

Area Obituaries

Ceal Allen

Cecilia C. "Ceal" Allen, 68, of Urbana, died Saturday, June 4, 2022, at home surrounded by her family, following a 3-year battle with cancer.

A celebration of her life will be held for her friends and family at a later date.

Mrs. Allen was born on March 8, 1954, in Tuscola, the fourth child of James L. Allen and LaVerne Ohley Allen. She married Alan Hettinger in Tuscola on July 13, 1974; they divorced in 1991. She married Roger F. Blakley on August 10, 1996, in Urbana. He survives.

She is also survived by twin daughters, Anna (Mark) Moellering of Argyle, Texas, and Kate (Brian) Moody of Tuscola; grandchildren, Braxton and Elijah Moody, and Madeline and Elizabeth Moellering; stepchildren Deanna (Alan)

Zehr of Urbana, Paula (Bryan Lierman) Blakley of Sidney, Roger E. (Sherra) Blakley of Waco, Texas, Aerika (Dan) Hutton of Rantoul; sisters Renée (Tom) Hettinger of Tuscola, Michele (Steve) Winkler of West Fork, Ark., Camille (Randy) Carlz of Bettendorf, Iowa, and Gabrielle (Tony) Martin of Champaign; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Stefanie Allen; and brothers, Kevin Allen and Dyrck Allen.

Education was very important to Mrs. Allen. She graduated high school from Sacred Heart Academy in Springfield in 1972. She loved learning and started taking college classes part time when her children were young, eventually earning a Bachelor of Fine



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Arts degree in Sculpture and a Master of Arts in Art Education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a Master of Fine Arts in Sculpture from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

Art was Mrs. Allen's passion. She and her husband

Roger spent their years together creating art in their private studio, collaborating on many pieces. Her artwork can be found around the Champaign-Urbana area, including Meadowbrook Park, the Urbana Free Library, and Black Dog Smoke & Ale House.

Mrs. Allen also had a great love for dogs, books, and nature. She encouraged a love of reading in her grandchildren, who have scores of inscribed books from their "Book Grands." She was a master gardener, an excellent cook, and a generous soul.

Memorials are suggested to the Champaign County Humane Society.

Arrangements were entrusted to Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Tuscola. Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com.

Shirley Warner

Shirley Rae Warner, wife, mommie doll, mama and nannie, 78, of Atwood, passed away at 11:30 p.m., Monday, June 6, 2022, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 66 East U.S. Highway 36, Atwood. Burial will follow in the Mackville Cemetery, Atwood. Visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Mrs. Warner was born July 1, 1943, in Monticello, the daughter of Arnie and Doris Smith Mason. She married Donald E. "Donnie" Warner on January 28, 1972, in Tuscola. He survives.

Other survivors include her children, Suzie (Doug) Goad, Sheri (Randy) Drake and Dyno Warner; grandchildren, Kaycee Moran, Damion Slanker, Samantha Ross, Shawn Drake, Chris Drake, Sabon Hackett and Kolton Henderson; great-grandchildren, Logan, Laney, Jaxon, Kiera, Chloe, Jacob and Piper.

She was preceded in death by her parents.



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Mrs. Warner enjoyed visiting friends, playing bingo, collecting dollhouses and miniatures, crocheting and sewing soft sculpture dolls. She loved the outdoors, animals and sitting in the rain. She loved her family with her entire heart.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com.

Delbert Willison

Delbert Willison, 83, of Mattoon, passed away at 2:47 p.m. on Sunday, June 5, 2022, in Mattoon.

Burial in the Cartwright Cemetery in Tuscola will be held at a later date. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Mr. Willison was born on August 11, 1938, in Newman, to Sylvan and Wilma (Brooks) Willison. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Robert and Donald Willison; beloved sister-in-law, Sue Willison; and a nephew, Donald W. Willison. He is survived by a niece, Quenna Cobstill and her husband Ian of Sullivan.

Mr. Willison graduated in 1956 from Tuscola High School. He continued his education at Eastern Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in education in 1960 and his master's degree in 1964 from the University of Illinois. He taught English in Mt. Pulaski from 1960-1964. He started with the Mattoon High School in 1964 and remained a teacher until 1993. Mr. Willison then continued to write, monitor, and par-

ticipate in a program for first- and second-year teachers in all the Mattoon schools until 2018.

Mr. Willison held many positions and was active in numerous associations. He held a chair in the English Department from 1969 to 1978 and was an adjunct professor at EIU. He assisted in writing and administering an alternative education program for certifying teachers. Mr. Willison was a member governing the Board of Education Service Center from 1989 to 1993, a member of the National, Illinois and Mattoon associations of education, and association of English Teachers and Gifted Education. He was once compared to Robin Williams' character in The Dead Poets Society, "He was very encouraging in a lot of unorthodox ways — very inspiring. He is that teacher they make movies about."

Reading fiction and professional material occupied most of his time. He enjoyed his travels to Hawaii, New Orleans and also spent a few weeks in Europe. He believed he was blessed by a multitude of inspiring students, colleagues, acquaintances, family, and religion.

Memorials may be made to the Mattoon Unit Schools or St. Jude's Children Hospital.

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DAR learns of genealogy resource

Genealogy and Daughters of the American Revolution seem to be thought of together. The core of DAR is genealogy but the availability of documents to verify facts is not often nearby.

We in Douglas County are fortunate to have a major source of information in the Decatur Genealogical Society and Library in Decatur that is open to the public. Located at 1255 A South Side Drive, Decatur, the facility is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cheri Hunter, a DAR member from the Stephen Decatur Chapter, represented the Library at the local May DAR meeting. The facility is run by several volunteers who are very knowledgeable about what the Society has on hand and how to find it. They have a bi-monthly newsletter "Central Illinois Newsletter" and a quarterly "Central Illinois Genealogical Quarterly" that they publish themselves and can be downloaded. Dozens of sources for the neighboring counties including Douglas County, as well as Macon County, are available there; when searching for their

website, put in Decatur Genealogical Society or email: DecaturGenSoc@att.net

The next meeting of the Stephen A. Douglas chapter of the DAR is the first Wednesday of September when they will already have a new DAR President General and new administration in Washington, D.C. The 131st Continental Congress will begin on June 29 and end on July 3, 2022 (new administration takes office). More than 1,200 DAR members (from all over the world) spend a week in Washington, D.C. learning about new DAR initiatives, using the opportunity to visit the DAR Library, listening to outstanding speakers, making new friends and getting reacquainted with old ones. Many DAR members stay until the 4th of July to walk in the National Independence Day Parade down Constitution Avenue.

The Stephen A Douglas Chapter has completed 99 years of existence; March 2023 will be the chapter's 100-year Birthday. Although plans are incomplete, they are planning to celebrate at their March meeting with the Illinois State Regent Debra Coe in attendance.



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



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