

OBITUARIES



MARILYN I. NEWMAN

Marilyn I. Newman, 94, of Lacon, IL, formerly of Washburn, IL and East Palatka, FL died on January 23, 2026 at the Arc Rehabilitation Center in Chillicothe, IL. She was born in Streator, IL on May 31, 1931 to the late Roscoe and Elizabeth (Topham) Phillips. She was raised on the family farm near Lostatant which was originally purchased by her great grandfather in 1841. Marilyn and Robert J. Newman were married on August 28, 1950 in Streator. Robert died on January 9, 2012.

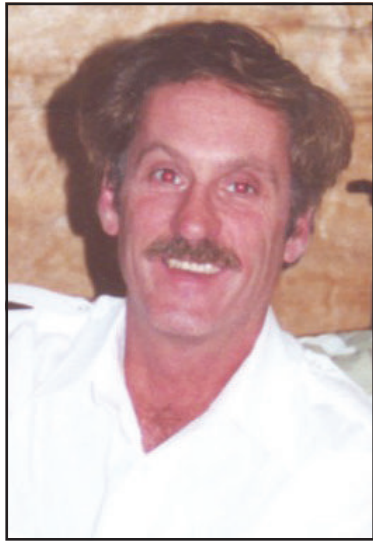
Surviving Marilyn is her son Robert H. (Diane) Newman of rural Varna, IL; daughters Jill (Robert) Conrad of Sparland, IL, Sandy Gaines of Murfreesboro, TN and Shirlee Burriss of Interlachen, FL; grandchildren Kristen, Trupti, Erika, Alexandra, Michele, Sam, Mike, and Hope; 14 great grandchildren and 1 great, great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her sister Maxine Swanson and her grandson Robert James Newman II.

Marilyn loved to travel and put many miles on her automobiles. She typically purchased t-shirts to commemorate her journeys and as a result amassed a large collection of them. She enjoyed breakfast (toast and coffee, please) with her friends at the restaurants in Lacon.

Marilyn was an avid reader and pursued many hobbies over her life including sewing, collecting and cultivating botanical plants, photography and most recently building dollhouses and miniatures. She mastered most of these hobbies. Marilyn was a lifelong learner and was computer literate at an ad-

vanced age. She especially enjoyed and was proud of her grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great grandchild. She knew all of their names and birthdays. She will be missed by her family and friends.

Funeral services for Marilyn will be held on Tuesday February 3, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at Lenz Memorial Home in Lacon with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow in Hope Town Cemetery in Lostatant. Memorials can be made to Saint Jude Midwest Affiliate or the First United Methodist Church of Chillicothe. Online condolences can be left at lenzmemorialhome.com.



DOUGLAS MARSHALL PACKARD

Douglas Marshall Packard, 68, formerly of Henry and West Palm Beach, FL, passed away at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14th, 2026 at The ARC, Chillicothe Nursing Home.

He was born November 22, 1957 in Peoria, IL to Donald and Shirley Packard. He was married to Mary Margaret Goddell and

they later divorced. They had a son, Ian Marshall Packard. He later had a daughter, Haley, with Theresa Mize.

Surviving are his sisters, Holly (Ron) Mooberry of Henry and Jori Collins of Bloomington; brother Wm. Drew (Liza) Packard of Monroe, WA; sister Kara Johnson of Lacon; daughter Haley Mize of Chillicothe and several nieces; one great nephew and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Shirley Packard, maternal and paternal grandparents; brothers-in-laws D. Michael Collins and Jerry Johnson; one son, Ian Marshall Packard; a brother Doak Wesley Packard; a great niece, Jordan Rebekah Cremer; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Doug worked for many years for Canal Barge Lines on the Illinois and Mississippi Rivers as a first mate and a tankerman. He always said, "I can tell you anything about the Mississippi River." These were dangerous jobs, but Doug excelled at them. Later on he worked for "The Villages" of WPB, FL in landscaping. When he returned home to Henry, he worked for the Hennepin Boat Store for the Judd's and Keith Olsen and Bob Smith. Doug's work ethic was very high always and enjoyed what he did.

Doug was a fun loving guy who loved everybody and could make friends everywhere he went. He treasured his family and all his friends he made over his lifetime. He loved camping, boating, skiing (winter and summer), playing pool and was always up for a party. He loved to go with his sisters to Iowa gambling and most of all he loved Florida.

It's a terrible loss for his family and friends. He will be greatly missed by all. There was only one Doug (Pacman) and truly one of a kind. May he rest in peace.

Cremation rites have been accorded and a private interment and a public celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Knights Of Columbus Distribute ID Tootsie Roll Funds To Midland Special Ed & Special Olympics



The Knights of Columbus, Eugene Dunn Council 8321, recently distributed funds from their 2025 ID Tootsie Roll Drive. Checks were presented to the Midland Special Education Program for \$1,000.00 and Special Olympics of Illinois for \$164.50. The monies collected were a result of the 2025 ID Tootsie Roll Drive and the Annual Knights of Columbus Old Settlers Food Stand.

The ID Tootsie Roll Drive is sponsored yearly by Knights of Columbus Councils throughout the United States. KC members and their families volunteer their time yearly during the drive. They distribute tootsie rolls to the community in hope of receiving a goodwill donation. This fundraiser is the largest fundraising event that the Knights of Columbus sponsor yearly.

The Knights of Columbus

would like to thank our local businesses: Jim's IGA, Dollar General, First National Bank of Lacon and the Immaculate Conception Parishioners, Lacon Chamber of Commerce, Lacon Maker's Market, in helping make this drive a success. We would also like to thank our members, volunteers and our community for their help.

King Crossword — Answers

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