

Obituaries

Ruth Burress

Ruth Ellen Burress, 102, passed peacefully in the early morning hours of Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 2022, at the Tuscola Health Care Facility.

Funeral Services were held Tuesday, January 3, at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Tuscola. Burial followed in the Tuscola Township Cemetery. Visitation was held prior to the service at the funeral home.

Ruth was born May 17, 1920, in Coles Station, to James (Jim) and Susie (Authenreith) Bouck.

She married Earle Vincent Burress on July 23, 1939, in St. Charles, Mo. He preceded her in death on August 26, 1982.

She is survived by one daughter, Susan (Burress) Adkisson of Tuscola; one grandson, Derek “Tag” Adkisson (Lynn Pfeiffer) of Romeoville; and one brother, Larry (Susie) Bouck of Windsor.

Along with her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Linda (Burress) McElroy; one granddaughter, Paula (McEl-

roy) Stawicki of Monee; three brothers, Frank (Frances) Bouck, Louis (Betty) Bouck and Fred (Katherine) Bouck; and one sister, Nora Jane (Thomas) Bault.

Ruth was a 1932 eighth-grade graduate of Crabapple Grade School.

Upon graduation, at the age of 13, she started working for various local families as their housekeeper and childcare provider. At age 17, she went to work at Brown Shoe Company in Mattoon.

Ruth moved to Tuscola in 1940, and worked at many beloved and historical places, including Miller’s Country Charm Dairy, Stop N’ Go and Wellworth’s Dime Store. At the age of 80, she retired from Collegiate Cap & Gown in Arcola, on January 11, 2000, with 26 years of service.

Ruth loved interacting and engaging with people and was an active contributor to her church and community. In June 2015 (age 95), Ruth was honored for her 70-year membership in the Zelma Rebekah



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Lodge, for which she was recognized for having held the most offices in the lodge, including Noble Grand. She was also a long-time member and past president of the local American Legion Auxiliary.

Ruth was always an avid reader, follower of current events and active wildlife “watcher,” taking care to ensure that the neighborhood birds, squirrels and cats were well fed. For fun, she enjoyed Saturday evening “card-game”

nights and following her favorite sports teams, the Tuscola Warriors, St. Louis Cardinal baseball and the Fighting Illini.

Ruth is known by many and loved by all for her perpetual smile, her positivity, her grit and her genuine compassion for the wellbeing of others.

In lieu of flowers, please consider honoring her legacy with a donation to your favorite local charity that provides support to those in need, to your local church that supports the work of missionaries or to a national organization that provides groundbreaking resources for care and research toward treatments and cures. Ruth’s favorites include the local American Legion Auxiliary, SAM Food Pantry (tuscolaumc.org), First Christian Church Tuscola (fcctuscola.com), and the Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation (www.myotonic.org) – in honor of her granddaughter Paula who was afflicted with this debilitating disease.

Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com.

Mick Pope

Michael E. “Mick” Pope, 72, of Bement, passed away at 8:16 a.m., on Thursday, December 29, 2022, at the Glenwood Supportive Living, Mt. Zion.

A memorial mass will be held at a later date in 2023, at the St. Michael’s Catholic Church, Bement. Burial will be in the Bement Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Bement Peace Meals or St. Michael’s Catholic Church, Bement.

Mick was born on March 20, 1950, in Monticello, a son of John S. and Margaret Slevin Pope, Sr. Surviving is a sister, Penny (Wayne) Hill of West Lake Village, Calif.; sister-in-law, Charlene Pope of Bement; three nieces, Jenny (Ryan) Winne of Washington (Illinois), Sandy (David) Nachman of Plano, Texas, and Carrie



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(Mark) Fenton of Henderson, Nev. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, John S. Pope, Jr.; and nephew, Jed Pope.

Aaron and Susie Hinds of Hinds Funeral Home & Cremation Services, are proud to honor the life of Michael E. Pope. “Our Family is Here to Serve Your Family.” Please visit our website at www.hindsfuneralhome.com to offer condolences.

Dennis Pickett

Dennis Melvin Pickett, 86, of Tuscola, passed away on Thursday, December 29, 2022.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 31, 2022 at the Tuscola First Christian Church, Tuscola. Burial with military graveside was held at the Tuscola Township Cemetery. Visitation was held prior to the service at the church.

He was born in Anderson, Ind., on December 4, 1936, to Faye Solomon and Clarence Pickett. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Gerald Pickett; and is survived by his loving wife Doris Pickett (married March 20, 1964); half-brothers, JR Pickett and Tim Pickett; half-sisters, Clarice Pickett and Darlene Hildensperger. Also surviving are his daughters, Dena Meyer (Dan), Darla Stanfield (Joe), and son Doug Pickett (Jane). He was dearly loved by his grandchildren, David Meyer (Kennedy), Philip Meyer (Hayley Cooper),



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Maria Crutchley (Adam), Cole Stanfield (Alyssa), Ty Stanfield (Kaitlyn Bickers), Susie Pickett, Sam Pickett; great grandsons, Grayson Crutchley and Elias Meyer; along with several nieces and nephews.

Dennis graduated from Chenoa High School in 1955 later serving in the U.S. Army from 1960-1966, and was a distinguished sharp-shooter and radio teletype operator. After

active military service, he became an operator leverman for Illinois Central Railroad where he worked for approximately 30 years at the TY tower in Tuscola, retiring in 1992.

Dennis was a member of the First Christian Church of Tuscola, where he volunteered in the benevolence ministry, Awana program, and the sound booth. He took delight in attending his children’s and grandchildren’s school activities, loved photography, and even added Bluegrass gospel music to his videos. In his free time, he enjoyed researching Biblical websites, working crossword puzzles, and camping with his family.

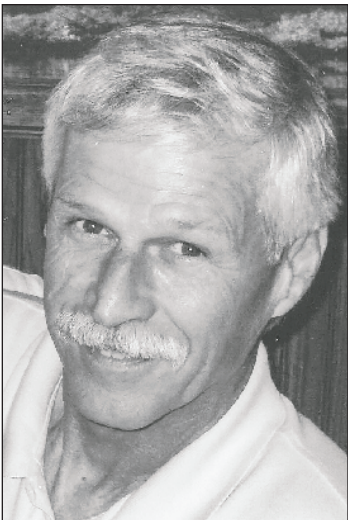
In lieu of flowers donations are welcomed to Sam’s Pantry, Benevolence ministry of First Christian Church, and Lincolnland Hospice.

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

Steve Sanderson

Steve O. Sanderson (Sandy), age 66, of Westfield, Ind., formerly of Tuscola, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at 6:26 a.m. at home, surrounded by family.

He was born on June 30, 1956, at Jarman Hospital in Tuscola, to Charles and Helen (McConnell) Sanderson. He was a 1974 graduate of Tuscola Community High School. He attended University of Illinois in Engineering before beginning his career at Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company in July 1976. He was a welder for 25 years and advanced to Project Manager until his retirement on Nov. 1, 2022, with 46 years of service. During his career, he worked at various locations including Brighton, Colo., Tuscola, Glenarm, Montezuma, Ind., and Zionsville, Ind. Steve was dedicated in managing proj-



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ects and helping people better understand their jobs.

For entertainment, he loved to watch NASCAR/Indy car racing and visited several tracks. He enjoyed Illini sports, Cubs baseball, Boston Celtics basketball, crossword puzzles, and any Western ever made. He was a Tuscola Moose Member since

1993. He enjoyed traveling to visit family and friends and especially his Labor Day trips to Lake Sara.

Steve married Cheryl Little on May 14, 1989, in Bourbon. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

He is survived by his son, Luke of Westfield, Ind.; sister, Sue (Dave) Snyder of Frostproof, Fla.; sister-in-law, Julie Johnston of Champaign; nephew, Matt Snyder of Tuscola; niece, Tami (Clint) Dohlman of Parkersburg, Iowa; great niece, Bethany Snyder of Tuscola; and special angels Gina McDonald and Doug Dietrich.

Graveside services will be held at the Bourbon Cemetery in the Spring of 2023. Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Tuscola, is assisting the family with the arrangements

Memorials may be made to the donor’s choice. Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com.

PUZZLES

CLUES ACROSS

- Basics
- Swiss river
- Constrictor snake
- Building occupied by monks
- Discount
- Deal a blow to
- Relating to the ear
- Thyrotropin
- Loud, unpleasant noise
- Large intestines
- Move with a curving trajectory
- Witnesses
- You need both to live
- Dash
- Network
- Dig
- C. European river
- Supplement with difficulty

- Corporate executive
- Carroll O’Connor’s onscreen wife
- No variation
- Airborne (abbr.)
- “Heidi” author
- Affirmative
- Pie __ mode
- W. Asian country
- Grotesque or bizarre
- Delicacy (archaic)
- Textile
- Denial
- Electronic data processing
- Attempt

CLUES DOWN

- Engulf
- Waterside hotel
- Printed cotton fabric

- Defensive nuclear weapon
- One who follows the rules
- Lace up once more
- Fire byproduct
- Hankering
- Outer
- One-time aerospace firm
- Seafood
- Commercial
- Epoxy hardener (abbr.)
- Samoan monetary unit
- Type of gland
- Arrest
- Check
- Past participle of be
- Alias
- A major division

- of geological time
- Kids programming channel (abbr.)
- Joked
- Helps little firms
- Roman numeral 50
- Impressive in size or scope
- Domineering leader
- A person who delivers a speech
- One after 89
- Young hawk
- The scene of any event or action
- A team’s best pitcher
- Integrated data processing

HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Sometimes you have to hold some things in to safeguard others from sticky situations. It can be tricky keeping secrets, but this week it is for the best.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, there are a lot of people in your corner right now who are willing to pitch in when you need help. If you encounter an obstacle, just ask for assistance.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, change your schedule or your scenery, especially if you feel like you are in a rut. All it may take is one modification to bring on an entirely new perspective.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

If a person comes to you

needing a friend in the next few days, resist the urge to offer advice. Simply listen and provide companionship. This is all the person needs at the moment.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Prioritize getting your finances in order, Leo. Make this one New Year’s resolution that you maintain; otherwise, you may have financial troubles in the months to come.

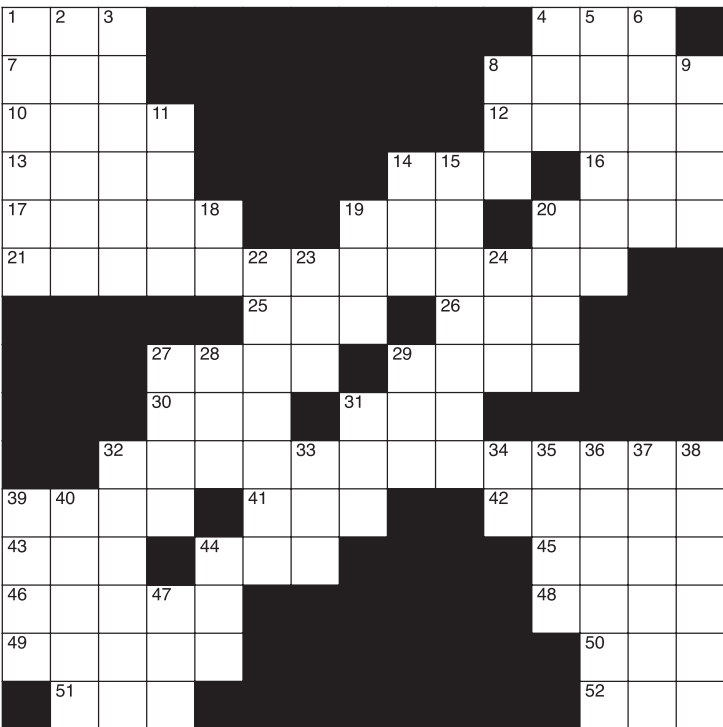
VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

A few opportunities are coming your way in regard to your career, Virgo. Sort through all of the offers and figure out what works best for your situation.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, there is a lot of momentum around you, but for some reason you cannot find

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your footing. Sooner than later you’ll find your path and will be moving along.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Take charge of your priorities, Scorpio. It can be easy to get swept away in other people’s drama. Make a list of all the things you want to accomplish and start working.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, people are expecting much of you this week, especially higher-ups at work. You may need to find the motivation to keep going. The end result will be worth it.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Family time is a hot commodity for you right now, Capricorn. Even after the holidays, you have a few other events on the calendar that will bring relatives together.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

It can be difficult to let things go and trust other people. However, the free time that you’ll get will enable you to tackle other items on your to-do list, Aquarius.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

If you are thinking about going back to school or learning a new skill, this is the time to do it, Pisces. Start shopping around for programs.

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