

Obituaries

Shirley Still

Shirley Maurine (McCabe) Still, 89, formerly of Bement, and Cincinnati, Ohio, died June 20, 2023, at Bowling Green Manor, Ohio, with family at her side. She was born February 26, 1934, in the Hill Family home, Bement, to Joseph Francis and Ella Mae (Hill) McCabe.

Born and raised most of her years in Bement, Shirley graduated Valedictorian of Bement High School’s class of 1952. Throughout the majority of her school years, Shirley worked in her family’s restaurant, Hill’s Café while still managing to be involved in many school activities, including band, vocal competitions, and various clubs and committees.

After her high school graduation on July 10, 1952, Shirley married Bruce Linden Still, her high school sweetheart. Shortly after their wedding that same July, her husband Bruce was drafted into the Army, leaving her to live with her parents and continue working at Hill’s Café. After her husband’s return, his work led them across country, living in the following cities: Springfield, Peoria, Pittsburgh, Pa., St. Louis, Mo., Buffalo, N.Y., Detroit, Mich., and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Shirley wholeheartedly believed time spent with family is what makes a home, as together she and her husband Bruce raised four children in the span of 25 years. Shirley referred to herself as “Domestic Engineer,” where she managed a clean house; was 24/7 Hill’s Café-style chef to countless home-cooked meals; the best bedtime storybook reader complete with multiple character-voices; nurse extraordinaire with her loving touch and healing prayers; a great counselor with logical advice; an intelligent, patient and encouraging after-school tutor when extra help was deemed; and a super-organizer. Shirley was gifted with many talents. She especially enjoyed sewing hand-made clothes, holiday costumes and crocheting afghans for family members.

She is fondly remembered as the mom who thrived to creatively entertain her children with special times on “The Still’s Kitchen Lunchtime Stage” where she’d encourage her children to take turns in front of the refrigerator to express their talents of singing, magic, dancing, skits and story-telling, always ending with her Irish jig or her personal favorite skit “But I Can’t Pay The Rent!” She was also the best rainy day leader of fun indoor games like “Mother May I,” “Find the Hidden Marble,” “Hide-N-Go-Seek,” “Simon Says,” or a “Tournament of Jaxs.”

When Shirley and her husband Bruce became empty-nesters, Shirley quickly filled her time working for two local department stores; first for McAlpin’s and then for Dillard’s.

Shirley was known to be a social gal, and always able to make strangers feel comfortable and welcomed. She wasn’t afraid of hard work and instilled the same with her children; including some important-to-her “basic” values of life, like attending weekly Sunday church; volunteering in church and community activities; getting to know your neighbors, treat them like family and check on them often; when borrowing an item make sure to return it in better shape than when borrowed; “change is inevitable, is how you learn and better yourself;” and when you encounter struggles, dig in deeper and tell yourself, “This too shall pass.” Above all, Shirley loved deeply, forgave often, cherished family and friends, and graciously served other’s needs before her own.

Shirley was preceded in death by husband, Bruce; her parents, Joseph Francis and Ella Mae (Hill) McCabe; brother, Charles Lewis McCabe; parents-



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in-law, Robert Scott and Ola (Dooley) Still; brother-in-law, Robert Lyle Still; sister-in-law, Mary E. Still, nephew, Dr. Robert Lyle Still; sister-in-law, Iva Daraleen Wilms; brother-in-law Ron Wilms; and infant son, John Linden Still.

Shirley is survived by her three sons David Bruce (Joanie) Still; Joseph Patrick Still (Detra Durban Fullmer); Daniel Scott (Debbie) Still; daughter, Nancy Elizabeth (James E.) Walerius; brother-in-law Dr. Noah Leland (Linda) Still; 15 grandchildren; 15 and ½ great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A dual celebration of life memorial service for both Shirley and Bruce Still will be held at Bement Methodist Church, 249 N Piatt St., Bement, on Saturday September 2, at 10 a.m.

The family would like to thank the staff of Bowling Green Manor and Bridge Hospice for their attentive loving care, comfort, and support; always going beyond – treating Bruce and Shirley like one of their own family members. Special thank you to the staffs of two Anderson Township local eateries; Sevatii’s Deli and Bakery (Eight Mile and Beechmont) and The Outback (Five Mile and Beechmont), for their daily devoted time and attention in caring service to Bruce and Shirley; truly their own special brand of extended family-love over the past 25-plus years.

Suggested memorial contributions: Anderson Hills Methodist Church, 7663 Five Mile Rd., Cincinnati, OH. 45230, Bement Methodist Church, 249 N Piatt St., Bement, IL. 61813, or your local chapter of The Stroke Foundation (via thestrokefoundation.org).

Bruce Still

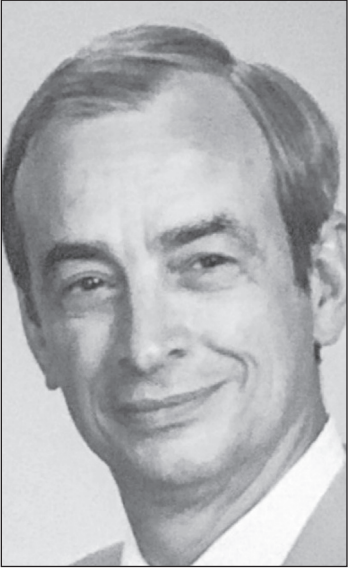
Bruce Linden Still, 89, formerly of Bement and Cincinnati, Ohio, died July 28, 2019, at Bowling Green Manor, Ohio, with his loving wife of 67 years, and family at his side. He was born July 17, 1930, in Decatur, to Robert Scott and Ola (Dooley) Still.

He lived all his elementary through high school years in Bement (High School Class of 1948), and continued his college education at the University of Illinois in Champaign Urbana, graduating in 1952 with a degree in radio journalism.

Bruce held various positions within the radio industry including announcer, operations manager, sports play-by-play, news anchor, production manager, program director, and consulting for over 50 years at the following top 40 AM and News/Talk stations: WCVS of Springfield, WIRL of Peoria, KQV of Pittsburg, Pa., WIL of St. Louis, Mo., WGR of Buffalo, N.Y., WXYZ of Detroit, Mich., and WCKY of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Bruce served as supply sergeant in the 101st Airborne Division of the United States Army during the Korean War from 1952 to 1954.

Bruce was an avid reader, with a hobby in creative writing and was a great storyteller. Bruce’s children fondly remember him as the fun-loving dad who would begin each wildly imaginative adventure by be-



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stowing silly nicknames to his four children, which captivantly enthralled them from beginning to end; entertaining them by the hours as he would weave them along his make-believe tales.

Bruce lived daily by his belief: “To truly be rich equates to happiness by connecting in love of faith and service to family, friends and community — keeping mindful of the needs of others.”

Bruce cherished family and community joyfully sharing his time and talents for over 50 years in the Anderson Township area of Cincinnati. Times of his service that shaped his family’s lives of faith included: Forest Hills/Anderson School PTA and School Board; Little League basketball referee and Kiwanis League; American Heart Association and the annual Mini Heart Marathon; Governor’s Convention and Beech Acres Orphanage events; Cincinnati Symphony Men’s Committee; United Appeal; Negro College Fund; Salvation Army; Police Media Relations Committee; NAACP; and a Steward (Cowboy Minister) to Anderson Hills Methodist Church: KRP, Missions, Usher, Sunday school and Bible Study.

Bruce was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Scott, and Ola (Dooley) Still; parents-in-law, Joseph Francis, and Ella (Hill) McCabe; brother, Robert Lyle Still; sister-in-law, Mary E. Still; nephew, Dr. Robert Lyle Still; sister, Iva Daraleen Wilms; brother-in-law, Ron Wilms; brother-in-law, Charles Lewis McCabe, and infant son, John Linden Still.

Bruce’s surviving family members include his wife, Shirley Maureen Still (Shirley passed 6/20/2023); his brother Dr. Noah Leland (Linda) Still; his three sons, “Mike the Fright” David Bruce (Joanie) Still, “Pat the Brat” Joseph Patrick Still (Detra Durban Fullmer), “Charlie Horse” Daniel Scott (Debbie) Still; daughter “Dora” Nancy Elizabeth (James E.) Walerius; 15 grandchildren; 15 and ½ great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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Meyha Evans

Meyha Marie Evans, 21, of Arthur, passed away at 8:52 p.m. on Saturday, August 19, 2023.

A Celebration of Life service was held Friday, August 25, at the Edwards Funeral Home, Arcola. Visitation was held Friday at the funeral home.

Meyha was born on May 27, 2002, in Mattoon. She was the daughter of Matthew Thomas and Shelly Kay (Peeler) Evans.

She is survived by her mother, Shelly (Jason) Mann of Arthur; her father, Matt (Mary) Evans of Tuscola; five siblings, Dajsha Evans of Arthur, Alexis Craig of Arthur, Ivorie Evans of Tuscola, Jaimin Enyart of Arthur, and Alizia Enyart of Arthur; maternal grandmother, Brenda



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Peeler of Arthur; paternal grandmother, Kim Pierce of Tuscola; and paternal great

grandparents, Bob and Deloris Walters of Tuscola.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Dominick Peeler; maternal grandfather, Jerry Peeler; and paternal grandfather, Dan Evans.

Meyha had big dreams for her future. Her proudest accomplishment was setting a goal to join the Army and become a Medic. She pursued this ambition while also working toward obtaining her GED.

Meyha will always be remembered for her love and dedication to her family and friends. She cherished every moment spent with them, creating memories that will forever hold a special place in their hearts.

Memorials may be made to Edwards Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

Roy Righter

Roy E. Righter, 91, of Sullivan, passed away at 3:49 a.m. Friday, August 25, 2023, at Carriage Crossing, Arcola.

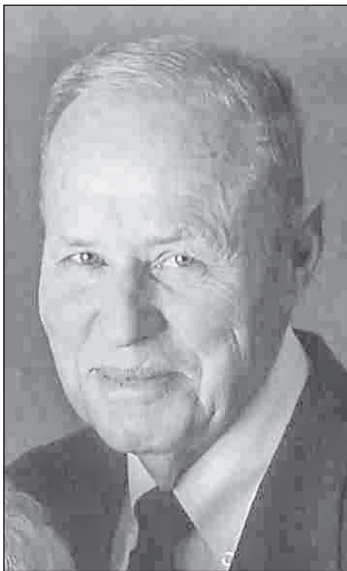
Celebration of Life services will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 30, at the Reed Funeral Home, Sullivan, with Pastor Rodney Houser officiating. Burial will be in the Jonathan Creek Cemetery with military rites conducted by the Sullivan American Legion Post #68. Visitation will be from 5–7 p.m. Tuesday evening at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the Lovington Church of God.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at reedfuneralhome.net.

Mr. Righter was born on October 13, 1931, in Sullivan, the son of Emery and Fern Ashbrook Righter. Roy graduated from Sullivan High School and

Illinois State University with a bachelors degree in chemistry. Early in his career he was a spiney lobster fisherman in the Florida Keys and later farmed in Moultrie County spanning three decades. He was a member of the Lovington Church of God and a U.S. Army veteran serving in the Chemical Corps during the Korean Conflict. Roy was a member of the Illinois Tractor Pulling Association with his Lil’ Duece Coupe. He married Betty Hahn on February 5, 1956, at Dwight.

Survivors include his wife, Betty of Sullivan; sons, Edwin (Cheryl) Righter and Mark (Amber) Righter, both of Sullivan; grandchildren, Jared (Melissa) Righter of Naperville, Kelsey Righter of Texas, Hannah Righter and Hayden Righter, both of Sullivan; four great grandchildren; brothers,



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Kenneth (Rita) Righter of Mattoon, John (Mary) Righter of Troy, Mont.; sisters, Lois Hamilton and Helen Landrus, both of Trilla.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Richard Bidwell, Sr.

Richard Ward Bidwell, Sr., 89, of Arthur, died at 10 p.m. Monday, August 21, 2023, at Christian Hospital in St. Louis, Mo.

Visitation was held Saturday, August 26, at Shrader Funeral Home, Arthur. Funeral services followed with Pastor John Stewart officiating. Masonic services were held during this time. Burial followed at Bourbon Cemetery with Military Rites accorded by the Arthur American Legion Post #479 and the U.S. Army Honor Guard.

Richard was born October 21, 1933, in Casey, the son of Curtis W. and Grace L. Cole Bidwell. He married Shirley Lee Hall in 1956, and they had five children. He later married Dorothy “Dottie” Chandler on December 13, 1969; she preceded him in death on December 3, 2020.

He is survived by sons, Rick W. (Sylvia) Bidwell, Jr. of Hazelwood, Mo., Timothy Lee (Rosanne) Bidwell Sterans of Manhattan, Kan., Larry (Melissa) Brock of Sullivan; daugh-



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ters, Patricia Bradley, Tamara Keener; stepsons, James (Jeanie) Parsley and Mike Parsley both of Camargo; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter; one stepson; and four sisters.

Richard was a member of the Arthur First Baptist and the Arthur AF&AM Masonic Lodge #825. He worked for the Illinois Central Railroad for 42 years as an engineer,

John Toohill

John Patrick Toohill, 59, of Sullivan, passed away at 9:18 a.m., Thursday, August 24, 2023, in his residence.

Celebration of Life services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday August 29, in the Reed Funeral Home, Sullivan with Pastor Grant Wade officiating. Visitation was held Monday. Burial will be in the Greenhill Cemetery, Sullivan, with military honors by the Sullivan American Legion Post # 68. Memorials are suggested to St Jude Children’s Hospital, the Elizabeth Titus Memorial Library or the Sullivan Schools Library. Online condolences may be sent to the family at reedfuneralhome.net.

John was born October 14, 1963, in Fairbury, the son of Edward P. and Frances K. Bow-

man Toohill. He was retired from the U.S. Army Reserves and had served active duty in Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle. He has been working at MasterBrand Cabinets in Arthur. John married Debra Case on December 28, 1991, in Chatsworth.

Surviving are his wife, Deb; daughters, Jessica Wortham of Piper City and Meggie (Ryan) Whitten of Sullivan; sons, Patrick Toohill of Sullivan, Lucas Toohill of Sullivan and Robert J. Toohill of Champaign; father, Edward P. Toohill of Cassna Park; brothers, Ed (Lucille) Toohill of Missouri, Steve (Elise) Toohill of Iowa; sisters, Kathy Stephens of Piper City, Sarah (Gene) Wallrich of Collum and Teri (Mark) Runyon of



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Fairbury; 11 grandchildren; one great grandson; and two great granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by his mother.