Obituaries

Willis Kauffman

Willis F. Kauffman, 75, of Arthur, passed away at 9:50 a.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at Carle Hospital in Urbana, with his two children by his side.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 29, at the Arthur Mennonite Church, Arthur. Pastor Glen Rhodes officiated. Burial was in the Arthur Cemetery. Visitation was held Tuesday, March 28, at the church. The Edwards Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Willis was born on March 25, 1947, in Arthur, a son of Fred and Clara (Herschberger) Kauffman. He married Mary Garber on March 16, 1970, in Asheville, N.C. Mary passed away on December 2, 2020.

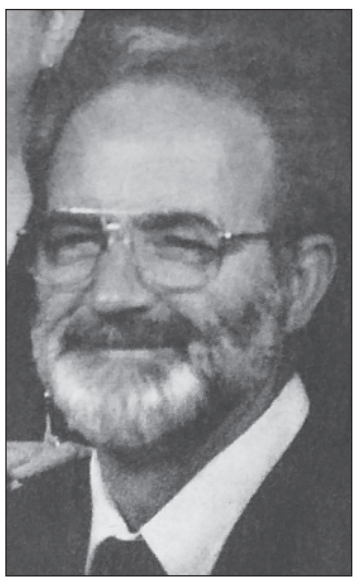
Willis is survived by his two children, Kathy Kearns and her husband David, and Kevin Kauffman and wife Pege, all of Arthur; two grandsons, Tyler Kearns and his wife Sarah of Arthur, and Scott Kauffman of Effingham; two step grandsons, Kolby and Nick Hubster, both of Arthur; one great grandson, River Kearns; five siblings, Katie Ann Hostetler and husband Albert of Arthur, Ervin Kauffman of Arthur, Al Kauffman and wife Pat front Leesburg Fla., Bessie Hostetler and husband Robert of Middlefield, Ohio, Sarah Otto of Kokomo, Ind.; a brother-in- law, Joe Hostetler of Middlefield, Ohio; and sister-in-law, Martha Mullet and husband Johnny from Sugarcreek, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Clara Kauffman; his wife Mary Kauffman; and one sister, Dora Hostetler.

Willis was a member of the Arthur Mennonite church.

Willis grew up and went to school in Arthur. He moved to Ohio and worked as an orderly in a hospital. He later worked for Foremost Trucking in Sugarcreek, Ohio; Willis hauled whey, a byproduct of the manufacturing of cheese. After moving back to Arthur, Willis worked for Bursa Trenching; he later drove a truck for Mike Green and then finally drove a milk truck for Larry Kauffman and Prairie Farms.

Willis enjoyed garden tractor pulling; he had a garden



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tractor that he used to pull for over 10 years. He also enjoyed going to Rice Lake in Canada to fish.

His favorite thing to do was spend time with his family. The holidays especially, Mary and Willis always made Christmas candy: peanut butter cups, dipped pretzels, caramels, and Mary's famous turtles, just to name a few. Their holiday confections were with love and affection making the holidays sweeter for many.

Marta Slaughter

Marta Ann Slaughter, 71, of Tuscola, passed away suddenly on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 6, at the Forty Martyrs Catholic Church, 201 E. Van Allen St., Tuscola, with Father Angel Sierra as celebrant. A private family burial will follow in the Tuscola Township Cemetery.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 705 South Main Street, Tuscola.

Marta was born on November 18, 1951, in Taylorville, the eldest daughter of Waldo and Catherine Sullivan Grigoroff. She married David Allen Slaughter on June 5, 2004, in Tuscola. He survives.

Also surviving are her children, Kelly (Daniel Beckhoff) Lamkin of Champaign, Kim (Jack Crouch) Lamkin of Lawton, Okla., Sean Lamkin of Champaign, Casey (John) Anderson of Champaign, and Rory

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Lamkin of Excelsior, Minn.; stepson, Colin Slaughter of Austin, Texas; grandchildren, Dalton, Holden, Fiona, Theresa, Jasper, Archie and Levon; siblings, Karen (Bob) Murphy of Charleston, Mark Grigoroff of Singapore, Chris Grigoroff of Chicago, Jana (Bill) Schulenburg of Springfield, Dana (Brian) Christianson of Edgerton, Wis., and Scott Grigoroff of Arcola.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and beloved sister, Kerry Ann Grigoroff.

Marta graduated from Charleston High School in 1969. She graduated from Eastern Illinois University with her teaching degree and was a proud member of the Delta Zeta Sorority. She was strong in her Catholic faith and a member of the Forty Martyrs Catholic Church. Also known as "Miss Marta" to many, she worked at the Tuscola Public Library where she was a staple of children's programming; she loved her Storytime children. Marta loved music, especially the Beatles. She enjoyed reading (always a fiction and nonfiction simultaneously), working at the library, drinking coffee and spending time with her many friends and family members. Her children, grandchildren and husband were the lights of her life.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to David Slaughter c/o Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home.

Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com.

Yvonne Jackson

Yvonne M. Jackson, age 78, of Breese, passed away Saturday, October 8, 2022, at HSHS St. Elizabeth's Hospital in O'Fallon.

She was born February 15, 1944, in Tuscola, daughter of the late Fred and Golden, née Lockwood, James.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Violet "Tommy" (Bill) Burke, Ruth (Bill) Hunter, and Joe (Pat) James; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Wilfred and Faye, née Askins, Jackson; and brother-in-law, Ken Gerdes.

Yvonne is survived by her husband, Jeff Jackson, of Breese, whom she married February 15, 2003, in Trenton; children, Dawn (Earl) Lewis of Perry Hall, Md., and Nicole Sheehan of Rosedale, Md.; step-sons, Brian (Kelly) Jackson of Tuscola, and Doug Jackson of Camargo; granddaughter, Sydney Jackson of Sidney; nephew, Ken (Linda) Hunter of Danville; great-nieces and great-nephew, Maridith (Chad) Hearnley, Thomas Hunter, and Kendra (Scott) Crawly all of Danville; great-

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great-nieces and great-great-nephews; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, David (Donna) Jackson of Champaign, Brenda (Bill) Wehrheim of Red Bud, and Carol Gerdes of Vienna; and also the Jackson family nieces and nephews.

While in high school, Yvonne was awarded the D.A.R. award and was a member of the National Honor Society. She obtained her associates degree from Dundalk University, Dundalk, Md. Yvonne was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Trenton and Women of Faith. She worked in the healthcare industry for 20-plus years, retiring in 2004 from Highland Healthcare. Yvonne loved to play bingo and enjoyed volunteering at church with the Women of Faith.

Memorial services will be Saturday, April 15, at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Trenton with the Rev. Rena Whitcher officiating. Graveside services will follow at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Camargo, at 2:45 p.m.

Visitation will be Saturday, April 15, from 9–11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Trenton.

In lieu of flowers, plants, and other gifts, memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church Parsonage Debt Reduction, First United Methodist Church Parking Lot Debt Reduction, or Charity of Donor's Choice and will be received by mail, Moss Funeral Home, 105 S. Main St. Trenton, IL 62293, who is serving the family.

Expressions of sympathy can be sent to the family at www.mossfuneralhome.com.

Clinton Smith

Clinton Joe Smith, 37, of Arcola, passed away at 7:36 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at his residence.

A celebration of Clinton's life will be held on Saturday, April 8, at the Edwards Funeral Home. A visitation for family and friends will be held one hour before a memorial service that will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 8.

Clinton was born on February 7, 1986, in Mattoon, a son of Joseph Everett and Deborah (Gleason) Smith.

He is survived by his best friend, Nichelle Romack of Humboldt; two children, Isaac Joe Smith and Savanna Marie Smith, both of Mattoon; his dad, Joe Smith of Beaver Dam, Ky.; one sister, Nicki Henderson and her husband Bill of Arcola; and Timothy Smith of Beaver Dam, Ky.; three nieces, Felicia Brinkley of Arcola, Charlie Hays and her husband Tyson of Hammond, and Stevi Brinkley of Atwood; and one nephew, Demetri Smith of Beaver Dam, Ky.

Clinton was preceded in death by his mother, Debbie Smith; and his grandparents, Robert and Marjorie Gleason and Charles and Mary Lou Smith.

Clinton had worked as a cook at the Hen House in Arcola for many years; he had also worked at Casey's in Arcola. He also worked at Tamarlane Industries in Beaver Dam, Ky.

He liked to fish, ride his Goldwing motorcycle and tinker with just about anything that had a motor.

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Clinton had a great sense of humor; he loved to have fun and spend time with his family.

Ruth Navel

Ruth Ann Navel, 80, of Arcola, passed away at 4:37 p.m. on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at Arcola Health Care Center.

Funeral services were held Saturday April 1, at the Edwards Funeral Home. Visitation was held prior to the funeral. Burial was in the Bourbon Cemetery.

Ruth was born on January 10, 1943, in Tuscola. She was a daughter of Leroy O. and Geneva (Dallas) Navel.

She is survived by one daughter, Marjorie Jarvis and her husband Owen of Arcola; two grandchildren, Christopher Jarvis and his wife Bailey (Westfall) of Georgetown, and Kimberly Jarvis and her fiancé Isaac; two sisters, Kathy Terril and her husband John of

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Atwood, and Judy Upright of Oklahoma City, Okla.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Robert Brant; two brothers, Dale and Allen Navel; and one sister, Joyce Enyart.

Ruth had been a member of the Bourbon Baptist Church.

She had worked at Libman Company in Arcola.

Ruth enjoyed spending time with her family.

In lieu flowers memorials may be made to the funeral home to help with expenses.

Joyce Ellis

Joyce Ann (Hood) Ellis of Tuscola, passed away at Brookstone Estates on Monday, December 12, 2022.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 8, at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 705 South Main Street, Tuscola.

Linda Fritz

Linda L. Fritz, 76, of Bement, passed away on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at 10:45 a.m., at the Kirby Medical Center, Monticello.

Visitation was held Tuesday, April 4, at the Hinds Funeral Home, Bement. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, April 5, at the First Presbyterian Church of Bement. The Rev. Marsha Frederick will officiate. Private burial will be in the Bement Township Cemetery at a later date. Memorial contributions can be made to the Bement E.M.T.'s or the First Presbyterian Church of Bement.

Linda was born on April 13, 1946, in Omer, Mich., a daughter of Clarence and Mildred Schneider Curry. She married James Fritz on October 27, 1967, in Bement, and he passed away on March 20, 2015. Surviving are children, Jimmy (Tricia) Fritz of Bement, and Nancy (Tony) Bales of Cheyenne, Wy. Surviving grandchildren are, Dustin (Libby) Bales, Taryn (Trevor) Montgomery, Kaylyn (Jacob) Perez and Addie Mae Fritz; as well as great-grandchildren, Brentley, Avery Grace, Camden, Collins, Hazel and Nellie. Also surviving is a brother, Gene (Jinny) Curry of Ohio and sister, Jeanette (Les) Warner of Oregon. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and brother, Marvin Curry.

Aaron and Susie Hinds of Hinds Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Bement, have the honor to serve the family of Linda L. Fritz. "Our

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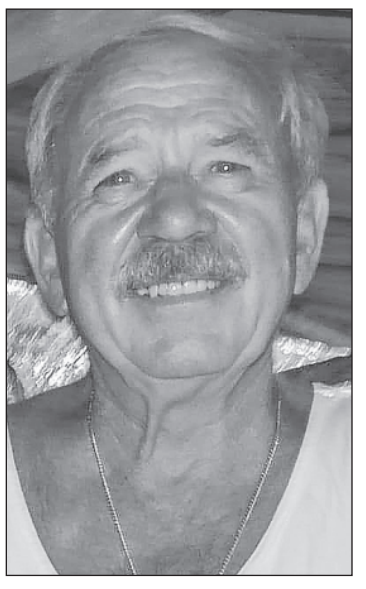
Family is Here to Serve Your Family." Please visit our website at www.hindsfuneralhome.com to offer condolences.

Dan Mohr

Daniel B. Mohr, 74, of Findlay, passed away at 11:35 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2023, at Arcola Health Care Center.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 29, at the Edwards Funeral Home, Arcola. Burial was in the Arcola Cemetery. Visitation was held prior to the funeral at the funeral home.



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Dan was born on August 17, 1948, in Tuscola. He was a son of Merl D. and Dorothy Jean (Coslet) Mohr. He married Elsie Ugalde on March 27, 1987, in Costa Rica.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie Mohr of Findlay; and one brother, Richard Mohr and his wife Rhonda of Arcola.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Janis Mohr.

Dan graduated from Arcola High School in 1966. He attended Southern Illinois University.

He was a member of Sons of American Legion.

Dan had worked in Agriculture in Costa Rica for many years. After his father passed away in 1995, he and Elsie operated the Findlay Marina at Lake Shelbyville.

Dan enjoyed boating, and he always enjoyed spending winters in Costa Rica with Elise.

Memorials were made to Shriners Hospital for Children.

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