

OBITUARIES



MARGARET ELLEN WEBBER-HARBERT

Margaret Ellen Webber-Harbert was born on September 25, 1938, in Sparland, IL, to Robert and Leota Webber. She passed away with her family by her side on November 11, 2025, at the age of 87, in Hesperia, CA.

Known as "Margy" during her childhood, she grew up on the family farm alongside her siblings Robert (Bobby), Helen, Mary Lou, and Alice. She attended school in Sparland and graduated from Sparland High School in 1956. After graduation, she lived at the YMCA in Peoria, before moving to Southern California in 1960.

While living in San Diego, Margy met her husband, Bill Harbert, and in 1963 they were married. She later moved to Northern California, where she began raising her family. Her daughter Pam was born in 1965, followed by her son Trevor in 1967, and her daughter Jennifer in 1970.

Margy lived in various parts of California over the years before settling in Hesperia, which she called home for more than 20 years.

Margy will be fondly remembered for her bright smile and infectious laugh. She deeply loved her children and was immensely proud of her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by

her husband, parents, and her four siblings.

Margy is survived by her children: Pam Lancaster (Eric), Trevor Harbert (Susan), and Jennifer Burton (Michael); and her grandchildren, Matthew and Heather Lancaster, Nicole and Madison Harbert, and Rebecca and Kaitlyn Burton.



DONNA MAE WUDTKE

Donna Mae Wudtke, 87, of Toluca, passed away Thursday January 15th, 2026, 7:55 pm at OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria, IL. Cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial visitation will be held Friday January 23rd, 2026, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at Antioch Christian Church, Toluca. Memorial services will follow at 11:00 AM. Rev. Dr. Bob Idell will officiate. Interment will be held at a later date at Antioch Christian Cemetery. Calvert & Johnson Memorial, Toluca, is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorials may be directed to the Eastern Marshall County EMS Services.

Donna was born May 17th, 1938, in Streator, IL to Donald Lee and Edna Florence (Nenne) Ball, Sr. She married Wilferd Frederick

Wudtke on February 24th, 1957, in Toluca, IL. He preceded her in death on July 30th, 2020.

Surviving are her children, Mark (Susan) Wudtke, of Toluca, Daniel (Toni Marie) Wudtke, of Bloomington and Beth Ann (Ronald) May, of Cartersville, GA, ten grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. Her brother, Donald "Lee" Ball Jr., parents and husband, preceded her in death.

Although Donna had many different occupations throughout her life, she always considered herself a farmer first. She loved working the land and the pride that came with producing a good crop. Her and Wilfred were partners in everything in life including the business of farming.

Along with farming Donna was a beautician in her home after graduating from Peoria School of Cosmetology, an award-winning sales representative providing health and wellbeing products to the community, and a seamstress at Toluca Garment Factory making custom apparel for professional athletes.

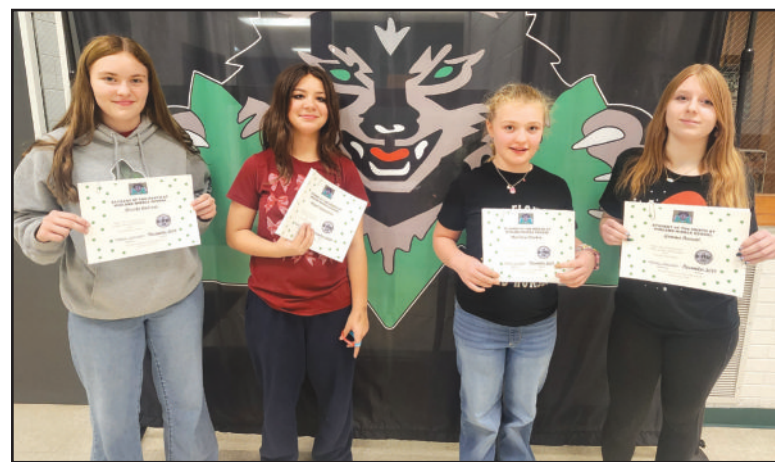
Donna's primary purpose in life was focused on service to others which was rooted in her strong faith and focus on words of Jesus. Her faith journey started at St. John's Lutheran Church in Toluca, Illinois and ended at Antioch Christian Church in Toluca, Illinois where she had roots in both churches' inceptions. She led and participated in teaching youth and adults, along with servicing the local community, her country and the world. Donna's biggest joy in life was delving into the word of her Lord that kept her going every day until her death.

Online condolences may be made to: www.calvertmemorial.com.

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Midland Middle School Congratulates Students Of The Month For December



Left to right: Brooke Endress, Abby Eppenstein, Maddie

Fitschen, Gemma Barnett.

Henry Rotary Club Prepares For The Annual Pancake Breakfast On Sunday, January 25th

The Henry Rotary Club has started preparations for the Annual Pancake Breakfast to be held on Sunday, January 25, 2026, from 8 am to 12:30 pm at the Henry American Legion as a dine-in or take-out.

The Henry Rotary Club is excited to announce the big Raffle Item this year is a \$400 Hennepin Food Mart. The second place item is a \$200 Ace Hardware Gift Card. Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$5 each and are available from any Henry Rotarian and at the following businesses: **LaPrairie Mutual Insurance, Grandmas Bar and Grill, MidAmerica National Bank, Henry City Hall.**

Many smaller items are expected to be donated and will be raffled as well as a 50/50 raffle. The tickets for these raffles will be available at the breakfast.

Proceeds from the Rotary Pancake breakfast and raffle are used as part of the Henry Rotary Club community outreach program. Organizations such as the Scouts,

Red stocking, Food Pantry, and the Henry Schools receive donations from the club.

If you would like to donate a raffle item or purchase a ticket for the event, please contact one of the people listed below. Tickets purchased in advance of the event are greatly appreciated. Grandmas Bar and Grill 309-364-2263, LaPrairie Mutual 309-364-2345

Ticket cost is \$11 for adults, \$5 for children 4-13 and free to children 3 and under.

A main feature of the breakfast is the Rotary secret blend sausage made by Jim's IGA in Lacon. The sausage can be purchased in uncooked bundles of either linked or bulk sausage; cost is \$15 for two lbs. Pre-purchase sales of sausage were available through January 4, 2026. Please order your sausage as early as possible. Sausage can be purchased from any Rotarian or by texting Roger Masters at 309-657-1097 or Michelle Monier at 309-238-4633.



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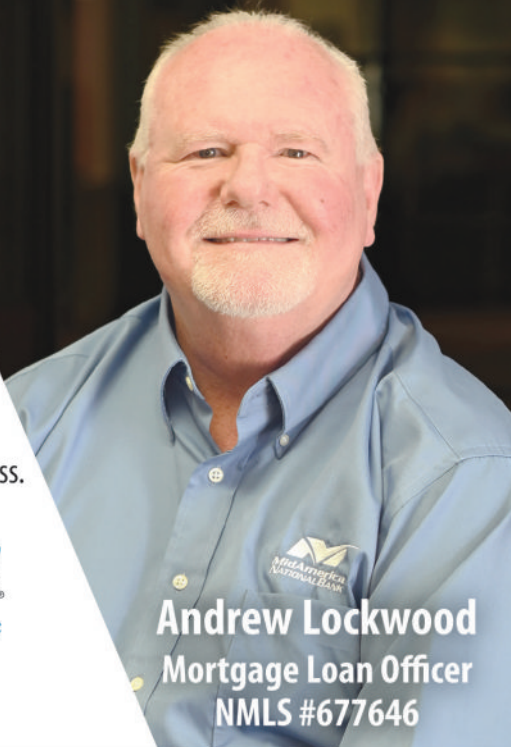
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Kingston

Three-year old Kingston is a big, beautiful boy who is very typical of his Great Pyrenees breed. He walks like a gentleman along with staff when it is time to go outside and enjoys their company when there is time to spare. He'll be a wonderful companion for someone who wants a Great Pyr and all the good things (and the floof!) that accompany this breed. Kingston is neutered, microchipped and current on all his shots.



Anna

Anna is a two-year old girl in Molly's Room at the shelter. She is very social and wants to be your little shadow, and she loves attention and affection. Sounds like a win-win for her adopted. Anna is spayed, micro-chipped and current on all her shots.