

Obituaries

Iris Ramsey

Iris Elaine Ramsey, age 88, of Arthur died at 12:15 p.m., Sunday, June 25, 2023, at Eberhardt Village in Arthur. Iris was born August 3, 1934, in Casey, the daughter of John C. and Essie Smith Schiver. She was united in marriage to Howard Lewis Ramsey in Casey on May 21, 1954; he preceded her in death on October 21, 2021.

Iris is survived by her son, Michael Ramsey and wife Beth of Wagoner, Okla.; daughter, Diana McIlvane and husband Mark of Plainfield; granddaughter, Breandan Ramsey of Sapulpa, Okla.; grandsons, Steven Ramsey and wife Erin of Mounds, Okla., and Matthew McIlvane and wife Megan of Coal City/San Diego, Calif.; great-grandchildren, Jack, Olive Elaine, and Huck Lewis Ramsey and Mason and



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Mila McIlvane; brother, David Schiver and wife Bernie of Martinsville; and many loved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Iris was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Howard Ramsey; brother, Eugene Schiver; and sister, Francis Dickinson.

Visitation services were

held Thursday, June 29, at the Shrader Funeral Home, Arthur. Funeral services were Friday, June 30, at Arthur United Methodist Church. A luncheon was served following the funeral service. Burial services followed in the Washington Street Cemetery in Casey.

Iris was a dedicated worker to the Arthur Nursing Home for 30-plus years as a nurse's aide and Activity Director. She was a member of the Arthur United Methodist Church where she was a Board Member; helped with Wednesday evening, community meals, God's Closet, Vacation Bible School, and Crafty Crafters. She also helped with the Wednesday After School Youth program.

Memorials are suggested to the Arthur United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be shared at www.hilligossshraderfh.com.

Betty Wiekert

Betty Randell Wiekert, of Tuscola, passed away at the Tuscola Health Care Center, Tuscola, on June 26, 2023.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 1, at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Tuscola, with Pastor Bennett Wood officiating. Burial followed in the Tuscola Township Cemetery, Tuscola. Visitation was held Saturday at the funeral home.

Betty was born on February 21, 1931, in Highland, the only child of Duane and Prantha Pickering Hoffman. She grew up in Greenville, where she worked in a bank until she married Howard Randell on January 17, 1960. She and Howard lived on the Randell family farm until Howard passed away in 1995. She later married John Wiekert in 2000, and they resided in Tuscola until he passed away in 2011.

Survivors include nieces, Jean (Jerry) Leonard, of Tus-



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cola, Lorraine Kordick of Villa Park and Linda (Val) Dean of Franktown, Colo.; nephews, Mark Randell of Tuscola, and Philip (Debby) Randell of Lake-wood, Colo.; as well as several cousins, and great-nieces and nephews.

She is also survived by three step-sons, John (Do-

ris) Wiekert of Tuscola, Willis (Carol) Wiekert of Sullivan, and Ralph Wiekert of Tuscola; as well as several step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands; and nephews, Jim Randell and Steve Randell.

Betty was a member of the Mt. Gilead United Methodist Church until it closed; then she joined the Tuscola United Methodist Church. She was active in United Methodist Women, and she taught Bible School and Sunday School for a number of years.

Betty enjoyed traveling, shopping (especially estate and garage sales!), and dining out with family and friends. She was always very loving, outgoing and generous.

Memorials can be made to the Tuscola United Methodist Church. Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com.

Julie Miller

Julie M. Miller, 65, of Arthur, formerly of Monticello, died June 14, 2023, at Decatur Memorial Hospital in Decatur.

Julie was born Oct. 7, 1957, in Champaign, a daughter of William and Marilyn (Mitchell) Hayes. She married Craig A. Miller in Atwood on Dec. 6, 2003; he survives.

She is also survived by a son, Max Hixson (Olivia Herzog) of Shelbyville; a daughter, Hannah Hixson of Arthur; and two grandchildren.

Julie graduated from Monticello High School and attended the University of Illinois. She had worked at Dunscomb Furniture in Sullivan, Master-Brand Cabinets in Arthur and



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as an Amish taxi driver.

She was a member of the

Atwood Christian Church. She enjoyed vacationing in the Great Smoky Mountains, looking at leaves changing color in the fall, and watching the Bears and Cades Cove in Townsend, Tenn. She also enjoyed drawing portraits and sketching.

A celebration of her life will be held at 11 a.m. July 22 at the Atwood Christian Church in Atwood. A meal will follow.

Memorial donations may be made to the family (Craig Miller) for the care of her grandson and sent to 412 S. Oak St., Arthur, IL 61911. Also, the Atwood Christian Church, 229 S Main St, Atwood, IL 61913.

Dennis Cisna

Dennis E. Cisna, 74, of Villa Grove, passed away at 9:22 a.m. Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.

The family greeted friends Saturday, July 1, at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Tuscola, with a Celebration of Life service in the afternoon.

Dennis was born on August 21, 1948, in Mattoon, the son of Earl D. and Virginia J. Cisna (later Dolce). He married his best friend and love of his life Susan J. Grimes on June 6, 1970, in Mattoon. She survives.

Also surviving are his daughter, Michelle (Chad) Wicklander of Heyworth and their children, Lexie, Bode,

Brady and J.J.; his son, Doug (Audra) Cisna of Camargo and their children, Riayn, Chloe and William; and his sister, Shirley (Jim) Abbott of Mattoon.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and an infant son, Mark Eugene Cisna.

After his retirement from Illinois Bell/AT&T, he worked as a travel agent for CruiseOne where he was able to share his love for traveling. While he enjoyed woodworking, Dennis loved nothing more than spending time with his family and, especially, his grandchildren.

A donation toward youth sports, in lieu of flowers, can be made to the City of Villa Grove, Attn. Community Center.



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Hildreth Barnhart

Hildreth Jean Barnhart, 98, of Arthur, died at 7:45 a.m. Monday, June 26, 2023, at Eberhardt Village, Arthur.

She was born May 11, 1925, in Boone County, Ind., the daughter of Russell and Avis Huffman Powell. She married Billy Jo Barnhart in Greenfield, Ind., on November 16, 1946;

he preceded her in death on October 6, 2019.

Survivors include her daughters, Caron Barnhart of Champaign, Marcia Barham of Sugarland, Texas; son, William Barnhart of Beardstown; grandchildren, Megan Hoops, John Ryan McGrath, Will Barnhart, Beth Ann Barnhart, and Amy Reed.

Hildreth was a nurse for Dr.

Messmore and Dr. Platzbecker for many years. She was a member of the Arthur United Methodist Church.

There will be no services. Shrader Funeral Home, Arthur, is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences to the family may be shared at www.hilligossshraderfh.com.

Janet Allen

Janet L. Allen, 80, of Hammond, passed away on Saturday, June 24, 2023.

Funeral services were held Friday, June 30, at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Atwood. Burial was in the Ham-

mond Cemetery, Hammond. Visitation was held Thursday, June 29, at the funeral home.

Janet was born on October 2, 1942, in Decatur, the daughter of Roy Earl and Anna Mildred Ruddock Arnold. She married Marion Stanley Allen



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on October 23, 1960, in Weldon. He preceded her in death on October 16, 1999.

Survivors include her daughters, Mary Ann Downs of Hammond, Rene Kunich (Jason Koontz) of Rankin; grandchildren, Seth Downs, Eric Downs (Jenna Bales), Brandon Downs (Shania Alexander), Brittany Dial (Ryan Hildreth) and Christina Downs; great-grandchildren, Kaeley Moore, Kaedyn Moore and Leann Downs.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and son-in-law, Rick Downs.

Janet was a homemaker and part owner of JLN Trucking. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

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Susie Cain

Beverly Sue "Susie" Cain, 83, of Arcola, passed away at 9:58 a.m. on Friday, June 30, 2023, at her residence. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at the Edwards Funeral Home.

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