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OBITUARIES

Joan Cross

Joan Cross, 88, of Tuscola, passed away on Friday evening, February 17, 2023, at her residence with family members by her side.

Celebration of Life services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, February 25, at the Tuscola United Methodist Church. Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m., Friday, February 24, at the church.

Joan was born on May 10, 1934, in Colchester, the daughter of Wilbur Gordon Jewsbury and Mary Maurine Hulson Jewsbury. She married Stanley L. Cross on August 27, 1954, in Colchester. He survives.

Also surviving are her children and grandchildren: Lyn Kohlbecker and her husband Tim of Tuscola and their children, Jesse, Rachel, Aja and Samantha; Gordon Cross and wife Sandi of Hanna City, and their children, Ashley, Taylor, Sara, Gabriel and Lucas; Laurie Mooney and husband Tim of Tuscola, and their children, Anthony, Audrey and Jackson; Fritz Cross and wife Dawn of Peoria, and their children, Austin, Allison, Hannah and Madison; 17 great-grandchildren; sister, Janet (David) Stephenson of Ames, Iowa; and brother, George Jewsbury and wife Cheryl of Birmingham, Ala.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Joan worked as a medical lab technician at Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago and Jarman Memorial Hospital in Tuscola for several years. Later in life, she enjoyed working at the Dress Barn at the Tuscola Outlet Mall.

Joan was a member of the Tuscola United Methodist



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Church and was very active in the Methodist Women Group. She was a Sunday School teacher and enjoyed leading a Bible study at the church. Joan enjoyed swimming, playing bridge, tennis and golfing. She was an avid walker. She loved to play the piano for the residents of Jarman Center and was an active member of the Tuscola Women's Club. Joan attended the Parkinson's Support Group of Champaign County and enjoyed attending the Parkinson's Dance at the University of Illinois.

Joan helped with numerous Habitat for Humanity projects. She was blessed with many good friends and had a very loving family.

The family would like to thank her caregiver Judy and Transition's Hospice for their loving care given to Joan.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Habitat for Humanity or to the Parkinson's Support Group of Champaign County.

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

Linda Jayne

Linda Ann Jayne, 66, of Camargo, passed away at 9:51 a.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2023, at her residence.

Visitation was held Sunday, February 19, at the Edwards Funeral Home, Arcola. Funeral services were held Monday, February 20, at the Edwards Funeral Home. The Rev. Randy Shannon officiated. Military Rites conducted by the Arcola VFW and the Arcola American Legion were held following the funeral service at the funeral home. Burial was in the Tate Cemetery in Bogota.

Linda was born on May 6, 1956, in Jacksonville, Fla. She was a daughter of Alfred Waymon and Virginia Marceline (Rentz) Berry. She married Jim Ray Jayne on June 14, 1990, in Oblong.

She is survived by her husband Jim Jayne of Camargo; one son, Waymon Stoltz of Claremont; siblings, Genell Schneider and her husband Jeff of Tallahassee, Fla., Brenda Oldroyd and her husband Tom of Atlanta, Ga., Dan Griffin of Douglas, Ga., Noma Jean Bush and her husband Larry of Cedar Springs, Ga., and Billy Berry and his wife Donna of Crawfordville, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents, Ruby Lee Rentz.

Linda was a veteran of the United States Air Force. She was a member of the Arcola American Legion 639.

Linda held many jobs. She had worked as an airplane mechanic; she worked at Solo Cup in Champaign, Hobby Co. in Champaign, and she ran a



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newspaper route. Linda had been a professional driver. She drove for Schwan's, and held her CDL licenses for several years, winning several big contests. Linda also drove a bus for MTD; she loved her college routes and all the kids.

Linda was a loving person, always telling people she loved them even if they were getting on her nerves. She and Jim shared "a fine art of bickering" and were an amazing example of true partnership. She always reminded people "Life is good... it's just not easy!" and "Staying Fierce!" Linda had a special Southern charm; she was polite with a Southern drawl.

Linda was known as the Scrabble queen. She enjoyed farming, her indoor garden, and pigs; she had a collection of pigs. Linda enjoyed crocheting and she was an avid reader. She had an iguana, named Drake, until they found out it was a female and then named it Draka.

Linda enjoyed vacationing with her husband Jim to General Jackson in Nashville, Tenn.



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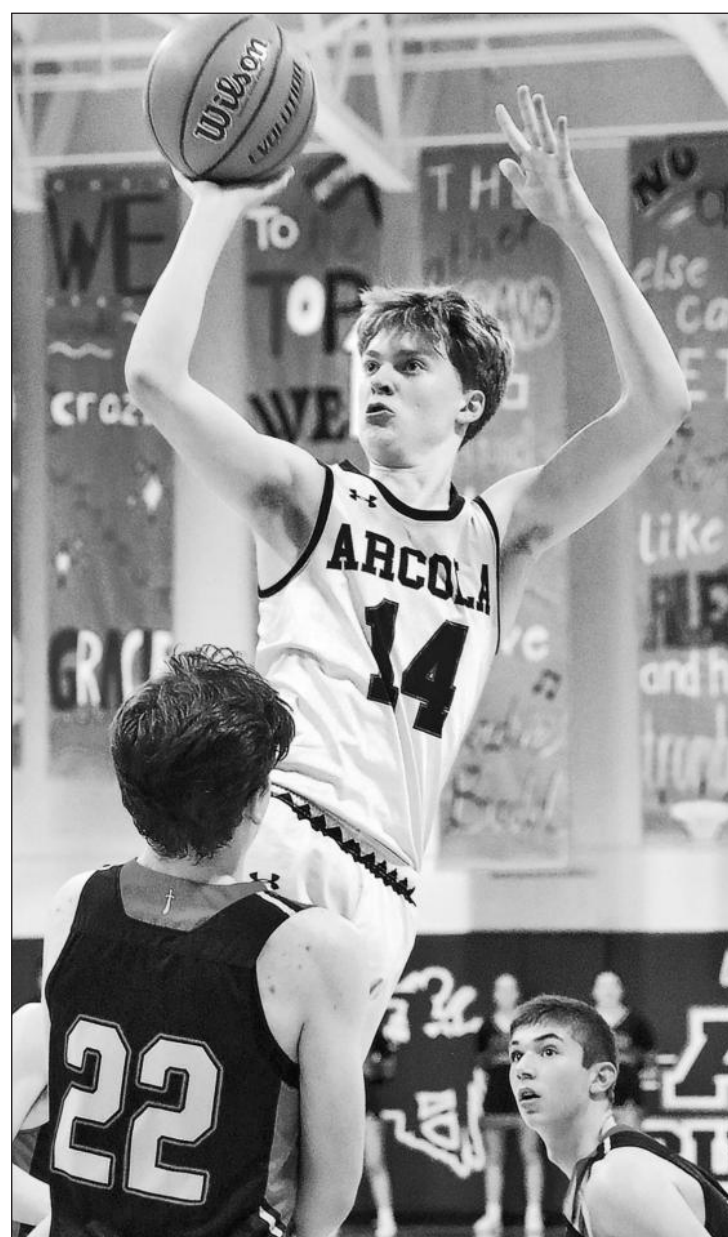
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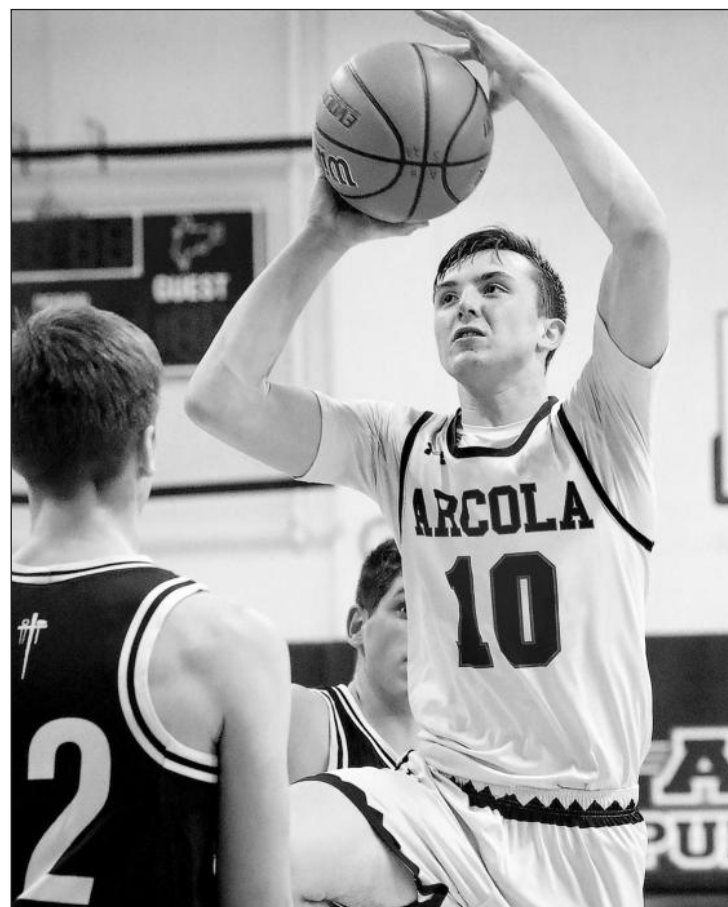
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JUNIOR JACKSON MILLER (14) goes up high over the defender from Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hamond to take a shot in a varsity game played at Arcola on Feb. 14. The Purple Riders defeated the ALAH Knights 66-48 in the final game of the regular season. Photo by Nancy Rairden.



SOPHOMORE BRADEN PHILLIPS (10) drives the lane for a basket in the first round of a Regional Tournament game played at Arcola on Sat., Feb. 18. The varsity defeated La Salette Academy from Georgetown 50-41. The Riders advanced to a second round game to be played at Tuscola on Wed., Feb. 22 where Arcola will take on Okaw Valley. Photo by Nancy Rairden.

Additional obituaries are in the B Section