

Area Obituaries

Joan Johnston

Phyllis Joan Johnston, known to everyone as Joan, passed away Monday, March 14, 2022, at the age of 82 in Decatur.

Ms. Johnston was born in North Okaw Township on August 26, 1939, the only daughter of Victor and Louise Sanders. Ms. Johnston, along with her two older brothers, Duane and Dean, attended Arcola schools. She graduated from Arcola High School in 1957 with her closest, childhood friend, Pat (Harris) Johnson, by her side.

She married Lowell Hill after high school and together they raised three sons, Dwight, Jay, and Chad in Tuscola and then Forsyth. Later, she married Mike Johnston and gained

three stepsons, Michael, Brent, and Christopher.

In 1976, Ms. Johnston began her career in the clothing industry at the Myers Brothers Department Store, later renamed Bergner's. She was always a classy lady and sharp dresser which made this line of work perfect for her. She loved her job and was proud to be one of the "Bergner Girls." Lots of memories and friends were made during her years there, but the most special friendship was with her co-worker, Liz Schultz. She and Liz were inseparable and would remain best friends for 45 years.

Wherever Ms. Johnston went, fun was sure to follow. Whether she was on a lake, at a concert, watching tractor

pulls, or lounging poolside, she was always the life of the party. Whenever she was around, laughs were guaranteed.

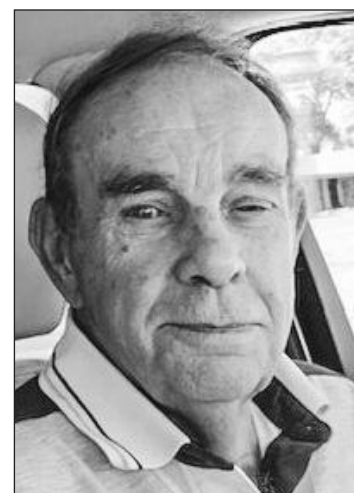
She is survived by her son, Chad, with whom she shared a very close bond, and his girlfriend, Donna Stein, both of Mt. Zion; daughters-in-law Glenda Hill of Decatur and Lana Hill of Urbana; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind one brother Duane (Shirley) Sanders of Colorado Springs, Colo.; sister-in-law, Shirley Sanders of Barrington; and her best friend, Liz Schultz and family of Decatur.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Dean Sanders; and her sons, Dwight and Jay Hill.



Johnston

Ms. Johnston was a strong-willed, out-spoken, and independent woman whose presence and spunk will sorely be missed.



Mann

Allen Mann

C. Allen Mann, 81, of Tuscola, formerly of Arthur, passed away on Thursday, March 17, 2022, at his residence.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Burial will be in the Camargo Cemetery.

He was born on September 9, 1940, in Villa Grove, the son of George L. and Willie Quick Mann. He married Freeda M. West on August 8, 1976, in Tuscola.

She preceded him in death on May 10, 2011.

Survivors include his daughter, Pam Fairfield of Villa Grove; grandson, Jason (Inga) Enyart; and great-granddaughter, Sylvie Enyart, all of Mattoon; brother, Robert (Donna) Mann of North Carolina; many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Marion Mann; and sisters, Marie Gobert and Wilma Mann.

Mr. Mann was the owner of

the Shelbyville Public Printer, former owner/operator of the Dutch Oven Restaurant and co-owner of the Arthur Graphic Clarion both of Arthur. He was a member of the Victory Church in Camargo.

Memorials are suggested to the Victory Church.

Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com.

Michael Hendrickson

Michael R. Hendrickson, 69, of Atwood, passed away at 9:55 p.m., Friday, March 18, 2022, at the Hilltop Nursing Center, Charleston.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 22, at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 705 South Main Street, Tuscola, with the Rev. Kent Conover officiating. Burial will follow in the Tuscola Township Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 12 noon till 2 p.m. on Tuesday

at the funeral home.

Mr. Hendrickson was born on February 7, 1953, in Tuscola, the son of Cecil and Peggy Leatherman Hendrickson. He married Lou Ellender Switzer on June 3, 2017. She preceded him in death on June 6, 2021.

Survivors include his sons, Michael Hendrickson, Jr. of Mattoon, Tim (Kathy) Hendrickson of Atwood; two grandchildren, Cade Hendrickson of Atwood and Oliver Hendrickson of Tuscola; sister, Dottie (Bill) Murry of Tuscola; and brother, Preston Hendrickson of Mattoon; stepdaughters,

Katherine Hansen and Jeanette Cook; stepson, Tim Switzer; several nieces and nephews.

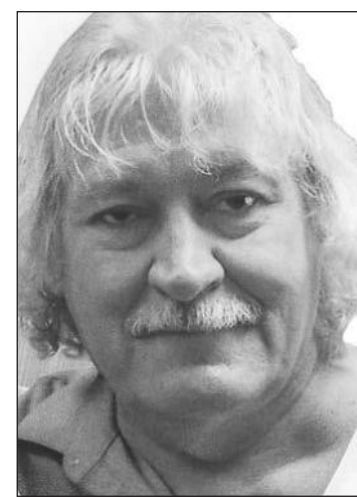
He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mr. Hendrickson formerly worked for Alloy Engineering and Casting Company for 37 years and then worked at Plasti-pak.

He loved riding his motorcycle, fishing, golfing and working on vehicles.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are suggested to Hands-4-Paws, P.O. Box 204, Tuscola, IL 61953.

Online condolences may be



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shared via hilligossshraderfh.com.

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Maynard Kappes

Maynard A. Kappes, 80, of Arcola, formerly of Tuscola, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 19, 2022.

Mr. Kappes was born on March 15, 1942, in Tuscola, the oldest son of John J. and Irene E. Kocher Kappes. After graduating from Tuscola High School, Mr. Kappes helped his dad on the farm from 1960 to 1965. After that, he obtained a CDL and purchased a semi that led to a career as a truck driver for many years. His interest in farming activities continued throughout his life.

Mr. Kappes is survived by one son, Parrish Kappes; three brothers, Gary Kappes, Nor-

bert Kappes and Dennis Kappes; as well as two sisters, Kathleen White and Karen Brian. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews.

His wife, Nancy, preceded him in death in 2004. Also preceding him in death were his parents, John and Irene Kappes; and two brothers, Kenneth Kappes and Kevin Kappes.

Mr. Kappes chose to be cremated. There will be no services per his wishes. Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home is assisting the family.

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Church Directory



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

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.

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.

Eagle Mountain Assembly of God

401 E. Sale Tuscola 253-4444
Sunday Services 10 a.m.

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.

First Baptist Church

300 E. Daggy Tuscola 253-4231
Sunday School 9 a.m., Worship Service 10 a.m.

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)

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.

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

Immanuel Lutheran Church

600 E. Northline Tuscola 253-4341
Saturday Evening Service 5:30 p.m.
Sunday Worship Service 9 a.m.

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.

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



Douglas County's COVID update

By Colleen Lehmann Douglas County Health Department Public Health Liaison

Updates on the COVID front continue to dwindle, so this is likely the last regular weekly update I will be doing. However, I would like to continue offering occasional DCHD/public health updates if you are interested in receiving them. I like keeping in touch and I welcome your feedback.

COVID testing schedule at J600 remains Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. From March 3-11, DCHD had a total of 56 rapid and PCR tests scheduled. IDPH figures from March 12 show the 7-day rolling positivity rate (rapid and PCR testing) for Douglas County residents was 0%, and for Region 6 that number was 1.3%.

IDPH data as of March 12 shows 51.73% of Douglas County residents have had at least one vaccine dose, while 47.65% of residents are fully vaccinated. There have been 4,375 booster doses administered to county residents. DCHD is currently doing COVID vaccine clinics twice monthly—second and fourth Thursday by appointment—at the Tuscola Outlet Mall J600 location. The county is

currently in the low transmission category for spread of COVID.

The wheels on the bus and other topics . . .

Rising gas prices make this the perfect time to consider utilizing Dial-A-Ride for transportation. Any Douglas County resident can access this low-cost service with a phone call to 1-800-500-5505. Reservations should be made from two days up to two weeks in advance. Buses run daily in and around the county from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and there are limited service days and times to Champaign, Coles County and Decatur.

More information, including fare structures, can be found by calling the aforementioned toll-free number or going online to dialaridetranisit.org. Dial-A-Ride is a rural public community transportation program.

Do your communities have an abundance of electronic waste with no avenue for disposing of it? Would you give any consideration to partnering with DCHD for an electronic waste pickup day sometime this summer? This is just a feeler to see if your com-

munity has the need. Our IT manager is looking into associated costs, which I will pass along if you think you might want to participate. Let me know your thoughts.

Douglas County residents receiving Medicaid benefits are reminded the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) is asking them to update their addresses with the agency as soon as possible. This measure is in preparation for the eventual end of the Federal Covid-19 Public Health Emergency, at which time both Medicaid and Medicare will end the continuous coverage provision.

The continuous eligibility provision has meant Medicaid customers haven't been asked to update their information for two years. That accurate information will be critical for continued coverage when the public health emergency is ended, so renewal forms are being sent to all customers. In order to ensure they get this renewal form, Medicaid customers can update their addresses in one of two ways: Call the HFS hotline at 877-805-5312 or go online to www2.illinois.gov/hfs/address.