

Obituaries

James W. Bailey, Jr.

James Willis Bailey, Jr. went to be with the Lord on Thursday, August 26, 2021. He was born on March 5, 1947 in Tuscola, Illinois. He graduated from Tuscola High School in 1965.

He served in the Air Force in Intelligence, and was stationed in Germany. On his return from Germany he worked at GATX terminal at night while attending classes during the day at University of Houston.

After graduation Jim worked at Houston Fuel Oil Terminal as Director of Regulatory Affairs. During this time he was on the Board of Independent Liquid Terminals Association. For a period of time he served as Chairman of the Board. Jim met and married Sherry. They traveled while he was on the Board and made many friends.

For a period he was on the Board of his neighborhood Association.

On retirement he raised several German Shepherd dogs and cats. He walked 7-10 miles a day meeting numerous neighbors with their dogs. He was conservative, loved people and respected people who were hard workers.

He is survived by his wife Sherry, sister Marsha, her husband Jim Sweetenham of Port Neches, his brother Tim Bailey, San Francisco, CA. Nieces Jennifer (Jeremy) Kupper, their children Kade and Lyla, Rebekah Ft. Worth, Tx, Katie (Brent) Wyble and their son Kase, and nephew Chris (Lexi) Sweetenham, Sulfur, LA and John Speights and his wife Leslie, Houston, TX Jim was a quiet, private person who loved people and animals. He always did his best no matter what he was doing.

Jim touched a lot of lives. He was caring, had a good personality and helped people.

He will be missed, and definitely remembered!!



Donna L. Edwards

Donna Lee Edwards, 78, of Humboldt, IL passed away at 2:05 a.m. on Sunday, August 29, 2021 at St. John's Hospital in Springfield, IL.

Funeral services were held at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 4, 2021 at the Edwards Funeral Home, 221 East Main St., Arcola, IL. Pastor Steven Stern will officiate. Visitation was held two hours prior to the service, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Donna was born on November 29, 1942 in Arthur, IL. She was a daughter of Don Ernest and Dorothy Estelle (Davis) Hutchcraft. She married Robert Leon Edwards on December 8, 1961 in Mattoon, IL. He passed away on October 27, 2011.

She is survived by 1 son, Edward Merrill Edwards and his wife Wendy of Humboldt, IL, three stepchildren, Gary L. "Whitey" Edwards of Arcola, IL, Terry Hardwick and her husband Rick of Tuscola, IL and Lorrie Hawk of Arcola, IL, four grandchildren, Elizabeth Sparks and her husband Justin of Middletown, OH, Danielle Edwards of Mattoon, IL, Andrew Edwards of Mattoon, IL and Chyna Edwards of Mattoon, IL, 11 step grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, Zach Sparks, Leeland Sparks and Jase Sparks, and Cameron Ingram, 25 step great-grandchildren and one sister, Deanna Dallas of Arthur, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one stepdaughter, Barbara Jean Snyder, two brothers, Robert Hutchcraft and Dale Hutchcraft and a step-great-grandson, Caleb Robert Hardwick.

Donna was a member a member of Walnut Grove Christian Church in rural Arcola, IL

She enjoyed sewing, reading, crocheting, arts and crafts and spending time with her family.

Memorials may be made to Walnut Grove Christian Church.



Shirley M. Staub

Shirley Marie Staub, 88, of Hume, Illinois, was called to heaven on Monday, August 23, 2021.

Shirley was born on April 10, 1933 in Litchfield, Illinois to Harold and Frances (Koonce) Lowe. She married James Staub, her soulmate, July 2, 1981.

She is survived by her five daughters, Janina (Fred) Conley of Hume, Jackie Savell of Vero Beach, Florida, Justine (Doug) Williams of Tuscola, Julie (Rich) Thompson of Vero Beach, Florida, and Jo Ellen (Troy) Hafner, of Santa Barbara, California; seven grandchildren Meghan (Craig) Bowyer, Harlee (Hunter) Conley, Nickolas Williams, Grace and Emily Thompson, and Reese and Lia Hafner; three great-grandchildren, Garrett, Grady, and Everlee Bowyer; and her brother, Ronald Lowe.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Staub, sisters Ann Siefeld, Lora Harshman, Ruby Hurst, Sharon Walker, Dorothy Landers, and brother, Dale Lowe.

Shirley loved her family and dedicated her life to taking care of her family and loved ones. Her hobbies included fishing, camping, travel, and cheering on her beloved St. Louis Cardinals. She spent many years camping with her extended family and friends. She loved to travel and always enjoyed her time in Florida.

According to her wishes, no services are planned.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org.



Bradley J. Benson

Bradley John Benson, 46, of Hammond, IL., passed away Saturday, August 28, 2021, at the Kirby Medical Center, E.R., Monticello, IL.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, September 4, 2021, at the Hinds Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 348 N. Piatt St., Bement, IL. Visitation was held from 1:00 p.m., until time of services on Saturday at the funeral home. Private family burial took place at the Mackville Cemetery, Atwood, IL.

Brad was born on June 16, 1975 in Champaign, IL., a son of Jack H. Johnson and Patricia Kemper Johnson and his mom survives of Atwood, IL. Surviving are two daughters; Macy and Lindsey Benson both of Tuscola, IL. Other survivors include a sister; Nicki (Josh Campbell) DeGrofft of Bement, IL., sister; Joanne Johnson of Arcola, IL., and brother; Jeff Johnson of Missouri. Also surviving are nephews; Dustin DeGrofft, Dylan DeGrofft, Dylan Campbell, and Ian Campbell. He is also survived by his grandmother; Letha Romine of Atwood, IL.. Other survivors include many aunts, uncles, and cousins, some of which he considered brothers. He was preceded in death by his father, and brother; Jim Johnson

Brad was a member of the APA Pool league, he loved fishing, hunting and Chevy cars. He loved the Chicago Bears and the Fighting Illini. He also loved landscaping and making this a beautiful place, but his greatest love of all was his family especially his beloved daughters.

Aaron and Susie Hinds of Hinds Funeral Home & Cremation Services are proud to honor the life of Bradley John Benson. "Our Family is Here to Serve Your Family". Please visit our website at www.hindsfuneralhome.com to offer condolences.



Elizabeth C. Schrock

Elizabeth C. Schrock, 85 of Arthur, IL passed away at 7:10 a.m. on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at her residence.

Funeral services were held at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, September 6, 2021, at her residence, residence, 162 E. CR 240 N., Arthur, IL. Bishop Philip Schrock officiated. Burial was in the Yoder Cemetery in rural Arthur, IL. Visitation was held any time after 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 5, 2021, at her residence. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Elizabeth was born on November 10, 1935, in Arthur, IL. She was a daughter of Christian A. and Annie D. (Yoder) Schrock.

She is survived by one brother, Edward C. Schrock and his wife Clara of Arthur, IL, one sister, Alta C. Schrock of Arthur, IL; several nieces and nephews; step brothers Levi M. Schrock of Arthur, IL, and Andrew M. Schrock of FL; step sisters-in-law Marie Schrock of OH, and Frances Schrock of Arthur, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Chris and Annie Schrock; her stepmother, Sovilla (Mast) Schrock; one sister, Lydia Miller and her husband Monroe; nephew, Wilmer Miller; step brothers John Schrock and his wife Betty, Dan Schrock and Abe Schrock; step sister Anna Helmuth and her husband Oba; step-sisters-in-law Edna Mae Schrock and Elsie Schrock

Elizabeth moved to Phoenix, AZ at a young age and lived there for 54 years. She was a nurse in Phoenix for 27 years.

Elizabeth was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.



Clara Pourchot

Clara "Jean" Pourchot, 99, of Atwood, IL., passed away September 8, 2021 in Decatur, IL.

Private graveside services were held on September 13, 2021 at Mackville Cemetery, Atwood, officiated by Danny Powell. Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Atwood, IL, is assisting with arrangements.

Jean was born February 11, 1922 in Joliet, IL, daughter of Don and Audrey (Norton) Vander Boegh. She married John E. Pourchot August 31, 1941 in St. Louis. He preceded her in death on February 2, 1977.

She is survived by her sons, John of Mattoon, IL, and George of Decatur, IL, and daughter Kathy Casteel and husband Keith of Decatur, IL; Grandchildren, Bret and Heather, Nicholas, Ryan (Rana), Seth, and Clayton (Maureen); Great Grandchildren, Brittney and Brei, Heidi, Hassan and Aden, and sister-in-law Betty Vander Boegh as well as many nephews and nieces.

Jean was preceded in death by brothers Robert and Don Vander Boegh and sister Katherine Spencer.

She was involved with many of her children's and grandchildren's school and sports activities. She worked in retail in Atwood. She loved her home, hosting Christmas Eve dinners for the family, enjoyed her dogs and grand dogs and traveling whenever she had the opportunity.

Memorial contributions may be made to Veterans Associations, animal shelters, or a charity of donor's choice.

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David D. Hilligoss

David Duane Hilligoss, 84, of Neoga, IL, passed away peacefully in Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Care Center in Mattoon, IL on Tuesday, August 31, 2021.

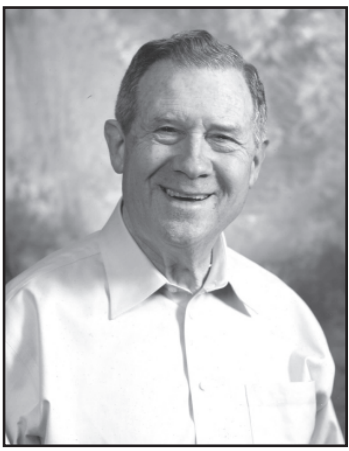
David was born on June 11, 1937, in Moultrie County, the son of Robert Morris and Mary Alice (Crockett) Hilligoss. He was a 1957 graduate of Windsor High School and a veteran of the United States Army. David and Patricia Louise Evans were united in holy matrimony, in Ash Grove Christian Church in Windsor on July 15, 1973, and were blessed with 47 years of marriage. David worked as a forklift operator at Caterpillar in Decatur for 33 years and enjoyed farming, on the family farm, in the Ash Grove area. He was a longtime member of the Ash Grove Christian Church where he proudly served as deacon for many years.

He leaves behind siblings: Elizabeth Louise (Charles) Larsen of Denver, CO, Ronald Robert (Janet) Hilligoss of Decatur, Garold Gene (Joyce) Hilligoss of Cerro Gordo, Edward Earl Hilligoss of Indianapolis, IN, Lois Evelyn Harris of Gays, Floyd Foster Hilligoss of Windsor and Arnold Alvin (Susie) Hilligoss of Effingham and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; wife; brothers: Warren Wilson Hilligoss and Leonard Lyman Hilligoss and sister, Ruth Ann Hurley.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 4, 2021, in Lovins-Lockart Funeral Home in Windsor with Reverend Patrick Powers officiating. Visitation was from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service. Burial took place in Cochran's Grove Cemetery with military honors performed by the Windsor American Legion Garrett-Baldrige Post 725. Memorials may be made to the Ash Grove Christian Church. The family requests that everyone please wear a mask. Lovins-Lockart Funeral Home in Windsor is assisting the family.

Family and friends are invited to light a candle or share a story in David's honor at www.lockartgreenfuneralhome.com.



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