a way of making everyone around her feel loved.



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