

Obituaries

Karen Leona (Grissom) Stayton

HOMER — Karen Leona (Grissom) Stayton passed away at 7:19 a.m. Thursday, April 1, 2021, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.

She was born November 12, 1944, in Effingham to Jesse Arlo and Millie Marie (Wood) Grissom. She was the youngest of 12 children. She married Larry R. Stayton on March 7, 1964, and they resided in Homer all of their married life.

Survivors include her husband of 57 years, Larry; their children, Darren (Jodi) Stayton of Canyon Lake, Texas, and Mindy (Keith) Wolf of St. Joseph; five grandchildren,

Emily and Jacob Wolf, Karsyn Stayton, and Cole and Rayna Coffey; three siblings, John (Garnett) Grissom of Decatur, Wanda Forren of Marshall and Patsy Gray of Greentown, Ind.; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Mary (stillborn) and Bonnie Washburn and Norma Cheely; five brothers, Wood, Lester, Russell, Donald and Doyle Grissom; and three brothers-in-law, Marshall Forren, Leonard Cheely and Leon Gray.

Karen was a member of Homer Church of Christ. She

worked at the First National Bank of Homer for 19 years. She then worked at the University of Illinois as a secretary in admissions and records.

Karen enjoyed a good TV sitcom and laughing. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Memorials may be made to Homer Fire and Rescue.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at Freese Funeral Home, 302 E. Grand Ave., St. Joseph. The Rev. Chuck Alt officiated. Burial was in G.A.R. Cemetery, Homer. Visitation were from 1 to 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Condolences may be offered at Freeseffh.com.

Pastor Stahl's Weekly Message of Faith

Hello everyone!

He Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah! That has been the greeting from Christians around the world since Jesus was first Resurrected on that first Easter morning over 2,000 years ago. We rejoice because the tomb is empty, but our hearts are full. Down through the generations, God Has Been and Everpresent Help in time of trouble. Christians in all parts of the world rejoice today that Jesus Is Risen! The Resurrection of Jesus gave the disciples boldness to go out and preach the Gospel to every person they met.

What a difference from the first Easter morning. All the disciples had seen Jesus suffer and die on Friday afternoon. They heard Him Cry out, "My God, Why have You Forsaken Me?" (Matthew 27:46) They all scattered and fled after Jesus died on Friday afternoon. It was dark in the world, dark in the souls of those who loved Him. The Light had gone out from the world.

On Sunday morning, while it was still dark, the women came to Jesus' tomb to finish

the embalming of Jesus' Body they had hurriedly started on Friday, just before sundown. When they got there, they discovered that the tomb containing the Body of Jesus was empty. What happened? Who had stolen His Body? Suddenly they saw an angel who said, "You seek Jesus, Who was crucified. He Is not here, for He is Risen, just as He Said." (Matthew 28:6)

God Is Alive! When we feel that all hope is lost, when we fear what tomorrow may bring, when we are afraid of what is around the corner, JESUS IS ALIVE!

No matter what we are going through today, JESUS IS ALIVE! He Will be with us through all the ups and downs of life; He Will Hold our hand as we go through the storm. He will tell us, "Fear not, I have overcome the world."

Happy Easter to all of you!
CHRIST IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED!
HALLELUJAH!
God Bless all of you!
Pastor Jeff Stahl
Countryside United Methodist Church



Luke 24 NIVs
Jesus Has Risen

24 On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. 5 In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? 6 He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with

you in Galilee: 7 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " 8 Then they remembered his words.

9 When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. 10 It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. 12 Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

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Sidney, 688-2014 • St. Joseph, 469-2331
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LEGAL NOTICE

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS
TAX DEED NO.: 2018-TX-01S018
FILED: 3/1/2021
TAKE NOTICE
County of Champaign
Date Premises Sold 10/26/2018
Certificate No. 135-206-879
A/K/A 2017-00879
Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2017
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number: Not Applicable
Warrant No. Not Applicable
Installment No. Not Applicable
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property located at: 2507 S. Cottage Grove Ave., Urbana, IL
Legal Description or Property Index No. 93-21-21-358-009
This Notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 8/24/2021.

The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming.

This Notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 8/24/2021.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Urbana, IL, on 9/20/2021 at 1:00 PM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time.

YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY

Redemption can be made at any time on or before 8/24/2021 by applying to the County Clerk of Champaign County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Urbana, IL.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK
Address: 1776 East Washington Street, Urbana, IL 61802
Telephone: (217) 384-3722
NR DEED, LLC
Purchaser or Assignee
Dated: 3/1/2021
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The Sidney Scoop

by Ann Rhoton, 688-2812



I hope everyone was able to enjoy a wonderful Easter Sunday!

The Village of Sidney Board of Trustees regular monthly meeting should have taken place on Monday, April 5. Look for a report from your correspondent in next week's edition of the Southern Champaign County Today Paper.

The 2021 Consolidated General Election took place on Tuesday, April 6. I hope all of you were able to exercise your right to vote in this year's election.

Illinois American Water is urging customers with past due balances to access the company's financial assistance program and available payment plans. Assistance is NOT based on income. Customers with a past due balance need to contact them at 1-800-422-2782 to prevent service interruption. Customers can also call the Salvation Army office directly to request assistance via the Illinois American Water H2O Help to Others Program.

The Sidney American Legion Post 433 will hold their next monthly meeting at the Post Home located at 221 South David Street in downtown Sidney on Monday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m. Prospective new members are always welcome and encouraged

to attend and all monthly meetings, unless otherwise posted, are held at the Post Home.

The Village of Sidney Board of Trustees decided at their Monday, March 1 meeting to host a Saturday, April 24 Village of Sidney dumpster day at Witt Park.

The Village of Sidney has since posted the following to the Village of Sidney Facebook page and to the private Sidney Scoop Facebook page: "The ever popular 'Dumpster Day' will be Saturday April 24th from 7:00 am-11:00 am in Witt Park. Some of the prohibited items are: tires, yard waste, paints, oils, chemicals, batteries, or electronics of any kind (televisions, computers, monitors, microwaves, etc.)."

Have a great week!

If you or your organization have news items you want published drop a line to Ann Rhoton at P. O. Box 491, Sidney, IL 61877 or call (217) 688-2812; don't hesitate to leave a message if there's no answer.

News items must be turned in by 10:00 a.m. each Friday to be published in the following week's paper. Items submitted after the deadline will be published in the following week's column.

PEACE MEAL MENU

Sidney/Homer Peace Meal menu for Thursday, April 8 through Wednesday, April 14.

Thursday, 4/8/21 – Baked ham, frosted sweet potatoes, rye bread served with butter or margarine, Brussels sprouts, fruit salad, and a half pint of milk.

Friday, 4/9/21 – Mostaccioli with meaty sauce, whole grain wheat bread served with butter or margarine, corn, creamy coleslaw, warm fruit cobbler, and a half pint of milk.

Monday, 4/12/21 – Sausage in gravy, biscuits served with butter or margarine, mini potato bakers, fruit juice, warm cinnamon buttered apples, and a half pint of milk.

Tuesday, 4/13/21 – Chili with beans, crackers, tossed salad with dressing packet, mandarin oranges, and a half pint of milk.

Wednesday, 4/14/21 – Beef pot roast with potatoes, onions, and carrots, roll served with butter or margarine, seasoned greens, pineapple, and a half pint of milk.

The Sidney Peace Meal home delivered meals program continues Monday through Friday for seniors who qualify.

Individuals who wish to attend a Peace Meal Congregate Meal Site are invited to attend the Peace Meal Congregate Meal Site

in Homer. CONGREGATE MEALS ARE PICK-UP TO CARRY OUT ONLY AT THE PRESENT TIME.

Homer Peace Meal is served around 11:00 a.m. Monday through Friday in the Homer Village Hall located at 500 East Second Street in Homer. Home delivered meals are available Monday through Friday for seniors who qualify.

To reserve your spot call Peace Meal at 1-800-543-1770 by 12:00 p.m. the day before the meal you wish to attend. Skim milk and desserts with no sugar added are available in many locations. Ask the site supervisor for more information. Peace Meal sometimes needs to substitute on menus, but still guarantees a nutritious meal.

The Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program suggests a donation of \$3.50 for each congregare and home delivered meal, however, no older person will be denied a meal because of their inability to contribute to the cost of the meal. The Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program does accept the Illinois Link Card for payment.

The Sidney/Homer Peace Meal menu is submitted for the Peace Meal Senior Nutrition Program by Ann Rhoton.

Poets Corner

Wet Weather Philosophy

Some times we get the notion within our feeble brain

We'd like to run the weather and regulate the rain.

There are fellows down at Washington who would regulate our crops, and tell us how much wheat to raise, and how much corn and hops.

They'd measure up our acres and tell us what to plow;- They'd like to beat the weather and they're busy figurin' how.

Now all this might work out fine. If men controlled the rain, and could stop it when it rained too much and turn it on again.

But the Lord has made the weather so long I don't suppose that He will turn it over to any man, no matter who he be.

Since we can't control the weather or regulate the rain, this plan of "controlled production" is very much in vain.

-E. Erb.

Poets Corner:

If you would like to see your poems/ short stories published in the SCC Today please e-mail your work to: news@thevillagrovenews.com

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