

# Obituaries

## Donald Key

Donald Keith Key, 92, of Chesterville, passed away at 10:45 p.m. on Sunday, September 3, 2023, at Arcola Health Care Center.

Graveside funeral services were held Thursday, September 7, at the Arcola Cemetery. Military Rites were conducted by the Arcola Honor Guard. The Edwards Funeral Home assisted the family.

Donald was born on June 26, 1931, in rural Arcola, the son of Dewey Frank and Fern Frances (Lawrence) Key. He married Cora L. Russell on July 11, 1952, in Tuscola. Cora passed away on February 8, 2000.

He is survived by his son,



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Chris Key, and his wife Sue of Chesterville; two grandchild-

ren, Olivia Key of Bloomington, and Elliot Key of Chesterville.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents, Dewey and Fern Key; and his wife Cora Key.

Donald graduated from Arthur High School in 1951. He enlisted in the United States Navy right out of high school and served three tours of duty during the Korean War on a destroyer, the USS Samuel N. Moore (DD-747). Donald was honorably discharged from the United States Navy in 1955.

After he got out of the military, Donald went to work at USI in Tuscola. He retired in 1991 with 36 years of service.

Donald had a passion for collecting and restoring old cars. Specifically, the Ford Model T and the Ford Model A, as well as some Chevrolets, models from 1949 to 1954. He has restored nearly 10 cars over the years and worked on several more. His favorite was a complete restoration of a 1929 Ford Model A Deluxe Roadster.

In his younger days, Donny used to do a lot of fishing and trapping; for most of his life, he kept a garden and planted a lot of trees.

In lieu of flowers, memorials were made to the Arcola Honor Guard.

## Ruth Goad

Ruth F. Goad, 84, of Garrett, passed away at 3:16 a.m. Thursday, September 7, 2023, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.

Graveside services were held Tuesday morning, September 12, at the Cartwright Cemetery, rural Tuscola. Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements.

Ruth was born January 26, 1939, in Tuscola, the daughter of George and Ethel Pigg Mayer. She married Ronald L. Goad on February 23, 1958, in Tuscola. He preceded her in death on April 21, 2012.

Survivors include three sons, Terry Goad of Garrett, Edward Goad and wife Sandy of Mattoon, and Douglas Goad and wife Suzie of rural Tuscola; daughter, Donna Goad of Garrett; four grandchildren, JW Jacobs, Jessica (Terry) Nale, Jeremy Jacobs and Travis Evans; two step-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, Ronnie Jacobs, Cooper Jacobs and Oakley Jacobs; several step great-grandchildren; several step great-great-grandchildren; sister, Rosie Crowder of Tuscola; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her step-granddaughter, Julie Williams; brothers, Wayne Mayer and Bill Mayer; and a



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sister, Catherine Stewart.

Ruth retired from Littelfuse in Arcola. She was a member of the Marrioreatte Rebekah Lodge #347 in Arthur, where she held various offices. She was a member of the Tuscola United Church of Christ. Ruth enjoyed knitting.

The family would like to thank the Carle 6th floor ICU staff for all the excellent care given to Ruth during her stay there.

Memorials donations are suggested to the Land of Lincoln Honor Flight, 57 Country Place, Springfield, IL 62703. Online condolences may be shared at hilligossshraderfh.com.

## Sandy Carr

Sandra (Sandy) Kay Carr went to meet her Lord and Savior on August 29, 2023, surrounded by her loved ones. She was born October 27, 1941, in Franklin County, to Ronald and Leota Grayhem. She married John Swartz in 1960, and they had three daughters together.

She was a faithful long-time member of Atwood Christian Church, where she met and married George (Herb) Carr in 1998. He preceded her in death in 2005. Sandy had many hobbies through the years but her main passions were her family and friends, her faith/church, watching Illini basketball and baking/decorating cupcakes for her cupcake business that

she started up shortly after retiring in 2010 from her 25-year career with Carle Clinic.

Sandy is survived by her daughters, Tami (Gary) Hammond of Arthur, Ginger Swartz of Arthur, April Ashworth of Atwood; and stepson, Doug (Jackie) Carr of Monticello. She also leaves behind nine grandchildren (including Herb's), Casey Evans of Atwood, Nick Hammond of Arthur, Christina Serrano of Corona Calif, Holly Kauffman of Arcola, Ben Swartz of Carlyle, Lyndsi McEachern of Effingham, Travis Peake of Monticello, Aaron (Trisha) Carr of Monticello, and Ethan (Sophia) Carr of Wesfield, Ind.; and she cherished a combined total of 14 great-grandchildren.



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She was preceded in death by her husband Herb; her parents; as well as her grand-

son, Christopher McGuire, and great-grandson, Jaxson Clark, who both went on to Heaven without ever taking a breath here on this earth.

A memorial service to honor Sandy was held Tuesday, September 5, at Atwood Christian Church, with the Reverend Don Gerkin officiating. Burial followed in Mackville Cemetery, Atwood. Visitation was held prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are suggested to the Atwood Christian Church. Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Atwood, was entrusted with the arrangements. Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com.

## Esther Miller

Esther A. (Plank) Miller, 77 years, 2 months and 1 day of Arcola, passed away at 2:20 p.m. on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at her residence.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, September 13, at the Phillip and Leona (Miller) Herschberger residence, 20 N. CR. 630 E. in rural Arcola. Bishop Jeffrey Alan Miller will officiate. Burial will be in the Miller Cemetery in rural Arcola. Visitation was held Monday, September 11, and Tuesday, September 12, all at the Phillip and Leona (Miller) Herschberger residence. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Esther was born on July 8, 1946, in Douglas County. She was a daughter of Alvin and Clara (Miller) Plank. She married Danny Miller on November 1, 1966, in Chesterville. They lived in Holy Matrimony for 56 years.

Esther is survived by her husband, Danny; six sons and seven daughters, Willis Ray Miller and his wife JoAnn (Miller) of Windsor, Mo., Allen Miller and his wife Amanda (Herschberger)-(Deceased) of Humboldt, Howard Miller and his wife Lisa Kay (Miller) of Lovington, William Miller and his wife Rosanna (Miller) of Fredonia, Pa., Willard Miller and his wife Rosanna (Chupp) of Tuscola, Danny Miller Jr. and his wife Ruth Ann Slabaugh, of Arcola, Clara Mae Miller and

her husband Howard Lynn Miller (deceased) of Sullivan, Katie Ann Miller of Arthur, Lovina Herschberger and her husband Clifford of Fredonia, Pa., Leona Herschberger and her husband Phillip of Arcola, Emma Jo Jess and her husband Myron of Topeka, Ind., Wilma Yoder and her husband Leroy (deceased) of Arthur, Amanda Gingerich and her husband Lavon of Goshen, Ind; 82 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; three brothers and five sisters, Willis Plank (deceased) and his wife Viola (Jess) of Arcola, Raymond Plank (deceased), Floyd Plank and his wife Sarah (Yoder) of Vienna, Verna Miller and her husband Gideon (both deceased), Irene Gingerich and her husband Adlia of Arcola, Mary Bontrager and her husband Irvin of Middlebury, Ind., Anna Mae Plank of Arcola, and Linda Miller and her husband Ray of Shipshewana, Ind.

Esther was preceded in death by her parents, Alvin and Clara Plank; two brothers, Willis and Raymond Plank; one sister, Verna and Gideon Miller; two sons-in-law, Howard Lynn Miller and Leroy Yoder; one daughter-in-law, Amanda (Herschberger) Miller; two grandchildren, Lamar Ray Herschberger and Rose-lynn Herschberger; and one great-grandchild, Lavon Herschberger.

Esther was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

## Sid Shanks

Sidney F. Shanks, 86, passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, August 31, 2023.

Sid was born to Frank and Marjorie (Galey) Shanks on September 8, 1936, in Crawfordsville, Ind. He married Martha (Marty) Ehrie on July 8, 1956, in Waveland, Ind.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Marty Shanks; four children, Marcia Riggs, Michael (Cathy) Shanks, Sharon (Dave) Jackson, and Mark (Joni) Shanks; two grandchildren that he and Marty helped raise, Nick (Denise) Shanks and Andrew Frank (Adri) Shanks; 15 grandchildren, Darin (Gail) Riggs, Matthew (Caroline) Riggs, Megan (Geoff) Desmond, Kristin (Michael) Cherwa, Michelle (Zack) Vaughn, Adam Shanks, Cassandra Dasha Shanks, Cameron Shanks, Coltin Shanks, Caleb Shanks, Chloe Shanks, Jason (Ashley Apgar) Wienke, Erin (Kasten Riedle) Shanks, Alex (Liz) Shanks and Stefanie (Matt) Shasteen; 22 great-grandchildren; one sister, Isobel Arbin;



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and three nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Stephen Shanks; and a granddaughter, Cydney Shanks.

Much of Sid's life surrounded four of his greatest loves: family, food, fishing, and faith. His wife and family were his pride and joy and he especially loved big get togethers where as many as 50 - 60 family members took over his

home and filled it with love, laughter, and chaos. Watching kids and grandkids learn to fish or make pizzas or get their first jobs made him happy. He was a living example of kindness, generosity, honesty, hard work, and self-discipline and was very proud of his kids' and grandkids' many careers and accomplishments.

Sid turned his love for food into a successful career — starting a small pizza company in Villa Grove in 1971 with a \$3,000 loan and turning it into a thriving business that includes five Monicals franchise stores. He loved that multiple family members have worked or still work in the business, including most recently, a fourth-generation pizza maker.

Sid's love for fishing was well known with many of his closest friends throughout life being fishing buddies. For years while he was able, he caught, cleaned, and delivered fish to many older folks who could no longer fish for themselves.

Sid had a strong Christian faith and was a generous supporter of his church. He loved being part of the Villa Grove community and supported the school system and students and athletes through donations and scholarships. He loved sharing his business success with others in need. Sid and Marty were avid Illini football and basketball fans and enjoyed attending games with friends and business associates.

A visitation was held Tuesday, September 5, at the Villa Grove United Methodist Church. The funeral service was the following day (Wednesday, September 6) at the Villa Grove Methodist Church; pastor Jon Brashear officiated. Burial followed at the Centennial Cemetery in Villa Grove.

Memorial donations may be made to the Villa Grove United Methodist Church or to the Villa Grove High School Scholarship Fund.

## Pat Madigan

Patrick Otto Madigan, 85, of Longview, passed away on August 31, 2023, at home on the family farm after spending the day surrounded by his family. Pat was born July 2, 1938, to Paul J. and Marie L. (Struck) Madigan at Mercy Hospital in Urbana.

Pat graduated from Villa Grove High School in 1956. While in high school, Pat earned many honors on the football field. He was captain of the 1955 VG Blue Devils football team, listed on the Okaw Valley All Star Team, All Area Team and Honorable Mention All State at Tackle. He attended the University of Miami for two years, then was called home to run the family farm with his brother Phil for the next 60 years before retiring and enjoying the winter months in Florida with his brother Dave and life partner, Deb Brooks.

Pat believed in leaving this world a better place than he found it. He encouraged his family and friends to do the

same by being actively involved in their community. Pat served his community as a longtime member of the Longview volunteer fire department, a member of the Longview Civil Defense team, and a local Boy Scout leader. He was the Raymond Township Republican precinct committeeman and a member of the Champaign County Republican Central Committee. Pat served as the Raymond Township Drainage Supervisor. He also served on the Board of Directors for Villa Grove Bancshares, Inc. Pat was an avid outdoorsman with memberships in Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever. He shared his love of hunting and wildlife conservation with his children and grandchildren.

Pat lived the farmer's life and always worried that he shorted the family of his time. What he didn't realize is that we cherished our time sitting on tailgates eating supper with him, spending hours riding shotgun in the John Deere tractors and one "junk" IH tractor, learning to drive grain trucks



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and watching the augers and corn crib elevator buckets move the grain that he and Uncle Phil had poured their heart and soul into for years. His dedication to his family and the family farm were appreciated by us all. As the family celebrates Pat's life, they wish for all who knew him to raise a glass of Jack and Pepsi with "not much ice" in his honor to toast a long life well lived.

Pat is survived by his life partner, Deb Brooks of Champaign; his children, Erin (Phil) Partenheimer of Newman, Michael (Sinéad) Madigan of Urbana, and Mary (Mark) Richards of Newton; grandchildren, Audrey (Tony) Cler of Royal, Meta (Amanda Hodges) Partenheimer of Boston, Emilie (Jonathan) Simon of Star Prairie, Wis., Anna (Hayden) Fiedler of Clayton, Ohio, Grace Madigan of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, Eisla Madigan of Urbana, Will (Lexy) Richards of Newton and Kate Richards of Little Rock, Ark.; great grandsons, Emmet and Chase Cler; and his brothers, Phil (Sue) Madigan of Villa Grove and Dave (Carol) Madigan of Champaign.

Pat was preceded in death by his parents; and his former wife and mother of his children, Myrna J. Madigan. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Family Service of Champaign County, 405 S State St., Champaign, IL 61820. <https://www.family-service.org/donate>.

## Patty Tyler

Patty J. Tyler, 93, of Homer, passed peacefully with her family by her side at 8:21 a.m. on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana.

There was a memorial service on Monday, July 24, at Homer Funeral and Cremation Services, Homer. Pastor Raymie Gordon officiated. Burial of cremated remains will take place at G.A.R. Cemetery in Homer.

Patty was born July 30, 1929, in Homer, the daughter of Melvin and Vesta Myers Hillard. She married Wesley W. Tyler on September 9, 1950, in Fairmount. He preceded her in death on May 14, 2007.

Survivors include three sons, Tom Tyler and Terry Tyler of Homer and Ted Tyler of Colorado; and three grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three sisters and one brother.

Patty was a member of Homer United Congregational Church and Homer American Legion Auxiliary. She graduated from Homer High School in 1946. Patty was a daycare provider for many years, was a CNA at Mercy Hospital and a clerk at IGA. She enjoyed watching birds, golfing, bowling, and fishing with her husband. She had many pets that she loved as family. Patty volunteered from 2007-2012 at the Danville VA hospital after her husband passed there. She was a Homer and then Heritage school sports fan and a longtime Cardinals fan.

Memorials can be made to Homer United Congregational Church, 201 N. Main Street in Homer.