

Obituaries

Dr. Robert Smith

Dr. Robert R. Smith, 99, of Tuscola, passed away at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, March 11, 2023, at the Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Care Center, Mattoon.

Celebration of Life services were held Saturday, March 18, at the Tuscola United Methodist Church, Tuscola. Visitation was held Friday, March 17, at the church.

Bob was born on June 9, 1923, in Washington, Ind., the son of Carlton A. and Susan Axtell Smith. He married Mary Alice Cederquist on August 18, 1946, in St. John's, Michigan. She survives.

Also surviving are his daughters, Paula (Grover) Thomas of Jackson, Mich., Holly Smith of Columbus, Ohio, and Laurie (Steve) Laley of Spring, Texas; grandchildren, Craig Wiman, Kerri Wiman, John (Kate) Thomas, Heidi



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Thomas, Katie (Austin) Beemer, Michael (Sarah) Laley, Ashley Thomas and fiancée Ethan, Andrew (Erin) Laley and Patrick (Alyssa) Laley; 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Di-

ane Wiman; and son-in-law, James Wiman.

Bob graduated with his doctorate from Michigan State University and worked as a veterinarian in Tuscola from 1949 until his retirement in 1988. He was a member of the Tuscola United Methodist Church and proudly served his country as a member of the U.S. Army, U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps during World War II.

Bob served as a Tuscola City Alderman for Ward 3 from 1975 until 1999. He was very active in various civic organizations. Bob was an avid golfer, having recorded three hole-in-ones, an enthusiastic Michigan State Spartan fan and had perfect attendance at TCHS football games.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Tuscola United Methodist Church or Douglas County Animal Con-

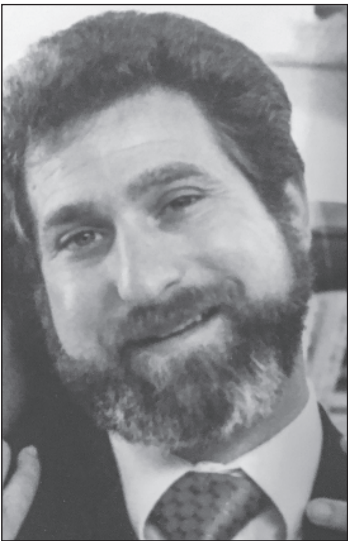
Jerry Cohen

Jerome "Jerry" Cohen, 74, of Savoy, left this earth for his heavenly home shortly before sunrise, Thursday, February 16, 2023. He was at home with his wife and daughters.

The visitation will be held on Saturday, March 25, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Meadowbrook Community Church, 1902 S. Duncan Road, Champaign. A service to celebrate Jerry's life will be held directly following the visitation.

Jerry was born on January 9, 1949, in Chicago, the second son of Mitchell and Adeline Cohen. A year later, the family moved from Chicago and opened Mitchell's Department Store on Sale Street in downtown Tuscola. The family business was a success for over 30 years.

After graduating from the University of Illinois in the early 70s with degrees in business and accounting, Jerry traveled extensively as a rep for a high fashion women's clothing line. After his father's passing, he returned to Tuscola to manage Mitchell's, where he later met his wife, Carol Leon from Villa Grove, in May 1987. Later that same year, they moved to the Southwest and were married a few months later on March 20, 1988. They would have celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary this year.



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While in New Mexico, Jerry owned and operated an extremely successful mattress and bedroom furniture store in Las Cruces, called Sleep Gallery, the first of its kind in the city. He was highly respected for his business savvy and keen service to his many customers for over 13 years. In the early 2000s, he and his family moved back to Illinois permanently and he continued his career in sales in multiple industries; his customer service skills never waning.

He was deeply loved and will be missed by his wife Carol and their daughters, Ariella, Arianne, and Abigail; and his brother, Alvin and wife Missy Cohen. He is also survived by many beloved



nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Mitchell and Adeline; and great-great nephew Trenton Rowan.

Special thank you to the Carle Hospice team for their kind and loving service.

Memorial contributions may be given in Jerry's honor for his family to P.O. Box 205, Savoy IL 61874. Condolences may be left online through Evergreen Cremation Services at www.evergreencremationservices.net.

Jerry fought a most courageous and long battle with cancer. Because he embraced Yeshua as the promised Messiah, he now sees Him who he has believed, face to face!"

Judy Bolduc

Judith Rosalie "Judy" Bolduc, 84, of Longwood, Fla., passed away at 5:34 a.m. Saturday, March 11, 2023, at Adventhealth Hospice Care Center in Altamonte Springs, Fla. Sabbath was always a special day in her life, and she was at peace the morning she passed away.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 19, at McMullin-Young Funeral Home, Lovington. Visitation was held prior to the service at the funeral home in Lovington. Burial was in Ritchie Cemetery, Oakley Township. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations be made to Strong Tower Radio: P.O. Box 567 Cadillac, MI 49601. Memorials or cards may be sent to her son, Mark Bolduc, 206 Atherstone Court, Longwood, FL 32779.

Judy was born on January 25, 1939, in Neoga, the daughter of Clarence H. and Minnie Mae (Newlan) Ferguson. She married Rolland "Ron" Omer Bolduc on January 22, 1961; he preceded her in death on January 19, 1996. Judy spent the last two years in sunny Florida, where she enjoyed the warm weather and beautiful flowers.

She was a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Judy loved serving the Lord and enjoyed volunteering at her local church in various

ministries including church treasurer; children ministries, fellowship meals and mailing cards and information to church members. She always enjoyed reading her Bible each morning. She also liked reading the local newspapers of central Illinois. In her spare time, Judy enjoyed doing word search puzzles and caring for her plants and flowers. She enjoyed music and she played the piano and accordion. She enjoyed researching the genealogy of her family and friends and also was a member of the Moultrie County Historical Society.

She always maintained an accurate calendar of family and friends' birthdays and special occasions and faithfully sent a card with a note of encouragement. Often, she sent care packages to her children and grandchildren when they were away at academy or college. Judy enjoyed riding her bike in the evenings and loved taking drives in her car to visit familiar places throughout central Illinois. She also loved talking about and looking at pictures of classic cars and trucks, especially those her family owned when she was young.

Judy cherished her family, loved Jesus with all her heart and lived a life of kindness and compassion.

Judy is survived by her



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daughter, Jackie Monteith of Indiana; sons, David and Bethany Bolduc of Michigan and Mark and Fran Bolduc of Florida; grandchildren, Jonathan, Seth, Daniel, Kaley and Ryan; siblings, Keith Ferguson of Tennessee, Sharon Lucas of Tennessee, Harold (Dean) Ferguson of Alabama, Daniel Ferguson of Tennessee, Stanley Ferguson of Illinois, Betty Franke of Ohio, James (Sidney) Ferguson of Illinois and Beverly (Diane) Williams of Illinois.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents; husband; siblings, Marvin Ferguson, Joyce Chapman, Robert Ferguson and Frances Hoffman; son-in-law, John Monteith.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.

Steven Bowrey

Steven Allen Bowrey, 74, of Cerro Gordo, passed away Sunday, March 12, 2023, at Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Private family services will be held. Brintlinger and Earl Funeral Home, Cerro Gordo, is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorials may be made in Steven's honor to the American Cancer Society.

Steven was born December 21, 1948, in Monticello, the son of Lloyd and Goldie (Sites) Bowrey. He married Leanne Leslie in 1967 in Decatur.

Steven worked for PPG for 44 years until his retirement. He loved spending time with his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Steven

enjoyed working outside and took great pride in his yard.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Leanne; children, Gail Bowrey of Cerro Gordo, Gary (Tonya) Bowrey of Long Creek; grandchildren, Brittany (Andrew) Patterson, Bryce Alkire, Theodore (fiancée Alexandria) Bowrey, Abigail Bowrey, and Nathaniel Bowrey; great grandchildren, Jayden and Kaiden Patterson; sister, Betty (Larry) Bailey; brother, Terry Bowrey.

Steven was preceded in death by his parents; brother, John Bowrey and wife Mary; and sister-in-law, Donna Bowrey.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family in care of Brintlinger and Earl



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Funeral Homes at www.brintlingerandearl.com.

Forrest Crutchley

Forrest David Crutchley, infant son of Adam M. Crutchley and Maria R. Meyer Crutchley, passed away on Monday, March 13, 2023, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.

Graveside services are open to the public and will be held on Wednesday, March 22, at 10 a.m. at Tuscola Township Cemetery.

Survivors include his par-

ents of Tuscola; twin sister, Mina Rose Crutchley; older brother, Grayson Philip Crutchley; maternal grandparents, Dan and Dena Meyer of Tuscola; paternal grandmother, Melissa Crutchley of Danville; paternal grandfather, Kevin (Lori) Crutchley of Mattoon; maternal great-grandmother, Doris Pickett of Tuscola; paternal great-grandparents, Larry and Judy VanDeVeer of Villa Grove; maternal uncles, David

(Kennedy and son, Elias) Meyer of Atwood and Philip Meyer of Tuscola; and paternal aunt, Paige (Matthew and daughter, Sage) Clayton of Noble. He was preceded in death and will be buried with his maternal great-grandfather, Dennis Pickett.

Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com.

Quilt show

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show and open to all quilters. There is a special category just for kids quilts as well with prizes awarded for best quilt. To submit a quilt for the judged show, find the registration forms on the webpage, www.decaturquiltersguild.com.

The Quilt Auction will be on Saturday afternoon conducted by auctioneer Andy Black. This event will be held in the arena during the Quilt Fest so all may attend with admission to the Quilt Fest. The quilts and items will be available for review and inspection both Friday and Saturday up until the auction. Anyone is welcome to submit a quilt for the auction and a reserve purchase price may be set. Items may be finished quilts, unfinished quilt tops, quilted or embroidered projects. Quilters will receive 70% of the proceeds. Registration forms can be found at



the Guild's website: www.decaturquiltersguild.com

The Raffle Quilt for 2023 is called "Our Town." Tickets are available from any member and will be available at the event.

The Quilt Fest will be open Friday, April 14 from 9 a.m. to

5 p.m. and Saturday, April 15 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is an admission charge. Jennifer Chiaverini's presentation will be at 10 a.m. Saturday morning followed by a book signing. The Quilt Auction will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.