

Obituaries

Michael E. Danford

Michael Edward Danford, 64, of Atwood, IL passed away at 3:09 p.m. on Saturday, August 21, 2021 at Unity Point Methodist Hospital in Peoria, IL.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 26, 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 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at the funeral home.

Mike was born on June 28, 1957 in Decatur, IL. He was a son of Rev. John E. and Agnes V. (Dennison) Danford. He married Carla M. Cook on June 22, 1977 in Galton, IL; she passed away on June 13, 1987. He later married Kathy L. Harvey on June 21, 2000 in Nashville, TN; she passed away on May 25, 2012.

He is survived by two daughters, Tobein Lee Cuvar and her husband Jon of AL and Tracy Liesman and her husband Randy of Delavan, IL, five grandchildren Maegan Douglas of Champaign, IL, Maranda Douglas of AL, Dalton McKay of Delavan, IL, Hunter Douglas of AL and Grace Liesman of Delavan, IL, one great-granddaughter, Adalynn Douglas of AL, and one brother, John Eric Danford and his wife Teresa of Port Charlotte, FL, as well as two nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two wives, Carla Danford and Kathy Danford.

Michael was a 1975 graduate of Arcola High School. Michael was a nationally registered EMT for 25 years. He had worked with Joe Victor, when Joe operated Ace Ambulance in Tuscola, and he worked for Arrow Ambulance in Champaign. He also owned and operated K and M Transportation out of Atwood.

He attended CornerStone Fellowship Church in Arthur; he was a member of the Arthur Lions Club, the Atwood Sportsman's Club and he served on the Atwood Fire Department for 10 years.

Michael enjoyed camping at Robin Hood Forest outside of Shelbyville, IL.

Memorials may be made to the National Kidney Foundation.



Anita F. Yutzy

Anita Fern Yutzy, 89, of Tuscola, passed away at 12:27 a.m., Sunday, August 22, 2021 at the Tuscola Health Care Center, Tuscola, IL.

Graveside Services were held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at the Tuscola Township Cemetery. No Visitation was held.

Anita was born on November 9, 1931 in Murdock, IL, the daughter of Lewis and Esta Hays Gray. She married Solomon Noah Yutzy. He preceded her in death on September 28, 1987.

Survivors include her nieces: Margie Stevens of Villa Grove and Dorothy Feeler of Tuscola, several great-nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, step-father: Voyles Hays, a brother and sister: Lois Wilson.

She was a homemaker and member of the Tuscola United Church of Christ. Anita loved participating in the activities at the nursing home, she especially enjoyed playing bingo.

Memorials are suggested to the Tuscola Health Care Center activity fund or Tuscola United Church of Christ.

The family would like to thank the staff at Tuscola Health Care for taking such good care of Anita over the past 8 years.

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



Joyce A. Strack

Joyce A. Strack, 83, of Tuscola, passed away at 12:15 p.m., Thursday, August 19, 2021 at the Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, IL.

Funeral Services were held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, August 23, 2021 at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 705 South Main Street, Tuscola, IL. Burial was in the Tuscola Township Cemetery.

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

Joyce was born on December 18, 1937 in Bourbon, IL, the daughter of William and Janie Gribbon Kroll. She married Wilbur G. Strack on July 15, 1966 in Arthur, IL. He preceded her in death on December 28, 2019.

Survivors include her daughters: Cathy (David) Klotz of Kailua Kona, HI and Marcia Chandler of Colville, WA, sons: Brian Thompson of Tacoma, WA and Jeffrey Alan Strack of Tuscola, seven grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers: Floyd Kroll, Ed Kroll, David Kroll, Bill Kroll, Charles Kroll and sisters: Marjorie Simmons, Helen Flanagan and Doris Davis.

Joyce worked as a registered nurse at the Tuscola Health Care Center for several years before her retirement. She loved to read and enjoyed sewing and needlework.

Memorials are suggested to the Douglas County Animal Shelter.

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Myron L. McGregor

Myron Lee McGregor, 79, of Oakland, IL passed away at 3:35 a.m. on Saturday, August 28, 2021, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, IL.

Funeral services were held at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 3, 2021, at the Antioch Baptist Church, 23854 CR 2100 North in Oakland, IL. Rev. Matthew McGregor and Rev. Justin Grimes officiated. Burial was in the Oakland Cemetery. Visitation was held from 5:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 2, 2021, at the Edwards Funeral Home in Arcola, IL.

Myron was born on November 22, 1941, in Tuscola, IL. He was a son of Marion and Pauline (Wright) McGregor. He married Mary Bright on August 10, 1963, in Arcola, IL.

Survivors include his wife Mary, of Oakland, IL, three sons, Matthew McGregor and his wife Tami of Oakland, IL, Melvin McGregor and friend Monica Thomas of Oakland, IL and Martin McGregor and his wife Candace of Mahomet, IL, seven grandchildren, Mitch McGregor of Atlanta, GA, Cristina Phelps and her husband Tim of Westville, IL, Andrew McGregor and his wife Cayla of Oakland, IL, Gary McGregor and his fiancé Beverly of Florida, Tyler McGregor and his wife Monica of Oakland, IL, Mason McGregor and Allison McGregor of Mahomet, IL, nine great-grandchildren, Jackson McGregor, Rowdy Phelps, Hunter McGregor, Ella and Colt McGregor, Blake, Clayton and Riley McGregor, and Genny McGregor two step-grandchildren, Josie King of Charleston, IL and Clint VonBehrens of Oakland, IL, two step-great-grandchildren, Payten and Rhett VonBehrens, and two brothers, Lowell McGregor and his wife Judy of Lovington, IL and Lyle McGregor and his wife Mira of Hume, IL, and one sister Kay Lovell and her husband Wayne of Effingham, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Marvin Lee McGregor, one step grandson, Keith VonBehrens, and one niece, Darla Lovell.

Myron graduated from Oakland High School in 1960. He was a member of the Antioch Baptist Church in Oakland, IL where he served as a deacon for over 30 years. Myron worked as a mechanic at Birkey's Farm Store, in Oakland, IL for 25 years.

Myron was the president of the Antique Tractor Club, East Central Illinois Antique Tractors and Equipment. He enjoyed going to antique tractor shows and toy tractor shows, but most of all spending time with his family.

Memorials may be made to the Antioch Baptist Church.



Jerry N. Gray

Jerry N. Gray, 77, of Pesotum, IL passed away suddenly on Wednesday evening, August 25, 2021 at his residence.

Services will be held at a later date.

Jerry was born on July 6, 1944 in Moscow, IA, the son of Woodrow and Pearl Johnson Gray. He married Elizabeth A. Head on September 14, 1996 in Cedar Rapids, IA. She survives.

Also surviving are his daughters: Kristi Greene of Iowa and Kari Mortensen of Illinois, step-daughters: Sarah Knight and Michele Higgins both of Iowa, 15 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, brother: Woodrow Gray, Jr., sisters: Mary Foster and Nadine Gerard.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister: Judy Ohrt.

Jerry worked in management for 30 years and later worked as a tool and die maker for Guardian West in Urbana. He served his country as a member of the US Marine Corps.

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Fannie Miller

Fannie (Schrock) Miller, 83 years, 7 months, and 25 days of Sarasota, FL formerly of Arthur, IL passed away at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, August 30, 2021, at her daughters' residence in Sullivan, IL.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at the Pleasant View Church, 155 N CR 300 E in rural Arcola, IL. Pastor Duane Kuhns officiated. Burial was in the Arthur Cemetery. Visitation was held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, at the Pleasant View Church. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Fannie was born on January 5, 1938, in Goshen, IN. She was a daughter of Jonas J. and Sylvia (Miller) Schrock. She married Reuben W. Miller on March 29, 1956, in Arthur, IL. They lived in Holy Matrimony for 65 years, 4 months, and 26 days. He passed away on August 24, 2021.

She is survived by seven children, Allen Miller and his wife Carolyn of Arthur, IL, Goldie Bontrager and her husband Kenny of Sullivan, IL, Dorothy Kauffman and her husband Gary of Lovington, IL, Lorene Otto and her husband Ed of Sullivan, IL, Sylvia Miller of Sarasota, FL, Leroy Miller and his wife Naomi of New Holland, PA and Becky Stutzman and her husband Phil of Sarasota, FL, 20 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, one sister, Lena Schrock and her husband David of Arthur, IL and sister-in-law, Margaret (Schrock) Delameter of Ventura, CA

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one grandson, Reginald Miller, one sister, Anna Chupp and her husband Elvin, and 3 brothers, Daniel and Alice Schrock, Joe and Lee Schrock and Jake Schrock.

Fannie attended Living Word Fellowship in Arthur, IL and Sarasota Mennonite Church in Sarasota, FL.

Fannie was very creative and often used her talent to design her own patterns for her sewing hobby and also hand drew the plans for her and Reuben's first house they built together soon after they were married. She sold Stanley Home Products for over 25 years and built many memories and relationships that still live on today through her children. She could play the harmonica with her nose and her favorite color was blue. For those that spent time at Reuben and Fannie's house, she was well known for her amazing cooking, especially her cinnamon rolls. She especially loved baking with her grandchildren and great grandchildren whenever she got the chance. Fannie was very detailed with record keeping and would always write everything down. When asked about something that happened months or years ago, she would say "just a minute, I have that written down", and always knew exactly where it was. One of Fannie's greatest joys was spending time singing hymns with the family gathered around.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Living Word Fellowship in Arthur, IL.

Mary J. Schrock

Mary J. Schrock, 86 years, and 4 days, of Sullivan, IL passed away at 2:04 a.m. on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at her residence.

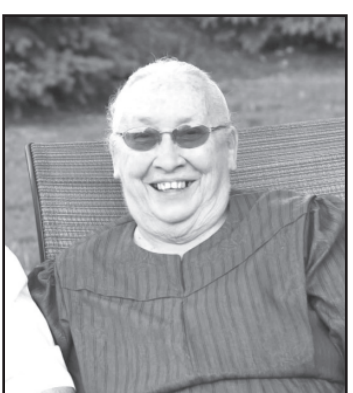
Funeral services were held at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at the Otto Center in Arthur, IL. Bishop Christy Diener officiated. Burial was in the Otto Cemetery. Visitation was held anytime after 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at the Otto Center. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Mary was born on August 27, 1934 in Arthur, IL. She was a daughter of Jerry S. and Alta E. (Yoder) Yoder. She married Levi J. Schrock on November 17, 1966 in Lovington, IL.

She is survived by her husband, six children, Margaret Fern Schrock of Sullivan, IL, Ella Marie Kauffman and her husband Nelson of Humboldt, IL, Lenore Ann Miller and her husband Lester of Arcola, IL, Erma Jean Schrock and her husband Eli of Sullivan, IL, Merle Schrock and his wife Arlene of Arcola, IL and Ervin Dean Schrock and his wife Mary of Sullivan, IL, 20 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren, eight step grandchildren, 21 step great grandchildren, one step great-grandchild, one brother, Lewis Yoder and his wife Katie of Lovington, IL, three sisters, Anna Troyer and her husband Raymond of Sugar creek, OH, Elnora Mullett and her husband Melvin of Sugar creek, OH and Kathryn Yoder of Lovington, IL, and one sister-in-law, Mary Yoder of Arcola, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers, Edwin Yoder and his wife Martha, Henry Yoder and his wife Emma, Raymond Yoder, and Jerry Jr. Yoder, one sister, Susan Miller and her husband Ervin, one granddaughter-in-law, Cynthia Kay and one great grandchild, Justin Luke.

Mary was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.



Gilbert L. Quick

Gilbert L. Quick, 83, of Bement, IL, passed away at 4:40 p.m., Thursday, August 19, 2021 at the OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria, IL.

Private Family Services will be held. Burial will be in the Lake Fork Cemetery, rural Atwood, IL.

Gilbert was born on March 7, 1938 in Tuscola, IL, the son of Homer G. and Mildred E. Brewer Quick.

He married Nancy W. Tice on April 7, 1958 in Tuscola. She preceded him in death on April 8, 2012.

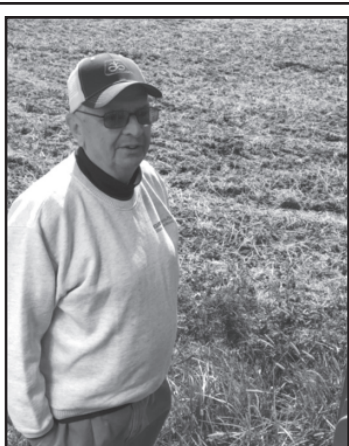
Survivors include a son: Robert Lee Quick and wife: Julie of Lexington, KY, daughter: Susan Larimore and husband: Richard of Bement, IL, grandchildren: Kierstin (Michael) Hartley, Andrew (Maria) Quick, Morgan Quick and numerous grand dogs.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother: Lowell Quick and sister: Lois Byerly.

Memorials are suggested to a local FFA Chapter of the donor's choice, Faith-in-Action or Piatt County Nursing Home Foundation.

Gilbert was a farmer and retired from USI-Quantum Chemical Company in Tuscola. He was a member of the Lake Fork United Church of Christ, where he enjoyed volunteering for many projects. Gilbert was a member of the Corvette Club of Illinois. He enjoyed snowmobiling and he loved to visit with his many friends. He liked to participate with the local chapters of the Future Farmers of America.

Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Atwood, IL is assisting the family. Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com



Allen Edwards

Allen Edwards, 59, of Bismarck, IL, formerly of Arcola, IL passed away at 2:10 p.m. on Sunday, August 22, 2021, at OSF Sacred Heart Medical Center in Danville, IL.

Visitation for family and friends was held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 28, 2021, at the Edwards Funeral Home, 221 East Main St., Arcola, IL. Private funeral services will be held at a later date.

Allen was born on July 25, 1962, in Tuscola, IL. He was a son of Glenn Franklin and Rosalie Ann (Murphy) Edwards. He married Betty Rickart on October 20, 1984.

He is survived by his wife, Betty of Bismarck, IL one son, Kyle Edwards and his wife Michaela of Bismarck, IL, his parents, Glenn and Rosalie Edwards of Arcola, IL, one sister, Kim East and her husband Russell of Arcola, IL and one brother, Jeff Edwards and his wife Lisa of Arcola, IL.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Walter and Wanetta Murphy and Alfred and Flossie Edwards.

Allen was a 1980 graduate of Arcola High School. He then graduated from ITT Technical School in Indianapolis, IN.

He was in electrical equipment sales for many years after graduating ITT.

Allen enjoyed golfing, watching NASCAR, and many superheroes. He loved listening to country music, Garth Brooks being his favorite, and playing guitar. He was a collector at heart, collecting drag car diecasts, replica sports rings, hot wheels, sports figures, guitars, and other novelty things, many of which he would buy from garage sales and flea markets with his wife.

Allen always had a good joke to share.

He enjoyed antiquing with his dad and traveling with his wife across the United States and to visit family. He had a passion for music, his pets and especially his family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Arcola Sports Boosters.

