

OBITUARIES

T-Wolves Finish Second At Princeville Tournament



MARY HELEN KENT

With heavy hearts we share that Mary Helen Kent, 74, of Lacon, IL passed away on Tuesday, December 23, 2025 surrounded by family at home.

Mary was born on May 11, 1951 in Pana, IL to Charles Ralph and Marion Lovean (Ralston) Oller.

Mary is survived by her husband Robert Kent; daughter, Dawn (Derik) Schumacher; son, Jeffrey Kent; grandchildren, Cody (Kylee) Tate, Dylan (Kamy Perry) Schumacher, Damon Schumacher, Cameron Schumacher, and Cailyn Schumacher; great grandchildren, Corbin, Kyron, and Cora Tate; siblings, Cheryl Oller, Sue Oller, and Debbie Warren; along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Charles Ralph "Ralphie" Oller; granddaughter, Colby Tate; brother, Dennis Oller; and sister, Sandy Spinner.

Mary graduated from Pana High School in 1969. She worked at Mallory Timers in Pana for some years. She had little Ralphie on August 17, 1972. He went to Heaven on December 23, 1972. Mary attended Decatur School of Nursing where she graduated as a Licensed Practical Nurse. Her daughter Dawn was born in 1973. She moved to Taylorville where she worked at St. Vincent Memorial Hospital for many years as a surgical nurse. She met Bob, the love of her life, and they got married on May 8, 1981.

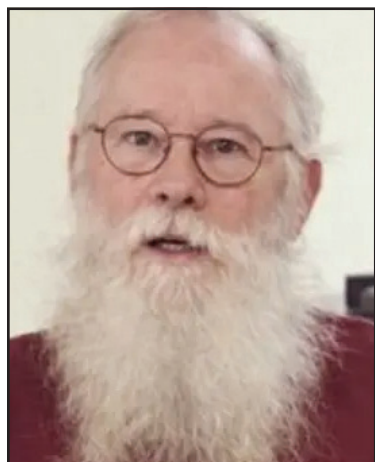
They moved to Chillicothe where they built a beautiful life. She worked at the Med Surg Clinic in Peoria. Their son Jeff was born in 1983. She was a stay at home mom for a few years. She worked as a nurse for Park Hill Nursing Home in Chillicothe for a couple years. She also worked as an office coordinator for several realtors for many years. She was a member of St Edward Catholic Church, Chillicothe Optimist Club, Rescue 33 Ambulance, and Chillicothe Fireworks, where she was very active. They moved to Lacon in 2007 where they made a beautiful home. She began working as a Nurse for the Methodist Medical Group Family Practice of Lacon. She retired from there in 2012. She was

a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

During her life, she loved spending time with family and friends, loved being a nurse, playing softball, bowling, boating, water skiing, karaoke, dancing, cross stitching, cooking, baking, and gardening. She made her yard (in Chillicothe and in Lacon) look like an oasis.

Mary had a heart of gold. She was a strong, beautiful, loving, and compassionate lady and loved by all who knew her. She touched many lives with her strength, beauty, love, and compassion. She loved her family dearly - her husband, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren - they were her pride and joy.

A memorial will be held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on January 3, 2026. The visitation will be at 10 am until 12 pm. The Mass will follow at 12 pm. Burial to follow at Lacon Cemetery. Memorials in Mary's honor may be made to St Jude Children's Research Hospital or a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are under the care of Weber-Hurd Funeral Home in Chillicothe.



BRUCE L. KISSEE

Bruce L. Kissee, age 72, of Lacon, IL, passed away on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Bruce was born on October 18, 1953 in Danville, IL to LaRue Dormus "Red" and Evelyn (Alsip) Kissee.

Surviving is his mother, Evelyn Kissee; his son, Jonathan Kissee stationed in Portugal; his daughter, Joy Kissee of Dallas, TX; his grandson, Oliver Kissee; his sister, Sherrie Kissee of Lacon, IL; and two nephews. He was preceded in death by his father.

Bruce worked at Caterpillar for many years, He was a Deputy Juvenile Officer for Marshall County and a car salesman, before retiring. Bruce enjoyed fishing and boating, cooking for his kids, having a cold beer with his friends, working on cars, watching racing and sports on television. He was an avid Chicago Cubs, Bears and NASCAR fan.

Cremation rites will be accorded and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Weber-Hurd Funeral Home in Chillicothe.



The top seeded Midland Lady T-Wolves came up short on Monday in the championship game of the Princeville Holiday Tournament when the 2nd seeded Elmwood Lady Trojans defeated Midland 34-31.

Midland took an early 13-8 lead after the first quarter and held an 18-16 at the half. Elmwood took a 27-25 lead into the final quarter. Midland did not help their cause at the free throw line, converting just 6 of 14 attempts.

Jordyn Pyles led the way for Midland with 12 points. Anna McGlasson added double figure scoring with 11.

"I couldn't be more proud of our effort and grit throughout the entire tournament and pushing through the adversity down the stretch," stated Midland Coach Xavier Warren.

In their tournament opener on Friday, Midland jumped out to a 23-4 first quarter lead against Farmington and coasted home to a 54-22 win over the Lady Farmers.

Junior Anna McGlasson scored 8 of her game high 20 points in the first quarter. Midland led 33-7 at the half and 52-17 heading into the final quarter.

Besides McGlasson's 20 points, Jordyn Pyles added double figure scoring with 12.

In semi-final action on Saturday, Jordyn Pyles and Anna McGlasson combined for 12 first quarter points and the Lady T-Wolves jumped out to a 12-4 first quarter lead against a tough Princeville team.

Midland led 28-20 at the half and stretched that to 46-31 heading into the final quarter. Anna McGlasson scored 13 of her game-high 31 points in the final quarter to seal the win for Midland.

McGlasson added 15 rebounds to go along with her 31 points. Jordyn Pyles added 14 points and 5 rebounds, while Ella Foster had a double-double, scoring 12 points and 12 assists.

MIDLAND 54, FARMINGTON 22

	FG	FT	PTS
Jordyn Pyles.....	4	3-4	12
Anna McGlasson.....	8	4-5	20
Ella Foster.....	2	0-0	6

Adalynn Stichel.....	1	0-0	2
Emma Franks.....	2	2-2	7
Sydney Miller.....	1	0-0	2
Kaitlyn Schaar.....	0	0-0	0
Isabella Rosa.....	0	0-0	0
Makenzie Horton.....	1	0-0	2
Layla Loeser.....	0	0-0	0
TOTALS.....	18 (4)	12-17	54

FARMINGTON (3-8)	4	3	10	5	22
MIDLAND (8-4)	23	10	19	2	54

MIDLAND 66, PRINCEVILLE 47

	FG	FT	PTS
Jordyn Pyles.....	5	1-2	14
Anna McGlasson.....	12	7-7	3
Ella Foster.....	4	0-0	12
Isabella Rosa.....	0	0-0	0
Adalynn Stichel.....	1	2-2	4

Emma Franks.....	2	0-0	5		
TOTALS.....	24 (8)	10-11	66		
PRINCEVILLE (10-5)	4	16	12	15	-47
MIDLAND (9-4)	12	16	18	20	-66

ELMWOOD 34, MIDLAND 31

	FG	FT	PTS
Jordyn Pyles.....	5	2-2	12
Anna McGlasson.....	5	1-4	11
Ella Foster.....	0	0-0	0
Isabella Rosa.....	0	0-2	0
Sydney Miller.....	0	0-0	0
Adalynn Stichel.....	0	3-4	3
Emma Franks.....	2	0-2	5
TOTALS.....	12 (1)	6-14	31

ELMWOOD (11-6)	8	8	11	7	-34
MIDLAND (9-5)	13	5	7	7	-31



Midland's Anna McGlasson goes up for a shot Monday against Elmwood

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