

Obituaries

James L. Mefford

James Leo "Jim" Mefford, 81, of Mattoon, IL passed away at 10:35 a.m., Thursday, September 23, 2021 at Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital.

Visitation was held from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 705 South Main Street, Tuscola, IL. Services were held at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor Steve Morgan officiating.

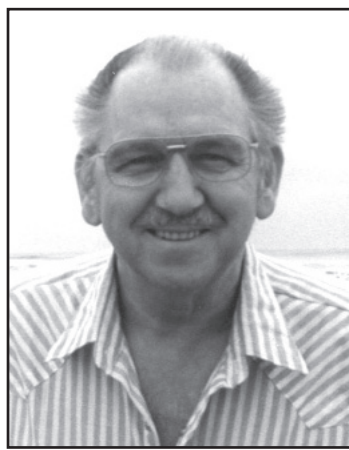
Burial followed at Rice Cemetery, rural Sadorus Illinois. James was born February 15, 1940 in Louisville Illinois the son of John and Favea Krantz Mefford. He married the love of his life, Connie Gene Gould on August 28, 1959. They recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary.

James is survived by his beautiful wife Connie, son Wesley Mefford and daughter Sonja Robeck. grandchildren Dana Tell, Sue (Jason) Shumway, John Mefford, James (Allaina) Mefford, Katie Paddock, Wesley Mefford Jr., Clara Mefford, Cloie Mefford and Heather (Jessie) Robeck. great-grandchildren DeAnna Tell, Dwight Tell Jr., Daisy Tell, Alexander Shumway, Regan Shumway, Oliver Mefford, Charlotte Mefford, Nathaniel Drumm, Jacob Paddock, Melody Paddock, Bradley White, London Mefford, Makenzie Bryant, Riley Bryant, Kori Robeck, Renee Lyons, and Rixie Lyons. He is also survived by his sister Eileen Daughtery and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters; Marlene Ball, Jessie Coterall, Lottie Krantz and brothers; Ed Mefford and Wes Mefford.

James was a hardworking family man. He worked for AMF for 18 years, traveling and repairing bowling machines. Then purchased his first bowling alley, Pioneer Bowl in Elmwood, Illinois. Later he bought ETOG bowl in Mattoon and changed the name to Lakeland Lanes. After several successful years he retired. He and his beloved bride traveled the country together. He later obtained his real estate license and enjoyed their farm in Kentucky. Then purchased and managed the French Embassy Lanes in Arcola. Then finally retiring, he and his wife settled in Mattoon where they would enjoy their time with their children and grandchildren or watch old western movies. They also enjoyed their time as snowbirds in Florida.

Memorials are suggested to Family Adventure Ministry. Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com



Shirley Hines

Shirley Hines, Indianapolis, formally of Tuscola, IL passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, September 20, 2021. She was 86 years old.

Funeral Services were held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, September 24, 2021 at the Villa Grove First Christian Church, 701 North Sycamore Street, Villa Grove, IL with Rev. Mike Zylstra officiating. Burial was in the Tuscola Township Cemetery.

Visitation was held 1 hour prior to the services at the church.

Shirley was born on October 13, 1934 in Cisne, IL, a daughter of the late Orville and Doris (Grove) Young.

Shirley graduated from high school in Louisville, IL and set out on her own to meet the world. She moved to Tuscola at age 18 and found employment as a telephone switchboard operator. She also had jobs at Farm Supply and later in life she worked as a receptionist at the Tuscola Water Company. In late 1955, she met a young man named Jerry Hines on a blind date and it was love at first sight. They married on June 2, 1956 just seven months after that first date.

Shirley was a lover of music and poetry. She was a fine piano player, and enjoyed writing poems as a hobby. Her true passion though was for her family. After seven years of trying to have kids, Shirley and Jerry were strongly considering adopting children. Shortly thereafter, their first child was conceived and 6 years later they were the parents to five children, and later to three grandchildren.

Following retirement, she picked up her love of music once again. She joined several local women in forming a "Kitchen Band" and enjoyed performing in many local settings, but particularly loved entertaining nursing home residents. She also attended many local high school and college Show Choir concerts, attending many events led by her son, Scott.

Shirley is survived by her loving husband of 65 years, Jerry and four children; Jeff (Patty) Hines of Carmel, IN, Scott Hines of Lafayette, IN, Laura Hines of Biloxi, MS, Linda Hines-Werts (Bob) of Homer, IL and her three beloved grandchildren Alex (fiancée Katie Hessel) Hines of Indianapolis, Annie Hines of Miami, FL, and Tyler Werts of Champaign, IL.

In addition to her parents, Shirley was preceded in death by her brother Lovist Young, sister Neva (Young) Reed, and her son, Paul Hines.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a memorial contribution be made in Shirley's name to the Alzheimer's Association.

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



Robert E. Crossman

Robert Elrah Crossman, 88, of Champaign, IL, passed away at his home on Sunday, September 19, 2021.

He was born June 1, 1933 to Elbert and Lois (Hackett) Crossman on the family farm in Tuscola, IL. Robert, "Bob" to all who knew him, was raised in Tuscola with his two older brothers, Don and Lee, for the first 10 years of his life. The family moved to Villa Grove, IL where he graduated from Villa Grove High School in 1951.

Bob married Peggy Huber in the fall of 1951. He soon began his career at USI in Tuscola where he stayed until retirement 35 years later. Bob and Peggy raised two sons, "Young" Bob and Dan. It was rare to find Bob at an event without his camera. These photos journaled years of holidays, square dancing, trips to Chicago with the Credit Union Board of Directors, motorcycle trips, and vacations at Kentucky Dam Village.

If you stopped by to visit with Bob, he most likely wouldn't be home. His pocket calendar was more of a necessity after retirement to ensure he didn't miss an opportunity to be at an Illini event, chase down a hot air balloon, or attend his grandsons' ball games. Even with volunteering for the Red Cross at a national level and working hot air balloon crews, Bob's grandsons could always spot Grandpa's striking white hair from any seat in Memorial Stadium or the Assembly Hall as he devoted much time to ushering for years of Fighting Illini football and basketball games. As Bob entered his latter retirement years, he could be found sitting on his porch with Bonnie admiring the manicured flower beds he tended to.

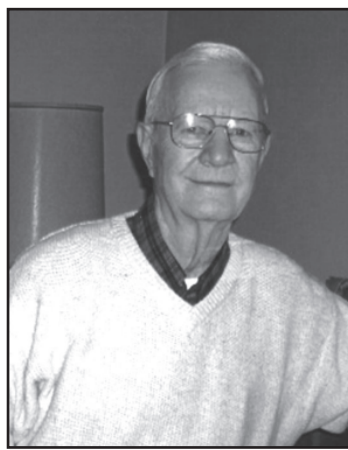
Bob is survived by his life partner of 30 years, Bonnie Reynolds, Champaign, IL; son, Robert (Trudi) Crossman, Arthur, IL; son, Daniel Crossman, Arthur, IL, grandson, Marcus (Dawn) Crossman, Noblesville, IN; grandson, Kenneth (Emily) Crossman, Arthur, Illinois; five great-grandchildren, Marcus Crossman Junior, Abigail Crossman, Nellie Crossman, Ruby Crossman, and Minnie Crossman; and his brother Donald (Judy) Crossman, Westfield, IN

Bob was preceded in death by both of his parents and his brother Leland Crossman.

Memorials are suggested to the American Red Cross or AMBUCS.

Graveside Services were held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, September 25, 2021 at the Tuscola Township Cemetery with the Rev. Kenneth Roedder officiating.

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



Donna Kile

Donna Kile, 77, of Arcola, IL passed away at 9:25 P.M. on Monday, September 20, 2021 at Arbor Rose in Charleston, IL.

Funeral Mass was held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at St. John's the Baptist Catholic Church in Arcola, IL. Father Angel Sierra officiated. Visitation was held one hour before the Funeral Mass at the Edwards Funeral Home in Arcola.

Donna was born on February 9, 1944 in Washington, DC. She was a daughter of Vernon F. and Edith A. "Loretta" (Rogers) Kile.

She is survived by one son, Russell Allen DeFeo and his wife Cheryl of Warwick, RI, two grandchildren, Catherine and Cari and two great-grandchildren, Cali and Abby; one brother, Mike Kile and his wife Theresa of West Terre Haute, IN and several nieces and nephews.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, one brother Rusty Kile and one sister, Dorothy Langston.

Donna was a member of St. John's the Baptist Catholic Church in Arcola, IL where she served on the Altar and Rosary Society and helped organize many funeral dinners. Donna volunteered at Mi Raza Community Center in Arcola, IL.

Donna owned and operated Main Street Deli in Arcola for several years in Arcola, IL.

Memorials may be made to the Altar and Rosary Society at St. John's Catholic Church.



Don Hood

Don Hood, 72, of Decatur, IL renewed eternally on Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 2:48 a.m. with his children by his side.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at Antioch Christian Church 5409 E, US Route 36 in Decatur, IL. Pastor Steve DeVore officiated. Burial with military rites was in the North Fork Cemetery in Decatur, IL. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Don was born on April 13, 1949 in Decatur, IL. He was a son of Walter Leslie and Viola M. (McGuire) Hood. He married Lynette Lee Sy on May 11, 1973 in Mt. Zion, IL. She has been waiting on Don in Heaven since September 17, 2020.

He is survived by four children, Kelli Kerr and her husband Doug of Bethany, IL, Kristi Rigg and her husband Todd of Mt. Zion, IL, Erin Wright and her husband Chris of Gulf Shores, AL and TJ Hood of Mt. Zion, IL, ten grandchildren, Brittany Hogan and her husband Aaron of Mt. Zion, IL, Courtney Beiler and her husband Matthew "Bubba" of Mt. Zion, IL, Ava and Anna Rigg of Mt. Zion, IL, Harrison, Liam and Lennox Wright of Gulf Shores, AL, and JuleeAnn, Zaydon and Zella Hood of Mt. Zion, IL, six great-grandchildren, Jameson and Emmy Lou Hogan and Izzy, John Jay, Beau and Rhett Beiler, three siblings, Sharon Taylor and her husband Brad of Argenta, IL, Pamela Johnson and her husband Stephen of Decatur, IL and Robert Hood and his wife Penny of Decatur, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife. Don was a Veteran of the Army National Guard.

He was a member of the UAW-Union, Antioch Christian Church in Decatur, IL and the American Legion Post 92 in Macon, IL.

Don retired at the age of 54, from Caterpillar, in 2004 with 35 years of service.

Don loved his family, he absolutely loved being "Papa". Nothing was more important than his family and his faith. His hobbies included studying the word of God, leading a Torah Group, and bible studies for men. He also volunteered at Corman Park. Don had been a St. Louis Cardinals fan since he was 10 years old, and he was an Illini basketball fan. Don was involved in his children's athletics, helping coach his son in baseball and attending his daughter's events.

Don did a lot of shepherding which stemmed from his genuine caring towards God's people. He was a quiet leader and was here to serve Jesus by serving God's people.

Dad, we will raise our children and grandchildren to know God and we will see you and mom again. As mom would say... "You done good, Hood!"

Memorials may be made to the Antioch Christian Church and GT Church in Decatur, IL.



Lydia M. Miller

Lydia Mae (Diener) Miller, 100, of Arcola, died at 8:16 p.m. on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at The Arthur Home.

Lydia was born in Moultrie County on October 21, 1920, the third child of Obed A. and Anna (Mast) Diener. On September 17, 1942, she married Milton L. Miller who preceded her in death on September 19, 2009.

Lydia was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and a beloved aunt to many nieces and nephews. She was a member of Sunnyside Mennonite Church.

In addition to her husband, Lydia was preceded in death by her parents and six siblings: Katie Ann Borntrager, Henry Diener, Andrew Diener, Jerry Diener, Lucy Otto, and Emma Bennett.

Survivors include six children: Anna Viola (Robert) Nolt of Stevens, PA; Betty Lorene Nevels of Maryville, TN; Carolyn Jane (Rodger) Gingerich of Larkspur, CO; Dorothy Fern (Dwayne) Hartman of Harrisonburg, VA; Ellen Marie (Gene) Damoth of Kodak, TN; Floyd Allen (Marilyn) Miller of Arcola, IL; a foster son, Virgil Dean Gilbert (Shannon) of Staples, MN; 19 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren; a brother Dannie Diener of Arthur, IL and two sisters, Fannie Gingerich of Lovington, IL, and Mary Mast of Myerstown, PA.

A funeral service was held on Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Otto Center in Arthur. Burial followed at the Sunnyside Mennonite Church Cemetery.

The family received friends on Saturday, September 25, 2020, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Otto Center. Online condolences may be sent to the family at edwardsfh.net.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gospel Echoes Team, PO Box 555, Goshen, IN 46527 or to The Arthur Home, 423 Eberhardt Dr, Arthur, IL 61911. Designate on memo line: Lydia Miller Memorial.

Edwards Funeral Home of Arcola is assisting with arrangements.





- Hardwood
- Vinyl
- Carpet
- Tile
- Laminate

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NELSON CHUPP
551 E. CR. 300 N. • Arcola, IL 61910
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2 1/2 miles west of Arcola
South on Country Club Rd.
Turn left at 4-way stop sign

Charles J. Sailor

Charles J. Sailor, 92, of Villa Grove died on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at OSF Heart of Mary Medical Center in Urbana.

Charles was born on August 15, 1929 in Mishawaka, IN to James and Pearl (Anderson) Sailor. He married Lois (Nifong) Sailor on March 29, 1958 in Mishawaka, IN.

He is survived by his wife, Lois Sailor; two children, Craig (Debra) Sailor and June (John) Sailor-O'Day; three grandchildren, Damon (Leanna) Allen, Shane O'Day, and Kyle O'Day; and one great-grandchild, Raegen Allen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Pearl Sailor; four brothers; and one sister.

Charles served four years in the United States Air Force during the Korean War. He loved listening to music, and was very talented when it came to keyboard instruments. He could listen to a song one time and then could immediately play it on the piano. He was a big Notre Dame football fan and enjoyed going to their games to watch them play. He was also big into fitness and exercising.

Per his wishes, no services will be held.

LEGAL NOTICE

ANNUAL TREASURER REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE OF GARRETT FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2021

Treasurer's Report of Revenues and Disbursements for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2020, and Ending April 30, 2021.

Mary Jo Wilson, Treasurer

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REVENUE SUMMARY

Water Fund: Charges for Service- \$55121.92; Investment Interest- \$77.06; IEPA Loan Proceeds \$142794.53.
TOTAL WATER REVENUES - \$197993.51

General Corporate Funds: Franchise Fees- \$2220.69; State Income Tax- \$16938.53; Personal Property Replacement Tax- \$2066.43; Real Estate Tax- \$19142.96; Use Tax- \$6367.74; Sales Tax- \$572.48; Miscellaneous- \$40.95 ; Investment Interest- \$54.71; Cannabis Use Tax - \$132.41
Donation - \$20.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES - \$47556.90

Motor Fuel Tax Fund: State of IL Allotments- \$11096.73; Investment Interest- \$6.46
TOTAL MOTOR FUEL TAX REVENUES - \$11103.19

TOTAL REVENUES- \$256,653.60

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

Trustee Honorariums: Don Issler- \$140.00; Rocky Warner- \$680.00; Carol Hardig- \$110.00; Carissa Gadbury- \$120.00; Lula Chupp- \$150.00; Debra Myers- \$60.00; Eli Stutzman- \$140.00

TOTAL HONORARIUMS: \$1400.00

Vendors (\$1000 or more): Ameren Illinois- \$4438.42; Rural Development- \$3,854.00; Cherub Business Services- \$5063.20; Kristine Issler- \$4800.00; Singer Insurance- \$6407.23; Village of Atwood- \$16629.74; Cody Swisher- \$1520.00; Garrett Twsp - \$11030.97; James Lantz - \$1880.00; Garrett Water works - 1974.69; Farnsworth Group - \$14176.28; Tuscola Home Ctr. - \$1154.47; Gingerich Pump Shop. - \$1397.25; Hanfland Painting- 112200.00; Jeff Mercer - \$12000.00; Feller & Kuester, CPAs - \$450.00

TOTAL VENDORS (\$1000 or More): \$203976.25
Other Vendors (less than \$1,000): \$ 6527.87

TOTAL VENDOR EXPENDITURES: \$ 210,504.12

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION

	Water	General	MFT
Beginning Balance	\$80956.80	111190.99	7147.00
Revenues	197993.51	47556.90	11103.19
Expenditures	129045.78	32866.35	462.00
Ending Cash Balance	149904.53	125881.54	17788.19
Ending Fund Balance	<u>\$149904.53</u>	<u>125881.54</u>	<u>17788.19</u>

The preceding is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, an accurate and correct accounting of the funds of the Village of Garrett, IL, as of April 30, 2021. A detail of accounts may be examined by contacting the Village Treasurer or the Village Clerk.

Mary Jo Wilson
Village Treasurer

I, Kristine Issler, Clerk of Garrett, Douglas County, IL., do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer Report for the Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2021.

Kristine Issler
Village Clerk

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