

Obituaries

Dana Moore

Dana Moore, 81, of Decatur, went home to his reward in Heaven after a short but courageous battle with cancer on September 7, 2023, at home with his beloved wife of 22 years, Rhonda Moore.

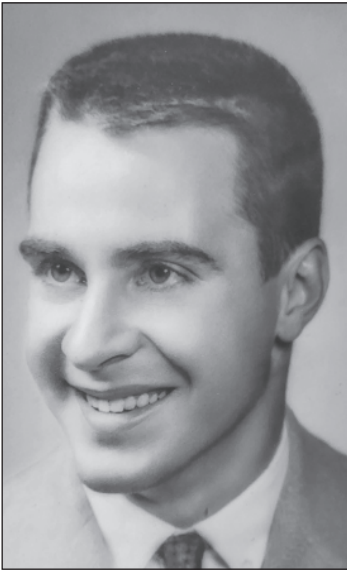
Dana was born on January 31, 1942, at Macon County Hospital and was adopted at birth by Homer and Mildred Moore of Cerro Gordo. He graduated from Cerro Gordo High School in 1960, and went on to marry Leah Morrell of Moweaqua on October 13, 1962. Together they raised two children.

After Leah’s passing on July 13, 1999, Dana married Rhonda Hurley on August 8, 2001, and she survives. Also surviving are his son, Lennie (Mari) Moore of Murrayville; his son-in-law, Brian Hilvety of Moweaqua; his stepchildren, Lonny (Kir) Hurley of Portland, Ore., Anna (Matt) Sanders of Moweaqua; his grandchildren,



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Brianna Hilvety of Moweaqua, Mariah Hilvety of Moweaqua, Hayden (Kilee Smith) Moore of Bettendorf, Iowa, Brennan Moore of Murrayville, Brooks Moore of Murrayville; his step-grandchildren, Mesa Hurley of Portland, Ore., Sarah Sanders of Moweaqua. He was preceded in death by his



parents; his first wife; and his daughter, Tammy Hilvety.

In high school, Dana enjoyed sports, especially football and track. He also enjoyed spending time with his horse and his 1955 Chevy. Dana joined the Marine Corps Reserve in 1961 and served until 1967. He began his ca-

reer at Firestone in Decatur in 1962, and retired in 1995, after 33 years of service.

Dana was known for keeping a meticulous yard and garden although Rhonda did most of the garden work. He loved sitting outside and enjoyed looking at the flowers, hummingbirds, and all of the wildlife. He always loved outside activities, which included hiking, elk and pheasant hunting, fishing, skeet and trap shooting. He supported Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited, NRA and SCI. He could always be found at Pheasants Forever and Ducks Unlimited banquets.

He and Rhonda truly enjoyed traveling together. They took many trips around the country and some of their favorites include Rocky Mountain National Park, Glacier National Park, Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, Custer State Park, Flaming River Gorge, the UP of Michigan, Table Rock

Lake, Land between the Lakes, and Starved Rock State Park. Their longest trip was a journey to Alaska where they took 2 weeks to drive there seeing all of the sites along the way and then staying for 3 months in Fairbanks, Alaska, where they ventured out all over Alaska.

Over the years, you could find him hanging out at Rader’s Sporting Goods and the bowling alley in Moweaqua along with Wendell’s Restaurant for pie. Lately, his favorite spot was Panera Bread in Decatur, where he developed some very strong friendships. His favorite spot to catch dinner was the The Wagon restaurant in Decatur and Yoder’s in Arthur.

He loved music, especially oldies and contemporary Christian. He regularly attended church at New Beginnings Church of God in Decatur.

He had a passion for playing pranks on people and

loved to joke around with everyone. He was quick to lend a hand to anyone needing help and he never wanted anything in return or even a pat on the back. He loved being invested with young people and helping them grow. Which showed greatly when it came to his grandchildren. He loved to brag on them, be around them or was glad to do anything they might need. He was truly a great husband, father and grandfather. If he could be remembered for one thing, it was “being a funny guy who made everyone he met laugh.” I think he accomplished that.

Burial will be held at a later date.

Memorials can be made to St Jude’s or New Beginnings Church of God in Decatur, in lieu of flowers.

Arrangements are being handled by Central Cremation Center, Forsyth.

Leatha Romine

Leatha P. Romine, 97, of Tuscola, formerly of Brocton, passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones at 8:11 a.m., Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at Brookstone Estates, Tuscola.

Graveside services were held Monday, September 18, at the Mackville Cemetery, Atwood, with the Rev. Jerry Conner officiating.

Leatha was born on July 9, 1926, in Ridge Farm, the daughter of Luther and Nettie Hendrix Sanderson. She married Joseph Johnson. He preceded her in death. She married Ervin Romine. He also preceded her in death.

Survivors include her daughters-in-law, Pat Johnson of Atwood and Gloria Romine of Arizona; grandchildren, Jeff (Anja) Johnson, Joanne Johnson, Nicki DeGrofft, Alicia Carder, Todd Romine, Penny (Nate) Boyd, Benjamin Romine and Petrina (Travis) Murphy; 22 great-grandchildren; and 14 great-great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sons, Jack H. Johnson and Charles Romine; grandchildren, Jim Johnson, Brad Benson and Tammy Ludwig; siblings, John, David,



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Laura, Marguerite, Dorothy, Luther, Walter, Donald, Catharina, Kenneth and Jesse.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

Leatha loved Harley rides, drinking beer and playing slot machines. She enjoyed dancing, reading Louis L’Amour books, watching Perry Mason, western movies and TV game shows. Most of all she loved spending time with her family members.

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

Rita Saunders

Rita Ann Saunders, 78, of Arcola, passed away at 11:35 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at her residence.

Visitation was held Monday, September 18, at the Edwards Funeral Home, Arcola. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning, September 19, at the funeral home. The Rev. Kent Conover officiated. Burial was in the Arcola Cemetery.

Rita was born on March 13, 1945, in Melrose Park. She was the daughter of Rudy and Minnie (Kirchmann) Krosel. She married Thomas Jeffrey Saunders on April 12, 1975, in St. Charles.

She is survived by her husband Thomas Jeff Saunders of Arcola; six children, Shawn Hoskinson of Aurora, J.R. Hoskinson and his wife Kate of Champaign, Jared Saunders of Columbia, Tenn., Shannon Saunders of Spring Hill, Tenn., Amber Krutke and her husband Bill of Plainfield, Ind.,



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and Katie Simpson and her husband James of Tuscola; 12 grandchildren, Madeline and Emily Hoskinson, Nate Hoskinson and his wife Kaelyn, Emma Hoskinson, Zach and his wife Brittany, Zeke, Ben, Aaralyn, Bowen, Avalyn, and Oliver Saunders and Declan Krutke; two sisters, Linda

Gatlin and her husband Larry of Kaiser, Mo., and Kathie Thompson and her husband Jimmy of Mattoon; one niece; several nephews; and several great nieces and great nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and a still born sister, Roselynn.

Family held a special place in Rita’s heart, and her love for her children and grandchildren knew no bounds. She poured her energy into nurturing these relationships, always ensuring that they felt valued and cherished. Rita’s devotion to her family was evident in the time she spent with them, creating beautiful memories that will forever be treasured.

In addition to her love for family and faith, Rita had several hobbies and interests that brought her happiness. In her younger years, she developed a love for drawing and art, of cars and driving, and was

a talented athlete in sports. She was a lifelong (secret) White Sox fan and often liked watching football and college basketball games. She liked to relax by putting together puzzles, especially with family. Rita made a practice of putting others’ needs before her own and was always quick to open up her home to family, friends or anyone who had a need at any time. She enjoyed cooking and baking and was well-known for her homemade pizza nights and potica (a family bread recipe).

Rita’s unwavering faith was a source of strength and comfort throughout her life. She was a dedicated member of the Faith Restoration Fellowship of Arcola, where she found comfort in the community and the teachings that resonated with her deeply. Rita’s commitment to her faith served as an inspiration to those who had the privilege of knowing her.

Fred Edgar

Fred Moore Edgar, 83, of Charleston, died Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at Carle Hospital in Urbana.

Fred was born September 4, 1940, in Tuscola, the son of Cecil and Elizabeth Oni Moore Edgar. He married Becky Miller on May 10, 2003 in Maui, Hawaii.

Survivors include his wife, Becky Edgar of Charleston; sons, Todd Edgar of Charleston, Jed (Angela) Edgar of Charleston; grandson, Luke Edgar; brother, Jim (Brenda) Edgar; nephew, Brad (Stacey) Edgar; niece, Elizabeth Lowe; and special pet, “Chance.”

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Tom Edgar.

Fred graduated from Charleston High School and Eastern Illinois University. He was a Health Administrator for many years.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was a recipient of the Bronze Star. He was a member of the Moose Club, Elks Club, Masonic Lodge, and Charleston Country Club.

Fred was an avid golfer and attended the Masters several times. He enjoyed watching Illini basketball and Oklahoma football; was a Cub’s fan; loved to walk his dog; loved to travel and visit National Parks with Becky; and loved spending time with family and friends.



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Visitation will be held from 10–11:30 a.m. Wednesday, September 20, at the Family Worship Center, 411 Jackson Avenue, Charleston. A Celebration of Life service will follow at 11:30 a.m. at the church. Inurnment will be in the Humboldt Cemetery with Military Rites accorded by the Charleston VFW Post and American Legion Post and U.S. Army Honor Guard. Shrader Funeral Home, Arcola, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorials are suggested to the Fox Ridge Foundation or the Coles County Animal Shelter.

Online condolences to the family may be shared at www.hilligossshraderfh.com.

Mary Doak

Mary Elizabeth Doak, 89, of Arcola, passed away at 1:10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at the Arthur Home.

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

Mary was born on July 12, 1934, in Scottsville, Ky. She was the daughter of Jack and Sarah Olean (Jent) Binnion.

She is survived by three children, Kelly (Eric) Headrick of Arcola, Veronica (Charlie Dunn) of Marshall, and Patty Pullen of Phoenix, Ariz.; nine grandchildren, Dustie (Jeff) Mitchell, Josh (Lindsey) Headrick, Lindsey (Butch) Clark, Michelle (Bill) Darr, Melinda (Mike) Derr, Taylor (Chris) Wright, Tracy Graham, Aaron Kerschner and Shane Pullen; nine great grandchildren; and one great great grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and two children, Ronnie Kerschner and Mike Kerschner; and two sisters, Linda Johnson and Jean Martel.

Mary dedicated many years of her life to her career at Progress Industries and Masterbrand Cabinets.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Mary’s true joy came from spending time with her loved ones. She cherished the company of her family and friends and always made each moment memorable. Her warm and welcoming nature created an environment where everyone felt loved and appreciated.

One of Mary’s greatest passions was caring for her beloved dogs. She found comfort in their companionship and nurtured a deep bond with her



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furry friends.

In her leisure time, Mary embraced her love for cooking by preparing delicious meals for her family. Additionally, she enjoyed embarking on day adventures to get pampered with hair and nail appointments or going on short shopping trips. Visiting family in Florida brought immense joy to Mary, as she cherished any opportunity to spend quality time with loved ones. Her dedication to her work, love for family and friends, passion for cooking, and generosity have left an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Mary Elizabeth Doak will forever be remembered as a kind-hearted individual who brought warmth, joy, and love into the lives of those around her. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

The family would like to thank The Arthur Home and Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospice for the care their mother received.

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