

# Obituaries

## Dennis R. Hanner

Dennis R. Hanner, 79, of Tuscola, passed away suddenly on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at the Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.



Funeral Services will be held at 12:00 p.m., Friday, March 24, 2023 at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 705 South Main Street, Tuscola, IL with Pastor Glen Rhodes officiating. Burial will be in the Cartwright Cemetery, rural Tuscola, IL. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home on Friday.

Dennis was born on August 19, 1943 in Charleston, IL, the son of Ralph Irwin and Kathryn Cochran Hanner. He married Marianne Romine on March 3, 1984 at the Lake Fork Church, rural Atwood. They recently celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary. She survives.

Also surviving are his children: April Vernetta Pal and husband: Robert of Chestnut, Spike (Shannon) Hanner of Atwood and Kathryn Joel Dorothea Hunney of Sugar Grove, grandchildren: Shepherd, Jonah, Dustin, Oliver, Selah, Stormy and Tobiah, siblings: Joy (Robert) Fay of Atwood, Sandra (Mark) Whitley of Chatham, Thomas (Staci) Hanner of Channahon, several nieces & nephews, brothers-in-law: Bruce (Janie Trammel) Romine of Tuscola, Jeff (De) Romine and David (DeDe) Romine both of Albuquerque, NM and sister-in-law: Cheryl (Bill) Siems of Urbana.

He was preceded in death

by his parents and brother: Charles Richard Hanner.

Dennis was a graduate of Lincoln Christian College and was an ordained minister. He was the full-time minister at the Zion United Church of Christ, rural Arthur for 7 years and continued to minister once a month there. He would also minister at the Tuscola First Christian Church.

Dennis worked many jobs over the years. He was a truck driver for R & K Sales, forklift operator at Associated Transfer and Storage, Douglas County Hearing Aids, real estate agent for the Hillard Agency and sales clerk for Dick's Sporting Goods.

He was a member of the Arthur Ministerial Alliance and Lake Fork Sportsman Club. He enjoyed spending time with his wife and family members, golfing, hunting, fishing, playing games and eating ice cream.

Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association.

Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com

## Glen E. Gingerich

Glen E. Gingerich, 66, of Arthur, IL, passed away at 5:55 P.M. on Friday, March 17, 2023 at his residence, surrounded by family.



Visitation was held from 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Sunday, March 19, 2023 at Sunnyside Mennonite Church in rural Arcola, IL. Visitation was also held from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

and from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Monday, March 20, 2023 at Sunnyside. Funeral services were held at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at Sunnyside Mennonite Church. Pastor Brian Petersheim officiated. Burial was in the Sunnyside Mennonite Church Cemetery.

Glen was born on February 24, 1957 in Tuscola, IL, a son of Elva W. and Sovilla A. (Mast) Gingerich. He married Eloise (Diener) on June 18, 1977 at Pleasant View Church in Arcola, IL.

Glen is survived by his wife, Eloise; four children, Anita Esleman and her husband Brian of Kinzers, PA, Galen Gingerich and his wife Lisa of Richland, PA, Rachel Hershey and her husband Milton of Elora, IN, and Amanda Wenger and her husband Bryce of Orrville, OH; eight grandchildren, Caden, Derek and Faith Esleman, Charlotte and Sofia Gingerich, Philip and Peter Hershey, Eleanor Wenger, and also a grandson due to be born into the Wenger family next month; his father, Elva W. Gingerich of Arthur, IL; four siblings, Dannie Gingerich and his wife Laura of Arthur, IL, Mary Gingerich of Sullivan, IL, Steve Gingerich and his wife Karen of Sullivan, IL, and Duane Gingerich and his wife Tammi of Sullivan, IL; nieces and nephews; his father-in-law Dannie Diener of Lovington, IL, and brothers and sisters-in-law, as well as nieces and nephews from the Diener family.

Glen was preceded in death by his mother, Sovilla Gingerich, and his mother-in-law, Irma Diener.

Glen was a member of the North Vine Mennonite Church.

Glen taught at Arthur Mennonite School in the late 1970's and early 1980's. He farmed with Gingerich Farms from 1985 to 1995. In 1995, he and his wife started their own trucking company, G & E Transport. Glen semi-retired in 2022.

Glen genuinely loved people and had a fun sense of humor. He was always willing to help anyone in need, and was very generous with his time, talents and resources. He enjoyed woodworking, auctioneering and reading.

Glen loved the Lord and made serving the Lord and sharing the gospel a priority. He also loved and cherished his wife, children, and grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.

## Edward C. Schrock

Edward C. Schrock, 91 of Arthur, IL passed away at 1:05 P.M. on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at his residence.

Funeral services will be held at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at the HCK West Building, Arthur, IL. Bishop Ervin E. Plank will officiate. Burial will be in the Yoder Cemetery in rural Arthur, IL. Visitation will be any time after 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, March 19, 2023 and any time after 10:00 A.M. on Monday, March 20, 2023 all at the HCK West Building. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Edward was born on October 30, 1931 in Arthur, IL, a son of Christian A. and Annie D. (Yoder) Schrock. He married Clara J. Chupp on October 3, 1957 in Arthur, IL.

Survivors include his wife, Clara; four sons, Ezra Schrock and his wife Linda of Arthur, IL, Lewis Schrock and his wife

Stephanie of Lerna, IL. Levi Schrock and his wife LeAnna of Arthur, IL, Eli Schrock and his wife Arlene of Arthur, IL and two daughters, Arlene Stutzman and her husband Nathanael of Worthington, IN, and Ruthann Herschberger and her husband Mervin of Arcola, IL; 38 grandchildren; 69 great-grandchildren; one sister, Alta C. Schrock of Arthur, IL; two step-sisters-in-law, Marie Schrock of Ohio and Frances Schrock of Arthur, IL, and one

step-brother, Andy Schrock of Florida.

Edward was preceded in death by his parents, Christian and Annie Schrock, stepmother, Sovilla two sisters, Lydia Miller and Elizabeth Schrock, one grandchild LeAnna Stutzman, and 3 great grandchildren, four stepbrothers, John, Dan, Levi and Abe Schrock and one step-sister, Anna Helmuth.

Edward was a member of the Old Order Amish Faith. And he was a retired carpenter.

# Arthur Through My Eyes

March has always been a very special month for me as both my late husband John and my birthday is in March as well as our anniversary. He would have been 59 years this month and we would have been married 24 years. I used to tell my Johnnie that my absolute favorite day of the year was his birthday and that the greatest gift I was ever given was becoming his wife. It was fun to surprise him every year with an unexpected gift or outing. I found such genuine joy in making him feel special and loved. This year, as I contemplated all the LORD has done for me since moving me to Arthur, I hosted a party in my home to celebrate LIFE! I was healing to still decorate like I always used to and to share with others the gratitude that I have for all the new friends I have met and the opportunities to work and serve I've been afforded.

Also was grateful to Beth Wehrle of "Kirby Foods" for making a meat and cheese tray for my party (especially since I'm not that good in the kitchen; in fact, I have a fun sign up on the wall that says, "I Kiss Better Than I Cook.") John and I got such a kick out of that when we found it in a thrift store in Holland, MI when we first moved there. Anyways ... Beth made me such a good variety and I so appreciated being able to just run in the store downtown to order it. They also make fruit trays. I thought it would be a good idea to highlight Kirby Foods this week.

I sat down with Beth (who has worked there 26 years) and Brenda Rambo, who just became the store manager in April after previously being the office manager. They both emphasized how grateful they are to have a grocery store in Arthur. Brenda mentioned how rare it is nowadays for a small town to

have one. Both the Amish and English community frequent the store, yet 75% of customers come from the Amish community. It's such a nice perk for residents to be able to quickly run into the store for needed items as they try to be a "one stop shop" as much as they are able. They carry stamps, gift cards, greeting cards, newspapers, ice, water. They also provide propane exchange. Brenda was excited to show me the flyers of the "meat bundles" they offer like 25 lb. all beef (with different cuts) for \$149.99, a 35 lb. bundle for \$199.99, great for grilling, that includes bacon wrapped pork chops, boneless rib eye steaks, boneless chicken breast, chicken leg quarters and store-made bratwurst and a 25 lb. all pork bundle for \$99.99. Some great deals! And I didn't mention them all.

When I asked them what they appreciate most about being in Arthur, Beth talked about how nice it is to see the same people and being able to help them or order something special for them. And Brenda mentioned how special it is to have Julie Michl as a cashier since everybody knows her as she used to be a mail carrier in town and they enjoy conversing with her. Makes it feel like home. They also have longevity in their workforce with grocery manager Chris Warf having worked at Kirby Foods for 17 years. They have 21 "good employees who have become like family and really care about each other" and also benefit from the work program at the High School which has provided an opportunity to invest in young people as they learn good work ethics while being employed at the store. Such an important and valuable exchange.

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# Real Faith For Real Life

From Pastors of the Arthur Ministerial Association

# Day and Night

How good are you at remembering things? As we get older this seems to become more difficult, but not impossible. I recently read in the news about Bible Memory Man Tom Meyer. Tom has spent 20 years memorizing 20 entire books of the Bible. He recently teamed up with six other people to recite all 27 books of the New Testament from memory, Wow! This reminded me of my younger days when people in my church would gather together to work on Bible memorization. If we memorized enough verses each year, we would get to attend Bible Memory Church camp in Oklahoma for free. Even today, when my memory is not quite what it used to be, I can pick up many of those verses I learned some 40 years ago.

All of this reminds me of the encouragement of Psalm 1 that says, "Blessed is the one... whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night." We don't have to memorize the Bible in order to meditate on it or think about it, but it sure can help us be able to carry it with us day and night. These days we usually have access to God's Word on our smartphones at any time of the day, but when we memorize verses they sink into our

minds deeper than when we just read them. When they are tucked away in our hearts it is easy for us to reference them when working during the day or lying awake in the middle of the night.

The Psalmist follows verse 2 in Psalm 1 with verse 3 by saying, "That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yield its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither, whatever they do prospers." To start memorizing verses of the Bible you may need to start out with just one or two verses. I'm pretty sure Bible Memory Man Tom did not start with a whole book of the Bible. Choose your favorite verses in scripture and commit to memorizing them. Once you get started you never know where the Lord might lead you. Perhaps you will be able to join Tom's group the next time they recite the entire New Testament by memory. Or, most likely it will be a wonderful blessing in your life to have those verses of truth, promise, and salvation committed to memory. Let's join together as trees planted by streams of water and yield fruit for Jesus.

Glen Rhodes  
Minister of Discipling & Administration  
Arthur Mennonite Church

# Church Directory

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE

- 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; Discipleship 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 6:00 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.fblovington.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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