

Obituaries

Byron W. York

Byron Wendel York, 89, of Murphysboro, Illinois, passed away on October 7, 2021 in Carbondale, IL.

Byron was born on July 3, 1932 in Tuscola, Illinois. He graduated from Tuscola High School in 1950. He married Sue Coslet York on November 26, 1955 who preceded him in death on December 3, 2019. They would have celebrated their 66th anniversary this November. He attended Eastern Illinois University, where he ran track and received his bachelor's degree in accounting; McCormick Theological Seminary where he received his degree of divinity; and he served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

He was an inspirational Presbyterian Pastor of the Southeastern Illinois Presbytery where he served for 36 years. He had called churches in Paris, Onarga and Lawrenceville and in 1973 he took a position as probation officer in Murphysboro, IL. While a probation officer He continued preaching with interims in Benton, DuQuoin, Pinckneyville and many churches in Southern Illinois. He continued active participation in the Southeastern Illinois Presbytery and was the Chair for the Committee on Ministry and was Moderator of the Presbytery from 1997-1998.

While a pastor in Lawrenceville he created a Youth regional alliance and led Youth Mission trips to Colorado, Oklahoma, Alabama and numerous locations throughout the country. A highlight was visiting the trail of tears in Oklahoma. He was very active in the Civil Rights movement and facilitated a pulpit exchange.

During his career in probation, Byron was promoted to Chief Probation Officer in Jackson County and spearheaded the growth and expansion of the department. He was very active in the community and a longtime member of the Kiwanis club and president from 1984-1985. Helping others has always been a focus of his ministry in and out the church and he was on the board of the Murphysboro Food Bank helping with expansion of a new building.

Because of the tragic loss of Cliff Stein, he took over the Murphysboro Zips taking kids all over Southern Illinois performing globetrotter-like tricks at high schools and many times at Southern Illinois University Carbondale basketball games. His support of the Zips and all the kids involved has had a long-lasting impact on many lives.

He loved the outdoors, including sailing and he took his family on camping trips every summer to Kentucky Lake, Colorado and around the country. During retirement he and Sue completed the entire Lewis and Clark Trail taking their camper to every historical marker along the journey. His background in construction enhanced his love of woodworking and he spent his time relaxing creating candle holders on lathes and carving birds by hand. He enjoyed singing in the choir and was active at the First Presbyterian Church of Murphysboro.

He was loving, caring and very supportive of our entire family and for everyone he met. When you met our Dad and talked to him you knew he cared because his words and actions showed it.

Visitation was at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at the First Presbyterian Church, 51 Crescent Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois. The funeral service was held immediately following at 5:00 p.m. Masks and social distancing were required. Burial followed at Tuscola Township Cemetery, 1000 E. Southline Road, Tuscola, Illinois on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 10:30 am. Arrangements are by Crawshaw Funeral Home.

Survivors include; two daughters, Cynthia (Brian) York-Camden and Gail (Paul) Frangoulis, and one son, Paul (Dara) York; five Grandchildren, Mindy (John) Belcher, Rachel (Jerred) Crane, Sarah (Will) Sappington, Kelli Frangoulis and Jacob York; two Great-Grandchildren, Wyatt Belcher and Daxton Belcher; two foster great grandchildren; and his dog Charlie.

He is preceded in death by his wife Sue Coslet York, his parents, Norman and Jessie (Keeney) York.

Memorials may be given to First Presbyterian Church, 51 Crescent Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois 62966.

To send a condolence or for additional information, visit the memorial tribute at www.crawshawfuneralhome.com

James L. Hord

James L. Hord, 91, of Decatur, IL, passed away at 2:20 a.m., Thursday, October 14, 2021, at St. Mary's Hospital, Decatur, IL.

Graveside Services with military rites were held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at the Mackville Cemetery, Atwood, IL. Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Atwood, IL is handling the arrangements.

Jim was born on April 22, 1930, in Los Angeles, CA, the son of Harvey and Frances Carr Hord. He married Alicia F. Stallworth on October 9, 1953 in Elwin, IL. She preceded him in death on April 26, 2018.

Survivors include his son: James (Gail) Hord and his daughter: Jody (Mark) Wintz both of Decatur, IL, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, two brothers and special friend: Patty.

Jim was a retired union truck driver. He served his country in the US Army.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to International Fellowship of Christians and Jews, 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 4300, Chicago, IL 60602-2584

Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderffh.com



Teresa D. McNabb

Teresa Douglas McNabb passed away Sept. 30 at her home in rural Choudrant, LA.

Funeral services were held at the Longview Baptist Church in Choudrant with Rev. Larry Emory and Rev. Scott Douglas officiating.

She was born January 12, 1961 to Lawrence W. and Lois Jerde Douglas in Powers Lake, North Dakota. Child of a military family, Teresa lived in several states and in Germany before the family settled in Tuscola when she was in grade school. She worked as a CNA as a teenager and then moved to Lincoln, NE where she became manager of an assisted living home. She married Layne McNabb of Choudrant on August 26, 1990.

After raising her family, she worked as a legal secretary, a nursing home secretary, and finally held a position at the Louisiana Methodist Children's Home. She was an active member of the Longstraw Baptist Church and initiated and organized a weekly children's Bible study program, which grew to be a large outreach ministry to unchurched children and young people in the area.

Teresa was known for her loving-kindness, compassion, and her Christan faith by all those who knew her. She had a special gift for working with children, the elderly, those with handicaps, and others in need.

She was preceded in death by her father, LTC L. W. Douglas.

She is survived by her husband, Layne McNabb; her daughter, Nichole Freeman of Hot Springs, AR; her four step children: Nathan McNabb (Michele), Kristi McNabb, and Rachel Jones (Michael) all of Louisiana, and Jeremy McNabb of Laredo, TX; her mother, Lois Douglas of Tuscola, her sister Susan Weise (David) of Lincoln, NE, her brother, Scott Douglas (Melissa) of Lebanon, IL, and 13 grandchildren.



Alice F. Titus

Alice Faye Titus, 63 of Mattoon, IL passed away at 3:01 p.m. on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 15, 2021 at the Edwards Funeral Home, 221 East Main St., Arcola, IL. Rev. Rickey Ferguson officiated. Burial was in the Mackville Cemetery in Atwood, IL. Visitation was held one hour prior to the funeral at the funeral home.

Alice was born on December 30, 1957 in Mattoon, IL. She was the daughter of Elizabeth Eggers. She married George Wilson Titus on April 19, 1980 in Tuscola, IL.

She is survived by her husband George of Mattoon, IL, one daughter, Amanda Otto of Mattoon, IL, two grandchildren, Alison and Wilson Otto of Mattoon, IL and eleven siblings.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three infant children, twin girls, Amy Marie and Angela Sue and one boy, Anthony Scott and thirteen siblings.

Alice enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.



Dorothy J. Downs

Dorothy J. Downs, 94, died on Monday, October 18, 2021 at Meadowbrook Health Center in Urbana.

Dorothy was born on March 20, 1927 in Dewey, IL to Arthur and Opal (Kesler) Miner. She married James "Kenny" Downs on February 19, 1947 in Urbana.

She is survived by two children, Carole (John) Brodbeck and Jim (Barb) Downs; eight grandchildren, Jeff (Jodi) Brodbeck, Jared (Karen) Brodbeck, Doug (Dawn) Downs, Rob (Amy) Downs, Kent (Alicia) Downs, Kevin (Beth) Downs, Kelly (Tom) Cletzer, and Kurt (Amy) Downs; 22 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Ruth Kidd and Carolyn Adams.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Opal Miner; her husband, Kenny Downs; one son, Dave Downs; and one daughter-in-law, Janece Downs.

Dorothy worked as the township assessor in Broadlands for a while, but for the majority of her life she helped her husband farm and raised her family. She loved to sew and knit, and made many of her children's clothes as they were growing up. Dorothy enjoyed spending many hours in her garden and canning everything that she could. She also enjoyed exercising, reading, and listening to music. Dorothy was a member of the Savoy United Methodist Church and the Broadlands United Community Church.

A funeral service was held on Friday, October 22, 2021 at the Joines Funeral Home (Newman) with Pastor Trevor Oetting officiating. Burial followed at the Fairfield Cemetery. A visitation was held an hour prior to the funeral service (10 to 11 a.m.) at the funeral home. Joines Funeral Home (Newman) is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to the Savoy United Methodist Church or the Broadlands United Community Church.



Joyce M. Nicholls

Joyce M. Nicholls, formerly of Decatur Illinois, passed away on October 5, 2021 at the Cheyenne Medical Center near her home in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Joyce was born on April 1, 1939 to the late Frank and Leota (Liggett) Kunz.

Joyce is survived by her sons; Dan and Rich Nicholls of Cheyenne, daughter Christine of San Diego Ca. Her grandsons; Daniel, Jamie and Tim. Great grandchildren; Scarlet, Cameron, Lily and Madeline. Sister Mary Hughes

Joyce was a devoted mother, wife and cherished sister. She loved her many Collies and currently her beloved Corgi "Cheyanne".

After Joyce raised her family she pursued her dream of a career in the medical field becoming a sleep technologist. She worked closely with neurologists in Mount Vernon IL hospital for several years. Once retired she relocated to Cheyenne Wyoming where her son Dan lives. She fell in love with Cheyenne and especially the beautiful sunsets and all the double rainbows. Joyce loved and appreciated nature and all wildlife.

She was passionate about fishing, especially fishing for trout at Granite.

Joyce was warm and loving and people were drawn to her. She was beautiful inside and out and she had impeccable style. She has been a rock for our family and she will be greatly missed. A celebration of life memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.



Linda L. Johnson

Linda Lou (Kirby) Johnson, 74, of Mattoon, IL passed away at 9:58 p.m. on Friday, October 15, 2021 at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL.

Graveside services were held at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 21, 2021 at McDowell Cemetery in Dwight, IL. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Linda was born on October 1, 1947 in Bloomington, IL. She was a daughter of Dewey and Helen Louise (See) Kirby. She married John T. Johnson on October 15, 1994 in Mahomet, IL. He passed away on April 9, 2016.

Linda is survived by two children, Timothy Keysear and his wife Beth of Manchaca, TX and Tabitha Keysear of Washington, IL; grandchildren, Jacqueline Keysear of Lincoln, IL, Logan Keysear of Manchaca, TX, Serena Owen of Durango, CO, Victoria Lenz and Savannah Budd both of Washington, IL; a sister, Ruth A. (Kirby) Woods of Odell, IL; a step-daughter, Amy Johnson-LaBarbera of Seminole, FL, a step-granddaughter, Ashley Parkhurst of Mattoon, IL, five step-great-grandchildren, Xavier and Xander LaBarbera Keira Parkhurst, Andrew and Serenity Burton.

Linda was preceded in death by her husband, John Johnson, her parents, Dewey and Helen Louise Kirby, a brother, Kenneth Kirby, a brother-in-law, Butch Woods and a step-granddaughter, Chrissie LaBarbera-Burton.

Linda was a 1965 graduate of Moore High School in Farmer City, IL.

Linda served as an Administrative Assistant at CCAR Industries in Charleston, IL for many years.

She attended Broadway Christian Church in Mattoon, IL.

Linda and her husband John were avid NASCAR fans, they enjoyed going to NASCAR races. Their favorite NASCAR driver was Dale Earnhardt.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Sarah Bush Lincoln Cancer Center, 1001 Health Center Drive, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Mary M. Sulga

Mary M. Sulga, 102, of Villa Grove passed away on Friday, October 8, 2021 at her home.

Mary was born on March 23, 1919 in Parsons, KS to Bert and M. Ethel (Greger) Johnson. She married John J. Sulga on June 28, 1944 in Danville.

She is survived by her son John Sulga.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bert and M. Ethel Johnson; her husband, John J. Sulga; and her brother, Claude Johnson.

Mary was baptized at St. Teresa's church in Salem, and helped build the Catholic grade school there. In Villa Grove, Mary was a member of The Piecemakers quilting society of the Sacred Heart.

A memorial Mass and graveside services will be at Summit Prairie cemetery in Salem.

LEGAL NOTICE

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
PLEASANT GROVE TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT
FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2021

TOWNSHIP - REVENUE SUMMARY
Property Taxes - \$103,484.03; Replacement Tax - \$3,340.83;
Mobile Home Tax - \$180.99; Interest/Dividends - \$1,117.00
TOTAL REVENUES: \$108,122.85

TOWNSHIP - COMPENSATION SUMMARY
Range: \$25,000.00 and under: Nancy Jones, Steven Snider, Edward Spencer,
Jeff Snider, Gary Otto, Jean Ann Strong, Crystal Smith;
Range: \$25,000.00 - \$49,999.99: Robert Spencer
TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$44,094.88

TOWNSHIP - EXPENDITURE SUMMARY
TOIRMA - \$7,346.60; Health Ins. - \$4,683.60; R & B Fund (inter-fund transfer) -
\$20,000.00; Cemetery Assistance - 5,700.00;
All other disbursements less than \$2,500.00 = \$14,186.41
TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$51,916.61

ROAD DISTRICT - REVENUE SUMMARY
Property Taxes - \$142,561.19; Replacement Tax - \$3,466.31; Mobile Home Tax -
\$241.56; Town Fund (inner fund transfer) - \$20,000.00; Rent Income -
\$20,000.00; Misc. - \$77.00
TOTAL REVENUES: \$186,346.06

ROAD DISTRICT - COMPENSATION SUMMARY
Range: Under \$25,000.00; Jamie Easton
TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$19,769.04

ROAD DISTRICT - EXPENDITURE SUMMARY
Roads - \$88,818.66; Equipment/repair - \$23,103.90; Capital Assets - \$56,086.57;
Culverts/Drainage - \$2,626.30; Fuel - \$6,539.36; Contract/Machine Labor -
\$14,432.00; All other expenditures less than \$2,500.00 = \$3,059.38
TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$194,666.17

I, Gary L. Otto, Supervisor for Pleasant Grove Township, Coles County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021.

Gary L. Otto, Supervisor

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