Obituaries

Steve French

Stephen E. French, 70, of Tuscola, passed away on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at his residence.

Per his request, no services will be held.

Steve was born on May 12, 1952, in Mattoon, the son of Wilbur Eugene and Evelyn Quinn French.

Survivors include his brothers, Gary French and wife Brenda of Lincoln, Jim French and wife Valarie of Clinton; and sister, Connie Goodrich and husband Kent of Jacksonville, Fla.; nieces and nephews, Teri Woods and husband Robert, Bradley Goodrich and wife Melissa, Kristen Whitworth, Ashley Hallock and husband Mike, Alex French and wife Kelly, Jason French and wife Leslie, Matthew French and

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Nathan French and wife Kara; several great-nieces and great-nephews; and several great-great nieces and great-great nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials are suggested to the American Heart Association or to an organization of the donor's choice.

Steve graduated from Tuscola Community High School in 1970 and then graduated from Illinois State University, where he was a Robert G. Bone Scholar. He formerly worked in marketing and was the national sales director for AW Cash Valve in Decatur. He also was the manager for Credit Union 1 in Tuscola for several years.

He enjoyed photography, music and reading. He loved spending time with his family members.

Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements. Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com.

Ralph Hatcher

Ralph Jr. Hatcher passed away on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at the Newman Rehab and Health Care Center in Newman.

Ralph was born on November 1, 1937, to Attis and Nannie (Dohoney) Hatcher. He married Zenith Downey on June 2, 1959; she preceded him in death on February 1, 2022.

He is survived by three children, Wanda (Doug) Moore, Tony (Deb) Hatcher, and Terry (Christy) Hatcher, all of Newman; two grandchildren, Mindy (Wes) Luth of Newman and Cody (Jennifer) Hatcher of Shelbyville; three great-grandchildren, Kane and Tinley Luth of Newman, and Payton Hatch-

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er of Shelbyville; one sister, Joyce Biggs of Columbia, Ky.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Zenith Hatcher; his parents; seven brothers, William, Tommy, Billy, James, Bob, Ken, and Wayne; and five sisters, Pat Morrison, Mae Lucas, Barb Hatcher, Bedelia Burchett, and Brenda Henson.

Ralph retired from Illini FS after working there for many years. He loved spending time with his family and friends.

Private family services were held Tuesday, February 28. Burial was in the Centennial Cemetery.

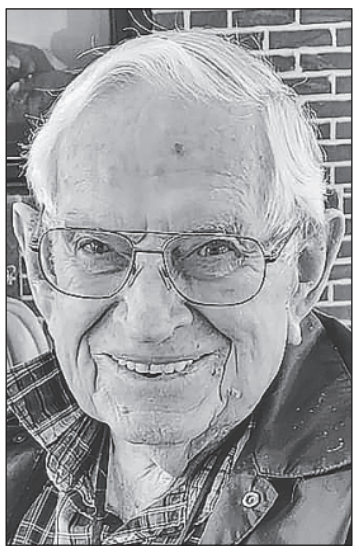
Memorial donations may be made to the Newman Rehab and Health Care Center (418 S. Memorial Drive Newman, IL 61942) or to Transitions Hospice (1551 Bond St. Naperville, IL 60563).

Lyle Lannon

Lyle Eugene Lannon, 95, formerly of rural Sidney, passed away on February 18, 2023, at Arbor Rose in Tolono. He was born on June 16, 1927, to parents Patrick Lannon and Mildred (Wyant) Lannon. Lyle married his late wife, Barbara, on February 26, 1949.

Lyle was a lifelong farmer who also loved to travel. He spent much of his time on the road in his motorhome, exploring new places and making memories with his family and friends. Lyle belonged to numerous local clubs, including Moose, Elks, Knights of Columbus, I&I Tractor Club, and the Farm Bureau. He was a beloved member of his community and will be deeply missed by all those who knew him.

Lyle is survived by his daughter, Carol Lamb of Champaign; grandchildren,



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David Riggins of Papillion, Neb., Stephanie Lamb (John) of Phoenix, Ariz., and Jeremy Lamb of Sidney; great-grandchildren, Dustin Riggins (Shawna) of Coralville, Iowa, and Kirsten (AJ) Jackson of Elkhorn, Neb.; great-great-grandchild, Miles Riggins of Coralville, Iowa, and his sister, Betty Sappenfield of Philo. Lyle was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Maurice Lannon; and wife Barbara.

Visitation was held Wednesday, February 22, at the Joines Funeral home in Villa Grove with a rosary service. The funeral service was on Thursday, February 23, at the Bongard Immaculate Conception Church with Father Keith Walder officiating; burial followed at the Immaculate Conception Cemetery. The family requests any donations to be made to Philo Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund or to the family for a memorial bench.

Lyle will be remembered for his kind heart, hard work, and love for his family and friends. His spirit will live on in the memories of those who loved him.

Peggy Shonkwiler

Peggy Jo Shonkwiler, 84, of Charleston, passed away at 11:12 a.m. on Monday, February 20, 2023, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon.

No formal services are planned. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Peggy was born on July 1, 1938, in Charleston. She was a daughter of Olen Dale and Josephine (Lanman) Sims. She married Dale Edwin Shonkwiler on March 9, 1963, in Charleston.

She is survived by her husband, Dale, of Charleston; one daughter, Cathy Jo Tinnon and her husband Jeff; two grandchildren, Elliott Tinnon and his wife Chelsee, and Allison Tinnon; and two great grandchildren, Maverick and Mabry Tinnon, all of Arthur; five siblings, Fredrick "Fred" Sims

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and his wife Judy, Nancy Taylor and her husband Calvin, Kenneth Sims and his wife Chris, Franklin Sims and his wife Dana, and Patricia Miller and her husband Ron; one sister-in-law, Phyllis Fasking; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two sisters, Shirley Cox and her husband Benny, and Mary Boardman Galbreath.

Peggy graduated from Charleston High School in 1956. She was a member of the Moose Lodge in Charleston, and a former member of the Charleston Country Club. She retired from Walmart in Charleston.

Peggy enjoyed bowling, golf, bingo, and NASCAR, Jimmie Johnson being her favorite driver. One of Peggy's favorite times of the year was Christmas, when most of the Sim's family would gather at the Moose in Charleston for their holiday celebration. She inherited the role of providing the coveted crocheted afghan for the Christmas gift exchange. Her absolute favorite thing to do was to simply love and take care of her family, especially her babies.

Yvonne Cook Corbit

On the morning of February 10, 2023, Helen Yvonne Stanley Cook Corbit of Sandy, Utah, passed from her mortal existence into the next phase of her life. She was 87 years of age.

Yvonne was born to Dansel Francis (Galloway) Stanley and Clifford C. Stanley in Jasper County in 1935. She graduated valedictorian from Atwood High School in 1953. In 1956, Yvonne moved to Denver, Colo., where she worked at Colorado Oil and Gas. In September of that year, she married Walter William Cook, Sr. After living in Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming, she settled and grew roots in Utah, working at the United States Postal Service until she retired in 1995. In September of 1985, Yvonne married Mark Corbit, a marriage that lasted in love until he passed away in 2019.

Yvonne loved to travel, experiencing nearly all of the lower 48 states, along with Alaska and Hawaii, as well as extensive traveling abroad with family members to Mexico, Canada, the Holy Lands, China, Greece, Italy, Spain, and

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Turkey. She enjoyed square dancing and served as the co-chairman of housing and registration for the 40th National Square Dance Convention. She loved to work outside in her yard and garden, nurturing both flowers and vegetables, and had a great love for bird-watching —Bluebirds and Quail especially. Yvonne was an avid reader, (especially murder mysteries) and her home was always filled with piles of books. Further, she collected many dolls and collectibles, all with their own story and significance. Yvonne loved working and made many friends wherever she worked. More than anything else, she loved spending time with family and friends, simply talking for hours at a time with them by phone or in person.

Yvonne is preceded in death by her parents, Dansel and Clifford; her two husbands, Walter and Mark; siblings, Gene, Eddie, Lois, and Nelson; as well as her children, Annette, Rebecca, and sons taken too soon in life to be named.

She is survived by her siblings, Ronald and Frankie Stanley, Margaret Newberry, Inez and Don Phipps, and Tina and Michael Evans; her children, Crystal and Corey Nebeker, Walter and Brenda Cook, and Joseph and Elise Cook; as well as 10 grandchildren; and six great grandchildren (with one more on the way).

A public viewing was held February 17, at Goff Mortuary, Midvale Utah, followed by a funeral service. Yvonne was laid to rest at Mountain View Estates, Sandy, Utah. In lieu of flowers or plants, Yvonne requested that donations be made to a charity of the givers' choice.

Yvonne was a bright, warm light in a dark world. She will be greatly missed.

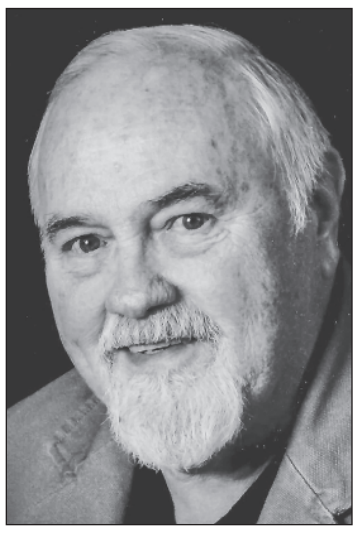
Paul Bunting

Paul J. Bunting, 82, of Arthur formerly of Tolono, died at 2:01 a.m. Friday, February 24, 2023, at OSF Heart of Mary Medical Center, Urbana.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, February 28, at Morgan Memorial Home, Savoy, with the Rev. Jeff Caithamer officiating. Burial was in Bailey Memorial Cemetery, Tolono. Visitation was held Tuesday at the funeral home.

Paul was born on December 7, 1940, in Champaign, the son of John D. and Gynell Clagg Bunting Jr. He was the second of four children and was raised and attended school in Mahomet/Seyour where he graduated High School in 1958. He married Shelbyjean Shepherd on December 8, 1963, in Sadorus. She died on October 8, 2006.

Paul is survived by one brother, Fred (Carol) Bunting of Mahomet; and one sister, Marilyn Rademaker of St. Joseph; also a niece and three nephews, Pamela (Craig) Coshun, Madison, Wis., Kent Bunting, Williamsport, Pa., Doug Rademaker, St. Louis,



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Mo., Don Rademaker, Clarksville, Tenn.; and two great nephews, John Coshun, Milwaukee, Wis., Jacob Coshun Minneapolis, Minn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Larry.

Paul served in the National Guard for 12 years. He also worked for Krannert Center in the ticket office from 1969–1976, then was ticket manager for the athletic department from 1976–1989 and the was the Public Functions Supervisor at the University from 1989–1999. He was a lifelong fan of Fighting Illini athletics and was a basketball season ticket holder for many years. He also enjoyed spending time on the family farm in Seymour.

Paul was a talented yet humble artist who enjoyed creating and sharing his woodworking creations with family and friends. He also enjoyed sharing his time as a photographer recording family gatherings as well as events in Arthur at Penn Station where he had many longtime friends. Paul was an avid gardener and fisherman. A lifelong collector of treasures, Paul was a sentimental family historian who enjoyed antiques and especially enjoyed restoring family heirlooms like his father's tractors and his mother's handmade quilts. His generous spirit and love of music will be missed by all who knew him. He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Champaign. That is where memorial contributions may be made.

Condolences may be offered at www.morganmemorialhome.com.

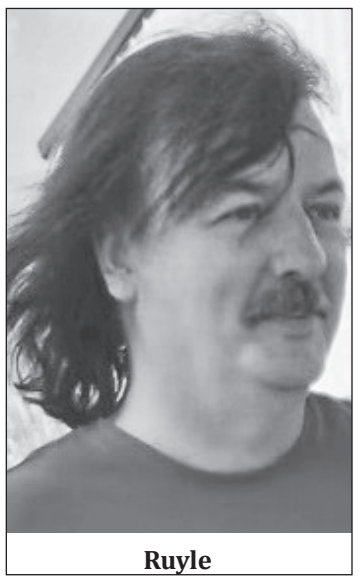
Mark Ruyle

Mark Charles Ruyle, 61, of Charleston, passed away at 8:26 p.m. on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, at the Casey Cumberland Cemetery in Casey. Pastor Whit Lauwers will officiate. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Mark was born on January 10, 1962, in Springfield, a son of Hal Ray and Janice Louise (Cantrall) Ruyle.

He is survived by one son, Danny Ruyle of Arcola; his stepmother, Sharon Ruyle of Charleston; siblings, Michael Ruyle of Mattoon, Melanie Mathews and her husband Rodney of Casey, Kristina Allen and her special friend Tom Oakley of Mattoon, Rhonda Budd and her husband Larry of Casey, and Dayna Schubert and her husband Gene of Charleston; a sister-in-law,



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DeAnn Marlow of Greenup; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, David Marlow.

Mark grew up in Casey. He enjoyed basketball, and in junior high he played on a Sweet 16 basketball team. He always enjoyed shooting baskets even as an adult.

He held different positions through the years usually in retail customer service.

Mark had a passion for horses. He would always prefer to be doing something with horses, trading horses, caring for horses, showing horses, watching a rodeo live or on TV, or even a good old-fashioned western on TV; if horses were involved, he was all in.

He also liked dogs and his favorite breeds were the French Bulldog and the Boston Terrier.

He was a good pencil artist, and always listened to classic rock.

Mark was crazy about his son, Danny, which also made him a big Arcola Purple Rider fan. It didn't matter if Danny was playing or coaching, Mark would be pulling for the Purple Riders.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Arcola Sports Boosters in Honor of Mark Ruyle.