

# Obituaries

## Clarence Martinie

Clarence "Butch" Martinie, of Ocala, Fla., (formerly of Longview and Danville) died, in faith, at home among family on Sunday, July 25, 2021. Butch was born in Champaign on March 5, 1948, and graduated from ABL High School in Broadlands in 1966. He actively served his country in the United States Army from 1966-1973, and was a Vietnam Veteran. Butch managed Monical's Pizza in both Danville and Bourbonnais before moving to Florida and serving as Tamarac County Building Inspector until his retirement and move to Ocala, Fla.

Butch was preceded in death by his parents, Horace "Mike" and Mary Nelle Martinie of Longview, and brothers Jay, Kent, Galen "Marty" and Gary.

Butch is survived by his wife Charlotte and daughter Kate at home; sons Scott Martinie (Jackie) of Davie, Fla. and Eddie (Wendy) Martinie of Lewisburg, Tenn.; daughters Stephanie (Scott) Green of Platte City, Kan., Dee Bradford of Nashville, Tenn., Brandi Lynn Moore of Danville, Terri Young of Ocala, Fla., and Debbie (Curtis) Johnson of Miami. He also leaves sisters Sharon (George) Limbert of Gardner, Kan., Mary (Gerry) Glasgow of Allerton and Sara (Jack) Cheely of Savoy. Uncle Butch was a favorite of many loving nieces and nephews along with 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Countryside Funeral Home in Anthony, Fla., and burial with full military honors at the Bushnell National Cemetery in Bushnell, Fla.

Memorials may be made to your local military Honor Guards.

## Ed Kauffman

Ed Kauffman, 78 of Arthur, IL passed away at 6:57 p.m. on Thursday, July 29, 2021, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at the Arthur Menno-nite Church, 710 East Park Street, Arthur, IL. Pastor Lamar Miller officiates. Burial with Military Rites Conducted by the Arthur VFW was in the Arthur Cemetery. Visitation was held two hours prior to the funeral from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday at the church. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Ed was born on July 19, 1943, in Arcola, IL. He was a son of Eli J. and Edna Mae (Yoder) Kauffman. He married Phyllis S. Dennis on October 29, 1961, in Arthur, IL.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis of Arthur, IL, three children, Bryan Kauffman of Anchorage, AK, Bruce Kauffman and his wife Diane of Tuscola, IL, and Shelley Thomas and her husband Mark of Arcola, IL; six grandchildren, Danielle Bosse and her husband Joshua of Clearwater, FL, Zachary Kauffman of Texas, Eli Kauffman of FL, Anna Kauffman of Bloomington, IL, Mackenzie Anguis and her husband Anthony of Arthur, IL and Taylor Caves and her husband Donnie of Springfield, IL, six great-grandchildren, three brothers, Bill Kauffman of Arcola, IL, Elva Kauffman and his wife Melanie of Brocton, IL and Mike Kauffman and his wife Marie of Charleston, IL and one sister, Marti Miller and her husband Dave of Arthur, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Elsie Cisna.

Ed was a Navy Veteran.

Ed had worked as a welder at Caterpillar in Decatur, IL for 30 years retiring in August of 1996.

He enjoyed woodworking, he could make just about anything, but bird houses were one of his specialties. Ed enjoyed going to garage sales, often looking for treasures for other people. One of the greatest joys in his life was just spending time with his family.

## Betty Ayers

Betty Ayers, 91, of Villa Grove died at 1:20 a.m. on Monday, July 19, 2021 at Carriage Crossing Senior Living in Arcola.

Betty was born on October 28, 1929 in Indianapolis, IN to Glen and Ruth (Ikes) Wells. She married Ralph D. Ayers on June 6, 1948 in Indianapolis, IN.

She is survived by two children, Sherry Ellis and Charles Ayers; one grandchild, Dan Ellis; five great-grandchildren, Maxwell, Oliver, Harrison, Weston, and Greer; one brother, Ron Wells; and one niece and nephew, Darla and David Wells.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Ralph, and her significant other, Roy Pickett.

Betty loved and was loved by everyone she knew, was up for anything and down for a good time. What a full life she lived and didn't go without a good fight into that good last night. You'll be missed dearly.

Due to COVID, the celebration of life for Betty has been postponed until a later date.

## Twelfth annual Ill. Run for the Fallen on Aug. 21

The twelfth annual Illinois Run for the Fallen will be held Saturday, August 21 at the Charleston High School Track, 920 Smith Dr., from 7 a.m. to noon.

The Run for the Fallen is a free, non-political event to Honor and Remember our Illinois service members who have died in the War on Terror. Participants walk/run one mile for the chosen service member (one can be assigned).



## Grace F. Homma

Mrs. Grace F. Homma, 101, of Villa Grove, passed away on July 27, 2021 at Brookstone Estates of Tuscola.

A Private Family Service will be held at her gravesite.

Grace was born in Mountain View, California to Kenichi and Tamiye (Tsuchiyama) Morioka on November 22, 1919. She graduated from Roosevelt high school in Los Angeles with honors and was denied access to higher education due to World War II. During this time, she was relocated to the internment camp in Poston, AZ where she shared her creativity and artistic talent to make many things from very little. She was permitted to join the love of her life as he was on leave from the 442nd division. On January 8, 1943 at Fort Sheridan in Highland Park she married Tommy S. Homma. During the remainder of the war she shared with others her accomplished seamstress talents. After the war, she worked as the office manager for the cardiologists Dr. Cape and Dr. Last for over twenty-five years. During her golden years, she enjoyed spending her days with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, following their activities across state.

Mrs. Grace F. Homma is preceded in death by her husband Tommy S. Homma and her son Robert W. Homma and her brother Takashi Morioka.

Grace is survived by her sons Thomas (Sue) Homma and Steven Homma. Her five grandchildren Kathy (John) Davis, Beth Boyer, Tami (Floyd) Fisher, Rose Homma and Amy (Charles) Dawson and her seven great-grandchildren Martney Boyer, Thomas Boyer, Marcus Boyer, Samantha Davis, Addison Fisher, Ruby Dawson and Lilou Dawson.

Memorials may be given to Japan House (<https://japan-house.illinois.edu/make-a-gift>) at the University of Illinois.

The family of Grace wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Kayce Hanscel-Director of Brookstone Estates of Tuscola and her entire staff along with Jake Reifstreck of Joines Funeral Home in Villa Grove.

## Theresa L. Brewer

Theresa Lynn Brewer, 45, of Oakland, IL passed away at 8:19 a.m. on Monday, July 26, 2021, at her boyfriend's residence in Hume, IL.

A Celebration of Theresa's Life will be held at a later date.

Theresa was born on November 25, 1975, in Charleston, IL. She was a daughter of Roger Dale and Theresa Frances (Long) Brewer.

She is survived by her sister, Jeanette Brewer of Tuscola, IL, her boyfriend, Tim Cotton of Hume, IL, nieces and nephews, Devon, Thomas and Katherine Brewer, her step-mother, Cathy Brewer of Arcola, IL; aunts and uncles, Frank Brewer and his wife Thelma of Oakland, Gordan Brewer and his wife Glenda of Wilkesboro, NC, Ronald Brewer and his wife Linda of Kemp, IL, Vickie Anderson and her husband Sam of Garrett, IL and Frances Brewer of Tolono, IL.

Theresa was preceded in death by her parents, Roger Dale Brewer and Theresa Frances (Long) Brewer; one brother, Roger Dale Brewer Jr. and her uncle Richard Brewer.

Theresa was a 1993 Graduate of Villa Grove High School. She enjoyed singing Karaoke, with her Aunt Vickie and Jana Vlahos. She enjoyed going to festivals, watching fireworks; she collected anything to do with apples, roosters, or chefs. She always looked forward to going out to eat or going to a movie. One of her favorite things to do was spending time with family and friends.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made directly to the Edwards Funeral Home, 221 East Main, Arcola, IL 61910 to help with funeral expenses.

## Mary Harris

Mary Harris, 65, of Humboldt, IL passed away at 11:20 p.m. on Friday, July 30, 2021, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL.

At Mary's request no formal services will be held.

Mary was born on August 26, 1955, in Tuscola, IL. She is a daughter of Dale E. and Frances I (Moore) Hutton. She married Michael Dean Harris on March 12, 1974, in Charleston, IL.

Mary is survived by her husband Mike of Humboldt, IL; four sons, Robert Michael Harris of Charleston, IL, Michael Dean Harris Jr. and his wife Tarri of Windsor, IL, Jeffrey Allan Harris of Humboldt, IL and Frederick Louis Harris and his wife Haley of Mattoon, IL; seven grandchildren; her mother, Frances I. Hutton of Mattoon, IL; two brothers, Paul Hutton and his wife Brenda of Mattoon, IL, and Kenny Hutton of Lerna, IL, and two sisters, Debbie Crane and her husband Mark of Mattoon, IL and Donna Ragle of Sullivan, IL.

Mary was preceded in death by her father, Dale Hutton; one grandson Clayton Allan Harris and a brother-in-law, Bill Ragle.

Mary was a 1974 graduate of Mattoon High School. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary in Arcola, IL. She managed the Dollar General Store in Mattoon, IL for several years, later she took a position at Little Fuse in Arcola, IL and worked there until that plant closed.

Mary enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.



## Charles W. Helm

Charles W. Helm, 76, of Villa Grove died at 3:09 p.m. on Monday, July 26, 2021 at the University Rehabilitation Center of C-U.

Charles was born on September 27, 1944 in Tuscola to Leon and Dorothy (Albin) Helm. He married Janis Sigler on February 14, 1975 in Tuscola.

He is survived by his wife, Janis Helm; daughter, Melinda (John) Stevens of Mascoutah, IL; three grandchildren, Taylor, Bryan, and Gracie "Emily"; and a sister, Patricia (Curt) Adams of Arizona.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leon and Dorothy Helm.

Charles graduated from Villa Grove High School in 1962. Farming was his passion and he farmed for over 40 years. Charles also loved to watch Illinois basketball and was a huge Cardinals baseball fan. He was a member of the Victory Church in Camargo, and was a member of the Masonic Lodge for 41 years.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, July 31, 2021 at Victory Church (Camargo) with Pastor Duane Piercy officiating. Burial followed at the Murdock Cemetery. A visitation was held an hour prior (10 - 11 a.m.) of the funeral service at Victory Church. The family would like for everyone to be wearing blue jeans.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Victory Church or to Carle Hospice.

## Ruth Miller

Ruth Miller, 90, of Sullivan, passed away 5:05 a.m. Wednesday August 4, 2021 at the Arthur Home.

Private family graveside service will be in Liberty Cemetery, Sullivan. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association or the Sullivan First Baptist Church. Reed Funeral Home, Sullivan in charge of arrangements, Online condolences may be sent to the family at [reedfuneralhome.net](http://reedfuneralhome.net)

Ruth was born December 26, 1930 in Chicago the daughter of Otto and Barbary Laurer Mark. She had been a member of the Sullivan First Baptist Church and Sullivan T.O.P.S. She loved the outdoors, birds, gardening, water exercise at the Sullivan Civic Center and especially visits and hugs from her children and grandchildren. Ruth married David Woods Miller on May 16, 1950 in Lincoln and she was a devoted wife for 62 years until his passing on January 1, 2013. Ruth enjoyed a long and fruitful life full of many friends.

Ruth was the loving mother of Byron (Pam) Miller of S. Charles, Marcia (Pat) Casey of West Chicago, David (Barbara) Miller of West Chicago and Susan (Phillip) of Sullivan.

Also surviving are her sister Inger of California; sixteen grandchildren; thirty-one great grandchildren and three great grand children.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Otto, sister Edith, husband and daughter Nancy.

Goodbyes are not for forever, goodbyes are not the end, they simply mean we will miss you until we meet again.

## Vivian E. McElvain

Vivian Elaine McElvain left this Earth to be with the Lord on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at 10:40 a.m. at St. Mary's Hospital, Decatur, she was 93.

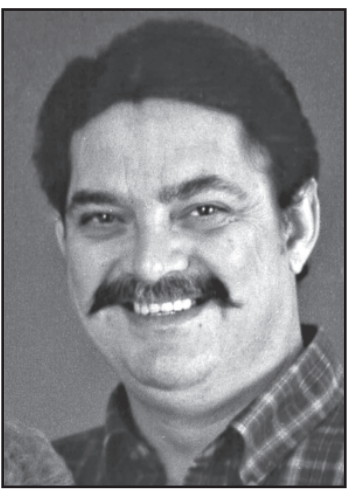
Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, August 9, 2021, at McMullin-Young Funeral Home, Sullivan. Visitation was held an hour prior to the service Monday, at the funeral home in Sullivan, the family requests casual attire. Face masks are suggested and please practice social distancing for the services. Burial will be held at a later date in Greenhill Cemetery, Sullivan. Memorials may be made to Moultrie County Illinois Paws; 10 Leisure Acres, Sullivan, IL 61951

Elaine was born on April 25, 1928, on a farm South of Divernon, IL, the daughter of John and Nona (Stevens) Curby. She grew up in Pawnee, the youngest of 8 children. She married Dennis Dale McElvain on September 12, 1950, in Pawnee; he preceded her in death on December 2, 2003. Elaine and her husband built and operated "Mac's Motel" in Atwood, IL, for many years. She also drove a school bus and was Garrett Township Clerk. Elaine was a member of New Life Church, Sullivan American Legion Post #68 and the Daughters of American Revolution. Elaine was an avid golfer and fisherwoman.

Elaine is survived by her son, David Alan McElvain of Sullivan; grandchildren, Erin Reedy of Sullivan and Brian (Melissa) Reedy of Tolono; great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Camryn and Adam Reedy of Tolono.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and daughter Connie Reedy.

Condolences may be offered to the family at [www.mcmullinyoung.com](http://www.mcmullinyoung.com)



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