

Obituaries

Tracy Boles

Tracy Lynn Boles, 53, of Chenoa, unexpectedly passed away Saturday, April 22, 2023, at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Hillgoss Shrader Funeral Home, 66 East US Highway 36, Atwood.

Tracy was born Nov. 23, 1969, in Tuscola, the daughter of John William and Alice Ann Rawdin (Hamilton). She married John David Boles on October 31, 2018.

Tracy will always be remembered as the most unique person in the room. Someone who despite living life everyday in chronic pain never skipped a beat enjoying herself, treating herself, and simply just being HERSELF!

She is survived by her two children, Briana Cain of At-



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wood, and Bryce (Todd) Kirwan of Wilmington; a half-sister, Heather (Jim) Winkleblack of Mattoon; and a granddog, Gertrude.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Alice A. John-

son (November 16, 1012), and stepfather Richard O. Johnson (January 16, 2022).

Her children would like to give an Extra Hug to Aimee Voss for being our mothers Best Friend, Weirido #2, and Her Ride or Die. She never had someone love "her" like you loved her and for that we appreciate you for giving her the opportunity to have a friendship like that.

"Let someone love you just the way you are — as flawed as you might be, as unattractive as you sometimes feel, and as unaccomplished as you think you are. To believe that you must hide all the parts of you that are broken, out of fear that someone else is incapable of loving what is less than perfect, is to believe that sunlight is incapable of entering a broken window and illuminating a dark room." — Marc Hack

Darlene VanSickle

Darlene S. VanSickle, 89, of Charleston (formerly of Newman) passed away on Sunday, April 16, 2023, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon.

Darlene was born on August 15, 1933, in Longview, to Oscar and Alona (Thomas) Krietemeyer.

She is survived by five children, David (Sue) VanSickle, Karen (Marty) Robinson, Cindy Jones, Trisa (Tony) Martin, and Chuck VanSickle; 10 grandchildren, Barbi, Kim,

Charlie, Scott, Crystal, Kyle, Justin, Shelly, Steven, and Josh; 18 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Richard (Joyce) Krietemeyer; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Earl Kincaid; brothers, Warren, Louis, and Russell; and sisters, Helen and Shirley.

Darlene enjoyed being outside tending to her garden and then canning everything she could. She was known for her delicious homemade noodles

and her love of Elvis Presley music. She also often enjoyed drinking coffee with her good friend Inez. Darlene will be missed by all of her loving family and friends.

A celebration of Darlene's life was held Saturday, April 22, at the Joines Funeral Home in Newman with Pastor Duane Piercy officiating; private burial followed. A visitation was held prior to the service.

Memorial donations may be made to CCAR Industries (1530 Lincoln Ave. Charleston, IL 61920).

Jean Johnston

Jean Johnston, age 99, of Urbana, passed away on April 18, 2023. Schilling Funeral Home, Mattoon is in charge of arrangements.

Julius assistant regional superintendent



Julius

Regional Superintendent Dr. Kyle Thompson announced that Dr. Jon Julius will transition into the role of assistant regional superintendent as current assistant Dr. Zakry Standenfer prepares for retirement next spring. Fortunately, says Thompson, "the two will get to spend time together, making it a smooth transition without any hiccups in operations."

Since 2020, Julius has worked as the superintendent of Casey-Westfield schools. Prior to his time there, he was a superintendent and principal in Fairfield. Thompson noted that Julius' knowledge, integrity, and his ability to navigate challenges are what make him a great fit for the position. "Jon is a well-respected leader who brings a vast array of professional experience to the position." Julius has previously served as a superintendent, principal, assistant principal, athletic director, and teacher at a variety of school districts throughout his career. In addition, he has also served in law enforcement, most recently as the Chief of Police in Neoga from 2013-2014.

Delbert Lingafelter

Delbert D. Lingafelter, 91, of Tuscola, passed away at 1 a.m. on Monday, April 24, 2023, at his residence.

Private services were held at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Sangamon County on Friday, April 28, where he was laid to rest with his wife of 66 years. The Edwards Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Delbert was born on August 16, 1931, in Robinson. He was the son of George W. and Neva (Dawson) Lingafelter. He married Geraldine "Jeri" Estes on November 13, 1956, in Decatur. She passed away on December 4, 2022.

He is survived by one son, Del E. Lingafelter and his wife Leah of Tuscola; five grandchildren, Autumn Taylor and her husband Mark, Alex Lingafelter, Sierra Lingafelter, Sophia Stewart, and Sydney Demetreon all of Tuscola; and five great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death



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by his parents; and his wife, Jeri.

Delbert was a veteran in the United States Air Force.

He retired in 1994 from Quantum Chemical in Tuscola, formerly USI, after nearly 40 years of service.

Delbert enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family.

Jay Schreiber

Jay J. Schreiber, 88, of Villa Grove passed away on Sunday, April 16, 2023, at his home.

Jay was born on March 7, 1935, in Elkhart, Ind., to Alwin and Charlotte (Barnes) Schreiber. He married Ethel M. Maxine on October 29, 1960, in South Bend, Ind.

He is survived by one daughter, Jill Schreiber; one grandson, Steve (Maggie) Bower; three nephews, Earl (Donna) Schreiber, Lon (deceased) (Peggy) Schreiber, and Billy (deceased) (Alida) Plunkett; two nieces, Joanne Coble and Gay Plunkett; and a significant other, Martha Hertendy.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; brother, Alan (Eilene) Schreiber; and sister, June (Bill) Plunkett.

Jay was a veteran of the U.S. Army and was a long-time employee of Bendix, Magnavox, and Central Data. He was an engineer all his life and worked on a team of engineers that invented the radar.



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He loved to be outside fishing or going to IndyCar races with family and friends.

A celebration of Jay's life will be held from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, June 11, at the Tri-City Country Club in Villa Grove.

Memorial donations may be made to the Douglas County Animal Shelter.

Bud Shonkwiler

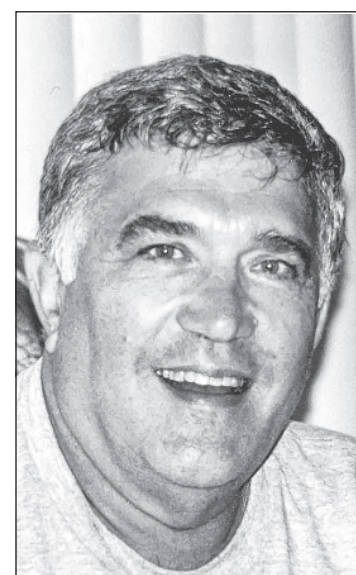
John C. "Bud" Shonkwiler, 82, of Bement, passed away on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 4:59 p.m., at his residence in Bement.

Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Hinds Funeral Home, 348 N. Piatt St., Bement. Memorial services will follow at the Hinds Funeral Home, Bement, at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 6. The Pastor Naomi Roberts will officiate. Burial will be in the St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery, Ivesdale. Memorial contributions can be made to the Animal Hospital of Monticello or the Piatt County Animal Shelter.

Bud was born on January 19, 1941, in White Heath, a son of Elmer and Edna Winters Shonkwiler. He married Therese Ann Mattingly and she survives of Bement. Surviving children are Laura (Mike) Wigness of Tempe, Ariz., Andrea (Richard) Glennon of St. Joseph, Mich., Mindi (Joe) Wittmer of Bement, Eric (Erin) Jarboe of Alpharetta, Ga., and Shannon (Jason) Shumard of Bement. Surviving

are nine grandchildren, Maggie, Paden, Bailey, Caleb, Tori, Sam, Elaina, Will and Gavin, as well as three great-grandchildren, Lexsis, Henley and Ginny. Surviving siblings are Shirley (Dwight) Rosenbery of Decatur, Sandy (Greg Romack) Fritz of Bement, Jeff (Debbie) Shonkwiler of Bement, Steve (Jody) Shonkwiler also of Bement, as well as sister-in-law, Virginia Shonkwiler of Monticello. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Robert Shonkwiler.

John was a lifelong resident of Bement and attended Bement Schools. Shortly after graduation, he began working at General Cable where he retired after 43 years. While at General Cable, he was an active member of the IBEW Local #1993 serving as president for many years. John was active in the Bement Athletic Boosters, Bement Ballpark Association and coached numerous softball teams throughout the years. Besides coaching, he also played softball and was a part of the 1954 State Grade School Softball Championship team. He loved spending time



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with family, taking pictures, and enjoyed being around all animals. He especially took great pride in watching his grandchildren's activities.

Aaron and Susie Hinds of Hinds Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Bement, have the honor to serve the family of John C. "Bud" Shonkwiler, "Our Family is Here to Serve Your Family." Please visit our website at www.hindsfuneralhome.com to offer condolences.

Gene Strole

Bernard "Gene" Eugene Strole, 87, of Tuscola, passed away at 6:14 a.m., Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at his daughter's home. Gene was born on Saturday, November 23, 1935, in Newton, the son of Bernard William and Clara Margaret (Sappenfield) Strole. He married Judith Ann Brinkley on December 3, 1960, in Newton, and she passed away September of 2018.

Gene graduated from Newton Community High School in 1953. He attended Lockyear Business College and served in the United States Army for two years. He was employed and retired from USI/Quantum Chemical Company for 33 years in the maintenance department. Gene also worked for the Tuscola Do-It-Best store and Tuscola National Bank for several years after his original retirement. He was a



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member of the Tuscola United Methodist Church. He also enjoyed reading, sketching, and yard work.

Survivors include his children, Deborah C. Miller of McCordsville, Ind., and Dany E. Strole of Champaign; six

grandchildren, Amy (Miller) Iddins, Lindsay (Miller) Dubbs, Kelsey Miller, Megan Strole, Connor Strole, and Courtney Strole; and three great-grandchildren, Harper and Leo Iddins, and Patton Dubbs.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Judith (Brinkley) Strole; parents, Bernard and Clara Strole; and sister, Alyne Galloway.

Private family services will be held. Neptune Society is in charge of cremation arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Tuscola United Methodist Church, 901 North Prairie Street, Tuscola, Illinois 61953.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared by visiting: <https://obituaries.neptunesociety.com/obituaries/indianapolis-in/bernard-strole-11240756>.

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