

# Obituaries

### Doug Jurgens

Douglas Henry Jurgens was born on November 16, 1941, in Urbana, and passed away unexpectedly after a brief illness in Green Valley, Ariz., on February 23, 2023.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marcia Johnston Jurgens, and his parents. He was the son of Glenn and Edith Fitzjarrald Jurgens and the brother of Ron Jurgens, now of Florence, Ariz. Doug grew up on a farm in Arthur and graduated from Arthur High School and Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, where he met his loving and devoted wife, Marcia. They were married in Chicago on January 4, 1964, and resided and worked there before moving back to his hometown of Arthur to raise their family. His work career began as a lineman at Illinois Bell, and then in Arthur, he worked in insurance as a union rep at Progress Industries before joining a partnership as an independent agent at Singer Insurance Agency for 30 years.

Doug was a natural and dedicated leader who served on various boards and committees throughout his life, starting as high school class president. He served on the Arthur School Board, Moultrie County Regional Planning



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Board, Lake Land College Lay Advisory Council, Rotary Club as president, Tourism Committee, Arthur Association of Commerce as president and director, as well as chair and member of several boards at the Arthur United Methodist Church, and more.

Upon retirement in 2003, he moved to Arizona where he reveled in the mountains and desert beauty.

He leaves behind his dear companion, Jan Jordan of Green Valley, Ariz., as well as his three favorite daughters and their families, Christie Logan and husband Bob Poznanovich of Lindstrom, Minn., Kimberly Miles and husband Ed of Spartanburg,

S.C., and Beth Padovan and husband Seth of Sparks, Nev.; and grandchildren, Sam Logan and wife Maria Calderon, Jack Logan, Nan Miles, Henry Miles, and Quinn Padovan.

In his lifetime, Doug criss-crossed nearly every highway of the country, ran six miles a day six days a week for 30 years, ran the Chicago Marathon three times, backpacked and hiked in the mountains whenever he could (weekly), hiked the Grand Canyon seven times, was still jeeping high into the mountains to discover ghost towns and abandoned mines with friend group the Rough Riders, and always delighted in bringing people together to join in his epic adventures.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 4, at the United Methodist Church of Green Valley, Ariz. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Friends of Madera Canyon online at [www.friendsofmaderacanyon.org](http://www.friendsofmaderacanyon.org) or mailed to P.O. Box 1203, Green Valley, AZ, 85622 and with both, please be sure to note "In memory of Doug Jurgens."

Finally, in honor of Doug, put something fun on your calendar and do it with people you love.

### Ada Poynter

Ada L. Poynter, 88, of Arthur, passed away at 3:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at the Arthur Home.

Visitation was held March 3, at the First Apostolic Church, Arthur. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 4, at the First Apostolic Church in Arthur. Pastors Gawain Bevis and Tim Froese officiated. The Edwards Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Ada was born on May 4, 1934, in Arthur. She was a daughter of Lewis and Mary (Mast) Troyer. She married Clinton A. Poynter on March 17, 1958, in Tuscola. He passed away on October 25, 2006.

She is survived by two sons, Wallace Dale Poynter and his wife Pennie of Villa Grove, and Tony Poynter and his wife Darla of Bourbon; four grandchildren, Wes Poynter and his wife Kaneesha of Westmount, Ben Poynter and his wife Nicole of Fairview, Ore., Caleb Poynter and his significant other, Kristin of Kingsland, Ga., and Christine Poynter of Goodman, Mo.; four great grandchildren, Lincoln and Amara Poynter



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of Westmount, Taby N Pyles of Exeter, Mo., and Chase Robbins of Neosho, Mo.; three step grandchildren, Erica Campbell and her husband Paul of St. Joseph, Jason Tabb and his wife Lisa of Catlin, and Lindsey Nguyen and her husband Chris of Chesapeake, Va.; four step great grandchildren, Shelby and Taylor Campbell of St. Joseph, Henry Tabb of Catlin, and Audrey Nguyen of Chesapeake, Va.; one great grandson on the way and one step great grandson on the way; and five

siblings, Elnora Miller of Goshen, Ind., Alta Hostetler of LaGrange Ind., Erwin Troyer and his wife Emma of LaGrange, Ind., Esther Wingard of Shipshewana, Ind., and Sarah Ann Yoder and her husband Leroy of Carbondale.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and three siblings, Kenneth, Susan and David.

Ada was a member of the First Apostolic Church in Arthur, in which she was very involved and on the board at the church. She was also a member of TOP'S and KOP'S.

Ada had worked for Schrock Brothers in Arthur, assembling cabinets, which is now Masterbrand. She operated a daycare in her own home for many years and made many good relationships that have lasted a lifetime.

Ada enjoyed serving the Lord, and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the First Apostolic Church in Arthur.

### Linda Asther

Linda Dawson Asther, age 81, of Roland, Ark., danced her way into the presence of the Lord on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. She was born June 13, 1941, in Norton, Kan., the daughter of Clifton Dawson and Virginia Thompson Dawson. She loved Jesus, her family, and quilting with her whole heart. She followed her beloved husband of 60 years, Donald, to heaven.

Linda overcame poverty and crippling polio to be an encourager, motivator, and example for everyone she met. She leaves a legacy be-

hind in the family and friends she loved – how to live your faith.

Her daughters, Jackie Thorne (Kevin) and Kimberly Asther, will miss her but know they will see her again. She is survived by her sister, Francis Darlene Shortt of Maine.

Linda's life was celebrated with a memorial service Friday, March 3, at the Trinity Assembly of God in Little Rock, Ark. Arrangements are by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. Online Guestbook: [www.harrisfuneralhomes.net](http://www.harrisfuneralhomes.net).



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### Billie Snyder

Billie C. Snyder, 89, of Oakland, formerly of Arcola, passed away at 2:21 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at St. Mary's Hospital in Decatur.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 5, at the Edwards Funeral Home, Arcola. Billie's brothers-in-law, Mike and Pat Weaver, officiated. Burial with Military Rites conducted by the Arcola VFW and the Arcola American Legion were in the Arcola Cemetery. Visitation was held prior to the funeral at the funeral home. Masonic Rites conducted by the Oakland Masonic Lodge were held Sunday at the funeral home prior to the visitation.

Billie was born on October 21, 1933, in West Frankfort. He was a son of Forrest "Mickey" and Marie (Carr) Snyder. He married Carolyn "Chick" Weaver on August 18, 1955, in West Frankfort.

He is survived by his wife, Chick Snyder of Oakland; two sons, Mick Snyder and his wife Marlene of Arcola, and Neil Snyder and his wife Tammy of Mattoon; nine grandchildren, Jeremiah Snyder and his wife Candi of Charleston, Joshua Snyder of Arcola, Anthony "Tony" Snyder and his wife Kelli of Hindsboro, Lindsay Shain and her husband Troy of Oakland, Marissa Snyder of Lawrenceville, and Olivia Neilly May Snyder of Mattoon, Michael Snyder and his wife Heather, Micheala Wilson and her husband Jake, Megan Robbins and her husband Alex all of Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.; 12

great-grandchildren, Graci, Emma, and Hudson, Jonathan, Ayden, Liam, Jaxon, and Carson, and Hailey, Kinley, Raylee and Rowan; a daughter-in-law, Angie Snyder of Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.; and two brothers, Phillip Snyder and his wife Adrienne of Bell, Fla., and Steve Snyder of West Frankfort.

Billie was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Tony Ray Snyder, and Don Austin Snyder; and one brother, Richard Snyder.

Billie graduated from West Frankfort High School in 1951.

Billie was a United States Navy Veteran of the Korean War and retired from the United States Navy Reserves as a Chief Petty Officer with 30 years of service.

Billie took a position with USI in Tuscola in 1955 after he got out of the Navy. He relocated to Arthur from West Frankfort, lived in Tuscola for a short time, and in 1958, He and Chick settled in Arcola, where they raised their family. Billie retired from USI as a Fire Marshall in 1992 with 37 years of service.

Billie served his community well. He was on the Arcola Volunteer Fire Department from 1963 to 1998, having worked his way through the ranks and retired as Fire Chief. He served as an alderman. He was in the Arcola Lions Club. He was a member of the Arcola Masonic Lodge. He helped with boy scouts, and he helped coach a few baseball teams through the years. He was also a huge Arcola Purple Rider Fan.



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After retirement, Billie and Chick bought a fifth wheel camper and would spend winters in Florida. During the summer they served as Campground Managers at Walnut Point State Park in Oakland, a position they held for 14 years. They made many friends in Oakland and moved there after they stopped traveling. Billie joined the Oakland VFW and the Oakland Masonic Lodge.

Billie enjoyed fishing. His family has fond memories of fishing at Reelfoot Lake in Tennessee as well as Lake Shelbyville. He also enjoyed golfing, or as his boys liked to say, "he liked to hunt golf balls," usually his own. His favorite thing to do was simply spend time with his friends and family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Arcola Foundation for the Mike Harvey Scholarship Fund.

### Nancy Knowles

Nancy L. Knowles, 77, of Bement, passed away on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 4:22 a.m., at the Charleston Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, Charleston.

Graveside services will be held privately for the family at a later date in the Bement Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to the Albert Parker American Legion Post #620, Bement.

Nancy was born on February 2, 1946, in Ellsworth, Maine, a daughter of Harry and Dasy DeMeyer Farn-

sworth. She married Robert W. Knowles on December 8, 1966, in Heidelberg, Germany, and he died on February 16, 2022.

Surviving children include Barbara (Chris) Perry of Tennessee, Carol Knowles of Bement, Robert William (Tracy) Knowles of Gibson City, and John (Karl White) of Charleston. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, Albert (Kelly Pilar) Craig, Andru Giddings, Casey (Jessie) Knowles, Aaron (Rachel Mirabella) Knowles, Jessi Knowles, Brianna (Jonathan Dover) Perry, Connor

(Skylar Shaw) McNicol; and five great-grandchildren, Mia, Brantley, Aiden, Deakon and Rozlyn. Also surviving is a brother, Paul (Shirley) Farnsworth of Dexter, Maine. She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers; and a sister.

Aaron and Susie Hinds of Hinds Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Bement, have the honor to serve the family of Nancy L. Knowles, "Our Family is Here to Serve Your Family." Please visit our website at [www.hindsfuneralhome.com](http://www.hindsfuneralhome.com) to offer condolences.

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### Nora Sanders

Nora Mae Sanders, 90, of Arcola, passed away at 5:50 p.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at Brookstone Estates in Tuscola.

Private burial will be in the Mound Cemetery in Charleston. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Nora was born on February 22, 1933, in Oakland. She was a daughter of John and Emma Mae (Dick) Zeigler. She married Russell E. "Bud" Sanders on July 18, 1951, in Oakland; he passed away on April 6, 2017.

She is survived by three children, Eugene Sanders of Tuscola, Ann Crucil and her husband Guy of Bonita Springs, Fla., and Brenda Sue Smyser and her husband Nick of Mattoon; four grandchil-



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dren; eight great grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and four siblings, Clarence,

Frank, Normajean and Thelma.

Nora was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church in Arcola.

Nora worked as a welder at Progress Industries in Arthur, and retired with 28 years of service.

She always enjoyed camping with her husband at Bo Wood Campground at Lake Shelbyville. She also liked to fish; Nora and Bud would always host an annual "Fish Fry" at the old park in Arcola for family and friends; upwards of 60 to 75 people would often attend.

Nora has lived at Brookstone Estates in Tuscola for the past three years; she made many new friends and enjoyed doing puzzle books.