

# Area Obituaries



John "Chief AJ" Huffer

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Chief AJ John Huffer, 84, of Tuscola, crossed over to be with his loving wife Corinne at 9:15 a.m., Wednesday March 30, 2022, at the Sarah Bush Care Center, Mattoon.

Funeral services were held Monday April 4, at the Hillgoss Shrader Funeral Home, Tuscola, with the Rev. Ralph Deal officiating. Burial followed in the Tuscola Township Cemetery. Visitation was held Sunday, April 3, at the funeral home.

Chief AJ was born in Peoria on December 25, 1937. He was adopted by Charles and Dorothy Busey Huffer of Urbana.

Chief AJ attended the University of Illinois after graduating from Urbana High School in 1955. He joined the Marine Corps after one semester at the U of I. During his time as a Marine in California he was a body builder and a level 1 marksman. After honorable discharge he returned to the U of I where he was recruited to be a model for art students. That is where he met and fell in love with art student Corinne Shreve. They were married on July 26, 1959. They were married 62 years until Corinne's

passing on August 17, 2021.

Chief AJ is survived by his son, Jason (Janice) Huffer of Waverly, Ohio; daughter, Rebekah (Vince) Baldauf of Anchorage, Alaska; grandchildren, Benjamin Burton, Tara Huffer (Lawrence) and CoWanda Joy Huffer, Dottie (Cody) and John Baldauf; great-grandsons, Bastian Skye Burton and Noah Lawrence Moshofsky Huffer.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Corinne Huffer; his father, Charles C. Huffer; his mother, Dorothy Busey Huffer; his sister, Mary Huffer Hickman; and granddaughter, Stephanie Corinne Huffer.

At 80 years old through DNA testing, he was blessed to be united with his biological brother Theodore Yednock.

Chief AJ graduated from Bible college and was inspired to start a boy's home. This brought him back to Tuscola where they purchased a large house for the boy's home. The boy's home eventually changed to an assisted living home, then with partners he opened We Care Nursing Home in Arcola. They also opened hotel restaurants in Arcola and Mattoon. He eventually joined the Carpenters Union in Champaign-Urbana. He later was a contractor and

had dinner in the White House with Ronald Reagan as Minority Contractor of the Year.

Chief AJ was a scrawny kid and he wanted to start weight training at an early age. His parents made him learn all the muscles before they allowed him to get a weight set. He went on to compete in Mr. America twice in his life and numerous body building competitions. He represented Tuscola in the Super Natural Physique Classic, 2001 where he won 1st place master 55 and over.

Chief AJ had an epiphany and was set on shooting a world record. Over an 8-day period in March 1987, he shot a world record of 14,060 wood blocks without a miss. This landed him on the cover of Guns magazine and launched his journey of fame in the gun world. He later developed the Chief AJ Slingbow, which has been sold all over the world. His dear friend Tony Reeves now runs his "Slingbow Empire." Chief AJ appeared on reality TV shows "Top Shot," "Man vs Machine," "Monster Hunters" and "History's Mystery's." He personally got to know Roy Rodgers and had a big Cowboy Indian gun exchange in Las Vegas.

Chief AJ (Apostle John) had

a love of the Lord and enjoyed preaching and bringing people to the Lord.

Chief AJ had a great love for his family. He took His wife Corinne all over the country to gun shows and national parks. He spent time in Alaska for the birth of his grandchildren, and graduations; after counting their toes and fingers and watching graduations he would be off on Alaskan hunting adventures. He was blessed to have his granddaughter Tara and her family stay with him for the last month. He developed a beautiful bond with his 7-month-old great grandson Noah.

Chief AJ has many fans around the world; he has touched many lives. He will be missed by many. After beating cancer and living with severe neuropathy pain and losing his beloved wife Corinne he would always say "I'm ready to have supper with Jesus." Chief AJ lived his life to the fullest; he was larger than life with his booming voice and big personality. He will forever live on in his accomplishments and deeds and his eternal life with the Lord, A-man.

Online condolences may be shared via hillgossshraderfh.com.

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## Ann Marie Good

Ann Marie Good, 77, of Lovington, passed away at 8:17 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2022, at Heritage Health in Mt. Zion.

A Memorial graveside service will be held in the Keller Cemetery in Lovington. The Rev. Rodney Houser will officiate.

Ms. Good was born on September 10, 1944, in Decatur. She was a daughter of Wallace and Martha (Harkless) Morgan.

She is survived by three children, Kirk Jurgens and his wife Julie of Lovington, Kristin Jurgens of Springfield, and Matthew Jurgens of Rochester; four grandchildren, Nichole (Joe) Watkins of Forsyth, Rachel (Corey) Jenkins of Sullivan, Jake and Will Jurgens of Chatham; four great grandchildren, Madison, Maybelle, Shirley and Theodore; and one brother, Joe Morgan of Catalina, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Ms. Good graduated from Atwood Hammond, class of 1962. She attended the University of Illinois and transferred to Millikin University where she received her bachelor's de-

gree in English Education. Ms. Good was a high school English teacher in Kahuku, Hawaii, for two years before returning to Illinois and teaching high school English in Cerro Gordo in the early 1970s.

Ms. Good worked at Kowa Graphics in Champaign, in bindery and shipping for 10 years. She later worked at Huston Patterson in Decatur, from 1998 until she retired in 2008 as Director of Shipping.

Ms. Good enjoyed cheering on her Green Bay Packers, fishing and working in her yard.

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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 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: dealalph5@aol.com

## Agnes Jordan

Agnes T. Jordan died peacefully at 5:14 a.m. on Friday, March 25, 2022, with family at her bedside at OSF Heart of Mary Hospital, Urbana.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 9, at Forty Martyrs Catholic Church in Tuscola. Father Angel Sierra will officiate. Burial will be in the Tuscola Cemetery. There will be a Rosary service starting at 4 p.m. Friday, April 8, at the Edwards Funeral Home in Arcola; visitation will begin at the funeral home after the Rosary service until 7 p.m.

Agnes Therese Jordan was born on October 8, 1932, in Odell, the daughter of Philip Eugene and Sarah Augusta (Langan) Bellot. The family moved to Tuscola when she was three years old. Mrs. Jordan was the youngest of four sisters — Mary Lucille Manwaring, Ellen Augusta Rice Harrell, and Rita Phyllis McKee. She married Edward Francis Jordan on May 9, 1953, at Forty Martyrs Catholic Church in Tuscola with Father James Casey presiding. Mr. Jordan passed away on August 1, 1988.

Mrs. Jordan is survived by three children, Philip Eugene Jordan (Susan Tarter Jordan, deceased) of Coralville, Iowa,

Theresa Anne Jordan Carpenter (Elwick Carpenter) of Owingsville, Ky., and Mary Angela Dimit (John Dimit, Jr.) of Urbana; four grandchildren, Elizabeth Anne Etchells, JD (Ross Etchells) of West Des Moines, Iowa, Catherine Teresa McCarthy, MD/PhD (Sean McCarthy) of St. Louis, Mo., John Edward Hill Dimit, III of Urbana; Jordan Charles Dimit (Brianna Schrage Dimit) of Noblesville, Ind.; and one step grandson, Matthew Carpenter of Owingsville, Ky. She had two great-grandchildren, Jack and Robin McCarthy of St. Louis, Mo.; and two step great-grandchildren. She is also survived by numerous nephews and nieces.

She was preceded in death by her firstborn infant son, Michael Francis Jordan; her parents; husband; three sisters; and a daughter-in-law.

Mrs. Jordan graduated from Tuscola High School in 1950. She was a drum majorette in grade school and high school, participated in drama productions, was a thespian and played softball and basketball. She proudly attended St. John's School of Nursing in Springfield for two years before getting married. She worked in civil service for Douglas County and as a secretary at USI in Tuscola. She was the office manager and secretary for



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Rita's Tax Service in Tuscola and Arthur for decades. Once her children were raised, Mrs. Jordan graduated with honors from Parkland College as a Licensed Practical Nurse and graduated from Illinois Eastern Community Colleges as a Professional Registered Nurse. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honorary Society at Parkland College.

She was a dedicated mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt, and a loyal friend. Mrs. Jordan always put her family's needs first; her family was her life. She was an integral and very special part of her grandsons' lives since birth, helping to care for them and never missing their concerts, plays, sporting events, and special life events.

One of her greatest lifelong loves was dancing with her

husband, Ed. They loved to dance to the Gene Trimble Band and Boots Randolph. She enjoyed movies tremendously and collected movies, records, and T-shirts, especially those that celebrated the Fighting Illini. She loved to watch figure skating and could tell you about any of the skaters in any given competition. She was strong and resilient, surviving a stroke, cancer, heart attack, and triple bypass surgery throughout her life, learning to walk again four times after multiple lengthy health crises. She had a heart of gold, always wanting to help others. Anyone who knew Agnes loved her for the way she would "tell it like it is" and her sense of humor; she was a fun-loving person who never met a stranger and was known by "Ag" throughout her years growing up and living in the Tuscola community. She cherished regular outings with her lifelong friends and classmates and always looked forward to her high school reunions. Mrs. Jordan loved her pets dearly over the years. She was a member of Forty Martyrs Catholic Church in Tuscola.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, her favorite charity, or the American Cancer Society, or the American Heart Association.