

Area Obituaries

Millie Borries

Mildred C. "Millie" Borries, 86, of Tuscola, passed away on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at the Odd Fellow Rebekah Home, Mattoon.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, February 22, at the Forty Martyrs Catholic Church, 201 East Van Allen Street, Tuscola, with Father Angel Sierra as celebrant. Burial will follow in the Tuscola Township Cemetery. Visitation was held Tuesday morning at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Tuscola.

Mrs. Borries was born on



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March 8, 1935, in Effingham County, the daughter of Her-

man and Cecilia Voss Niemerg. She married Albert F. "Al" Borries on October 15, 1955, at Bishop Creek. He passed away on August 3, 2001.

Survivors include her sons, Dean (Vangie) Borries of White Settlement, Texas, Gary (Sharon Elmore) Borries of Tuscola, Dan (Monica) Borries of Williamsfield, Sam (Jena) Borries of Chicago, Neal (Diana) Borries of Dieterich, and Tim (Sandy) Borries of Antioch; daughters, Alice (Terry) Smith of Mahomet and Carleen (Charles) Fry of Columbus, Ind.; 19 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; brother, Larry (Peggy) Niemerg of

Baker, Mont.; and sisters, Evelyn McCreery of Newton, and Jeanette (Richard) Esker of Washington, W.V.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Brian Borries; two brothers, Herbert and Celestine Niemerg; and sister, Beatrice Niemerg.

Mrs. Borries was a homemaker. She was a member of the Forty Martyrs Catholic Church and Altar Society.

Memorials are suggested to the Forty Martyrs Catholic Church or Alzheimer's Association.

Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com.

Joan Lauderback

Joan Lauderback, 87, of Tuscola, passed away at 9 a.m. on Friday, February 18, 2022, at Brookstone Estates of Tuscola.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at the Edwards Funeral Home. Burial will be held in the Gholson Cemetery in Broughton. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the funeral.

Mrs. Lauderback was born on August 29, 1934, in Dahlgren. She was a daughter of William Lewis and Ruby Fay (Kennedy) Ruphard. She married Homer F. Lauderback on

October 10, 1953, in Broughton. He passed away on March 24, 2004.

She is survived by three children, Frances Ann Aumiller and her husband Fred of Lewistown, Pa., Homer William "Bill" Lauderback and his wife Bobbi of Camargo, and Pamela Jo Ferguson and her husband Alan of Humboldt; four grandchildren, Heather Kocher and her husband Jason, Allison Reifsteck and her husband Clint, Jerrica Lily and her husband Aaron and Andrea Monfort; six great-grandchildren; two brothers, Donald L. Ruphard



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and his wife Carol of Whittington, and Larry Robert

Ruphard and his wife Joyce of Vine Grove, Ky.

Mrs. Lauderback was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Homer F. Lauderback; a granddaughter, Stacie Lynn Velez; a grandson, Ryan Monfort; a great-grandson, Thomas Kocher; and two brothers, her twin brother Joe Dale Ruphard, and Charles Ronald Ruphard.

Mrs. Lauderback's greatest joy in her life was being with her family. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She always put her family first.

Butch Mast

Adlai "Butch" Mast, 69, of Arcola, passed away at 6:17 p.m. on Monday, February 14, 2022, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 19, at the Arthur Mennonite Church, Arthur. The Rev. Steve Morgan officiated. Burial was in the Arcola Township Cemetery. Visitation was held Friday, February 18, at the Arthur Mennonite Church. The Edwards Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Mr. Mast was born on August 24, 1952, in Tuscola. He was the son of Jonas B. and Maggie J. (Schrock) Mast. He married Sandra L. Henna on August 24, 1974, in Mattoon.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy Mast of Arcola; two children, Jennifer Harp and her husband Rob of Mattoon, and David Mast and his wife Amanda of Savoy; five grandchildren, Ramsey Brown and her husband

Blake of Fountain, Colo., Veda Harp of Sullivan, Corbin Harp of Mattoon, and Tanner and Brynn Mast of Savoy; one brother, John Mast and his significant other, Brenda, of Humboldt; four sisters, Annie Kauffman and her husband Kenneth of Tuscola, Katie Yoder and her husband Chrissie of Arcola, Amanda Chupp and her husband Henry of Arcola, and Leah Kaufman and her husband Reuben of Arcola; two brothers-in-law, Jake Kauffman of Arthur, and Nelson Kauffman and his wife Ella of Humboldt; and one sister-in-law, Joyce Mast of Humboldt.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Andy Mast, who was Amanda's twin brother that died at birth, and Clarence Mast; and four sisters, Mary Ellen Mast, his twin sister Alta J. Kauffman, Tillie Sanders, and Fannie Kauffman.

Mr. Mast was a member of the United Christian Church in Mattoon. He was a member of

the Carpenters Union Local 63 out of Bloomington, and the Kaskaskia Country Club. He also served as Bishop of the Amish Open for many years. He was an Arcola Township Trustee and served on the Arcola Zoning Board.

Mr. Mast began working construction with his brother, John, when he was 14. By the time he was 18, he became the purchasing agent for John H. Mast Construction. In 1977, he accepted a position with the Clinton Power Plant as a General Foreman. He later worked at USI in Tuscola. He worked in the office at Kaufman Custom Cabinets for a short time before buying into J and M Representatives, a company that his brother John and nephew Kevin started in 1992 and is now known as Simply Amish. Mr. Mast retired in December of 2016. After he retired, he helped as a sales associate for Kaufman Amish Furniture Outlet in Arcola.



Mast

Mr. Mast had a passion for golfing; he also enjoyed grilling out, mowing his yard, and fishing. He could also be found playing Pokémon Go, with the username of "Amish Bulldog."

His greatest joy was spending time with his friends, family and especially his grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Foundation for Barnes-Jewish Hospital.

Carol Postlewait

Carol F. Postlewait, 72, of Atwood, passed away at 3 a.m., Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at her home surrounded by her family.

Services celebrating her life were held Friday, February 18, at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Atwood, with the Rev. Don Gerkin officiating. Visitation was held Friday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Postlewait was born January 17, 1950, in Breese, the daughter of Clarence and Dorothy Eagan Reynolds. She married Delbert Lee Postlewait on March 30, 1968, in Tuscola. He survives.

Also surviving are her son, James Lee (Rita) Postlewait of Tunica, Miss.; daughter, Amanda (Brad) Dehart of Atwood; grandchildren, Caitlin Postlewait, John Dee Phillips, Machyiana Arbuckle, Andrea Dehart, Sydney Dehart, and Layla Deel; great-granddaughter, Ashlynn Brandon; siblings, Steve Reynolds, Debra (Steve) Waldrop, and Tammy (Ronnie) Boeser; and



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sister-in-law, Linda Reynolds. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Michael Reynolds; and sister, Connie Peach Eversoll.

Mrs. Postlewait formerly worked at the Atwood Sweet Shop and as a taxi driver for the Amish. She was a member of the Tuscola Women of the Moose.

Memorials are suggested to the family to help pay for funeral expenses.

Online condolences may be sent via hilligossshraderfh.com.

Joe Skinner

Joe R. Skinner, 78, of Hume, passed away at 5:50 p.m. Tuesday, February 15, 2022, at his home.

Celebration of Life services will be held at a later date. Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Tuscola, is assisting the family.

Mr. Skinner was born September 8, 1943, in Tuscola, the son of Don H. and Anna Powell Skinner. He married LaDonna J. Stickel on June 8, 1963, at the Cartwright Church in rural Tuscola. She survives.

Other survivors include his daughter, Lori Sullivan (James Rhodes) of Westmont; son, Chad Skinner (Stephanie Waltrip) of Springfield; grandsons, Andrew Sullivan (Caitlin Ganaway) of Denton, Texas, Brendan Sullivan (Becca Dirmeikis) of Lemont, Dillon Skinner (Shelby Craven) of Chatham and Nick Skinner of Springfield; great-granddaughter, Ellie Grace Sullivan of Denton, Texas; sister, Martha Ann (late David) Allison of Oakland; and a brother, Marshall Lee (Rita) Skinner of Charleston; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Skinner was preceded in death by his parents; mother and father-in-law; brothers, Don, Carl and Howard Skinner; and son-in-law, Thomas Sullivan.

Mr. Skinner grew up in Newman and graduated from Newman High School in 1961. He moved his family to Hume in



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1967 and resided there for 55 years. He worked at General Motors Tilton Central Foundry from 1963 until 1987. Mr. Skinner was a member of the First Church of God in Newman. He was an active member of the Masonic Lodge. He was an avid hunter and loved to hunt and fish with his grandsons. He liked to tend his garden and ride his John Deere tractor. Mr. Skinner enjoyed spending time at the Juscus Tree Farm and seeing friends and the Twisted Piston in Hume.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Applied Mesothelioma Research Foundation (www.curemeso.org); Hume Beautification Fund; 50 Front Street, Hume, IL 61932; First Church of God, Newman; or the charity of your choice.

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Pauline Pagel

Pauline Louise Pagel, 83, of Atwood, passed away at 7 a.m., Sunday, February 20, 2022, at the Tuscola Health Care Center, Tuscola.

Mrs. Pagel was born May 20, 1938, in Mahomet. She married Delbert Lee Roy Pagel on June 1, 1956, in Covington, Ind. He preceded her in death on December 19, 2013.

Survivors include four sons, Delbert (Diane) Pagel, Jr., Thomas Pagel, Frank (Avie) Pagel, Sr., and Kerry (Michelle) Pagel; two daughters, Jackie (Jason) Tuthill, and Kelley (Keith) Frazier; 16 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughters, Deborah Pagel, and Belinda Baldwin.



Pagel

Mrs. Pagel was a homemaker and an amazing Grandma.

Per her wishes, no services will be held. Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements.

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Online festival features venomous insects

The 39th annual "Venomous" Insect Fear Film Festival (IFFF) will be held on Saturday, February 26. It will be hosted by the Entomology Graduate Students Association in the Department of Entomology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

This year's festival will be online via Zoom at <https://publish.illinois.edu/ui-uc-egsa/iff/>. Registration is required but free. Activities will begin at 5 p.m., and film introductions will start at 7:30 p.m. A full schedule and a registration link will be available on the website.

This year's festival will feature a presentation from Justin Schmidt of the famous Schmidt sting pain index, along with a virtual insect petting zoo, venomous insect Bugscope, a virtual tour of the Illinois Natural History Survey insect collection, bee ventriloquism, insect crafts, and a virtual gallery of the annual IFFF art contest featuring insect-themed artwork by area K-12 students.

This year, as befits the Zoom format, a program featuring animated and live short films

and clips from feature-length films will be presented. Clips will be shown in three groups — first, stings as exaggerated comic plot elements; next, reactions to stings, including anaphylaxis, as humorous, dramatic, or horrific highlights; and, finally, shorts revealing the scientific reality of venom and venomous insects, including potential beneficial uses of arthropod venom.

Venom usage among arthropods can vary greatly — honey bee workers sting as a means to protect themselves or their colony, while predatory wasps use their venom to paralyze their prey to feed to their larvae.

The program will be featuring a live stinging demonstration to highlight the fascinating process of venom delivery. Come and feel the virtual burn.

For more information, including a link to purchase T-shirts with the festival logo, visit the IFFF website, their Facebook page, follow us on Twitter, or contact Jon Tetlie (jtetlie2@illinois.edu) or Ed Hsieh (emhsieh2@illinois.edu).

