

# Obituaries

## Ray Shunk

Ray Shunk, 86, of Tuscola, formerly of Villa Grove and Arthur, passed away on Saturday, April 22, 2023, at Brookstone Estates in Tuscola.

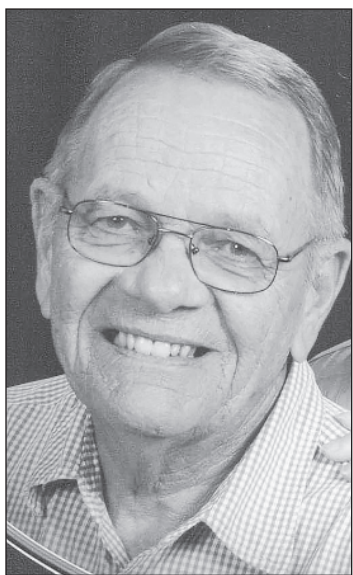
Ray was born Donald Ray Shunk at home in Camargo on September 15, 1936, to parents Ivan and Leota (Henry) Shunk. Ray graduated from Villa Grove High School. He married Sherrill Jean Cook on December 1, 1962. She preceded him in death.

Ray is survived by two sons, David Shunk and Seth (Kate) Shunk; grandchildren, Madeline, Erin and Tucker Shunk, all of Villa Grove; his brother, Dale (Nancy) Shunk of Tuscola; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Juanita Craven; his twin sister, Kay Ward; and his nephew, Wade Lourash.

After graduation, Ray farmed with his father until he was called to serve his country in Korea with the U.S. Army. He received an honorable discharge in 1965 with the rank of sergeant.

He eventually retired from farming and opened an antique shop with his wife in Arthur, called "Our Antiques." After closing the antique store, Ray began operating his own handyman business called



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"Shunk Maintenance." He ran that business successfully for many years throughout Central Illinois. During their time in Villa Grove, Ray and Sherrill were faithful members of the First Christian Church where Ray served as a Deacon and Elder. After moving to Arthur in 1994, Ray and Sherrill attended the Arthur Mennonite Church.

Ray and Sherrill enjoyed 58 years of marriage and were seldom apart. Together, they enjoyed spending time with family, especially their grandchildren, fishing, antiquing, camping, and traveling, including spending several winters in Mesa, Ariz., with family

and friends. During their time at Brookstone Estates, Ray enjoyed socializing, taking part in activities such as Wii Bowling and Bingo, and he was known by the residents there as the Cherry Tomato King of the facility. Ray loved keeping in touch with friends and family via Facebook. He was very honored to be asked to lead the devotions and give the prayer at mealtimes. Ray was also a proud recipient of a Quilt of Valor for his service in the Armed Forces.

The family would like to thank the staff of Brookstone Estates in Tuscola, especially the director, Kayce Hanscel, for the exceptional care that they provided both Ray and Sherrill during their time there.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, April 28, at Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 705 South Main Street, Tuscola. Interment will be at the Camargo Cemetery with military graveside rites accorded. Visitation will be held 1 hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to the Villa Grove First Christian Church or Arthur Mennonite Church. Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com.

## Richard Eiche

Richard Lee Eiche, 79, of Tuscola, formerly of Lima, Ohio, passed away on April 16, 2023, in Charleston.

He was born on December 13, 1943, and adopted by Clayton and Bina (Hover) Eiche. His biological parents were Georgiana (Gahret) Hall and William "Buck" Van Gundy. Richard married Dianna Kay Riemesch on June 19, 1965, in Lima, Ohio.

Richard was a 1961 graduate of Shawnee High School in Lima, Ohio. He also graduated from Rhodes State College (Lima Technical College) with a degree of Associate of Applied Business. Richard was a jack-of-all-trades and worked a variety of jobs throughout his life. He worked at Tuscola Public Library, Pro-Mail, Shawnee Local Schools, Shawnee Township Police Department, Memory Creations, Shawnee Connections and Lima Bargain Center among others.

Richard, along with Dianna, spent numerous years volunteering time to Shawnee High School Marching Band, Shawnee Prizewinners 4-H club, American Red Cross, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts and the



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theatre department at Ohio State University all in Lima, Ohio. In Tuscola, Richard volunteered his time to Actors Rural Theatre Company and Tuscola Moose Lodge #729. Richard enjoyed woodworking, HAM radio, genealogy, reading books, and spending time with his dogs and cats.

Richard is survived by his daughters, Susan (Rick) Hefley and Christine "Chris" (Brian) Alcorn, all of Tuscola; also four grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister-

in-law, Joyce (Morton) Riemesch of Kittrell, N.C.; brother-in-law, Willis "Bill" (Judy) Riemesch; and sister-in-law, Ruth (Riemesch) Closson; biological half-sister, Judy (Hall) Wagner; biological half-brother, William "Bill" (Gloria) Van Gundy, all of Lima, Ohio; biological half-sister, Kay (Bruce) Calim of Mercedes, Texas; and biological cousin, Doreen (Van Gundy) Picklesimer of Cridersville, Ohio; along with a niece and many nephews and their families. Preceding Richard in death was his wife of 55 years, Dianna; his daughter, Sheri Eiche; son-in-law, Michael "Mike" Valerio; brothers-in-law, Robert "Bob" Riemesch, David Riemesch and Richard "Rich" Closson; and his parents and biological parents.

Private graveside service and burial will be held at Shawnee Cemetery in Lima, Ohio. In lieu of flowers and plants, memorials and donations can be made either to the family or to Shawnee Band Boosters, c/o Shawnee High School, 3333 Zurmehly Road, Lima, OH 45806. Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home handled the local arrangements.

## Katie Ruggles

Kathryn M. "Katie" Ruggles, 44, of Tuscola, passed away suddenly on Wednesday morning, April 19, 2023, at her residence.

Katie was born on April 5, 1979, in Urbana, the daughter of Douglas L. and Linda J. Leonard Brewer. She married Mike Ruggles on June 2, 2001, in Tuscola. He survives.

Katie is also survived by her son, Douglas Ruggles of Tuscola; mother, Linda Brewer of Tuscola; brother, Matt Brewer of Tuscola; and several other extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her father; paternal grandparents, Chuck and Mary Brewer; and maternal grandparents, George and Betty

Leonard.

Katie was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church and graduated from Tuscola Community High School in 1997. She worked at Tuscola Do-It-Best for 24 years. Katie loved her cats, diamond painting and music. She enjoyed watching her son play sporting events.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 24, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tuscola, with the Rev. Jason Braaten officiating. Burial was in the Tuscola Township Cemetery.

Visitation was held Sunday, April 23, at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, Tuscola, and prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are suggested to the Douglas Ruggles Education Fund, Douglas County



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Animal Shelter or to the Douglas County Museum. Online condolences may be shared via hilligossshraderfh.com.

## Dan Chambers

Daniel D. Chambers, 95, of Pierson Station, passed away at 10:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, 2023, his 95th birthday, at the Tuscola Health Care Center, Tuscola.

Private family services will be held.

Dan was born on April 18, 1928, in Pierson Station, the son of C.R. and Eva Bartels Chambers. He married Jean Weakly on December 26, 1951, in Decatur.

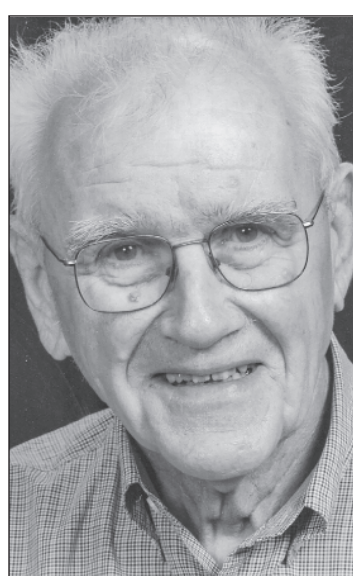
Survivors include his wife of 71 years, Jean; children, Sue (Lee) Volk of Newton, Carol (Glen) Myers of Atwood, Dino Chambers of Bakersfield, Calif., and Don (Laura) Chambers of rural Urbana; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death

by his parents; one grandson; three granddaughters; brother, Ray Chambers; and sister, Ruth Smith.

Dan was an honors graduate from the University of Illinois in Vocational Agriculture. He taught Agriculture for a short time prior to being drafted in the United States Army and serving his country during the Korean War. He was a member of the James Reeder American Legion Post #770 for 70 years, Pierson Elevator Board of Directors and served on the Atwood-Hammond School Board. Dan was a DeKalb Seed Dealer for 40 years. He was a member of the Atwood First Baptist Church. Dan farmed in the Atwood area for many years. He enjoyed working on anything that had an engine.

Memorial contributions



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may be made to the Atwood First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 797, Atwood, IL 61913. Online condolences maybe shared via hilligossshraderfh.com.

## Elsie Yoder

Elsie J. (Kauffman) Yoder, 94, of Arcola, passed away at 5:50 p.m. on Saturday, April 15, 2023, at her residence.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 18, at the Bennie Schrock residence, rural Arcola. Bishop David J. Otto officiated. Burial was in the Otto Cemetery in rural Arthur. Visitation was held Sunday, April 16, and Monday, April 17, all at Bennie Schrock's residence. The Edwards Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Elsie was born on August 1, 1928, in Douglas County to Joel J. and Katie Ann (Schlabach) Kauffman. She married Noah J. Yoder on October 14, 1959, in Douglas County. He preceded her in death on April 10, 2005. They lived in Holy Matrimony for 56 years, 6 months, and 6 days.

Elsie is survived by two sons and one daughter, Eli Yoder and his wife Annie Marie of Arcola, Raymond Yoder and his wife Verna of Fredericksburg, Ohio, and Mary Yoder, at home, Arcola; four grandchild-

ren; 21 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Mary Ellen Lee and her husband Lester of Arthur; two brothers-in-law, Harvey Kuhns of Tuscola, and Dannie Otto and his wife Fannie (Miller) of Tuscola; and one sister-in-law, Anna (Bontrager) Kauffman of LaGrange, Ind.

Elsie was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; one grandson, Andrew Yoder; four brothers; and six sisters.

Elsie was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

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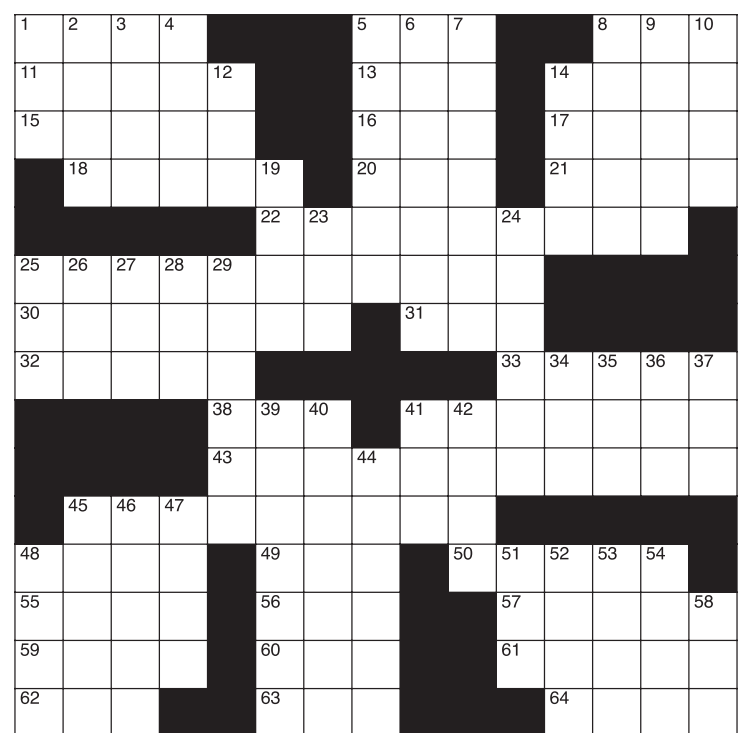
## CLUES ACROSS

- It's all over the beach
- A cirque
- Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- Influential report author
- Satisfaction
- Recurring only at long intervals
- Islamic calendar month
- Neither
- Gelatinous substance
- American electronic music producer
- Old computer system
- Professional organization
- Malaria mosquitoes
- Not composed of matter
- It's in the ocean
- Peyton's little brother
- French commune
- Eyelashes
- Equal (prefix)
- Quality of little or no rain
- One who beheads
- Sung to
- Influential punk artist
- Amount of time
- Polio vaccine developer
- Abba \_\_, Israeli politician
- Job
- Flat-bottomed sailboat
- Japanese wooden clog
- Folk singer DiFranco
- FL city
- Naturally occurring solid
- Language of indigenous Asian people
- Dark brown

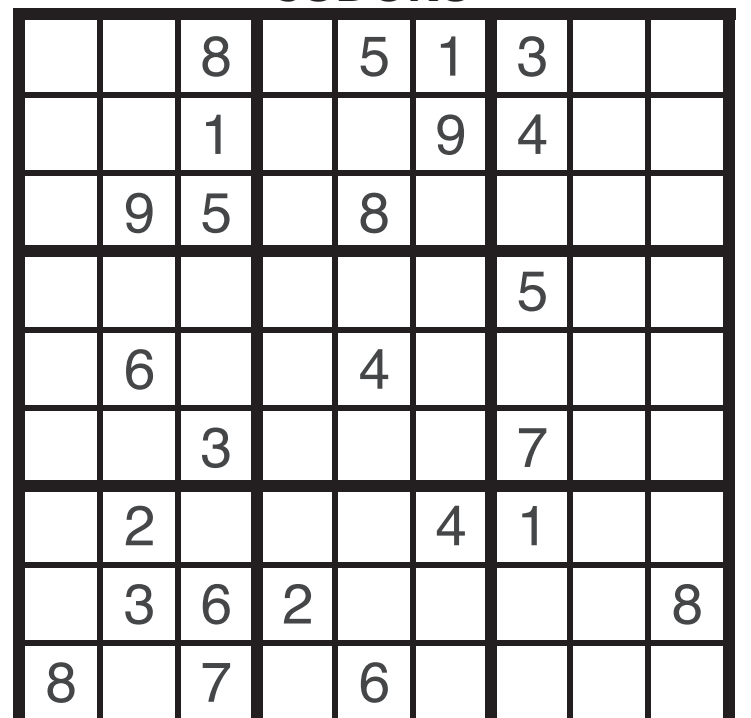
## CLUES DOWN

- Soviet Socialist Republic
- Zoroastrian concept of holy fire
- Venomous snake genus
- Uninteresting
- Straightforwardness
- Expression of wild excitement
- Arrange in order
- East Indian cereal grass
- Hillsides
- Bird beak covering
- Baseball stat
- Edge of a surfboard
- Wrapping accessory
- Express approval
- Deduce
- Similar

## CROSSWORD



## SUDOKU



- Born of
- Automobile
- Obligated to repay
- Live in
- Influential journalist Tarbell

- Set aflame
- OJ trial judge
- Scottish town
- African nation
- Egg-shaped wind instrument
- Mimic
- Frees
- In slow tempo
- Sword
- Related on the mother's side
- Mars crater
- Plant of the lily family
- Suitable in the circumstances
- Hillside
- Metrical foot
- Amazon river tributary
- Adult male human

## SOLUTIONS

