

# Obituaries

## Ella M. Harshbarger

Ella Mae Harshbarger, 87, passed away November 21, 2020 at the Hearth at Stones Crossing, Keepsake Unit in Greenwood, Indiana. She was born on January 19, 1933 to Lowell and Opal Pearl (Hood) Connor in Decatur, Illinois. Ella Mae was named for her grandmothers, Rose Ella Deen and Carrie Mae Hood. She attended school in Decatur where she enjoyed playing the guitar and having fun with her friends and many cousins. As a teenager she was taught how to sew by her Aunt Rosie Thompson, a hobby that she would enjoy for the rest of her life. Her other passions were gardening, reading, and spending time with family.

Ella Mae married Kenneth Harshbarger on October 8, 1950. They were married for 63 years until his death in 2014. They lived most of their married life in Atwood, Illinois and New Whiteland, Indiana. Ella Mae had three sisters, Beverly Rose Connor and Mary Lou Connor, both deceased. Surviving is her youngest sister, Nancy Lynn (Connor) McCoy of Decatur, Illinois, along with many nephews and nieces.

Also surviving are her three children, Linda Harshbarger of Greenwood, Indiana, Wm. Michael (Pam) Harshbarger of Kokomo, Indiana and James E. (Chris) Harshbarger of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Ella Mae is also survived by her four grandchildren, Jay (Wendy) Robinson, Fountaintown, Indiana, Jon Jared (Vickey) Robinson, Speedway, Indiana, Alan Harshbarger, Kokomo, Indiana and Erica Harshbarger, Indianapolis, Indiana.

She is survived by three great-grandchildren, Monica (Addison Rider) Robinson of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Andrea and Noah Robinson both of Fountaintown, Indiana.

Memorials may be made in her name to the Atwood Public Library, 123 Main Street, Atwood, Illinois 61913, (217) 578-2727. Special thanks is given to the staff of Brookdale Hospice for their care and kindness in treating our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Ella Mae, along with her husband Kenneth Harshbarger, was buried on their 71st wedding anniversary, Friday, October 8, 2021 at 11 a.m. CDT at Mackville Cemetery in Atwood, Illinois. Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Homes, Atwood, IL, is in charge of arrangements.



## Connie F. Mefford

Connie Faye Gould Mefford, 80, of Mattoon, IL passed away at 6:03 p.m. on Thursday, September 30, 2021 at Tuscola Health Care Center.

Visitation was held from 12:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 4, 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 in rural Sadorus IL. Connie was born on April 21, 1941 in Fort Wayne, Indiana the daughter of Harold and Naomi Faye Smith Gould. She married the love of her life James Leo Mefford on August 28, 1959. They recently celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary.

Connie is survived by her 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. She is also survived by her brother Jimmy Gould, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband James Mefford, last Thursday, September 23, 2021. She was also preceded in death by her parents and brothers; Ronnie Gould, Wesley Gould and Roger Gould.

Connie went to cosmetology school and spent time sewing matching church outfits for her family. She liked to crochet with her mother. She enjoyed gardening. She was a stay-at-home mom, raising her children and supporting her husband in his career. She worked alongside her husband in the bowling alley business. She enjoyed traveling, shopping, and spending time with family. She spent time writing quotes and reading daily devotionals.

Memorials are suggested to Family Adventure Ministry. Online condolences may be shared via [www.hilligossshraderfh.com](http://www.hilligossshraderfh.com)



## Leonard W. Boerngen

Leonard Wayne Boerngen, 90, of Tuscola, IL, passed away at 2:50 p.m., Thursday, September 30, 2021 at Carriage Crossing, Arcola, IL.

Funeral Services were held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 600 East Northline Road, Tuscola, IL with Pastor Jason Braaten officiating. Burial was in the Tuscola Township Cemetery with military graveside rites accorded.

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

Leonard was born on November 16, 1930 in Effingham County, IL the son of Emery and Esther Habbe Boerngen. He married Kathleen D. Having on April 22, 1955 in Effingham, IL. She preceded him in death on July 22, 2019.

Survivors include his daughters: Janet Boerngen and husband: Michael Ducey of Champaign, Cindy (Steve) Meister of Fairbury and Donna (Greg) Campbell of Tuscola, two grandsons: Austin (Sarah) Ducey of Champaign and Gunnar (Bethany) Campbell of Hamel, IL, five great-grandchildren: Grace, Luke, Jack, Amadeus and William, brother: Lyle (Shirley) Boerngen of Lebanon, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister: Grace Lee.

Leonard graduated from North Clay Community High School, Louisville, IL in 1948. He served his country in the US Army during the Korean War from 1951 to 1953.

After 38 years, he retired from USI Chemical Company, Tuscola in 1992 where he worked in the insulation department and later as an electrician.

He was an active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church. Leonard was a St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan and enjoyed fishing and making wood crafts.

With his love of singing, especially church hymns, memorials can be given to the Immanuel Lutheran Church Organ Fund.

A special thanks to the nurses and caregivers of Memory Care South at Carriage Crossing of Arcola and to Pastor Jason Braaten of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Tuscola, IL is entrusted with the arrangements. Online condolences may be shared via [hilligossshraderfh.com](http://hilligossshraderfh.com)



## Kenneth Harshbarger

Kenneth Harshbarger, 85, died June 15, 2014, at his home in New Whiteland, Indiana. He was a former resident of Atwood, Illinois.

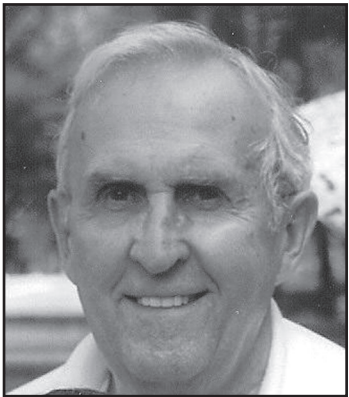
Ken was born in Atwood, Illinois on October 13, 1928 to Kenneth Keith and Elsie Mae (Brumfield) Harshbarger. He graduated from Decatur High School in Decatur, Illinois in 1946. Ken worked for the Decatur Herald & Review newspaper as a teenager and worked the switchboard being the first to receive news of VE and VJ.

Ken served with the Illinois National Guard, 44th Division Military Police in 1948-1949. He was drafted and served with the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict, first with the 28th Ordnance Medium Maintenance, and then with the 148th Field Artillery Headquarters Battery. After mustering out he returned to Decatur and was employed by Leader Iron Works and then U.S.I Chemical (Quantum) Inc. in Tuscola, Illinois. He retired from Quantum Chemicals as a shift supervisor in the Denaturing plant in 1991 after 37 years with the company. After retiring he moved to New Whiteland, Indiana and worked part-time for L.S. Ayers and Sister's Place before retiring for the second time.

Ken married Ella Mae Conner on October 8, 1950 in Decatur, Illinois. She survives along with one sister, Jacqueline Daniels of Shelbyville, Illinois, daughter Linda Harshbarger of Greenwood, Indiana, sons Michael (Pam) Harshbarger of Kokomo, Indiana, and James (Christina) Harshbarger of Indianapolis, Indiana. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Jay (Wendy) Robinson, Jon (Vickey) Robinson, Alan Harshbarger and Erica Harshbarger, and three great-grandchildren, Monica, Andrea and Noah Robinson. Preceding him in death were his parents and sister Charlotte Neill.

Ken enjoyed spending his time with family, reading novels, watching movies, and laughing with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The family would like to thank the employees of the Clark Pleasant Branch of the Johnson County Public Library for their diligence in locating large-print books for Ken as his eyesight began to fail. Memorial (monetary) contributions in honor of Ken may be made to the Johnson County Public Library, 49 E Monroe Street, Franklin, Indiana 46131, 317-738-9835.

Kenneth was buried along with his wife Ella on their 71st wedding anniversary, Friday, October 8, 2021 at 11 a.m. CDT at Mackville Cemetery, Atwood, IL. Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Homes, Atwood, IL, is in charge of arrangements.



## Diane K. Hove

Diane Kay Hove, 76, of Arcola, IL passed away at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana, IL.

Memorial services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 15, 2021 at the Arcola United Methodist Church. Pastor Matt Stump will officiate. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Diane was born on July 21, 1945 in Madison, WI. She was a daughter of Arthur F. and Beatrice (Yngsdal) Hewitt. She married John William Hove on August 20, 1966 in Madison, WI. He passed away on December 18, 2018.

She is survived by two sons, Scott Hove (Stephany) of Tuscola, IL, Steve Hove of Galva, IL, one granddaughter Avery Hove of Camargo, IL and brother-in-law, Donald Hove (C.C. Rice) of Belvidere, IL.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband.

Diane was a member of the Arcola United Methodist Church and the Arcola Lions Club.

Diane retired from Carle Foundation Hospital with 25 years of service. She worked alongside her husband in his winter seed corn grow out business in Florida. Her hobbies over the years included square dancing, sewing, garage sales and looking forward to the annual trip to the Paducah Quilt Show.

Memorials may be made to the Arcola United Methodist Church.



## Max Warf

Max Warf, 86, of Arthur, IL passed away at 8:35 a.m. on Sunday, October 3, 2021, at the Arthur Home.

Visitation was held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at the Edwards Funeral Home, masks and social distancing were appreciated. Private funeral services were held on Thursday, October 7, 2021, at the funeral home. Burial was in the Arthur Cemetery.

Max was born on April 28, 1935, in Horse Cave, KY. He was a son of Louis Bryant and Annie (Compton) Warf. He married Joan Anita Vaughn on March 28, 1956, in Paris, IL. She passed away on February 25, 2019.

Max is survived by two children, Teresa Miller and her husband Ken of Sullivan, IL and Steven Russell Warf and his wife Gwyn of Arthur, IL, six grandchildren, Stephany Barnes of Sullivan, IL Doniella Warf-Snyder and her boyfriend Allan Middendorf of Columbia, IL, Christopher Warf of Arthur, IL, Drew Miller and his wife Heather, Morgan Schum and her husband Jason all of Sullivan, IL, and Adriana Zheng and her husband Charlie of Urbana, IL; five great-grandchildren, Emily and Mason and Katie Miller and Stella and Payton Schum; two sisters, Rachel Waller and Shirley Johnson both of Champaign, IL; a sister-in-law Ruth Warf of Sadorus, IL and a special family friend, Wayne Pedigo and his wife Julie of Cave City, KY.

Max was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, a daughter, LuAnn Richardson, two great-grandsons, Grant Schum and Cole Miller, two brothers, David Warf, and William "Tude" Warf and three sisters, Gwenleane Pruitt, Kathleen Logsdon and Frances Blakley.

Max had worked at Progress Industries in Arthur, IL, and Tube Lok in Mattoon, then later retired from EZ Trail in Arthur, IL.

He was a member of the Arthur Sportsman's Club. He loved to trap-shoot, hunt, and fish. Max was a big Dale Earnhardt fan.

His family would like to thank the staff at the Arthur Home for the exceptional care they gave Max while he was in the Arthur Home.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.



## Carl A. Cox

Carl A. Cox, 63, of Newman passed away on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at his residence.

Carl was born on September 7, 1958 in Champaign to Norman and Juanita (Willard) Cox.

He is survived by three children, Greg (Stephanie) Cox, Toni (Joe) Graham, and Carlina (Brandon) Bierman; seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; and five siblings, Pat Cox, Mike Cox, Cindy Cox, Becky Cox, and Amber Wilson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Norman and Juanita Cox; and three sisters, Coleen, Lisa, and Tina.

Carl enjoyed fishing anywhere he could find a pond or lake, but most of all he loved spending time with his family; especially his grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at the Joines Funeral Home (Newman) with Pastor Bob Goebel officiating. A visitation was held an hour prior (1 to 2 p.m.) before the memorial service at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to an organization of the donor's choice.



## Dove welcomes all to Candlelight Ceremony

Dove invites you to join us for our Annual Candlelighting Ceremony, in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. At this service, we will mourn those who have suffered and died through domestic violence and celebrate with the survivors and those working to end the abuse.

The ceremony will

be held Tuesday, October 21, 2021, First Christian Church, 1357 CR 1200 E, Sullivan. The service will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will include remarks from coordinator Becky Comstock and the lighting of the candles.

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