

# Obituaries

## Chris Widder

Christopher Tynan Widder, 80, of Las Cruces, N.M., passed away Monday night, April 17, 2023, after a short illness.

Much of his family were fortunate to visit him often over the past several months as his health declined. At the time of his passing, both his sons Craig Widder and Carey Widder were by his side, along with his partner, Bess Hobson.

Chris Widder was a thoughtful and philosophical man with a loving heart. An engineer by trade, he was a specialist in high-alloy exotic steels, pressure vessel design and quality systems. After a difficult childhood himself, and together with his wife Pat Widder of 37 years, he was suc-



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cessful in raising five children that remain close and loving today. His daughters are Paula Widder Janmey, Paige Widder

Force and Pamela (Pam) Widder Husak. He was preceded in death by his two sisters, Faith Smith (May 2016) and Leslie St John Nanny (November 2019). He is further survived by 16 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a nephew; and a favorite niece. His smile, his wisdom and his insights will be missed. Memorial services are being arranged.

Service arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels of Las Cruces and Sunset Crematory, 527-2222. Your exclusive provider for "Veterans and Family Memorial Care." For online condolences logon to www.bacafuneralchapelslascruces.com.

## Jean Johnston

Jean Poorman Johnston, age 99, of Urbana, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at Carle Hospital in Urbana with family at her side.

A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, May 22 at 11 a.m. at Schilling Funeral Home in Mattoon with the Rev. Jessica LeCrone officiating. Burial will follow at Humboldt Cemetery. Visitation for family and friends will be held at 10 a.m. prior to the Memorial Service. A Celebration of Life will be held at ClarkLindsey, 101 W. Windsor Rd., Urbana, and open to all friends on Tuesday, May 23 at 2 p.m.

Jean was born on January 13, 1924, in Humboldt, the third child of Paul Wamsley Poorman and Mary (Danner) Poorman. She was a descendent of John William Poorman, who settled in Humboldt Township in 1836, and of William Wamsley, Josephus Danner, and John McNutt, whose families migrated to West Coles County in the mid 1850s. Jean's family moved to Mattoon in 1927. She married Orwin Proctor "Proc" Johnston, Jr. in 1944. He preceded her in death in 1999.

Survivors include her children, Elizabeth (Libby) P. Johnston of Champaign and Paul H. Johnston (Christy) of Dallas, Texas; and grandsons Conner Drew of San Francisco, Calif., and Trevor Drew of Fort Worth, Texas. Other survivors include nephew, Fred Hirsch (Judy) of Boise, Idaho; niece,

Kitty (Bruce) Bergner of Troy; grandniece Melissa (Matt) Braun of Troy; and several other grandnieces and nephews. Jean was preceded in death by her parents and siblings.

Jean graduated from Mattoon High School in 1942. She attended Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., and received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Illinois in 1947, where she was a member of Chi Omega Fraternity.

Jean, her husband and children, lived on and farmed her family's land west of Humboldt where she enjoyed all the tasks of farm life and homemaking. In 1959, she started substitute teaching for Humboldt School and, after eight years, taught combined grades 4, 5 and 6 of Amish children at Arcola's Bagdad School for nine years. She had a strong connection with the local Amish community traced back through her family in Humboldt.

As a Girl Scout, Jean's enduring love and knowledge of plants, animals and the outdoors began. Her lifelong enjoyment of singing, music and reading also began in childhood.

After farming for 30 years, Jean and Proc retired to Mattoon. They both enjoyed golf and travel to visit their children. After Proc's passing, Jean pursued her Master Gardener certification and remained active in Mattoon.

Jean was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Mattoon, The Literary Club



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of Mattoon and Coles County Historical Society. She was one of four authors of "Mattoon... A Pictorial History" published in 1988.

In 2018, she moved to ClarkLindsey senior community in Urbana to be closer to her daughter and soon had new friends. She enjoyed dinners and the activities there especially playing Quiddler with her friends. She remained a skilled crossword puzzle worker and avid reader. Her sharp mind and quick wit will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved her.

Memorial donations in her honor may be given to the Coles County Animal Shelter or the Champaign County Humane Society. Online condolences may be expressed at www.schillingfuneralhome.net or Schilling Funeral Home's Facebook page.

## Bill Henderson

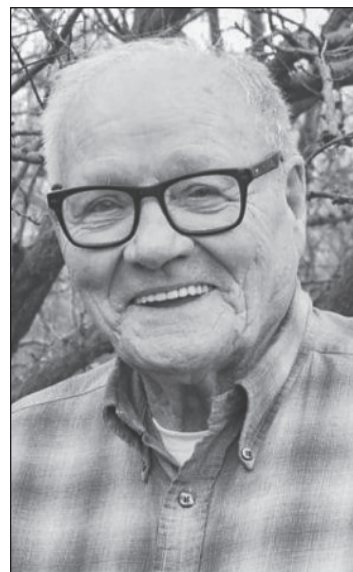
William "Bill" Henderson, of Pierson Station, went home to the Lord at 3:45 a.m. Sunday, May 7, 2023, at Jacksonville Memorial Hospital, Jacksonville.

Celebration of Life services were held Saturday, May 13, at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Atwood. Visitation was Saturday at the funeral home. Burial was in the Hammond Cemetery, Hammond.

Bill was born on July 9, 1929, in Decatur, to Hubert Henderson and LaNeva (Kochendarfer) Henderson. Bill was married to his sweetheart, Lois Henderson, for 68 years. Together they raised eight children of their own and touched the lives of many other children through foster parenting, serving as house parents at Carmi Baptist Children's Home, and as substi-

tute house parents and grandparents at New Mexico Boys Ranch. Together they shared their love of God through pastoring at various churches in Illinois and Alaska and helping those in need by being part of the Illinois Disaster Relief Team. They enjoyed traveling and shared many adventures. Bill retired from Caterpillar in 1986. He enjoyed living and ministering at Friendship Hill Retirement Center in Lovington. Bill loved participating in churches. As a leader or as a visitor, he was always ready to say an amen, speak a few words, or share a song to encourage church members. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather.

He is survived by his children, Danel Buxton, Mt. Zion, Billie (Donald) Hollingsead,



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McKinney, Texas, Stanley (Brenda) Henderson, New London, Mo., LaNeva (Michael) Nugent, Tomball, Texas, Harold Henderson, St. Louis, Mo., Beth (Michael) Ramsey, Wagoner, Okla., Mark (Julie) Henderson, Pittsfield, Philip Henderson, Albuquerque, N.M.; one sister, Norma Jean Rigg, Hammond; 23 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; and 29 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Lois; one son, Albert; one son-in-law, Blaine Buxton; two granddaughters; one great-grandson; four brothers; and one sister.

The family would like to thank Scott County Nursing Home for their kindness and care of Bill.

Memorial donations may be made to: Baptist Children's Home and Family Services, 949 County Rd. 1300 N Carmi, IL 62821. Online condolence may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com.



An Amish woman demonstrates the time-consuming task of hand quilting Saturday at the Illinois Amish Heritage Center. Photo by David Porter.

## Eva M. Harshbarger

Eva M. Harshbarger, 97, of Atwood, passed away at 8:53 p.m., Monday, May 8, 2023, at the Tuscola Health Care Center, Tuscola.

Funeral Services celebrating her life were held Monday, May 15, at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Atwood, with the Rev. Eric Quinney-Burnard officiating. Burial followed in the Lake Fork Cemetery, rural Atwood. Visitation was held prior to the service at the funeral home.

Eva was born on November 12, 1925, in Clinton, the daughter of Albert J. and Zella Ibbotson Knackmuhs. She married Herschel Leon Harshbarger on November 30, 1946, in Decatur. He preceded her in death on April 6, 1989.

Survivors include her daughters, Donna (Claus) Schultz and Jean (Doug) My-



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ers both of Arcola; five grandchildren, Ryan, Cory and Chad Schultz, Nick Poulos and Dana Robeck; and nine great-grandchildren with one on the way.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Roy, Virgil and Clyde Knackmuhs;

and sisters, Bernadine McKinney, Lucille Laughlin and Alberta Knackmuhs.

Eva was a farm wife and also worked at Illinois Foundation Seed in Tolono. She was a member of the Lake Fork Church and the Women's Fellowship. She was a member of the James Reeder American Legion Post #770 Ladies Auxiliary.

Eva was an avid card player and was a member of the Ladies Card Club. She enjoyed bowling, had a flair for baking delicious cookies and was an excellent cook known for her famous ham gravy. Eva also enjoyed playing bingo and Old Maid.

Memorials are suggested to the Tuscola Health Care Activity Fund or to the Lake Fork Church.

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# PUZZLES

### CLUES ACROSS

- Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- Chinese philosophical principle
- Branch
- Jewish spiritual leader
- Slang for requests
- "So Human An

### Animal" author

- Rocker Billy
- British Air Aces
- Type of tree
- "Tough Little Boys" singer Gary
- State attorneys
- Goddess of fertility
- Localities

- Beloved singer Charles
- Clue
- Ridge of jagged rock below sea surface
- Helsinki neighborhood
- Farm resident
- Ocean
- Where ballplayers work
- Unable to hear

- Cool!
- Cape Verde capital
- One point north of due east
- Kilo yard (abbr.)
- Middle Eastern nation
- It yields Manila hemp
- People operate it (abbr.)
- Regenerate

- Not healthy
- Chinese sword
- Mild expression of surprise

### CLUES DOWN

- Unit of angle
- Headgear to control a horse
- Clots
- Follows sigma
- A woman who is the superior of a group of nuns
- Greek units of weight
- Radio direction finder (abbr.)
- Systems, doctrines, theories
- Stony waste matter
- Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
- Hostile to others
- U.S. State
- Not wet
- Something one thinks up
- Where beer is made
- Clumsy person
- Belonging to us
- Canadian flyers
- Greek goddess of the dawn
- Snakelike fish
- Unhappy
- Fruit
- Not good
- Zero degrees Celsius

- Goo Goo Dolls' hit
- Crawls into the head (folklore)
- Legally responsible
- Move in a playful way
- Regarded with deep affection
- Partner to flowed
- Native American tribe
- Head honcho

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