

Obituaries

Norma H. Dolan

Norma H. Dolan, 96, of Sullivan, passed away at 7:21 a.m. Sunday February 26, 2023 in Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center, Mattoon.

Celebration of Life services will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday March 4, 2023 at the Sullivan First Christian Church, Sullivan, with Pastor Grant Wade officiating. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will be in the Greenhill Cemetery, Sullivan. Memorials are suggested to the Moultrie Sullivan Fair or to the Sullivan First Christian Church. Arrangements by the Reed Funeral Home, Sullivan. Online condolences may be sent to the family at reedfuneralhome.net.

Norma was born September 20, 1926 in Arenzville, Illinois the daughter of Aldo and Helen Rockwood Hierman. Norma received her Bachelors Degree from Western Illinois University and her Masters Degree in Home Economics from the University of Illinois. Norma began her teaching career in a one room schoolhouse in Arenzville. She then taught at Blandinsville, Arthur and Sullivan.



Norma worked as a dietician at the Illinois Masonic Home in Sullivan. She was a member of the Sullivan First Christian Church, Moultrie County Home Extension, Decatur Quilt Guild and had been a long time 4-H leader and Sunday school teacher. Sewing was her gift and her favorite past time. Her fried chicken, cinnamon rolls, and gooseberry pie will be missed. Norma married Gerald D. 'Jerry' Dolan on April 9, 1955 in Jacksonville and he preceded in death on March 30, 2019.

Surviving are her daughters Nancy (Ervin) Kuhns of Sullivan, Eudora (Ken) Drollinger of Windsor, Melissa Dolan of Sullivan, grandchildren Ben (Jessica) Kuhns, Carrie (Nathan) Harshman, Emily (Trey) Jones, Brett (Kristin) Drollinger and great grandchildren Henry, Huck and Teddy Kuhns, Delaney, Noah, Quinn & Chloe Jones, Ames, Easton and Hadley Drollinger and Grace Harshman.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and sister Mildred Deitrick. The family would like to ex-

tend a special thank you to Norma's care givers at Mason Point Shelter Care and those who cared for her when she returned home. Your love, care and kindness was so appreciated!

Gerald Joseph Stanford

Gerald Joseph Stanford, 64, of Mattoon, Illinois entered the Kingdom of Heaven surrounded by his loving family on February 25, 2023. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 AM, Friday, March 3, 2023 at Adams Funeral Chapel in Charleston, Illinois. Visitation will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 PM Thursday evening at the chapel. Burial will be in the Humboldt Cemetery. Memorials in his honor may be made to the Charleston Baptist Church and left at the visitation/service or mailed to Adams Funeral Chapel, 2330 Shawnee Drive, Charleston, IL 61920.

Gerald was born in Normal, Illinois on November 17, 1958 to Elmer Glen Stanford and Lula Belle (Elbin) Stanford. Gerald is survived by his wife Dee Stanford (Mattoon); children, James Stanford (Mattoon), Kim and Elmer Miller (Arthur), and Mark Stanford (South Carolina); grandchildren, Emma and Jase Miller (Arthur); father, Elmer Stanford (Arthur); and siblings Carl and Sherry Stanford (Newman), Charles Stanford (Mattoon), and Candy Stanford (Arthur). Gerald was preceded by his mother Lula Belle Stanford, nephew Jacob Stanford, an infant sister; grandparents Walter and Versie Stanford, Sarah Wisner, and Carl Eblin.



Gerald was a graduate of Arthur High School class of 1976 and a graduate of EIU in 1980. He married Dee Ann (Haney) Stanford on December 5, 1981 in Cooks Mill, Illinois. Gerald was an employee of SBLHC for 32 years and a member of the University Baptist Church (Charleston Baptist Church) for 35 years, where he enjoyed leading worship with his wife Dee. A man of many skills and passions Gerald, an avid outdoorsman and loving father, led his two sons and many others through Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts as Cubmaster of Pack 57 and Scoutmaster Troop 57 (Mattoon). Gerald was a very gifted musician, playing the guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, tin whistle, and bagpipes with his friend Lance Beever in their band the *Over the Hills* and with many other friends in the *Irish Music Circle*. However, Gerald's greatest joy was spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Please visit www.adamsfuneralchapel.com to leave condolences for his family.

Real Faith For Real Life

From Pastors of the Arthur Ministerial Association

A Time To Pray

Last Wednesday was Ash Wednesday which begins a time of special remembrance of Christ's death, burial and resurrection called Lent. The last week of his life on earth begins with his triumphal entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21: 1-11). The plot to kill Jesus revealed (Matthew 26: 1-5). The agreement to betray Jesus established (Matthew 26: 14-16). The last supper of Passover with his disciples (Matthew 26: 17-31). Jesus going to pray in Gethsemane (26: 36-46). Jesus is betrayed and arrested (Matthew 26: 47-56). The Trials and false accusations before the Jewish council (Matthew 26: 57-67). Peter's denial of Jesus (Matthew 26:69-75). The repentance of Judas but it's too late (Matthew 27: 1-10) A trial before Pilate (Matthew 27: 11-26). The Crucifixion of Jesus (Matthew 27: 27-44). The death of Jesus (Matthew 27: 45-54). The Burial of Jesus (Matthew 27:57-61).

What a Fall from a triumphal entry into the city to being Killed in that same city. Yes, he was more than crucified because it was murder. Car-

ried out by jealous and self-centered men. Men who did not want to lose their power. Men who yielded to the greatest sin of all, thinking only of their selves. A sin that is the most infectious of any disease of the soul.

But there is light in the Resurrection (Matthew 28:1-20). What joy we have before us now. The sacrifice of Jesus the Christ has produced a fulfilling and glorious way to cleanse our souls of Sin. Each day we must pray to the Father in heaven to relive us of the burden of our sins.

Now that you have read through get your Bible and read the scripture that is referenced. It is most of Matthew the 26th chapter to the end of the 28th chapter. Read the scripture every week during this lent season, and every time you do you must pray to our Father God thanking for the gift of his Son and the promise to remove our sins when we follow him. Do not delay your end could be tomorrow. It is Time to Pray!

Dennis R. Hanner,
Retired AMA Pastor

Arthur Through My Eyes

Today I had the genuine privilege of talking with Richard Otto - owner/operator of Country Shoe Shop. Once again, I was very impressed by the amount of inventory and all this local store has to offer. Richard's wife Joan worked for the Country Shoe Shop (which at the time was still combined with Yoder's Lamps as I shared in last week's column) for about 5 years for her grandparents, Noah and Clara Yoder and uncle and aunt, Wilmer and Rosemary Yoder before she married Richard and they bought the store back in 1999. Country Shoe Shop has had various owners since it's opening back in 1966. Another long term business in Arthur - going on its 57th year. When you walk in the shop, you see a variety of products. It's not just a Red Wing work shoe store! Although Red Wings is still its best seller, there are many other types of shoes and brands from which to choose.

Richard shared that Merrell hiking shoes are selling very well, as is their orthopedic line of power step insoles. If you bring the shoe in you're needing an insole for, they will even custom cut and put it in place for you. Now that's service! Not only that...but customers who purchase items in the store from out of the area when they are visiting, Country Shoe Shop also offers, at times, to ship future shoes to their home address. Recently, they shipped shoes to customers in New Jersey and Montana. Their general customer base has a range within 60-80 miles, with good support from Champaign, Decatur, Mattoon and Villa Grove. Richard, like Stephanie a few weeks back, also mentioned the importance of those who do the "Arthur Circuit". What he ap-

preciates most about being in Arthur is that the businesses in our community draw people to town, which is so helpful when customers can come to buy products in more than one establishment. In that way, businesses are helping one another thrive. Richard commented that if his store was isolated and not part of a vibrant community, he would struggle to have customers. He's grateful to be in Arthur.

And we're grateful to have them! In fact, it's important for us to realize all Country Shoe Shop has to offer - shoes for the whole family and all types and brands. Here is a partial list of the brands carried: Clarks, Saucony, Thorogood, Twisted X, SAS, Timberland Pro, Skechers, Adidas, New Balance and Under Armour. They also carry LaCrosse boots, Muck Boots, Dry Shod boots and Tote boots. And if you're a farmer... Richard wanted to make sure to mention that he still carries Tingley boots. People will also be surprised to find a range of hats in the back, as well as Froggtoogs rain suits and an assortment of clogs. A new item that is very popular right now are the wool Darn Tough socks.

When I asked Richard what brings him the most joy in his work, he quickly answered, "A satisfied customer. When the shoe fits well, their feet don't hurt and they can work all day." Now that's the response of a caring business owner right there! Again...such a true JOY to meet Richard and hear his heart for his customers, his appreciation for his fellow business owners, knowledge of his products and fondness for his community. I am definitely planning to be a customer! I hope you will too!

Impressed Again in Arthur,
Trudy Feyereisen

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ARCOLA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - USA, 311 E. Jefferson, Arcola. Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m. Phone 268-3212

ARCOLA FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE - Rev. Ivan Jess 268-4769, 276-3020; Sam Miller, SS Supt. 202-6094. Sunday School, 9:30am Morning Worship, 10:30am; (Sign Language Interpreter) Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm; Wednesday evening Bible Study 6:00pm; Missionary Meeting second Wednesday night of each month.

ARTHUR MENNONITE CHURCH - 710 E. Park St., Arthur. Worship begins at 10:30 am each Sunday. Christian Education classes for all ages begin at 9:30 am. All are welcome, come and join us! Call 543-2781 for more information. Ministry Team: Glen Rhodes, Minister of Discipling & Administration; Jeff Marnier, Minister of Worship and Youth; Emily Kauffman, Minister of Outreach; Nancy Kuhns, Minister of Community Life. Website: arthurmennonite.org Email: arthurmennonite@gmail.com

ARTHUR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH - 530 N. Vine St., Arthur. Pastor: Doug Davis, Worship 10:00am; Children's Church every Sunday morning at 9:30am, Nursery provided. Sunday Evening Worship 6:00pm, Wednesday: Service 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited. 543-2672.

ATWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH - 229 S. Main, Atwood. Pastor Don Gerkin. Phone 578-2880. Sunday School 9am; Church, 10am; Bible Study 6:30pm

BOURBON BAPTIST CHURCH - David Babb, Pastor, Sunday Worship, 9:30am; Sunday School 10:45am; bourbon.baptistchurch@yahoo.com

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH - Missouri Synod. 1 mile south of Sullivan on Highway 32. Glenn Strohschein, Pastor. Sunday Morning Service 10:00am; Sunday School 9:00am; Saturday services 5:00pm. Online services: www.worshipnew.com

FIRST APOSTOLIC CHURCH - 320 Surrey Lane, Arthur, Timothy Froese, Pastor. Sunday School 10am; Sunday Worship & The Word 11:15am; Wednesday Night Bible Study 7pm. Website: www.facarthur.org

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (ABCUSA) - 120 E. Park, Arthur. John Stewart Pastor; Sunday School 9am, Worship 10am; American Baptist Women's Ministries meets 2nd Mon. 7pm; Prayer chain, 543-2296. For other activities and information, call church 543-2592 or Internet at www.firstbaptistarthur.com

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 231 N. Illinois, Atwood, 578-2555. Woody White, Pastor. Sunday School 9am; Morning worship 10am; Youth 5:00pm; Discipling Class 6pm; Woman's Bible Study Tues. 9am; IGNITE Children's Ministry Weds. 6:30-8pm. Child care provided at all services. Website www.firstbaptistatwood.org

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH - 300 Northline Rd., Tuscola, 253-2084, Sunday School 9:30am; Morning Worship 10:30am; Evening service 6pm; Wednesday Evening 6:30pm. A Ministry for Everyone: Sunday School for all ages, King's Kids, Teen Dept. Homebuilders & more! www.faithtuscola.org

LOVINGTON FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - Corner of County (Route 32) and Church Streets. Worship 9:30am; Children's Church 4 yrs.-1st grade 10:15am; Sunday School 10:45am for all ages; Wednesday night Bible Study, 6:00pm. Craig Swinford, Pastor.

LOVINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 241 S. Broadway, Lovington Sunday School 9:15am; Worship 10:30am Larry Bricker, Minister.

FAITH FAMILY FELLOWSHIP - 228 N. Broadway St., Lovington. 873-8791. "Real Faith, Real Life". Sunday Service 10am. www.lovingtonfaith.org

EAGLE MOUNTAIN - Assembly of God. Pastor Darin Elder, 253-4444, 401 E. Sale St., Tuscola. Sunday Services, 10am and 6:30pm and Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm Nursery and children's ministries provided during all services.

SUNNYSIDE MENNONITE CHURCH - Larry Rocke, Senior Pastor, Luke Goss, Assistant Pastor. Sunday School 9:30am; Services 10:30am

COWBOY CHURCH - Penn Station, 122 E. Progress, Arthur. 217-273-4202. Services 10:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. Darrell Helmuth, Minister. Everyone welcome.

JONATHAN CREEK CHRISTIAN CHURCH - "Forward in Christ, United in Love, Come as You Are". 1425 Jonathan Creek Rd, Sullivan, 728-4369.

Website: jrcreek.org. Email: jonathancreekchurch@yahoo.com. Pastor Tim Henderson. **Sunday Worship:** 8:00am Traditional Service, 10:00am Contemporary Service; 10:00am FROG (Fully Rely on God) Super Kids Church (for children 4-12); 6:00pm Believers Meeting (Contemporary Service.) **Corporate Prayer:** Tuesdays at 6:30pm. **Family Night:** Wednesday Evenings @ 6:30-8 pm Summer Schedule: 5/15, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 7/3, 8/7. Will start back weekly in September. Lite meal at 6:30-7pm then break up into classes til 8pm. **Bus Service Available** Call 521-9576 for bus info. Jonathan Creek Christian Church a Regional Life Transformation Center, LovingPeople to Life; **Everyone Welcome.**

NORTH VINE MENNONITE CHURCH - 312 N. Vine, Arthur, Brian Petersheim, Sr. Pastor; Mike Helmuth, Asst. Pastor. Sunday School for all ages 9:30am; Message 10:30am; Sunday evening services 6pm. No services on last Sunday night of every month. All are welcome.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH - Washington & Pine Streets, Arcola, 268-3766. Rev. Angel Sierra, Pastor. Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.; Weekday Mass Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Confessions Wednesday 6:15 p.m. or by appointment. Affirmations Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Email: johnbaptist@consolidated.net

LIFEPOINTE CHURCH - 700 E. Main, Arcola. Nondenomination/Spirit-Filled Church. Ph. 217-268-4586. Rev. Gephard and Judy Warman. Sunday Worship Service: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Pastor Rogelio Gutierrez - Spanish Church. Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m. Friday Service: 7:00 p.m.

ARTHUR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - 128 E. Illinois, Arthur. Pastor Jill Bunker. Worship 8am & 10am; Sunday School 9am Nursery for Sunday School and 10am Service. www.arthurunitedmethodist.org

VINE STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH - 249 S. Vine, Arthur. Pastor Bob Silvanik. Sunday School 9am; Worship 10am. Christian Women's Fellowship meets first Wednesday each month 1:30pm, September-June. Nursery and air conditioning.

ZION UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST - P.O. Box 252, Arthur. 2 1/2 miles south of Garrett. Church Worship 9:00am; Sunday School, 10:15 a.m

LOVINGTON FIRST CHURCH OF GOD (ANDERSON) - 301 W. State St. Lovington, IL 61937. Pastor Rodney Houser. Phone 873-4749 9am Sunday School, 10am Morning Worship, Wednesday 7pm Midweek Services, adult and childrens ministries.

PRAIRIE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH - 2423 CR 500 E, Lake City, IL 61937. Phone 677-2464. Nursery available for all services. Sunday School for K4-Adults 9:30 a.m. Worship and Children's Church 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening services 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night Bible Study 7 p.m. with Flyer's Club (K4-1st Grade), King's Kids (2nd-6th Grade) and Teens (7th-12th Grade) every Wednesday (Sept.-May). Email: info@prairieviewbaptistchurch.com Website: www.prairieviewbaptist.com

LOVINGTON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - 360 W. Springfield Rd. Sunday School 9:30am, Morning Worship 10:30am, Evening Service 6pm, Wednesday Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study, 7:00pm Church phone: 873-5116. www.fbclovington.org

NEW LIFE CHURCH - R.R. 1, Sullivan, IL 61951 (3 1/2 miles east of Sullivan on the Cadwell Rd.) Ph. 728-4200 Dave & Debra Dolan, Pastors; Liz Dolan, Minister of Music; Debra Dolan, Secretary. Sunday Worship 9am. Wednesday Worship Service (for all ages), 7pm. Website www.newlifesullivan.org

CORNERSTONE FELLOWSHIP - 212 E. Third Street, Arthur. Sunday Worship services 10am, Sunday evening worship service 6:30 pm. Everyone warmly invited to join us for worship.

UNITED CHURCH OF ATWOOD - 210 N. Main St., P.O. Box 379 • Atwood, IL 61913 • 578-2832. Mike Drake, Pastor. Non-Denominational Christian Church. Service: 10:00am. Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-Noon

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