

Obituaries

Shirley Rippey

Shirley Rippey, 85, of Arcola, passed away at 1 p.m. on Thursday, August 3, 2023, at her residence.

Visitation was held Monday, August 7, at the Edwards Funeral Home, Arcola. A funeral celebrating Shirley's life was held Tuesday, August 8, at the funeral Home. Burial was in the Arcola Cemetery.

Shirley was born on February 12, 1938, in Mattoon. She was the daughter of Russell and Velma (Mitchell) Hooker. She married Paul Anthony Rippey on January 27, 1957, in Mattoon.

She is survived by her husband, Paul; three children, Jodi Livingston of Arcola, Lisa Stewart and her husband, Tom, of Mattoon, and Scott Rippey of Arcola; eight grandchildren, Toby Livingston and his wife, Martha, of Tuscola, Josh Livingston and Dustin



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Livingston, both of Arcola, Jeremy Mast and his wife, Jenny, of Sullivan, Brett Stewart of Mattoon, April Daubs of Mattoon, Jacob Rippey of Charleston, and Taylor Rippey of Arcola; nine great-grandchildren; one brother, Ron Hooker and

his wife, Barb, of Friendsville, Teen.; and two sisters-in-law, Alice Rippey of Carver City, Minn., and Susie Patridge of Decatur.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, Russell and Velma Hooker; a son-in-law, Jerry Livingston; a great-grandson, TJ Livingston; a brother, Jerry Hooker and his wife, Mary; a sister, Barbara Farris; and an infant brother, James William Hooker; her mother and father-in-law, Albert and Louella Rippey; and a brother-in-law, Tom Patridge.

Shirley loved the Lord with all her heart, mind, and soul, and genuinely enjoyed serving Him alongside her husband. Shirley was first and foremost a MOM; she loved caring for her family. She had a green thumb and enjoyed caring for flowers and houseplants. She had a passion for jewelry and always liked to look nice.

Becky Lietz

Becky S. Lietz, 71, of Crawfordsville, Ind., formerly of Tuscola, passed away Friday afternoon, August 4, 2023, at Whitlock Place Senior Living, Crawfordsville, Ind.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, August 9, at the Forty Martyrs Catholic Church, 201 E. Van Allen St., Tuscola, with Father John Titus as celebrant. Burial will be in the Tuscola Township Cemetery, Tuscola.

Visitation will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. on Wednesday prior to the mass at Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Tuscola.

Becky was born on April 11, 1952, in Tuscola, the daughter of Lewis F. and Frances A. Teeters Hettinger. She married David L. Lietz.

Survivors include her daughter, Tammy (Mark) Martin of Tuscola; grandsons,



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Zack (Heather) Martin of Clinton, Ind., and Austin (Breanna) Martin of Tuscola; six great-grandsons, Bradley Russell, Caleb Russell, Brentley Martin, Lucas Martin, Ethan Martin and Kyler Martin; siblings, Steve (Becky) Hettinger

of Tuscola, Ken (Lena) Hettinger of Hindsboro, Larry (Debbie) Hettinger of Tuscola and Kathy (Rich) Page of Paxton; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and daughter, Marci S. Lietz.

Becky was a member of Forty Martyrs Catholic Church and formerly worked as the church secretary for several years. She then worked as a secretary at the East Prairie Middle School in Tuscola prior to her retirement. She enjoyed crafts, sewing, decorating cakes and collecting angels and snowmen.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to American Diabetes Association, American Cancer Society or to the donor's choice. Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com.

Katie Gingerich

Katie V. (Miller) Gingerich, 78 years, 11 months, and 28 days, of Arthur, passed away at 12:35 a.m. on Saturday, August 5, 2023, at Carle Hospital in Urbana.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, August 8, at the HCK West Building, one mile south of Arthur. Bishop Daniel M. Chupp officiated. Burial was in the Otto Cemetery in rural Arthur. Visitation was held Sunday August 6, and Monday August 7, all at the HCK West Building. The Edwards Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Katie was born on August 8, 1944, in Tuscola. She was the daughter of Samuel H. and

Verna E. (Yoder) Miller. She married Melvin A. Gingerich on November 9, 1967, in Arcola.

She is survived by her husband, Melvin; seven children, Carolyn Hostetler and her husband Carl of Constantine, Mich., Dorothy Gingerich and her husband Joe of Arcola, Ruth Ann Chupp and her husband Glen of Arthur, Barbara Wagler and her husband David of Puru, Ind., Owen Gingerich and his wife Anna (Schrock) of Arthur, Luella Schlabach and her husband Kevin of Arthur, and Fannie Bontrager and her husband Reuben of Wawaka, Ind.; one daughter-in-law, Mary Jo Gingerich of Arcola; 51 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; six sib-

lings, Adlia and Ella Miller of Arthur, Martha and Lester Yoder of Arthur, Raymond and Marlene Miller of Arcola, Sarah and Joe Schrock of Lovington, Elsie and Willard Gingerich of Arcola, and Esther Miller of Arcola; one sister-in-law, Irene Miller of Arthur; and one brother-in-law, DaWayne Downs of Alaska.

Katie was preceded in death by a son, Glen Gingerich; a daughter-in-law, Rachel (Schlabach) Gingerich; her parents, Sam and Verna Miller; two brothers, Lonnie and Levi Miller; one sister, Fannie Downs; and a sister-in-law, Anna Miller.

Katie was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Darrell Cole

Darrell Gene Cole, 69, of Tuscola, passed away at 6:30 a.m., Sunday, July 30, 2023, at the Bloomington Rehabilitation and Health Care Center, Bloomington.

Public graveside services were held Monday, August 7, at the Tuscola Township Cemetery. Following the service, a potluck luncheon was held at Wimple Park, Tuscola.

Darrell was born on November 5, 1953, in Tuscola, the son of Leo E. and Francis E. Brooks Cole. He was a 1972 graduate of Tuscola High School.

Survivors include his nieces, Kimberly Long of Tuscola, Angela Christy of Las Vegas, Nev., and Jennifer Revell of Tuscola; eight great-nieces; two great-nephews; two great-great-nieces; and half-sister, Cindy Clark of New York.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Gary Cole; and great-nephew, Jonas Revell; and two half-sisters.

Memorials are suggested to the donor's choice.

Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Tuscola, assisted the family with the arrangements.



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Marty Swinford

Martin A. "Marty" Swinford, 63, of Tuscola, passed away on Friday afternoon, August 4, 2023, at his residence.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, August 9, at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 705 South Main Street, Tuscola, with the Rev. Kent Conover officiating. Burial will be in the Tuscola Township Cemetery, Tuscola. Visitation will be held 1 hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Marty was born on August 15, 1959, in Tuscola, the son of James C. and Martha J. Haupt Swinford. He married Becky S. VanDorn on June 7, 1980, in Tuscola. She survives.

Also surviving are his daughters, Teri (Steven) Bark-

er of Tuscola, and Ashley Swinford and her husband, Byron Stubblefield of Tuscola; grandchildren, Oliver Swinford, Elmo Stubblefield, Andrew Barker and Shalyn Barker; father, James (Betty) Swinford of Marshall; brother, Erwin (Jennifer) Swinford of Robinson; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Martha J. Swinford; brother, Jim Swinford; and infant sister, Brenda Swinford.

Marty was a member of the Boilermaker's Union. He formerly worked at Kelly Construction, Mason Mfg. and Kopetz all in Decatur. He was an avid Chicago Bears fan. He enjoyed fishing, camping and loved having get togeth-



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ers with his immediate family members.

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Farrell "JR" Ware

Farrell E. Ware, Jr., 47, of Champaign, passed away on Sunday, July 30, 2023.

Funeral services were held Saturday, August 5, at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Tuscola, with the Rev. Ralph Deal officiating. Burial followed in the Davis Cemetery, Pesotum. There was a gathering for family and friends following the burial. Visitation was held prior to the service at the funeral home.

JR was born on December 26, 1975, in Urbana, the son of Farrell E. Ware and Tina M. Foltz.

Survivors include his mother of Monticello; his father



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of Newman; his sons, Caleb Robert Ware of Champaign,

and Timothy Hasti of Danville; daughter, Lyla Jane Ware of Champaign; brothers: Matthew James Ware of St. Joseph, and Aaron W. Ware of Newman; paternal grandmother, Jaqueline B. Ware of Pesotum.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Delbert J. and Dorothy J. Foltz; paternal grandfather, Farrell Ware.

JR was the owner/operator of Farrell's Flooring in Pesotum. He attended Tolono Unity Schools and was very artistic. He enjoyed exercising and bicycling. JR also loved muscle cars and monster trucks.

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Peggy Sieber

Peggy Lee Sieber, 64, of Mansfield, passed away at 11:15 a.m. on Monday, July 31, 2023, at her residence.

A service to celebrate Peggy's life was held Saturday, August 5, at the First Mennonite Church, Urbana. The Edwards Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Peggy was born on December 26, 1958, in Newton, Kan. She was the daughter of Lloyd Mason and Wanda Lee (Welty) Headrick. She married Marlin Floyd Sieber on September 16, 1978, in Hesston, Kan.

She is survived by her devoted husband, Marlin, of Mansfield; three children, Lyndsey Jantz and her husband Josh, Breanne Lee Sieber all of Hesston, Kan., and Travis Paul Sieber and his wife Katie of Newton, Kan.; five cherished grandchildren, Reese and Piper Jantz, Rylee Creamer, and Brynlee Sieber and Brayden Monares; two sisters, Denise Krase and her husband Bruce of Newton, Kan., Jackie Randol and her husband Glenn of Wichita, Kan.; one brother, Kyle Headrick of Goessel, Kan.;

two brothers-in-law, Gerry Sieber and his wife Vonnie of Newton, Kan., and Del Sieber and his wife Sandy of Bondville; and two sisters-in-law, Norma Symns and her husband Tom of Longmont, Colo., and Nancy Seaman and her husband Denny of Champaign.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lloyd and Wanda Headrick; and her in-laws, Paul and Martha Sieber.

Peggy was a member of the First Mennonite Church in Urbana.

Peggy dedicated herself to caring for others throughout her life. Her career spanned nearly 30 years as a registered nurse at OSF Heart of Mary in Urbana, where she made a lasting impact in the Labor and Delivery department. She brought comfort and support to countless families during their most precious moments.

Outside of work, Peggy found immense joy in nature. She could often be found on their family farm, indulging in her love for horses or quietly observing the various bird species that graced their surroundings. Peggy's passion for



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bird watching allowed her to connect with the peace and beauty of the natural world.

Peggy will be remembered for her unwavering love for vintage hats and her exceptional skills in sewing, and crocheting. She was more than just a collector or a skilled craftswoman; she embodied grace, kindness, and warmth.

Memorials may be made to Healing Horse Stables in Be-

Wanda Dilliner

Wanda Louise Dilliner, 96, of Arcola died at 10:53 a.m. Thursday, July 20, 2023, at Amber Glen Assisted Living in Urbana, surrounded by her family.

Funeral services were held Sunday, July 23, at the Arcola United Methodist Church with Pastor Seth Emerson officiating. Burial followed in the Arcola Cemetery. Visitation was held Sunday at the church. Shrader Funeral Home, Arcola, assisted the family with arrangements.

Wanda was born October 17, 1926, east of Arcola in the same home in which she currently resided. She was the daughter of Homer E. and Daisy Dobbins Roberts. She was united in marriage to George E. Dilliner in Arcola on February 21, 1946; he preceded her in death on November 20, 1999.

Survivors include two daughters, Beverly McGee and husband Jerry of Longview, and Angela Adanson and husband Bob of Green Cove Springs, Florida; five grandchildren, Jonathan McGee and wife Jeannie of Longview, Christopher McGee of Broadlands, Jeremy McGee of Longview, Candace Tierney and husband Michael of Broken Bow, Neb.,

Carmen Van O'Linda and husband Calvin of Hastings, Neb.; and six great grandchildren, Cason, Cambryn, and Cord Van O'Linda, Breckyn and Holt Tierney, and Wes McGee.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George; son, David; grandson, Benjamin McGee; brother, Lowell Roberts; and sister-in-law, Wilma Reece.

Wanda was a graduate of the Arcola High School Class of 1944, where she received the DAR Award for good citizenship. She then received her diploma from the Utterback's Business College in Mattoon and accepted a position at the Houdaille-Hershey Plant in Decatur. She worked as a secretary for an engineer on the highly secretive atomic bomb project.

Wanda was involved in the family farming operation, driving the grain trucks to the elevator, running farm errands, and taking meals to the field. She served as an election judge, Room Mother, Girls' Booster Club president, PTA president and delivered Meals on Wheels. She was a 64-plus-year member of the Arcola United Methodist Church, where she served on several boards, taught Sunday School, helped with Bible School and



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was an active member of the Methodist Women and Ladies' Circle.

Wanda was involved with the activities of her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren and loved spending time with them.

Memorials are suggested to the Arcola United Methodist Church, Alzheimer's Research, Cunningham Children's Home, and St. Jude's Research Hospital.

The family would like to thank Traditions Hospice and Amber Glen Assisted Living for the loving care given to our family.

Online condolences to the family may be sent to hilligossshraderfh.com.