

Obituaries

Michael E. Jones

Michael E. Jones, 65, of Urbana, formerly of Tuscola, passed away at 5:27 p.m., Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at the Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, IL.

Memorial Services were held at 11 a.m., Saturday, September 18, 2021 at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 705 South Main Street, Tuscola, IL with Rev. Kent Conover officiating.

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

Mike was born on July 10, 1956 in Tuscola, the son of Richard A. and Edith E. Prosser Jones. He married Debra A. Stone Butts on June 5, 2021 at Walnut Point State Park, Oakland, IL. She survives.

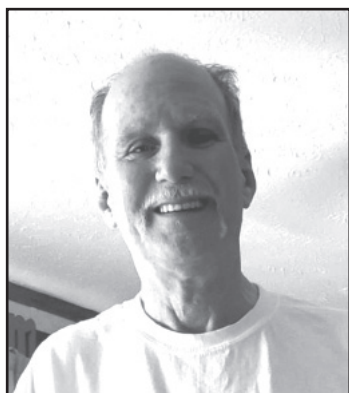
Also surviving are his sons: Brian Jones of Tuscola and Wyatt Jones of Mattoon, four grandchildren, sister: Bonnie Conley of Thornton, CO, brothers: Tony Jones of Hammond, Daniel Jones of Tuscola and David Jones of Arcola.

He was preceded by his parents, brothers: Ric and Fred Jones and step-daughter: Carol Jo Sowers.

Mike formerly worked as a forklift operator.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com



William C. Jones

William C. "Bill" Jones died on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Bill was born April 7, 1931 in Tuscola, IL, the son of Representative George A. Jones and Cecily (Blackford). He was a member of Forty Martyrs Catholic Church in Tuscola where he was also married to Jean Kennedy Jones on September 12, 1953.

Bill graduated from Tuscola High School in 1949.

He received a bachelor's degree from the College of Agriculture at the University of Illinois in 1953. He was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity and he was a member of the Army ROTC. Upon graduation, Bill joined the 11th Armored Cavalry regiment where he was an executive officer and was made first lieutenant.

Bill was a farmer near the small town of Bourbon, IL and in his later years became an accomplished inventor also. He received four patents, one of which was featured on the front page of the Wall Street Journal, was used in the TV sitcom Home Improvement with Tim Allen, and was also exhibited for several years in EPCOT at the Walt Disney World Resort.

He was extremely active in community affairs. He served on the Piatt-Douglas School Board, was Chairman of the Douglas County Extension Council, served on the Douglas County Conservation Board, started the Union Drainage District, was Precinct Committeeman, and was the president of the PTA. He volunteered as a Little League coach, 4-H Leader, youth basketball coach, Illinois State Fair Horse Show committeeman, and Superintendent of the Moultrie Douglas Jr. Horse Show. Bill was a Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the Tuscola Rotary.

Bill and his wife Jean owned two quarter horses which won classes at the World Championship Show in Oklahoma City. Their horses were dominant throughout the United States in the quarter horse decathlon class during the 1970s.

He was an avid Illini fan, attending numerous football and basketball games through six decades. He attended almost all of his son Cliff's games when Cliff was a kicker for the football team.

Bill is survived by four children, Cindy (Jim) Eder of Effingham, IL, Christy Gartrell of Houston, TX, Cliff of Champaign, IL and Chip of Grayslake, IL; six grandchildren Will (Molly) Eder of Colorado Springs, CO, Keelin (Kevin) Schneider of Chicago, Michael Gartrell of Houston, Daniel Gartrell of Houston, Kassie Jones of Austin, TX, and Kyler Jones of Champaign, IL; and five great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean (Kennedy), his two sisters, Joan Moore Cook of Charlotte, NC and Georganna Bailey of Decatur, and one son, Craig.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials in Bill's name be made to the University of Illinois, College of Agriculture (ACES) at <https://aces.illinois.edu/giving/give-now>

A memorial mass will be held at the Forty Martyrs Catholic Church on a date to be announced.

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



Paul R. Burlett

Paul Robert Burlett, 80 of Atwood, IL passed away at 1:13 p.m. on Monday, September 13, 2021 at Decatur Memorial Hospital in Decatur, IL.

Graveside funeral services were held at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 in the Prairie Mennonite Church Cemetery, 164 East County Road 700 North, Arthur, IL. The Prairie Mennonite Ministry officiated. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Paul was born on August 9, 1941 in Wilmington, DE. He was a son of Paul Robert and Ethel (Coyle) Burlett Sr.

Paul attended Catholic schools. His work career out of high school started at a New Car Dealerships. He learned how to check in new vehicles, service writing and auto repair. Paul then left the new car world for his own shop.

He had a goal to retire at the age of 40. Paul's hobbies included nail art, (bending nails so they joined together); competitive athletics (triathlons; biking, running, and swimming). 10,000 mile bike trips, east coast to west coast, brought him through Atwood. He was "sponsored" and pulled a trailer. Paul worked at the Olympic set up when he was in his 50s and 60s, flying and driving where needed, all over the country.

Paul helped a wares huckster, distributing goods door to door. As a 10 to 12 year old, he was a regular altar boy. At that time, he had questions for the priests for which the answers did not satisfy Paul's heart. He then walked as an agnostic for many years. In 2019 around Easter, the Holy Spirit led Paul to open his heart to Jesus as he read the Easter story, heard sermons, and talked with his Christian friends. The results of Christ were a miracle to see change. Unforgiveness and hardness turned to love and soft words as he continued a faith journey to his exit into eternity.

Paul had a kind heart and gave away service help and garden goods to people in the Atwood area.



Cheryl D. Jacobs

Cheryl Darlene Jacobs, 75, of Champaign, IL passed away at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 5, 2021, at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO.

No formal services are scheduled at this time. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Cheryl was born on September 30, 1945, in Champaign, IL. She was the daughter of Roy Newton and Starling Orpha (Neal) Hampel. She married Ivan D. Fink on December 22, 2008, in Urbana, IL, however they have been together for over 21 years.

Cheryl is survived by her husband Ivan Fink of Arcola, IL; one son, Dr. Michael Jacobs of Rockland, MA; two step-children, Kyle Fink of Tuscola, IL and Ashley Pollitt and her husband Brian of Danville, IL and two step-grandchildren, Miles and Vivian Pollitt of Danville, IL.

Cheryl was preceded in death by her parents, and her brother, Lawrence Hampel.

Cheryl was a 1963 graduate of Champaign High School. She retired from Dodson Travel in Champaign, IL with over 35 years of service in 2008. Prior to that Cheryl worked for American Airlines.

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Marjorie A. Albin

Marjorie A. Albin, 91, of Newman died on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at the Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana.

Marjorie was born on August 8, 1930 in Brocton to George and Mae (Perry) Martin. She married John Albin on September 10, 1949 in Decatur. Marge was a model wife to John for almost 72 years.

She is survived by her husband, John Albin; two sons, Perry (Cathy) Albin and David A. Albin; five grandchildren, Marianne Albin (Will Breckenfeld), David M. (Jennifer Wubben) Albin, Nancy Albin, Cori (Aaron) Richardson, and Andrew (Felicity) Albin; seven great-grandchildren; and one brother, George (Eunice) Martin. She loved spending time with her family and taught them many important lessons.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her son Martin Albin.

Marge attended Eastern Illinois University for one year as a music major, and then married John. Music was a part of her entire life. She gave piano lessons for many years and encouraged many young people in their musical pursuits. She was a life-long member of First Christian Church of Newman, and attended Wesley Chapel in rural Newman all her married life where she was a pianist for many years and a member of Wesley Chapel Club.

She and her husband, John, founded Longview Capital Corporation, starting with Longview State Bank, a small Champaign County bank, and growing it into a multi-bank holding company with several locations in Douglas, Edgar, Champaign, Vermillion, and Ford Counties.

Marge was appointed by President Reagan to a committee to draft the 1985 U.S. farm bill which included traveling around the country to view various types of agriculture. She was also on the Chair of the newly formed Illinois Farm Development Authority, a state agency that guaranteed loans to farmers needing financial assistance. Marge was on another committee that built Jarman Hospital's building in Tuscola, and Newman Manor Nursing Home in Newman, and served on their boards. Marge was an Enrolled Agent licensed to practice before the IRS, and prepared many income tax returns over many years for farmers and rural families.

She and John travelled in the U.S., South and Central America, and Western Europe often with the U of I Alumni travel groups. They have a home in southern Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico where they enjoyed many friends and good times over many years. Marge enjoyed playing bridge, and played in many clubs and settings, often with winning cards. She was also an avid bird watcher.

A visitation was held from 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at the Joines Funeral Home (Newman). A funeral service was held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at the Wesley Chapel Church with Mr. Steve Allen officiating. Burial followed at the Albin Cemetery. Joines Funeral Home (Newman) is assisting the family with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Wesley Chapel Church or the Albin Cemetery.

Marie E. Bryant

Marie E. Bryant, 96, of Fairland went to be with her heavenly father at 6:13 p.m. on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at the Odd Fellow-Rebekah Home in Mattoon.

Marie was born on June 5, 1925 to Irvin and Helen (York) Cooley in Robinson, IL. She married Roy Bryant on September 15, 1945.

She is survived by two sisters, Mae Garrett and Larae Sharp; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Irvin and Helen Cooley; husband, Roy Bryant; and two brothers and five sisters.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date.

Frances V. McIntyre

Frances V. McIntyre, 96, died Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at Carriage Crossing Senior Living in Arcola where she has been a resident for three years.

Frances was born on May 30, 1925 in Sidell to Floyd and Belva (Vaughn) Fausett. She graduated from Slidell High School in 1942. She married James McIntyre in 1949; he passed away in 2019. They were married for 70 years living on a farm North of Newman. Frances enjoyed gardening, especially flower gardening. She was a member of Stephen A. Douglas chapter DAR and the Eastern Star being a past Worthy Matron.

She is survived by two children, Malcolm McIntyre and Libby (Steve) Happ; three grandchildren, Stephanie (Tim) Zoch, Megan (Michael Jones) Happ, and Andy Happ; three great-grandchildren, Austin Zoch, Lyndsay Zoch, and Al Happ; one sister, Laura Harris; and one nephew, Steve Harris.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd and Belva Fausett; husband, James McIntyre, and two grandchildren, Brad and Rebecca McIntyre.

A funeral service was held at 11:00 p.m. on Friday, September 10, 2021 at the Joines Funeral Home (Newman) with Mr. Ted Shearer officiating. Burial followed at the Fairfield Cemetery. A visitation was held an hour prior (10-11 a.m.) to the funeral service at the funeral home. Joines Funeral Home (Newman) is assisting the family with arrangements. According to the new Illinois mask mandate, masks were asked to be worn during the services.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Fairfield Church.



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