

Area Obituaries

Donna Nonamaker

Donnabelle Maris "Donna" Nonamaker of Tuscola passed away peacefully at 11:59 p.m., Sunday, May 29, 2022, at the age of 95 at the Arcola Health Care Center, Arcola.

She was born on November 13, 1926, and raised in Tuscola, the youngest of four children. Her parents were Robert and Beulah Campbell Maris. Her family home was located where Brookstone Estates is now located. She attended Tuscola schools through high school and had many fond memories and stories of her close friendships during those years. She deeply loved her grandma, Nancy Sailor Campbell.

At the age of 19, she traveled to Colorado, where she met her husband. She married

Ardeen R. Nonamaker on February 6, 1948, in Denver, Colo. They eventually settled in Greeley, Colo., where they started a business and raised a family. They loved the Rocky Mountains where they had many wonderful family picnics and vacations. In later years they moved to Loveland, Colo., where they could see the Rockies right out their kitchen window. After her husband's death on August 4, 2005, she returned to Tuscola to live out her final years.

One of her great pleasures in life was nature. She loved dogs and animals, plants and gardens, and spent a lot of time watching the various critters that scampered about outside her windows.

Mrs. Nonamaker enjoyed spending time with her family.

She is survived by her daughters, Nancy (Jim) McNay of Sterling, Colo., and Karen Brigando of Petaluma, Calif.; grandchildren, Heather (Rick) Lechman, Michael (Melanie) McNay, Terra (Brent) Brigando, and Kaila (Nick) Brigando; great-grandchildren, Hannah, Carter, Ben and Rory with two on the way. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews including Dr. Charles (Karen) Maris of Charleston.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Ross C. Maris, George O. Maris, and Harold F. Maris; and son-in-law, Arthur Brigando.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Douglas County Animal Shelter, P.O. Box 192, Tuscola, IL 61953.

Graveside Services were



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held Wednesday, June 1, at the Tuscola Township Cemetery. No visitation was held.

Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Tuscola, was entrusted with the arrangements. Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com.

Lisa Sigrist

Lisa Ann Sigrist, 55, of Arcola, passed away peacefully into the arms of Jesus on Monday, May 23, 2022, at 6:40 p.m., surrounded by her loving family at her home.

Mrs. Sigrist was born on July 31, 1966, in Olney, the daughter of Dannie Lee and Eunice Rachel (Pagel) Cox. She was united in marriage to Michael Sigrist on November 30, 2002.

Survivors include her husband, Michael of Arcola; son, Garrett Sigrist of Arcola; daughter, Rachel Sigrist of Arcola; parents, Dannie L. and Eunice Cox of Newton; sisters, Brenda Cox of Pleasant Plains, and Lori (Dennis) Worman of Effingham; brother, Dannie W. (Julie) Cox of Rochester; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, and close friends.

Mrs. Sigrist was preceded in death by her grandparents, Albert and Berniece (Kuhring) Pagel and Chlorus E. Cox and Anna Margaret (Reinhart) Cox-Dyson.

Mrs. Sigrist graduated in 1984 from Newton High

School. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education in 1988 and a Master of Science Degree in Educational Administration in 2000, both from Eastern Illinois University. She started her career in education in 1988 at Arthur Jr./Sr. High School where she taught math to her students at both the junior high and high school levels. She also served as the district athletic director, detention supervisor, junior high girls' track coach, junior high cheerleading sponsor, and junior high student council sponsor for many years.

Mrs. Sigrist was hired as the principal at Arcola Jr./Sr. High school in 2009, and served there for 12 years before retiring in 2021. Mrs. Sigrist's passion for being an educator was clear and she cared deeply for each student she had the opportunity to teach and guide, especially the ones who gave her a run for her money. Her fondest memories during her career include seeing the spark in the eyes of her students when they finally understood a math concept, winning the



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1998 Junior High Girls' Track State Championship as coach at Arthur, winning the 2015 State Football Championship at Arcola, and especially celebrating with her students on graduation day. She proudly displayed her students' graduation pictures in her office as a reminder to other students that every student matters and can be successful.

Mrs. Sigrist was a member of Walnut Grove Christian Church and former member of Headyville Christian Church and Vine Street Christian Church. She was also a member of the Illinois Retired Teachers' Association,

Arcola Sunrise Rotary Club, and former member of the Illinois Principals' Association, Arthur Education Association, and Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Mrs. Sigrist's greatest joy in life was spending time with her family and watching her children grow up. She also greatly enjoyed tending to her many flower beds and garden, sharing the abundance of her garden with family and friends. In addition, she enjoyed canning, baking (especially her famous pumpkin bars and zucchini bread), going on vacation with her family, collecting antiques with her husband, supporting the Arcola Purple Riders and Arthur Knights over the years, reading, cleaning house, and mowing her yard. Mrs. Sigrist leaves behind a loving family and wonderful legacy. She will be missed terribly but her family has faith in the knowledge that Mrs. Sigrist knew her Lord and Savior on a personal level. She was sure of her salvation and is now at rest and at peace in the Father's arms.

Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. Friday, June 3, at the Edwards Funeral Home, 221 East Main in Arcola. Funeral Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 4, at Walnut Grove Christian Church, 12930 E County Rd 1700N, Arcola. Pastor Steven Stern will officiate. Burial will be in the Arcola Cemetery. A luncheon will be provided after the service. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Memorials may be made to the Sigrist Strong Memorial Scholarship Fund. It is Mrs. Sigrist's last wish to give back to her community and school in the same way they gave to her during her long battle with cancer.

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Electric co-op letter from Ameren ill-timed

Residents may have gotten a letter saying their electrical service was being returned to Ameren from the city's cooperative service.

The city's co-op service switched services, and Ameren reportedly received a request for withdrawal from Homefield, the previous provider, and sent out a letter before receiving the new request from Constellation, the new provider.

If residents were on the co-op plan and wish to stay on it, they do not need to do anything and can ignore the Ameren letter, according to Justin Cheger of The Stone River Group, which manages the co-op. If anyone has concerns, they may reach Constellation at 833-358-0518.

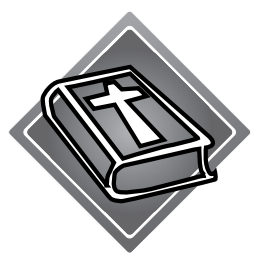
Richard J. Mark, chairman and president of Ameren, said, "The primary reason you will see an increase in your monthly bill is because of the increase in the electric supply costs, which are collected on your utility bill and paid directly to power generators. Ameren Illinois does not profit from these charges. Inflation, the conflict in eastern Europe, and the closure of coal-fired electric generation facilities have caused an energy shortage, increasing power prices across the country compared

to the same time last year. The average residential customer is expected to see an increase of approximately \$52 per month on the supply portion of their energy bill. The actual impact will depend on the amount of energy used."

Mark encouraged customers to shop around for electricity. "One of the benefits of living in Illinois is that you have the choice to receive your power supply through the Basic Generation Service from Ameren Illinois or through a certified Retail Electric Supplier." He said. "We encourage you to explore all supply options that are available by visiting the Illinois Commerce Commission's website for electric choice in Illinois."

The city uses a cooperative service, which has reduced rates. Customers can opt out of the city's program and choose to purchase energy from Ameren or a different retail provider.

For Ameren customers, Mark said the company is offering lower down payments for extended payment agreements through July 31, along with other flexible payment options. For more information on the power supply issue, including bill payment assistance and energy efficiency programs, visit AmerenIllinois.com/Updates.



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.

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



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