

# Obituaries

## Jack Dempsey

Jack Dempsey, 82, of Overland Park, Kan., passed away peacefully on December 29, 2022, surrounded by his immediate family.

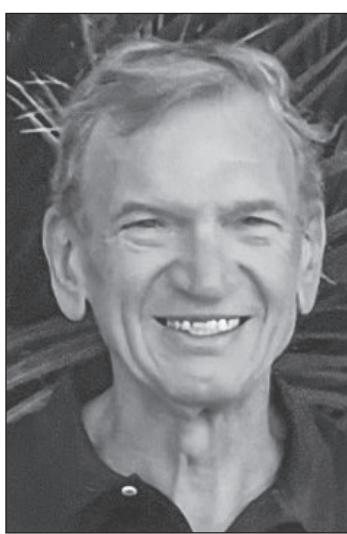
He was born April 12, 1940, in Charleston and grew up in Villa Grove. He was the high school football captain playing linebacker and achieved Okaw Valley all-conference awards at his position. His senior year, he was voted to be the Homecoming King. He was very well liked in the community and surrounding area in central Illinois. He was also an Eagle scout and member of Rotary Club.

During high school he worked at the family bakery, "Dempsey's," in Villa Grove. This would later inspire him to pursue a career in commercial baking sales. He attended the University of Illinois and graduated from the American Baking Institute in

Chicago. In 1959, he married his high school sweetheart, Mary Ware, from Pesotum, and they enjoyed 63 years of marriage.

Jack and his family moved to Kansas City in 1969 upon him joining the A.E. Staley company. Kansas City became home and a great place to live for he and his family enjoying the Royals, Chiefs, BBQ, and many other things that make the area great. In 1984, he and Mary built their home in Overland Park. In 1998, he retired from a successful career in Commercial Baking Ingredient sales having worked for A.E. Staley and later Bunge Foods. While traveling the Midwest region, he called on beverage bottlers, institutional bakers and food manufacturers. If you've ever had a Coke, Twinkie, or Dorothy Lynch salad dressing, these are a few of the products created with the ingredients he sold.

During retirement, he en-



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joyed traveling with Mary to Ireland, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, and Canada. His favorite place to vacation was Anna Maria Island, Fla. He and Mary traveled to Anna Maria several times and it has become a favorite vacation spot for the entire family. He also enjoyed spending time with his immediate family, baking

sweets, and grilling BBQ.

His pride and joy were his grandchildren. They loved their Pop Pop! He is preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy; father, Parker Dempsey; and beloved dog, Coco.

He is survived by his wife, Mary of the home; son, Bryan (Amarilis), Overland Park; daughter, Lynne Jamison (John), Overland Park; grandchildren, Lauren Bridges (Blain), Mathew Dempsey, Hannah Jamison, Abby Jamison; and great granddaughter, Vivienne Bridges; his sister, Doris Redfairn of Bethany; sister-in-law, Rose Hatchel of Pesotum; and many extended family. The family would like to thank The Heritage of Overland Park and Monarch Hospice for the wonderful care and support they gave to Jack and his family. A private ceremony will be held for the immediate family. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

## Energy

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### Summary contract:

- Residents residing in areas served by Ameren Illinois are eligible to participate

- Fixed Contract Rate: \$0.07859 per kilowatt hour (kWh) (does not include utility delivery charges); Enhanced Renewable Energy Certificates (REC): \$0.08324 per kWh (Note: these rates are below the April-released Ameren supply rate of \$0.0946 for June through September and \$0.11502 for October 2022 through May 2023.)

- No enrollment, switching or termination fees

- Residents who do not wish to participate must opt out by May 9, 2022.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Why do the cities negotiate prices for this program?

The majority of residents passed a referendum stating the "municipality has the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers." This helps residents save money and provides a predictable rate for budgeting purposes.

#### How does this new contract rate for Arcola's Electric Aggregation program differ from the previous rate?

The new fixed contract rate is higher than the previous rate. The previous contract rate was one of the lowest in the state and was bid in early 2020, prior to the pandemic.

#### Why did this contract rate increase from the previous contract rate?

As with other rising prices, this rate has been impacted by increased inflation and reflects the current economy.

#### Why would I want to participate in this program?

This program locks in a fixed rate for the next three years. This program provides a steady rate for residents. Ameren rates may fluctuate and increase. Ameren released rates on April 25, 2022. The Ameren supply rate for June through September 2022 will be \$0.0946; the Ameren rate will be \$0.11502 for October 2022 through May 2023.

When comparing the rates through Arcola's Electrical Aggregation Program to those of the rates Ameren released on April 25, 2022, residents are likely to save an average of \$62.60 per account (based on 1000/kWh per month or 12,000/ kWh per year) from June through September. Residents are likely to save an average of \$288.56 per account from October 2022 through May 2023. All told, from June 2022 through May 2023, residents participating in the Electrical Aggregation Program may save an average of \$350 over the Ameren default rate.

**Can I opt out?**  
Yes, residents may opt out of the aggregation program at any time, however, Ameren and/or other RES vendor rates may/will fluctuate over the course of this contract period depending on your choice for an electric supplier.

Ameren released their rates on April 25, 2022. The Ameren supply rate for June through September 2022 will be \$0.0946; the Ameren rate will be \$0.11502 for October 2022 through May 2023.

Staying in the Electric Aggregation program provides residents with a steady rate for the next three years. While there is no guarantee the aggregation rate will always be the lowest cost throughout the duration of the agreement, it is important to note over the last 10 years the program has saved residents approximately 12.7% on average.

Note, if you opt out, you cannot rejoin the Aggregation program to take advantage of the fixed rate for 12 months.

### What happens if I opt out?

Residents who opt out of the program remain on their current supply choice, whether Ameren Illinois Basic Generation Service (BSG), Power Smart Pricing or RES supply. If you opt out, you cannot rejoin the program for 12 months.

### What alternate Retail Electric Suppliers (RES) are available?

You can learn more about alternative suppliers by visiting the Alternative Retail Electric Suppliers (ARES) website.

### Am I eligible to participate in aggregation?

Arcola and Tuscola residents residing in areas served by Ameren Illinois are eligible to participate.

### If I participate in the Aggregation program, will I receive two electric bills?

No. You will continue to receive a single electric bill from your current provider, Ameren. The only difference you will see is the fixed contract rate and the supplier's name. If you are on a budget bill paying plan, you will remain on that plan.

### What part of electricity bills will this program affect?

Electricity bills have three cost components: 1. Electric Delivery; 2. Electric Supply; 3. Taxes and Other Fees.

Municipal aggregation changes only the Electric Supply component of your bill. Through aggregation, approximately 50% to 75% of the electricity bill will be impacted. The other components, transmission and distribution, will not be affected. To learn more about your Ameren electric bill, visit "Understanding Your Bill" on the Ameren website.

### What about choosing a supplier through a door-to-door sales agent?

All communication regarding Arcola's Electric Aggregation program is sent through the U.S. Postal Service. This program does not use door-to-door solicitors. However, you may be approached by an outside marketer, and you can take their plan. However, by Illinois law, they cannot lock you into a term. All contracts are month-to-month from the typical door-to-door sales agent.

Again, if you choose to opt out of the Electric Aggregation program by taking a plan through an outside marketer, you cannot rejoin the Aggregation program for 12 months.

### Potential Electric Aggregation Scams

Occasionally, the towns receive reports about aggressive and misleading door-to-door and telemarketing solicitation by alternative energy suppliers. These companies are not affiliated with the electric aggregation program. All communication regarding the aggregation program is done through mail. Not door-to-door or telemarketing solicitors.

Any claims made by a solicitor confirming enrollment into the town's program, the time to act is limited, and/or they must see your utility bill to verify account information is false and should be disregarded. This is a scam.

Residents should never feel pressured to take immediate action or compromise their safety by providing their utility account information to anyone unless they are certain they wish to enroll in an alternate program of their choosing.

If you encounter a solicitor claiming to falsely represent Arcola or Tuscola or the electric aggregation program, you should ask to see a valid permit, document the individual's name, and contact the local police department.

## Mary Alice Yoder

Mary Alice Yoder, 95, of Goshen, Ind., passed away peacefully at 7 a.m., on Saturday, January 14, 2023, at Majestic Care of Goshen. She was born on December 29, 1927, in Goshen, Ind., to Eli A. and Alma (Miller) Herschberger.

On June 1, 1947, in Middlebury, Ind., she married Andrew D. Yoder died December 17, 1996. Surviving are three daughters, Alma (Olin) Helmuth of Shipshewana, Ind., Edna (Jerry) Rafferty of Sullivan, Sharon (Dale) Stuart of Sullivan; two sons, Dave (Deb) Yoder of LaGrange, Ron (Tina) Yoder of Middle-

bury, Ind.; 11 grandchildren; two step grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; seven step great-grandchildren; and one great great granddaughter; a sister-in-law, Louella Herschberger of Sarasota, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; four sisters, Ida Mae Lehman, Pauline Schrock, Fannie Kauffman, and Lavina Miller; two brothers, Perry and Omer Herschberger.

Mary Alice was a former member of the Arthur Mennoite Church in Arthur. She was a homemaker, avid quilter and enjoyed baking.

Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan-



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uary 21, at New Life Fellowship, 2755 South SR 5 Topeka, Ind. Funeral services will follow visitation beginning at 11 a.m. also at the church. Services will be conducted by Mary Alice's grandson, Glen Helmuth. A private family burial will take place at a later date in Arthur Cemetery, Arthur. Memorials may be given to Heart to Heart Hospice.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, Ind., is in charge of arrangements and online condolences may be offered at millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

## Joann Rogers

Joann Rogers, 84, of Arcola, passed away at 5:53 p.m. on Monday, January 2, 2023, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center.

Private services were held on Friday, January 6, at the Edwards Funeral Home. Father Angel Sierra officiated. Burial was in the Arcola Cemetery.

Joann was born on December 29, 1938, in LaCledde. She was a daughter of Joseph Francis and Ruth Angeline (Alexander) Hawkey. She married Jack Barnes on January 4, 1958, in Arcola.

Survivors include four children, Cheryl Marti and her husband Craig of Fairview, Tenn., Bennie Barnes, Philip



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Barnes and Bill Barnes all of Arcola; three grandchildren, Misty Shirar and her husband

Chad of Fort Wayne, Ind., Taysha Lammers and her husband Matt of Nashville (Illinois), and Kayli Barnes of Arcola; and eight great-grandchildren, Caleb, Canaan, Kynsley, Carter, Cason, Cavin and Kaydence Shirar all of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Camryn Lammers of Nashville; three siblings, Iris Nadine White of Old Hickory, Tenn., Joe Hawkey and his wife DeTte of San Leandro, Calif., and Virginia Guthrie and her husband Jim of Fremont, Calif.; a brother-in-law, Clyde Landreth of Peoria, Ariz.; and several nieces and nephews.

Joann was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Rosemary Landreth; and one brother-in-law, Bill White.

Joann was a 1956 graduate of Arcola High School. She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Arcola.

She worked as a cook for the Arcola school system in the 1960s and the 1970s. In 1983, she moved to Tennessee and worked at the Russell Stover Candy Factory in Cookeville, Tenn., for 17 years. She lived in Tennessee for nearly 40 years and moved back to Arcola in 2020.

Joann enjoyed crossword and jigsaw puzzles; she enjoyed bowling, fishing, and playing bingo. Her greatest joy in life came from spending time with her family.

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## Barbara Kaley

Barbara A. Kaley, 95, of Bement, passed away on Monday, January 9, 2023, in Lexington, S.C.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., on Thursday, January 19, at the Bement United Methodist Church, 249 N. Piatt St., Bement. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until time of services at the church on Thursday. The Pastor Naomi Roberts will officiate. Burial will be in the Bement Township Cemetery, Bement. Memorial contributions can be made to Bement United Methodist Church.

Barbara was born on May 5, 1927, in Robinson, a daughter of Leonard L. and Lucia A. Jones Schernekau. She married the Rev. Jack W. Kaley on January 25, 1948, in Robinson, and he passed away on October 8, 2013. Surviving children include Sandra Ann (David) Secrest of Bement, Mark Aaron (Nikki) Kaley of Lincoln, and Luann Marie (Bill) Barnes of Lexington, S.C.; five grandchildren, Meghan (Josh) Sanders of Lexington, S.C., Nathan (Amy) Kaley of Fort Belvoir, Va., Brittany (Daniel) Wheeler of Austin,



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Texas, Braghan (Ryan) Mulvaney of Benton, Sheila Barnes of Williamsfield; as well as 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; great-grandson, Silas Kaley; sister, Betty Martin; and brother, Leonard L. Schernekau, Jr.

Aaron and Susie Hinds of Hinds Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Bement, have the honor to serve the family of Barbara A. Kaley, "Our Family is Here to Serve Your Family." Please visit our website at www.hindsfuneralhome.com to offer condolences.

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