

Obituaries

Betty J. Hale

Betty Jane "BJ" Hale, 91 of Arthur, IL passed away at 6:43 p.m. on Sunday, August 15, 2021 at the Arthur Home.

Private funeral services were held on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at the Zion United Church of Christ in rural Arthur, IL. Rev. Kenneth Roedder and Danny Powell officiated. Burial was in the Bourbon Cemetery. A Celebration of BJ's life was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 29, 2021 at the Zion United Church of Christ. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

BJ was born on December 24, 1929 in Tuscola, IL. She was a daughter of Carl and Mary (Brooks) Hansen. She married Gerald (Jerry) Hale on the dance floor and later married him on May 14, 1960 at the Zion United Church of Christ in Arthur, IL.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry of Arthur, IL, two daughters, Carol Crist and her husband David of Arthur, IL and Cheryl Sweet and her husband Scott of Mattoon, IL; two grandchildren Haley Crist and Zeb Crist and his wife Ashton; three great-grandchildren, Kaidan, Zoie and Colt Crist; several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents.

BJ graduated from Arthur High School in 1947. She had worked as a secretary at Progress Industries and USI before starting a family.

BJ was a member of the Zion Church of Christ in Arthur, IL, the American Legion Auxiliary, Bourbon Home Extension, the Turtle Club. She was a longtime Girl Scout Leader and co-founder of the Tin Can Grannies.

BJ loved going to dances with Jerry back in the day and doing crafts for the church and Home Extension. She liked meeting the "DQ group" every Wednesday night for a hamburger.

Memorials may be made to the Arthur Girl Scout Troop 3130, the Special Olympics or the Christmas Fund at the Arthur Fire Department.



Corinne D. Huffer

Corinne Dorothy Huffer, 83, of Tuscola, passed away at 11:37 a.m., Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Care Center, Mattoon, IL.

Funeral Services were held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, August 22, 2021 at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 705 South Main Street, Tuscola, IL with Rev. Ralph Deal officiating. Burial followed in the Tuscola Township Cemetery.

Visitation was held from 5 to 7 p.m., Saturday, August 21, 2021 at the funeral home.

Corinne was born on June 2, 1938 in Tuscola, the daughter of Marion and Dorothy Mae Shreve Tabor. She was a Jarman Hospital baby.

Corinne met the love of her life, John C Huffer, when he was the model in her figure drawing class at the U of I. They wed on July 26, 1959 at the Tuscola First Christian Church.

Corinne is survived by her loving husband John, son: Jason (Janice) Huffer of Waverly, OH, daughter: Becky (Vince) Baldauf of Anchorage, AK, grandchildren: John and Dottie Baldauf, Benjamin Burton, Tara Huffer and CoWanda Joy Huffer, great-grandson: Bastian Burton, half-sister Dorcas Campbell.

She was preceded in death by her father: Marion Tabor, mother: Dorothy Mae Shreve Tabor Knepper, granddaughter: Stephanie Huffer, brother: Eugene Tabor, half-sister: Vicki Tabor, half-brother James Tabor.

Corinne was a member of the University Place Christian Church, where singing in the choir brought her much joy. She attended the University of Illinois as an art major and was a member of the Phi Mu Sorority.

Corinne was an accomplished artist, she loved to take scenic photos which she used to create beautiful oil paintings. John and Corrine traveled frequently; they have visited all 50 states. They made 18 trips to Alaska to visit daughter Becky and her family. They have lived in their home for 55 years. Corinne had a generous heart and a deep love for the lord.

Memorials are suggested to the Wounded Warrior Project.

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Norman H. Hale

Norman H. Hale, 88, of North Port FL. formerly of Atwood and Decatur IL. passed away on August 3, 2021 at Tidewell Hospice, Port Charlotte, FL.

A celebration of life service were held at 4 p.m. Saturday, August 28, 2021 at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Atwood IL. Visitation was from 2 p.m. until time of service. Pastor Matthew Samuels officiated.

Norman was born on June 21, 1933 in Pierson, IL. He was the son of Virgil and Blanche Cornwell Hale. Norman married Shirley Auer on June 20, 1954 in Hammond IL.

He was employed as a heavy equipment operator and served as the Union President at USI in Tuscola, IL. He later became an International Representative with the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE).

Norman and Shirley owned several businesses and property in Atwood. He was the handyman who brought Shirley's designs to life and together they decorated unique and beautiful homes in Decatur.

Many summer weekends and vacations were spent boating on Lake Mattoon and Lake Shelbyville. He also traveled extensively and he especially enjoyed the cruise ship experience.

Norman was always known for his silly antics and he loved entertaining his friends and family with his stories. He was a passionate animal lover and he and Shirley adopted several domestic and wild animals. He was a lifelong sports fan following the Illini, Chicago Bears, Chicago Cubs and NASCAR. He loved family gatherings and he was famous for his ability to consume large quantities of pies and other sweets.

Norman is survived by his wife, two brothers: Wayne of Decatur IL and Jerry of Arthur, IL, one son: Rodney Hale of Logansport, IN, two daughters: Cindy (Curt) Pearman of Port Charlotte, FL and Tina (Bob) Ruben of Normal, IL, six grandchildren (Trisha Hale, Casey Hale, Karissa Niece, Lucas Patrick, Cord Patrick and Aubrey Nelle) and five great-grandchildren (Payton Hale, Hunter Hale, Brody Niece, Connor Niece and Rylee Niece). He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters: Jewell Pride and Judy Walters, and one granddaughter: Danielle (Dani) Kater.

Memorials can be made to the Tidewell Hospice in Port Charlotte FL. or to the Danielle Rubin Kater Covid Fund at the Macon County Community Foundation in Decatur IL.

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Loran D. Henderson

Loran Dale Henderson, 91, of Villa Grove died on August 11, 2021 at Meadowbrook Health Center in Urbana, IL.

Dale was born on June 11, 1930 in Hammond, IL to Joel and Grace (Lacey) Henderson. He married Evelyn Stevens on March 18, 1952 in Villa Grove.

Dale was very involved in and had a great love for sports. He was a high school official for football and baseball for many years. He was an avid Illinois athletics fan and Cubs fan, who finally got to see his Cubs win the World Series in 2016. He also worked on the Illinois football chain crew for 51 years. Dale enjoyed the outdoors as well, often spending time watching birds and deer in his yard. He also worked protecting the outdoors professionally as an Illinois Conservation Officer until he retired in 1992.

Dale was a dedicated father and grandfather, always supporting his children and grandchildren in their athletic and academic careers. He had a wonderful smile, bright blue eyes, a quiet personality, and was known to crack some one-liner jokes to give everyone a good laugh. He is greatly loved and will be deeply missed by his family.

He is survived by a daughter-in-law, Phyllis Henderson; five grandchildren, Charlynn Bonham, Ginny Blackmore, Kristina Henderson, Lauren Henderson, and John Henderson; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joel and Grace Henderson; wife, Evelyn Henderson; two sons, Steve and Richard Henderson; one grandson, Steve Henderson; three brothers, Harlan Henderson, Lowell Henderson, and Carl Henderson; and two sisters, Marilyn Parker and Dorothy Jones.

A graveside service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 29, 2021 at the Camargo Cemetery with Pastor Mike Zylstra officiating.

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

Aaron L. Ewing

Aaron Lee Ewing, 50, of Fithian IL., peacefully passed away Sunday Morning August 15, 2021 at Carle Hospital, Urbana IL.

Aaron was born January 29, 1971, he is survived by his Son Shain Ewing and Granddaughter Iris Ewing of Tuscola. Parents Dale (Janice) Ewing of Villa Grove and Cathy (Rick) Coffman of Oakland. Siblings Anthony (Beth) Ewing, Adam Ewing, Andrew (Lindsay) Dowler, Ashley Dowler all of Villa Grove, many nieces and nephews and his Special Friend of 11 years Teresa Waggle of Fithian.

He was preceded in death by Grandparents: James & Betty Ewing of Villa Grove, Paul Bogan of Arcola, and Betty Bogan of Lovington NM.

Aaron had passions for many things in life like camping, NASCAR, being involved in drag racing, riding his motorcycle, having fun with his family and friends and falling in love with his 11-month-old Granddaughter. Aaron also had fun with his co-workers and driving a truck for Ricks Trucking in Ogden, IL. Aaron enjoyed various carpentry projects and had special talents in Cabinet making and woodworking.

Visitation services were held Thursday August 19, 5 to 9 p.m. at Joines Funeral Home in Villa Grove, IL. Graveside Service was held Friday morning, 11 a.m. at the Fairland Cemetery, open to all that wished to come.

Aaron's employer, Ricks Trucking (Ogden IL), has arranged a Special Semi-truck drive by Tribute that was held Saturday August 21 at 9 a.m. at Aaron's house in Fithian IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Joines Funeral Home in Villa Grove.



Darrell M. Jean Sr.

Darrell Mason Jean Sr., 82, of Arthur, IL passed away at 5:15 a.m. Wednesday, August 18, 2021, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

Graveside Funeral Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 22, 2021, in the Arthur Cemetery. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Darrell was born August 23, 1938, in Oskaloosa Township, IL. He was a son of Delbert Mason "Tim" and Erma Agnes (Winchester) Jean. He married Edna Marie Franklin on June 30, 1956, in Lake City, IL. She survives.

To this union were born three children, Cathy Yoder and her husband Wesley of Arthur, IL, Darrell Jr. and his wife Joan of Lovington, IL and Barbara Gibson of Tuscola, IL; five grandchildren, Brandon Yoder and his wife Suzanne of Arthur, IL, Bethany Miller and her husband Brent of Tampa, FL, Peter Jean and his wife Rebecca of Utica, IL, Elizabeth Jean of Monticello, IL and Bryson Gibson of Tuscola, IL; nine great-grandchildren, Lily and Greyson Yoder, Ava and Harper Miller, William, Oliver, Declan, Maxwell and Finnian Jean. He is survived by one brother, Glenn Jerry Jean and his wife Sandy of Mesa, AZ.

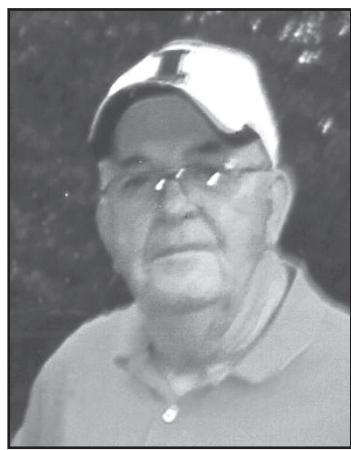
His parents, one son-in-law, Randy Gibson, one sister, Evelyn Fair, and one nephew, Jerry Lynn Jean preceded him in death.

Darrell started out working for Adlia Yoder. He owned and operated Sinclair Service Gas station on the north end of Arthur. He later opened Darrell's garage which he operated during the day and worked at Caterpillar at night. In 1966 he took a job with UPS as a mechanic and retired with 22 years of service as a regional manager.

Darrell was a member of the Vine Street Christian Church. He also held memberships with Tuscola Moose, Arthur Sportsman Club, social member of the Kaskaskia Country Club and a lifetime member of the NRA.

Darrell was known to play a little golf and enjoyed trapshooting and playing cards. He was also an avid car enthusiast.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Vine Street Christian Church or to an Elementary school of the donor's choice in his grandchildren's honor.



Dean M. Chesnut

Dean M. Chesnut, 98, of Tuscola, formerly of Effingham, IL, passed away on Friday, August 13, 2021 at Tuscola Health Care Center in Tuscola, IL.

Visitation was held from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at Johnson Funeral Home in Effingham, IL. Memorial services were held at 12 noon on Thursday, August 19, 2021 at the funeral home. Burial was in Headyville Cemetery in rural Dieterich, IL with military rites.

Memorials may be made to Tuscola Health Care Center. Online condolences may be shared at www.johnsonandsons-fh.com.

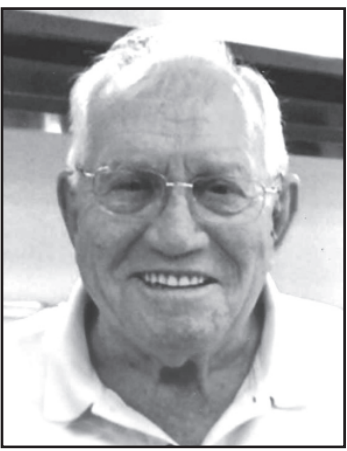
Dean was born on August 11, 1923, in South Muddy Township, Jasper County, IL, the son of Lawrence and Oval (Gossman) Chesnut.

Dean married Mildred Morgan on May 3, 1943 and to this union three children were born: Dennis, Ron, and Kathy. She preceded him in death on August 26, 1968. He married Eileen Woods on September 6, 1969 and she preceded him in death in August of 1981. Then he married Jessie Davis on January 1, 1982 and she preceded him in death on February 12, 2008.

Dean served his country in the United States Army from 1944-1946 as a Sergeant with the 95th LT Tank Company. Dean enjoyed farming for most of his life in Jasper and Clay counties. After retiring, he later worked at Rural King in Effingham. He loved watching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren play sports. He had a good sense of humor and a great laugh. He also was known to tinker and enjoyed fixing things.

Dean is survived by his son, Ron (Marsha) Chesnut of Round Rock, TX; daughter, Kathy (Joe) Bokor of Tuscola; stepdaughter, Twila James of Riverton; grandchildren, Shannon (Katie) Patterson of Homer, Jason Patterson of Tuscola, Cady (Aaron) Timmons of Houston, TX, Madison Chesnut of Frisco, TX, Nicole (Bryan) Graham of Cashiers, NC, and Chris (John) Moushon of Springfield; 9 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; brother, Ralph Chesnut of Wheeler; and sister, Donna (Leo) Galloway of Newton.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Dennis Chesnut in infancy; stepmother, Laverne (Tate) Chesnut; and sister, Mae Toppe.



Lavonia Hutchcraft

Lavonia "Bodie" Hutchcraft, 88 of Atwood, IL passed away at 6:26 a.m., Thursday, August 19, 2021 at her home.

Visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, August 30, 2021 at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 66 East US Highway 36, Atwood, IL.

Graveside services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at Mackville Cemetery, Atwood, IL

Bodie was born August 2, 1933 in Seiling, OK the daughter of Lloyd Fuqua and Myrtle Hand Barnes. She married Roy M. Hutchcraft April 15, 1960 in Oklahoma. He preceded her in death on September 5, 1986.

She is survived by her children: D'Ann (Wayne) Rauh of Arp, TX; Debbie (Tony) Creek of Charleston; Brett (Connie) Hutchcraft of Atwood and Bart Hutchcraft of Atwood, 18 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, sister: Veta "Pete" Davison of Bartlesville, OK, and a step-son: Rick Hutchcraft of Albuquerque, NM.

Bodie was preceded in death by her parents and stepfather: Delbern Barnes, great grandson: Nathan Hutchcraft, sister: Peggy and step-children: Judy Ann Hengst and Ronnie Lee Hutchcraft.

Bodie enjoyed riding a motorcycle and spending time with friends and family.

Memorial contributions may be donated to a charity of the donor's choice.

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