

Area Obituaries

Terry Van Dorn

Terry Lee Van Dorn lived 84 great years. He was born on June 1, 1937, and went home to join his loving partner of 22 years, Gini Montgomery, on Wednesday evening, February 23, 2022.

Along with his parents Gladys and Alvin Van Dorn, he was preceded in death by a brother; five sisters; and two daughters, Linda Dallas and Brenda Franklin.

Left behind to carry on are his two sisters, Kathy Van

Dorn and Sheila Pruitt; two daughters, Teresa Watters and Vicki (Mike) Carter; nine grandchildren, Jennifer Watters, Dustin, Brandon, Hana and Haylee Carter, Cody and Chelsea Dallas, Matt and Terry Franklin; 20 great-grandchildren; four stepchildren, Lisa Long, Danee Asemgar, Charlie Montgomery and Dick Montgomery.

Also surviving is their cat "Charlie," whom Terry and Gini loved dearly.

He retired from USI where he worked for over 40 years.

Mr. Van Dorn enjoyed bowling, fishing, golfing and traveling. Most of all, he enjoyed being with his family and friends and caring for others. Memorials are suggested to the St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Private services will be held at a later date. Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com.



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Elaine Ross

Elaine J. Ross, 89-year-old resident of Pillager, Minn., formerly of Tuscola, passed away Thursday, February 24, 2022, at Edgewood Vista Assisted Living in Baxter, Minn.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, March 3, at Casino Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Dan Johnson officiating. Burial will take place in the Wildwood Cemetery in Pillager, Minn. A visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m. Thursday at the Casino Assembly of God Church. Caring for Mrs. Ross and her family is the Halvorson-Taylor Funeral Home in Brainerd, Minn.

Mrs. Ross was born on March 18, 1932, in Pillager,

Minn., to the late John and Edith (Fugate) Mudgett. She grew up in Pillager, Minn., where she attended school. She also lived in Montana, Washington and Illinois. Mrs. Ross was united in marriage to Herbert Schwatka on April 18, 1951, in Columbia, S.C. Herbert was killed in combat and she was later united in marriage to John Ross on December 22, 1959, in Tuscola. Mrs. Ross was a very spontaneous lady that enjoyed adventures and just up and leaving with her family on road trips. During her travels she loved camping and stopping places to find collectible treasures. She was also a prolific reader and had quite the collection of books. Mrs. Ross was also very fascinated



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with her family's genealogy and tracked them back to the beginning. She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Ross is survived by

children, John (Jean) Schwatka of Pillager, Minn., Ruth Mayer of Pillager, Minn., Rebecca (Jerry Ellis) Robinson of Aitkin, Minn., Rosemary (Andrew) McCarrey of Sidney, and Reba-marie (Tom Lamkin) Ross of Arthur; and grandchildren, Larissa Hynes, Melissa Barker-Petersen, Janet Robinson, Andrew Schwatka, Franklin Schwatka, Cathleen Schwatka, Jennifer Oxley, Jordan Schwatka, John McCarrey and Thomas McCarrey.

Mrs. Ross was preceded in death by parents, John and Edith Mudgett; husbands, Herbert Schwatka and John Ross; sister, Grace Mudgett; brother, Wesley Mudgett; son, David Ross; and daughter, Rachel Schwatka.

Phil Blaase

Philip Hoyt "Phil" Blaase, 77, of Arcola, passed away at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 21, 2022, at his residence.

Funeral services will be held at 12 noon on Friday February 25, at the Edwards Funeral Home, 221 East Main St., Arcola. Burial will be in the Bourbon Cemetery. Visitation will be held two hours prior to the funeral from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the funeral home.

Mr. Blaase was born December 13, 1944, in Tuscola, to Hoyt and Alliece Blaase. He graduated from Arcola High School in 1963. He attended Eureka College where he

played football and later transferred to Eastern Illinois University to continue his college education.

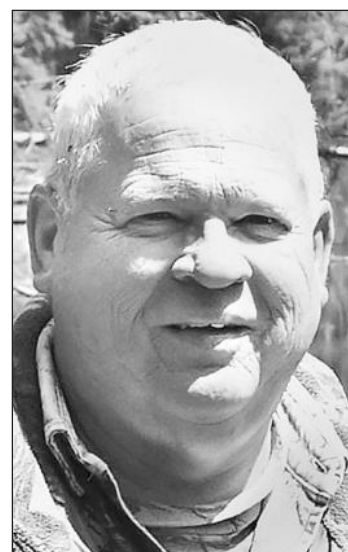
Mr. Blaase married Judy Albin, his high school sweetheart, on August 7, 1965; she passed away on February 10, 2022.

Mr. Blaase is survived by one daughter, Angela Clark, and her husband Bryan; three granddaughters, Kylee Herschberger, and her husband Derrick, Lexee Clark and Laynee Clark and her fiancé, Tim Bridges; two great grandchildren, Raegan, and Camden Herschberger; one brother, Mike Blaase; and many

cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Mr. Blaase is preceded in death by his parents, Hoyt and Alliece; his wife Judy; and his in-laws, Charles and Kate Albin.

Mr. Blaase worked as a crop insurance salesman for most of his life. He also owned a Western wear store in Arthur for some time. He loved participating in 4-H and various other horse shows with his daughter. Mr. Blaase enjoyed coaching his daughter and her friends in softball over the years, and then eventually attending many sporting events for his three granddaughters. Mr. Blaase also enjoyed cheer-



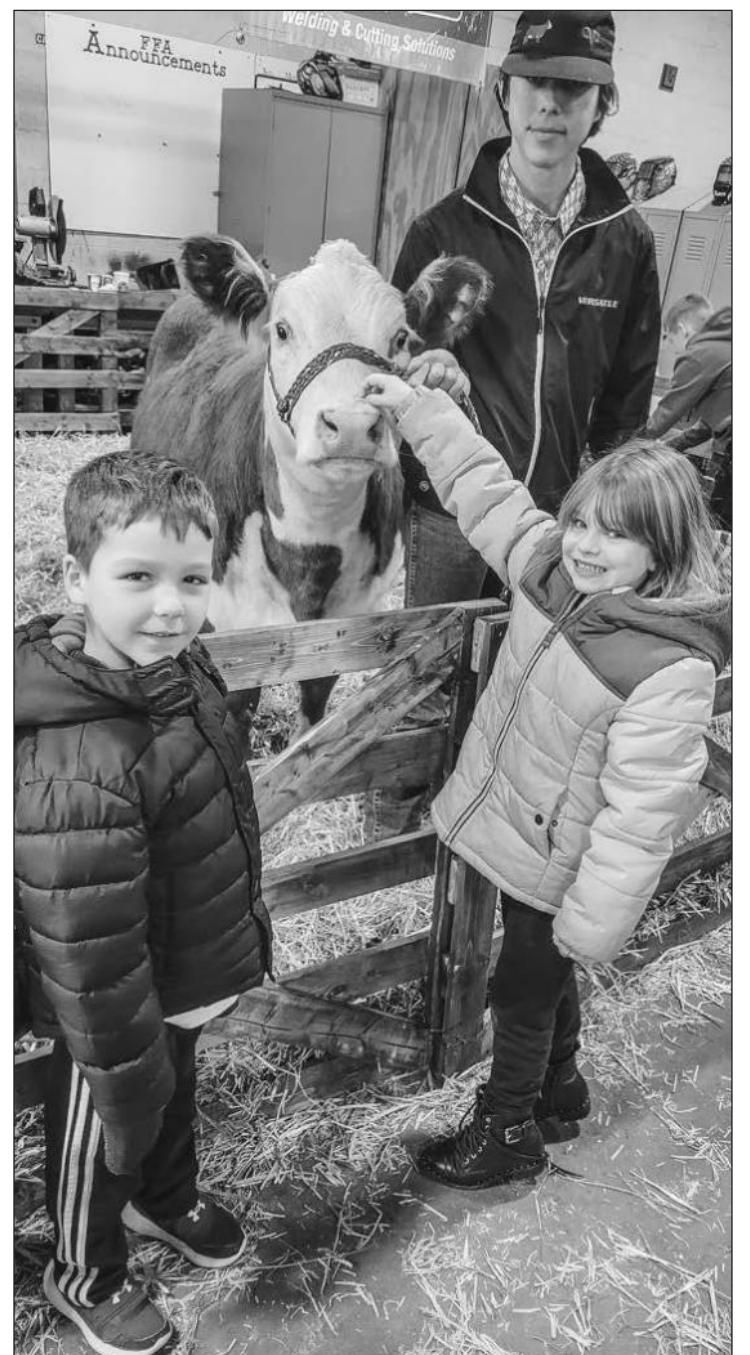
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ing on his favorite football team, the Green Bay Packers and watching any kind of rodeo event.

Phil and Judy enjoyed many vacations to Bennet Springs State Park, where Mr. Blaase was able to spend his days fishing. He was also an avid deer hunter and enjoyed being outdoors and hunting with his friends and son-in-law, Bryan. Mr. Blaase enjoyed helping with the handicapped hunt project in Shelbyville for many years. In the winters, Phil and Judy enjoyed getting away to Arizona or Texas.

Mr. Blaase's family would love for you to wear your favorite camo or wildlife apparel.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the Arcola School Special Education Program.



EMILYN GRABER, right, and Henry Vukelich pet a cow during FFA Week last week at Tuscola High School while FFA member Isaac Halverson assists. Submitted photo.

Church Directory

<p>Bourbon Baptist Church 626 CR 475 E, Tuscola Church Sunday 10 a.m., Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Youth Group Sunday evenings 6-7:30 p.m. Email bourbon.baptistchurch@yahoo.com</p> <p>Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 1100 E. Northline Road Tuscola 253-3896 Sunday Morning Sacrament Meeting 9:30 and 10:40 a.m., Wednesday Youth Night 7 p.m.</p> <p>Church of the Nazarene 1001 Egyptian Trail Tuscola 253-3541 Song & Praise Worship 8:30 a.m. Traditional/Hymnal Service 10:30 a.m., Sunday Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.</p> <p>Eagle Mountain Assembly of God 401 E. Sale Tuscola 253-4444 Sunday Services 10 a.m.</p> <p>Faith Baptist Church 300 Northline Road Tuscola 253-4231 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wednesday Adult Bible Study, Real Teens, King's Kids 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>First Baptist Church 300 E. Daggy Tuscola 253-4231 Sunday School 9 a.m., Worship Service 10 a.m.</p> <p>First Christian Church 100 E. Church Street Tuscola 253-2394 Worship Services 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m., Sunday Youth Group (Grades 7-12) 6:30 p.m. Wed. After School Program (Grades 5-6)</p>	<p>First Church of God 821 E. Barker Tuscola 253-2180 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Prayer Time 1:30-2:30 p.m., Wednesday Night 6 p.m. Missionary Women meet 2nd Tuesday of each month 6 p.m.</p> <p>Forty Martyrs Catholic Church 210 E. Van Allen Tuscola 253-4412 Pastor: Rev. Angel Sierra Sacrament of Confession: Saturdays 5 p.m. Or by appointment by calling the church office. Weekday Mass Times: 8 a.m. Monday, Thursday, and Friday Weekend Masses: 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. Sunday</p> <p>Immanuel Lutheran Church 600 E. Northline Tuscola 253-4341 Saturday Evening Service 5:30 p.m. Sunday Worship Service 9 a.m.</p> <p>Tuscola United Methodist Church 901 N. Prairie Tuscola 253-4232 Sunday Morning Worship Services 8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m.</p> <p>United Church of Christ 114 E. Pembroke St, Tuscola 253-2532 Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 A.M. Sunday School: 9:30 A.M. Email: dealralph5@aol.com</p>
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