

Obituaries

Clara J. Surma

Clara Jean Surma, 92, of Tuscola, IL, passed away at 12:10 a.m., Saturday, September 18, 2021 at the Arthur Home, Arthur, IL.

Private family graveside services will be held at the Tuscola Township Cemetery, Tuscola, IL.

Mrs. Surma was born on April 21, 1929 in Wayne County, IL, the daughter of Samuel and Mary Green Houk. She married William Surma on January 3, 1948 in Champaign, IL. He preceded her in death on August 31, 2015.

Survivors include her son: Jon Surma and wife: Cindy of Tuscola, daughter: Andrea Englehardt and husband: Bill of Tuscola, grandchildren: Adrienne (Michael) Ferrell; Jessica (Bryce) Borchers; Tyler (Molly) Surma; Travis (Codi) Surma, Caleb (Kelley) Englehardt; Nathan (Trisha) Englehardt and Brett (Courtney) Englehardt; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Surma was preceded in death by her parents, grandson: Michael Surma, brother: Harlan Houk, sisters: Evelyn Ellis, Louise Woods, Ruth Peavler and Leone Dannison.

She was a member of the Kemp Church of Christ. Mrs. Surma worked as a telephone operator and service representative for General Telephone Company in Tuscola from 1960 until her retirement in 1981.

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



Sharon M. Wilson

Sharon M. Wilson, 79, of Tuscola passed away Monday afternoon (Sept. 13, 2021) at home.

Graveside services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at Tuscola Township Cemetery, with the Rev. Joe Carter officiating. No visitation was held.

Sharon was born on May 11, 1942, in Greenup, the daughter of Kenneth and Lucy Bell Phillips Millage. She married her loving husband, Robert D. "Boz" Wilson, on May 7, 1959, in Charleston. Together they recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary.

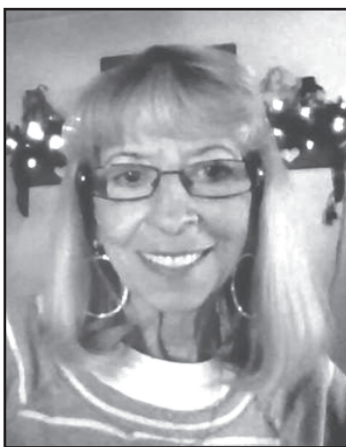
Also surviving are her grandchildren, Brent (Tiffany) Wilson of Tuscola, Kelsey (Dylan) Philpott of Trilla and Caleb (Kayla) Wilson of Tuscola; great-grandchildren, Korbin, Knox, Kash, Jayden and Vayda; sisters, Carolyn Childress and Anita Jones; and brother, Bob Millage.

Sharon was preceded in death by her son, Robert "Scooter" Wilson Jr.; daughter, Regina K. "Gina" Wilson; father, Kenneth Millage; mother, Lucy Bell Schrader; brother, Roger Millage; and sister, Pamela Huckstep.

She was a member of the Tuscola Church of the Nazarene and Tuscola Moose Lodge. Sharon formerly worked as a beauty operator in her home for many years. She also enjoyed working at the Zale's jewelry store in Tuscola for several years.

Sharon enjoyed scrapbooking and making crafts. She loved her husband very much and spending time with her kids, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Tuscola Church of the Nazarene. Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements. Online condolences may be shared at hilligossshraderfh.com.



Michael J. Teter

Michael James Teter, 80, passed away Sunday, Sept. 5, 2021.

Husband to the late Belva Marie Brown Teter, James was born Aug. 20, 1941, in Villa Grove to the late John and Mary Ellen Delaney Teter. A conductor of 42 years for the Canadian National Railroad, Michael loved to hobnob and shoulder bump, pulling your leg with each story or quick quip.

After moving to Kentucky, he found himself very comfortable in the environment and with the people of Versailles. In his younger years, long before his move to Kentucky, Michael enjoyed being quite the entrepreneur, clearing trees for neighbors and taking the wood as payment. He would then sell the wood he had collected to local residents and businesses for firewood.

When he wasn't chopping down trees, Michael enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Michael is survived by his son, Michael Shane (Johanna) Teter of Castro Valley, Calif.; his stepchildren, Laura Thomas of Versailles, Becky Perez of Florida, Casey Lavin of Versailles, and Vance Lavin of Versailles; his special granddaughter, Faye Thomas of Versailles; and his beloved dog, Molly.

Michael was preceded in death by his wife, Belva Marie Brown Teter, and his parents, John and Mary Ellen Delaney Teter.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2021, at Joines Funeral Home, 1375 Illinois 130, Villa Grove, with Father Keith Walder officiating. Burial followed in Centennial Cemetery.



Dale H. Brown, Sr.

Dale Holmes Brown, Sr., 88, Tuscola, Illinois, died at Sarah Bush Hospital in Mattoon on September 14, 2021.

He was born on April 01, 1933 in Monson, ME, a son of Guy T. and Isabella M. Bigger Brown. He attended Monson schools, then joined the Marine Corps in December of 1950. He was baptized in the Parris Island swimming pool while in boot camp. He served with C-1-7 Marines in Korea from 6/51 to 6/52, receiving a Purple Heart for wounds received in combat on Hill 673. He served in the Marine Corps for ten years.

He received a journeyman electrician's license from Central Maine Vocational Training Institute, and later earned a Maine Master Electrician's license. A member of the IBEW, he was a licensed electrician in Maine, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts until his mid-80's.

Dale married Lynnita Aldridge in Urbana on September 03, 2001. He was a significant volunteer in the Douglas County Museum for ten years, doing electrical service, carpentry, fund-raising, general maintenance, and cooking. He and his wife, the museum's director, resigned in opposition to trustee activity.

Dale was an avid cross country and ice skater, known for making superb ice skating rinks. He also loved animals and they loved him. Dale was a brook trout fisherman, avid reader, baseball, football, Ted Williams and Tom Brady fan. He was opinionated, but he was also very gentle and kind-hearted. He was a Republican who strongly opposed the current Democrat agenda. He was a life-long American patriot. Dale treated Lynnita like a lady. He brought laughter and support into her life and the couple loved each other dearly.

He is survived by children: Dale Brown, Jr (Deborah) of Minot, ME; Kathi (Jeff) Young, Auburn, ME; Terri Kilcolins, Peoria, AZ; Cameron (Leslie) Brown, Cape Elizabeth, ME; Marta Kay (Ron Bearsto), ME; Patrick Brown, AZ). He is also survived by 16 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, brother Colby (Marianne) Brown of Abbott, ME, many special nieces and nephews, and step-daughter Celena Sommer of Urbana. He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters Barbara Lary and Joyce Smith, and brothers Gilbert, Donald, Clayton, George and Cameron Brown.

Dale was cremated and buried in Monson cemetery at a later date. A memorial service was held for him on Sunday, September 26, at 1:30 p.m., First Baptist Church, 300 E. Dagg St., Tuscola, with Pastor Mike Wilder officiating.

Memorial gifts are suggested to the Korean War Educator Foundation, 111 E. Houghton St., Tuscola, IL; First Baptist Church; Monson Historical Society, P.O. Box 308, Monson, ME 04464; or a charity of choice.

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Gary J. Chaplin

Gary Joe Chaplin, 80, of Winter Haven, Fla., passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021, surrounded by his family.

Gary was born Jan. 12, 1941, in Tuscola, a son of Everett Roy and Berniece Chaplin. They preceded him in death.

He is survived by his life partner of 27 years, Ginny Berry of Flint, Mich.; son Theron Chaplin of Windsor, Canada; daughter Chandra (Todd) Simmons of Grayson, Ga.; granddaughter Alexandra Simmons of East Lansing Mich.; sisters Phyllis Jean Brothers of Tilton and Carol Ann Chambers of Bloomington; brothers Roy Dean (Judy) Chaplin of Normal and Roger Lee (Sue) Chaplin of Sims, N.C.; and 13 nephews and nieces.

Other special people in Gary's life were former wife Juanita Chaplin Hunter of Lansing, Mich.; uncle Paul C. Moore of Champaign; uncle Kenneth Moore of Tuscola; and friend Bill Cecilian of Vero Beach, Fla.

Gary graduated from Tuscola High, where he was in football, basketball and track. He joined the Air Force from 1961-65, where he traveled to Tripoli, Libya, and trained as an aircraft electrician. This is how his work and love of travel started.

He worked for AT&T in Detroit for 39 years, where he became District Manager. After retiring, he worked for communications for Lucent in London, Saudi Arabia, the Netherlands and France.

Family was most important, and he was happy his children graduated from Michigan State and his granddaughter is now in her second year. He looked forward to our yearly Chaplin reunions.

He loved life and enjoyed it with Ginny. His hobbies were golf, karaoke and cooking.



Bettye J. May

Bettye Jean (Burress) May, 89, of Bloomington passed away Saturday (Sept. 4, 2021).

Bettye was born March 11, 1932, in Campbellsville, Ky., to William M. and Leora (Sanders) Burress. She grew up in Tuscola and graduated from Tuscola High School in 1949. She married Frank E. May on Sept. 18, 1954. Bettye and Frank made Champaign their home and were blessed with 34 years of marriage until Frank preceded Bettye in death on May 16, 1989.

Her parents and two brothers, Bill and Bud Burress, also preceded her in death.

Bettye is survived by her two children, Dirk (Sue) May of Normal and Deidra (Mark) Weidinger of Normal; five grandchildren, Jeanne (Jason) Hamilton of Bloomington, Dietrich (Amanda) May of Hermitage, Tenn., Alexa (Jana) Weidinger of Berlin, Germany, Colin (Allie) Weidinger of Bloomington and Hudson May (Hanna Konzal) of Bloomington; and three great-grandsons, Til and Rye May and Calvin Hamilton.

Until her retirement, Bettye was the bookkeeper for Heritage Apartment Management. She worked at Robeson's Department Store in Champaign as a fashion model for many years. Bettye enjoyed travelling, fashion, reading and spending time with her family. Bettye took great pride in her grandchildren and their spouses, as well as their many accomplishments.

Bettye had been a member of First Baptist Church of Savoy for more than 60 years.

We would like to thank the staff of The Villas of Holly Brook on Fox Creek Road for the excellent care they gave to our mom.

A private family graveside service will be at Grandview Memorial Gardens, Champaign. Carmody-Flynn Funeral Home, Bloomington, is assisting the family with arrangements. To express condolences online, please visit carmody-flynn.com.

Memorials may be directed to First Baptist Church, Savoy.



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