Obituaries

Curt McDaniel

Curtis L. "Curt" McDaniel, 83, of Tuscola, passed away early Thursday morning, July 6, 2023, at his residence with his daughters by his side.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 8, at the Tuscola First Christian Church, Tuscola, with the Rev. Tony Crouch and the Rev. Les Evans officiating. Burial followed at the Tuscola Township Cemetery with military graveside rites accorded. Visitation was held Friday, July 7, at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Tuscola.

Curt was born on April 19, 1940, in Champaign, the son of Lloyd and Opal Glenn McDaniel. He married Orlena May Teeter on November 5, 1965, in Tuscola. She preceded him in death on June 12, 2021.

Survivors include his daughters, Shann Wilks of Tuscola and Alison (Jeremy) Klein of Russellville, Ky.; son, Robert (Lisa) Fowler of Westfield, Ind.; grandchildren, Shelby (Aaron) Kincaid, Taylor Wilks, Colin Gilles, Jason (Erica) Fowler and Chelsey

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Fowler; great-grandchildren, Theodore, Eleanor and Griffin; sister, Doris (Duane) Dunn of Tuscola; sisters-in-law, Amanda Cribbett of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Patricia Voyles of Hesperia, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews.

Curt was preceded in death by his parents; and infant brother, Glen R. McDaniel.

Curt retired from Quantum Chemical Company where he worked as an operator. He owned and operated McDaniel Enterprises for many years selling janitorial supplies. Upon his retirement, he worked for CDC Supply in Champaign delivering supplies to many restaurants in East Central Illinois.

Curt was a 1958 Tuscola Community High School graduate. He served his country in the United States Air Force Reserves from 1962 until 1968. Curt was a member of the Tuscola First Christian Church, American Legion Post #27, Tuscola Moose and the Elks Club. He was an avid Chicago Cubs fan, Fighting Illini and Tuscola Warriors supporter.

He enjoyed bowling, fishing, playing cards, going to coffee with the guys and serving his community in many ways. Curt was seen at the annual Easter Egg Hunt as "The Easter Bunny" for many years.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Tuscola First Christian Church.

Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com.

Mack Wilcoxon

Harold (Mack) McQueen Wilcoxon, of Newman,, went home to be with the Lord on this day at 5 p.m., Monday, July 3, 2023. He was born October 9, 1939, in a house on Gabe Street in Newman to Charles and Opal (McQueen) Wilcoxon of Newman. He married Elaine (Jester) Wilcoxon, December 14, 1963, in Hindsboro (she survives).

Also surviving are three children, Bradley (Marda) Wilcoxon of Newman, Brenda (David) Wilcoxon Atkin of Auburn, Wash., Kyle (Lesa) Wilcoxon of Mahomet; four grandchildren, Emily (David) Atkin Harrison of Dewey, Tabitha (Brian) Atkin DePaulo of Houston, Texas, Noah Atkin of Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, and Sadie Wilcoxon, of Mahomet; three great-grandsons; one sister, Marilyn (Wilcoxon) Mohr, of Savoy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, of Newman; four brothers; and seven sisters that resided around Central Illinois and one in California.

Mack retired as an electrician-mechanic from a coal mine in Coulterville. He previously worked at the No. 5 Coal Mine in Murdock, and for 18 years in high-rise construction as a foreman with Baker

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Forms Construction all over the Midwest.

Mack was a member of the Brocton Christian Church, in Brocton, since 1973 serving as Treasurer from 1974-1990, Deacon and Elder. He was a member of the United Mine Workers Association (UMWA), and the Newman American Legion. His other interests included bowling, golfing, running, fishing, woodworking, volunteering at Pleasant Meadows Christian Village in Chrisman, and having wiener roasts for the church community at his farm outside of Brocton.

He served four years in the United States Army from 1957-1960 as a Heavy Equipment Engineer, performing Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Advanced Instructional Training at Camp Walters, Texas, and permanent party at Guam Territory, and Taiwan.

He was a talented athlete participating in basketball and football during his school years and even excelled at basketball during his Army days, often leading his team in scoring. His favorite sports teams included the Los Angeles Dodgers, Dallas Cowboys, Boston Celtics, and University of Illinois football and basketball teams. He was an avid viewer of all sports on TV and started the family tradition of watching the Indianapolis 500 every year with his sons.

The family is grateful to Lincolnland Hospice Care (Sarah Bush Lincoln) of Mattoon, as well as the exceptional nurse and aides for their caring services.

Memorial Services were held Friday, July 7, with funeral services following at the Brocton Christian Church, Brocton, and officiated by David Atkin. Memorials can be made to the Lincolnland Hospice House, Mattoon, Newman American Legion, and the Brocton Christian Church. Joines Funeral Home of Newman is in charge of arrangements.

Susie Cain

Beverly Sue "Susie" Cain, 83, of Arcola, passed away at 9:58 a.m. on Friday, June 30, 2023, at her residence.

A Celebration of Susie's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 12, at the Brad-O-Clen Cabin, 720 North County Road 125 East, in rural Arthur. A reception for family and friends will be held following the service from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Brad-O-Clen Cabin. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Susie was born on the 4th of July 1939, at home during the Oakland Fireworks. Her dad took her two siblings to the fireworks, and when they returned, they were surprised to find out that she had been born. She was a daughter of Walter and Thelma (Kile) Stewart.

Susie was a 1957 Graduate of Oakland High School.

Susie was supposed to have a date and meet the future love of her life, Cork, but he was a no-show. He had to work over and didn't have any way to let her know. So, being the nice person she was, she decided to give him another chance. But when that night arrived, she had been asked to play Bunco, so she blew him off. The third time was the charm, and they finally went out and it must have gone well because Susie married Collin "Corky" Cain three months later; on August 1, 1964, in Oakland, and they were married for 49 and a half years. He passed away on October 26, 2013. She missed Cork more every day and finally got to join him after nine and a half years apart.

Susie absolutely thought that being a "Gaga" (Grandma) was the best thing ever. Then came the Great Grands and the Grandkids were replaced in the top slot for the best thing ever.

She also was always one to sacrifice herself for her family, which was never more evident than her yearly trips to Louisville, Ky., to be the leader and protector of her nieces as they went through the haunted houses on the Ghost Runs. Her nieces thought of her as a second mother, and Aunt Susie was very special to all of them.

She has had so many friends in her life. Age didn't matter to her. She bowled for years with a group of ladies who were 20 or more years younger than her. When she decided that she was not going to bowl anymore, her bowling team couldn't find anyone "younger" to replace her; the girls wouldn't let her "retire from the team," and they insisted she continue because she was such a fun person.

The first person Cork introduced her to in Arcola was Nonna Lytle. Nonna became and remained her closest best friend until Nonna passed away a few years ago.

Susie is survived by one daughter, Kim Cain of Arcola; three grandchildren, Jordan Beck and his wife Marissa of Paris, Kody Beck and girlfriend Cassidy Dycus of Arthur, and Taylor Rosales and her husband Adam of Malvern, Ark.; three great grandchildren, Sophia and Tinley Beck of Arthur, and Coleman Beck of Paris; her brother, Tom Stewart and his wife Diane of Tuscola; sisters-in-law, Shirley Schweighart Waldrop, Wilma, Carleen and Clara Cain; and some very

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good friends, Peggy Allen, "Dum Dum" Donna Bender and Linda Wickersham.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Cork; three children, Dennis Cain, and Sabrina and Kathy Cain; a sister, Betty Zachary and her husband Bill; a niece, Angela Sulzer; a very good friend, Nonna Lytle; five brothers-in-law, Junior, Don, Ron, Calvin and his wife Virginia, and Clifford Cain; and one sister-in-law, Maxine Cox, and her husband Bill.

She retired from Justrite Manufacturing in Mattoon after several years of service. Most recently she worked at the Arcola Public Library.

Susie worked up until the day before she passed away and never let anything slow her down. She had more friends than she ever realized. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends, but we know she is with everyone who has already gone to Heaven, and is entertaining and cracking them all up.

Mattie Kaufman

Mattie A. (Miller) Kaufman, 80 years, 9 days, of Arthur, passed away at 6:20 a.m. on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at her residence.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 1, at the HCK West Building, rural Arthur. Bishop Larry Diener officiated. Burial was in the Yoder Cemetery in rural Arthur. Visitation was held Thursday, June 29, and Friday, June 30, all at the HCK West Building. The Edwards Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Mattie was born on June 19, 1943, in Douglas County. She was the daughter of Amos J. and Ida G. (Hochstedler) Miller. She married Andrew J. Kaufman on July 30, 1999. He passed away on September 12, 2009.

She is survived by nine stepchildren, Jacob Kaufman and his wife Maria of Houston, Texas, Reuben Kaufman and his wife Leah of Arcola, Annie Stutzman and her husband Clarence of Humboldt, Melvin Kaufman and his wife Lela of Arthur, Harvey Kaufman and his wife Irene of Cuba, (Illinois), Clara Mast and her husband John of Sullivan, Alma Mast and her husband Alva of Torrington, Wyo., Lewis Kaufman and his wife Verna of Arthur, and Levi Kaufman and his wife Shirley of Humboldt; 66 step grandchildren; 262 step great-grandchildren; 28 step great-great-grandchildren; one brother, David Miller and his wife Rose of Shipshewana, Ind., one sister-in-law, Fannie Marie Miller of Arcola; 17 nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two stillborn step great grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; one brother, Omer Miller; two sisters, Amanda and Annie Miller; and one sister-in-law, Kathryn Miller.

Mattie was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Joe Patridge

Joseph Patridge of Encino, Calif., and formerly of Arcola, passed away at the age of 92 on June 3, 2023, at Mission Community Hospital in Panorama City, Calif.

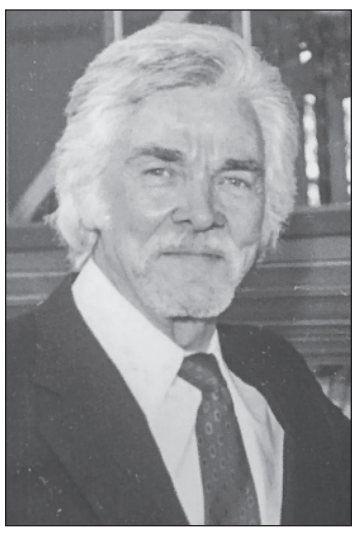
A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 14, in the VanVoorhis Cemetery in rural Hindsboro. A Celebration of Life for family and friends will be from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday, July 14, at the Arcola Community Center. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Joe was born July 21,1930, in Arcola. He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond C. and Gladys (Ramsey) Patridge; his daughter, Debbie Dunagan; his brothers, Thomas Patridge and James Patridge; and nephews, Daryl and Michael Patridge.

Joe is survived by his beloved, Barbara Patridge, of Encino, Calif.; grandson, Ryan Komlertkul and Ryan's wife Shailee of Chicago; two great grandchildren, Ava and Ayla Komlertkul of Chicago; sister-in-law, Susie Patridge of Tuscola; cousin, Bill Patridge and Bill's wife Barbara of Ashland, Ore.; and many special nieces and nephews, Cheryl Ferreira of San Pedro, Calif., Pam Patridge of Cape Girardeau, Mo., Rodney Patridge of Independence, Mo., Eric Patridge of Tuscola, Angie Ware and her husband Matthew of St Joseph, and Megan Clark and her husband Derrick of Forsyth.

Joe proudly graduated from Arcola High School in 1948 as a standout athlete and received his Bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University in 1952 as a football and track star, earning Most Valuable Player and co-Captain of the 1951 football squad. Upon graduating from EIU, he went on to be a teacher and a coach at Paris High School, an experience he always cherished.

Joe was drafted into the Army in 1953, and during his two years of service he became fascinated with acting. Joe then studied at the Pasadena Playhouse, which led to appearances in many television



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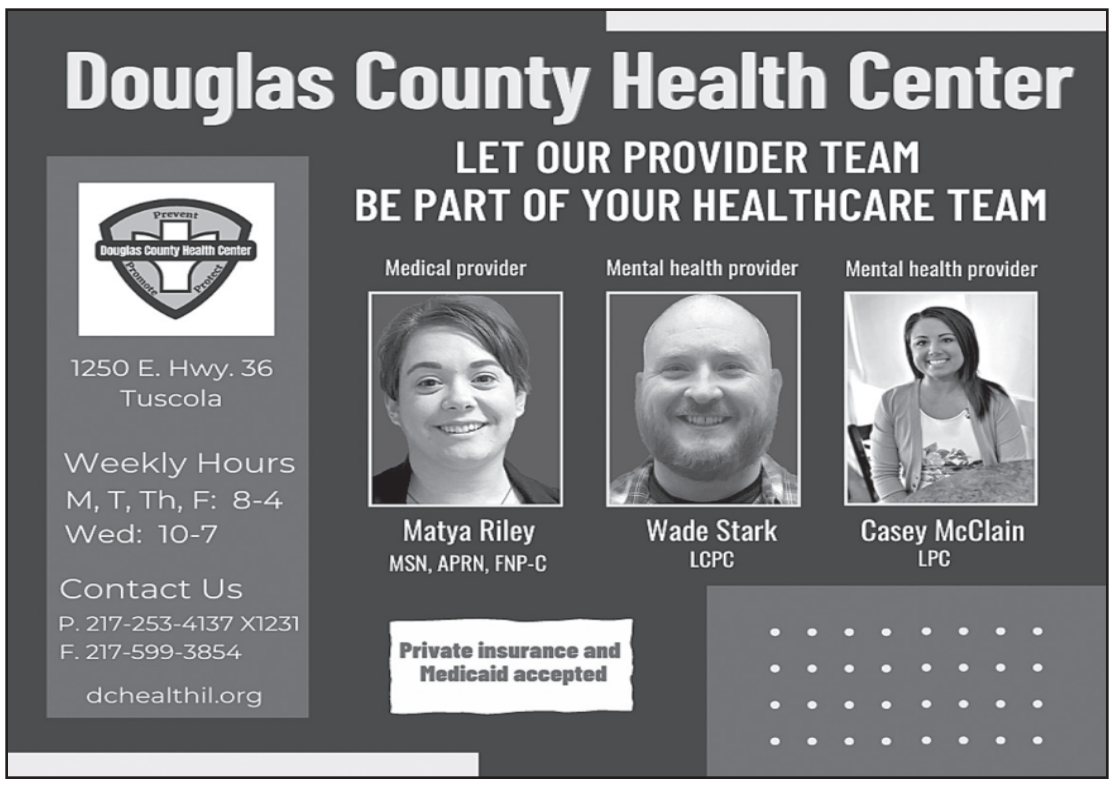
shows including The Adventures of Jim Bowie, 77 Sunset Strip, Maverick, Wanted: Dead or Alive, Bonanza, Barnaby Jones, and Gunsmoke. He was a regular in Highway Patrol (1957-58) and General Hospital (1971-72), and co-starred in films including Convict Stage, Fort Courageous and the Hypnotic Eye. Later in life, Joe was active as an actor, director, and writer at Theater East in Studio City, CA.

Joe loved to read, write and recite poetry. He was passionate about his family, learning, philosophy, psychology and all things related to health and wellness. Joe was a proud patriot and loved our republic.