

Area Obituaries

Dollie Irvin

Dollie Mae Irvin, 84, of Tuscola, passed away at 4:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at the Mattoon Rehabilitation & Health Care Center.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 12, at the Edwards Funeral Home in Arcola. Pastor Steven Stern will officiate. Burial will be in the Arcola Cemetery. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the funeral at the funeral home.

Mrs. Irvin was born on July 21, 1937, in Trumann, Ark. She was a daughter of Leo Joseph and Lucille (Settle) Ladd. She married Robert Morris Irvin on March 19, 1954, in Chicago. He



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passed away on June 6, 1998. She is survived by three chil-

dren, Robert Morris Irvin Jr. and his wife Paula of Jacksonville, Fla., David Andrew Irvin and his wife Candace of Springboro, Ohio, and Dianne Elizabeth Brannon and her husband Rick Hock of Arcola; six grandchildren, Robert Morris Irvin III of Jacksonville, Fla., Sarah Ashley Irvin and her wife Jennifer Milisor of Columbus, Ohio, Jared David Irvin of Springboro, Ohio, Matthew Gage Irvin of Dayton, Ohio, Patrick Andrew Irvin of Springboro, Ohio, and Ryan James Brannon of Columbus, Ohio; as well as five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Irvin was preceded in death by her parents; her siblings, Thelma Oldham, William Lee "Sonny" Ladd, Betty Azar

and Robert Raymond Ladd; and a granddaughter, Natalie Rojas.

A loving mother, Mrs. Irvin worked at both the Tuscola Visitors Center and the Douglas County Museum, as well as volunteering with the cafeterias of the Tuscola Schools public school system.

Above all, she was proudest of her many years spent playing piano for the First Church of God in Tuscola.

Mrs. Irvin was beloved by her family, including her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She will be missed by all who were blessed to know her.

Kim Busboom

Kimberly Ann Busboom, 59, of Royal, died at 7:50 p.m. Saturday, January 8, 2022, at her home.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, January 13, at Immanuel Lutheran Church of Flatville with the Rev. James T. Lehmann and the Rev. Greg Busboom officiating. Burial will follow in Kopmann Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, January 12, in Diers Hall, Immanuel Lutheran Church of Flatville, with a prayer service at 3 p.m. Baier Family Funeral Services, Flatville is handling arrangements.

Mrs. Busboom was born June 23, 1962, in Tuscola, the daughter of William and Sharon Day Rogers. She married Maury Busboom February 4, 1992, in Las Vegas, Nev. He survives.

Along with her husband, Maury, she is survived by her parents, Bill and Sharon Rogers of Camargo; a son, Brad (Kara) Busboom of California;

two grandchildren, James and Johnna Busboom; a brother, Kirk (Theresa) Rogers of Camargo; a special niece, Lexi Rogers of Urbana; a mother-in-law, Luella Busboom of Flatville; and her guide dog, Farley, who she loved so much. She is also survived by several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents; father-in-law, Raymond Busboom; and a nephew, Tyler Dale.

Mrs. Busboom had juvenile diabetes at the age of 11. In January of 2001, she went into renal failure, and on November 1 of 2001, she had a kidney and pancreas transplant. In April of 2017, she lost her pancreas and became a diabetic again. In the summer of 2020, she became legally blind, and in December of 2021, she lost her kidney.

Mrs. Busboom graduated from Villa Grove High School in 1980, and from Parkland College in 1992, with a degree in nursing. She earned her BSN from St. Francis University. She was employed at Carle Hospi-



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tal, Urbana, since receiving her degree. During her career at Carle, she was a SICU nurse, field nurse, flight nurse and a Level 4 nurse exemplar. She taught parish nursing classes and also worked at Digestive Health and Orth-Max.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Flatville, a Sunday School teacher and a parish nurse. Mrs. Busboom was also a firefighter and EMT paramedic for the Ogden-Royal Fire

Department. She served as trustee for the Royal Village Board. Mrs. Busboom was instrumental in bringing the sewage system to downtown Royal and went to Washington, D.C., and Springfield to lobby for money. She and her friend, Faith Roberts, helped start a Vial of Life program.

In addition to her busy career, she was a Mary Kay consultant and did improv. She was an avid St. Louis Cardinal fan, enjoyed antiques, loved helping people and sharing her delicious homemade muffins. Mrs. Busboom also enjoyed going to Florida in the winter. Her greatest joy was being Oma to James and Johnna, whom she loved dearly.

Mrs. Busboom touched so many lives both professionally and personally. She will be greatly missed.

Memorial contributions can be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind, American Diabetes Association or an organization of the donor's choice. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.baierfuneralservices.com.

Lloyd Lowder

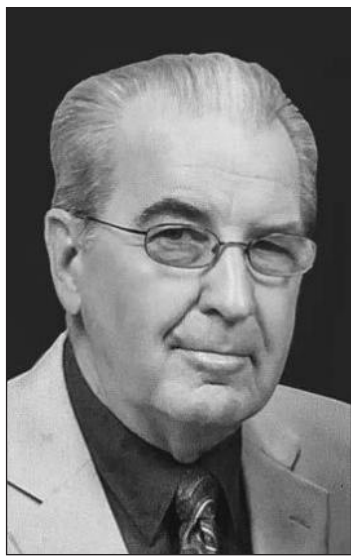
Lloyd Arthur Lowder, 85, formerly of Atwood, passed away on Sunday, December 26, 2021, at his home in North Lauderdale, Fla.

Masonic and Funeral Services were held Tuesday, January 11, at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Atwood. Burial with military rites accorded were held at the Lake Fork Cemetery, rural Atwood. Visitation will be held prior to the services at the funeral home.

Mr. Lowder was born on May 7, 1936, in Douglas County, the son of George and Carrie Roberts Lowder. He was raised in Atwood, attending all 12 grades in the village. Mr. Lowder loved music and participated in the music program playing the drums from 6th through 12th grade. After graduation in 1954, he attended the University of Illi-

nois, Urbana, studying chemical engineering. While a student, he played in the marching, concert and jazz bands. In 1956, he transferred to the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Fla., to study accounting.

Mr. Lowder married his high school sweetheart, Dorothy Baker, on June 29, 1958, at the Lake Fork Church where they are both members. The early part of their marriage was spent in Aruba, NA. Returning to Atwood in 1959, Mr. Lowder started Lowder Trucking, Inc. Three months later he was drafted by the U.S. Army serving as a top-secret crypto operator for the 97th Signal Corp in Germany. During this tour of duty, Lloyd and Dorothy spent as much time as possible touring Germany and surrounding countries. In the summer of 1961, Lloyd, Dorothy, and 3-month-old Natalie returned to the states,



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where Mr. Lowder continued operating Lowder Trucking. In 1970, the family relocated to South Florida and Mr. Lowder joined Local 349 in Miami as an electrician. Mr. Lowder was a devoted family man and enjoyed

listening to jazz while tinkering in the garage or tending to his well-manicured lawn and garden. Unfortunately, Parkinson's Disease made his remaining years challenging.

Mr. Lowder is survived by Dorothy, his wife of 63 years; children, Natalie (Joseph) Rengen, Beverly Watkins, Ronald (Doreen) Lowder and Clifford Lowder; grandchildren, Jennifer (Antonio) Gonzalez, Randall (Elyse) Watkins, and Stephen Watkins; great-grandchildren, Aurora Gonzalez, Ethan Watkins, Tiara Watkins, and Alexis Watkins; sister, Carolyn Lowder; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his parents; sister, Kathryn Avalos; brother, Barry Lowder; and son-in-law, Michael Watkins.

Online condolences may be shared via www.hilligossshraderfh.com.

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Youth survey highlights rising depression among local students

Depression among local students continues to climb, according to the 2020 Illinois Youth Survey. More than 20 percent of high school students have seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year.

Forty percent of students felt so sad and hopeless almost every day for two weeks or more in a row that they stopped doing some usual activities. This is a 7 percent increase from the 2018 survey. The Illinois Youth Survey was completed by students in Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie, and Shelby counties.

"Kids today face problems that didn't exist even a decade ago. They absorb everything going on in the world and become very sad. We are desperate for crisis professionals like school counselors. We know our kids need to talk to someone, especially on hard topics like depression and suicide, but we just can't find them," Kyle Thompson, ROE #11 regional superintendent, emphasized.

Although the American School Counselor Association recommends a 250-to-1 ratio of students to school counselors, the national average is actually 424-to-1 for the 2019-2020 school year. Thompson explained that despite greater federal funding for education and mental health professionals, the district has struggled to recruit and retain all school personnel because of the pay and rural location. Schools try to address these concerns by encouraging teachers to guide kids toward social services, including mental health topics in assemblies, and educating teachers on self-care and mindfulness so they can pass it on to their students.

The Illinois Youth Survey is an initiative that measures teenagers' feelings about substance abuse, nutrition, drinking and driving, weight control and body image, depression, suicide, safety at school, bullying, and to-

bacco use. Sarah Bush Lincoln Healthy Communities partnered with CEAD Council and the Human Resources Council of Edgar and Clark Counties to administer the study in the spring of 2020 before the COVID-19 pandemic.

Survey data is used by SBL Healthy Communities, schools and other agencies to understand teen risk behaviors and form strategies to improve the lives of area youth. The 2020 survey results include the following findings:

- Nearly three-quarters of students feel that there is a teacher or other adult at their school who really cares about them, and more than two-thirds of students feel safe at their school.
- Suicide and depression continue to be the top health concern of students by a large margin. Drug use remains the second highest health concern among students.
- Students use e-cigarettes at a much higher percentage than cigarettes.
- Alcohol use and impaired driving increased slightly among students.
- The perceived risk of harm from marijuana use decreases significantly from 8th grade to 12th grade at a 21-percentage-point difference. Personal disapproval of marijuana use decreased 32 percentage points from 8th grade to 12th grade.

Mike Tozer, SBL Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, explained that while technology can contribute to worse mental health and behavior, it isn't necessarily the problem - the problem is the content on kids' screens.

"Kids have pressures today that didn't exist years ago. Maintaining social media feeds or Snapchat streaks take up time and energy, and if kids feel like they don't measure up to their peers, they can feel depressed," Tozer clarified.

Tozer recommends that parents seek out their Human Resources department to see if their employee assistance programs offer free therapy services. Seeking an appointment with a pediatrician can also help identify any physical and mental issues.

For info about SBL Healthy Communities or to read the full report, visit <https://www.sarah-bush.org/healthycommunities/>.

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18 Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Collard Greens Mandarin Oranges Whole Grain Bread	19 Beef Stew with Vegetables Green Beans Jell-O with Mixed Fruit Roll Surprise Dessert	20 Chicken Tetrazzini Honey Glazed Carrots Tossed Salad w/Dressing Packet Hot Fruit Crisp	21 Cheese Salad Hearty Vegetable & Bean Soup Pickled Beets Grapes Bun

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