

Obituaries

Skip Kibler

Jon "Skip" Kibler, 85, passed away peacefully on September 6, 2023, at SBL Health Center in Mattoon. He was born May 2, 1938, in Tuscola, the son of John D. Kibler and Jeannette (Cook) Kibler. He married his high school sweetheart, Sally Adkins, on March 4, 1962, in Charleston.

Skip leaves his loving family, wife Sally Kibler of Arcola; daughter, Mindy (Shawn) Mallady of Danville; son, Jeff (Lori) Kibler of Wausau, Wis.; grandchildren, Jackson, Kevin and Carter Mallady, Caroline and Emily Kibler. He was preceded in death by daughter, Tamara Sue Kibler; his parents; and sisters, Susan and Sheryl Snyder.

Skip graduated from Charleston High School Class of 1956 and continued his education at the University of Illinois. At the U of I, he was part of the track and field team and a member of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. With a degree in Ag Economics, he returned to Arcola, to run the family farm.

Skip made numerous con-



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tributions to the Arcola community through his dedicated service. He held the position of President at both the Arcola Foundation and the Arcola Public Library, where he devotedly served for an impressive 32 years. His leadership during this period was marked by the successful oversight of a building expansion project, resulting in the facility's size doubling to better serve the community.

Dorothy Jones

Dorothy Vay Jones, 91 of Arcola, passed away at 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at Odd Fellow Rebekah Home in Mattoon.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. The Edwards Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements.

Dorothy was born on November 7, 1931, in Martinsville, Va. She was the daughter of Curtis and Inez (Davis) Williamson. She married John Charles Jones on May 23, 1964, in Riverside, Calif.

She is survived by her husband, John of Arcola; five children, Wilma Roberts of Arcola, Christina Whipple of Tuscola, Carol Blakley and her husband Jerry of California, Casey Jones and his wife Dawn of Dixon, and Carolyn Gallagher and her husband Paul of Iowa; two daughters-in-law, Rosie Jones, and Sondra Jones, both of Washington; one brother, Curtis Clay Williamson and his wife Diane of Fayetteville, Ga.; one sister, Barbara Ann; and one brother-in-law, Hoyt McClendon of Florida; many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great

grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four children, Sonny Jones, Randy Jones, Beth Jones, and Gina Sue Jones; one grandson, Jeffrey Neil Whipple; and two sisters, Edith McClendon and Clara McNally.

Throughout her life, Dorothy held various jobs that exemplified her strong work ethic. She spent many years working as a waitress at both 3 Bears Restaurant in Rubidoux, Calif., and Dottie's Cafe on Broadway in Humboldt. Her warm smile and friendly nature made her a beloved member of the community in both places. After leaving the service industry, she found a stable career at Coles Moultrie where she worked for 29 years reading meters until her retirement. Even after retirement, Dorothy continued to contribute to the local community by farming 30 acres west of Humboldt for eight years.

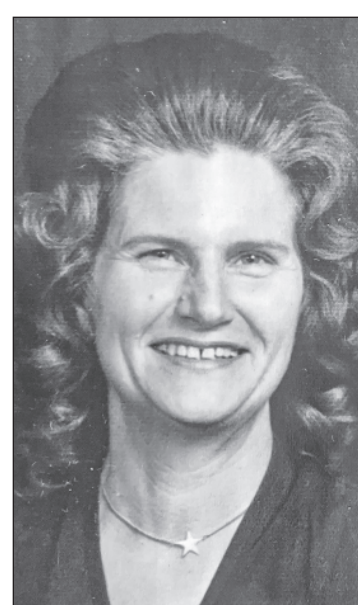
Dorothy's true passion lied in spending time with her family. She enjoyed every moment with them and cherished the times spent with her grandchildren. Their laughter and joy brought immense happi-

In addition to his commitments in the public sphere, Skip also lent his expertise as a farmer to the Arcola Grain Elevator board. Furthermore, he contributed spiritually as an ordained elder, offering his guidance and support to the Arcola Presbyterian Church. Skip's multifaceted service undoubtedly left a lasting and positive impact on the community of Arcola.

Skip cherished several passions throughout his life, with none shining more brightly than what he called the "Four 'Fs'" - Faith, Family, Farming, and his unwavering support for the Fighting Illini!

A visitation was held Monday, September 11, at the Shrader Funeral Home in Arcola. A Celebration of Life service was held Tuesday, September 12, at the Arcola Presbyterian Church. Burial followed in the Arcola Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to The Arcola Public Library or the Arcola Presbyterian Church. Online condolences for the family may be shared at www.hilligossshraderfh.com.



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ness to her life.

In addition to her dedication to work and family, Dorothy was an active member of the Midwest Line Dancers of Mattoon. Dancing brought out her lively spirit and allowed her to have fun while staying fit. Being part of this group was one of Dorothy's proudest accomplishments.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Arcola Library or the Douglas County Animal Shelter or the Coles County Animal Shelter.

Amanda Miller

Amanda Marie Miller, 58 of Humboldt, passed away on Thursday, August 31, 2023, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon.

Funeral services were held Monday, September 4, at the HCK West Building, rural Arthur. Bishop Philip Schrock officiated. Burial was in the Otto Cemetery in rural Arthur. Visitation was held Saturday, September 2, and Sunday, September 3, at the HCK West Building. The Edwards Fu-

neral Home assisted with arrangements.

Amanda was born on October 26, 1964. She was a daughter of Levi C. and Edna E. (Schrock) Herschberger. She married Allen D. Miller on April 23, 1993; they lived in Holy Matrimony for 30 years, 10 months, and 26 days.

Amanda is survived by her husband Allen; two children, Daren Ray Miller and Mary Edna Miller; two brothers, Ray Herschberger and his wife Dorothy and Eli Herschberger

and his wife Betty, all of Arthur; one sister, Mary Schrock and her husband Howard of Sullivan; and a sister-in-law, Verna Herschberger of Arthur.

Amanda was preceded in death by her parents, Levi and Edna Herschberger; one brother, Mervin Herschberger; two brothers-in-law, Howard Miller and Leroy Yoder; nephews, Lamar Ray Herschberger and Eli Ray Herschberger; and one niece, Roselyn Herschberger.

Amanda was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Margaret Knobloch

Anna Margaret Knobloch, 99, of Arthur, died at 4:54 p.m. Tuesday, August 29, 2023, at the Arthur Home.

Margaret was born February 12, 1924, in Douglas County, the daughter of Paul George and Alfreda M. Suhl Clausen. She married William Carter Knobloch in Arthur on June 2, 1946; he preceded her in death on January 26, 2014.

She is survived by her son, Paul W. (Sarah) Knobloch of Altoona, Iowa; grandsons, Alan (Brenna) Knobloch of Olympia, Wash.; Alex Knobloch of Juneau, Alaska; great grandchildren, Caiden, Callen, and Charlotte Knobloch. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bill; brother, Lloyd; and nephew, Gary.

Margaret graduated from Arthur High School Class of 1942, and then attended Dickinson Secretarial School in Decatur. She was employed at the Standard Oil Company as Comptometer Operator in Decatur office for 3 years.

Margaret was a life member of the Zion United Church of Christ; American Legion Auxiliary #479; and a 50-year member of the Arthur Chapter #427 Order of the Eastern Star which merged into Tuscola Chapter #44.

Funeral services were held Thursday, September 7, at Shrader Funeral Home, Arthur, with Danny Powell officiating. Burial followed in the Arthur Cemetery. Visitation was held prior to the funeral at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested



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to the Zion United Church of Christ or Donor's Choice. Online condolences to the family may be shared at www.hilligossshraderfh.com.

Jose Gauna

Jose Cruz Gauna, Jr., 47, of Mattoon, passed away at 5:05 p.m. on Thursday, August 31, 2023, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Jose was born on November 18, 1975, in Mattoon, to Jose Cruz Gauna, Sr. and Connie Ann Hampton.

He is survived by his father, Jose Gauna, Sr. of Arcola; three sisters, Adriana "Rosie" Gauna of Mattoon, Marcia Vasquez of Mattoon, and Joseline Nicole Gauna of Arcola; two nieces, Alyssa, and Olivia Carroll; as well as several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

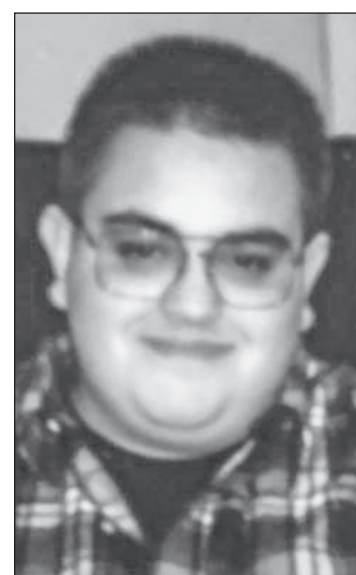
He was preceded in death by his mother, Connie Hampton.

Jose was such a loving and caring person. He was loved by many, especially his family.

Jose loved to listen to music and make music. He always wanted to be a famous rapper; he was very good at it. Those who had the pleasure of hearing some of his music and making the music with him will agree.

Jose enjoyed having a good time and when he got to laughing it was hard not to laugh with him. He enjoyed watching movies and TV shows with his sister Rosie every day. Jose was always the protector of his sisters, Marcia, and Rosie. He was the absolute best brother "bubby," son, and friend to so many people. Jose was the type of guy that would do anything for someone he cared about.

Jose fought until the very end, and he will always be re-



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membered and never forgotten. The love he showed everyone will be returned to him forever. May his beautiful soul rest in peace now.

Wilma White

Wilma Jean White, 92, of Atwood, passed away at 3:35 p.m. on Sunday, September 3, 2023, at Arthur Home.

Graveside services were held Thursday, September 7, in the Mackville Cemetery in Atwood. The Rev. Mike Drake officiated. The Edwards Funeral Home assisted with arrangements.

Wilma was born on March 13, 1931, in Douglas County. She was a daughter of Herman John and Theresa (Moody) Korte. She married John Burton White on June 2, 1951, at the Zion United Church of Christ in Rural Arthur. He passed away on December 26, 2019.

She is survived by three sons, John White and his wife Terri of Sun City, Ariz., Tom White and his wife Lesa of Atwood, and Greg White and his wife Jalane of Tuscola; a daughter-in-law, Jan (White) Russell of Caddo Mills, Texas; grandchildren, Melissa (Tom) Ramsey of Stamping Ground,



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Ky., Kelson White of Broomfield, Colo., Samantha White of Chatham, Justin (Jackie) White of Lufkin, Texas, Brittany (Justin) Bolton of Dallas, Texas, Jordan (Paige) White of Overland Park, Kan., Tyler (Nicole) White of Tuscola, and Tobey (Stephanie) White of Tuscola; great-grandchildren, Madison Barb of Lexington, Ky., Jackson Coffey of Stamping Ground,

Tony Poynter

Clinton A. "Tony" Poynter, 63, of Bourbon, passed away at 7:19 a.m. on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana.

Visitation was held Monday, September 11, at the Edwards Funeral Home, Arcola. Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 12, at the funeral home. Pastor Dave Dolan and Paster Matt McGregor officiated. Burial was in the Bourbon Cemetery in Bourbon.

Tony was born on October 12, 1959, in Decatur. He was a son of Clinton A. and Ada L. (Troyer) Poynter. He married Darla Honn on December 26, 2013, in Fernandina Beach, Fla.

He is survived by his wife, Darla of Bourbon; two children, Christine Poynter of Goodman, Mo., and Caleb Poynter and his significant other, Kristin of Kingsland, Ga.; three stepchildren, 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.; two grandchildren, Tabyn Pyles of Exeter, Mo., and Chase Robbins of Neosho, Mo.; five step-grandchildren, Shelby and Taylor Campbell of St. Joseph, Henry Tabb of Catlin, and Audrey and Jonathan Nguyen of Chesapeake, Va.; his brother, Wallace Dale Poynter and his wife Penie of Villa Grove; two nephews, Wes Poynter and his wife Kaneesha of Westmount, Ben Poynter and his wife Nicole of Fairview, Ore.; great-nieces and nephews, Lincoln and Amara Poynter of Westmount, and Kailas Poynter of Fairview, Ore.; several aunts, uncles, cousins, and many good friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Tony was a 1977 graduate of Arthur High School.

He worked at MasterBrand Cabinets in Arthur for over 36 years. He had a side gig working for Jamaica Pyrotechnics for many years, helping with firework displays all over Illinois.



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He loved every minute of it.

Tony was a member of New Life Church in Sullivan.

Tony enjoyed deer hunting, riding his motorcycle, camping, and traveling. He and Darla especially enjoyed the trip they took to Japan to see Caleb while he was in the U.S. Navy stationed at Sasebo, Japan.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Scott Prows

Scott Ray Prows, 59, of Arthur, formerly of Arcola, passed away at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at his residence.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 17, at the Edwards Funeral Home, 221 East Main St., Arcola. Pastor John Stewart will officiate. A celebration to honor Scott's life will be held following the service at Back Alley Saloon in Arcola.

Scott was born on July 18, 1964, in Mattoon. He was the son of Junior and Linda Lou (Beals) Prows.

He is survived by his sister, Shelly Swearingen (Andy Wilson) of Mattoon; several good friends, a couple being Dave Jent and his wife Lisa, and Kenny Schrock all of Arthur.

He graduated from Arcola High School in 1982 and went on to attend Joliet Jr. College.

Scott's career spanned several companies. He worked diligently for Jack Spar at the Humboldt Bin Company and Schrock's Cabinet Factory in Arthur. Later on, he joined Zexel Corporation in Arcola. He most recently worked at CHI for 16 years.

Scott had a vibrant social life. Spending time with his buddies was one of his favorite pastimes. He was an avid Illini sports fan and held season tickets to Illinois Football games. The thrill of cheering on his favorite team from the stands brought him immense happiness. Additionally, he proudly boasted his loyalty to the Chicago Cubs.

One of Scott's proudest ac-



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complishments was his prowess on the bowling lanes. He had a natural talent for the game and achieved several perfect games of 300.