

# OBITUARIES

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## GERALD F. FECHT

Gerald F. Fecht, 90, of Toluca passed away on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at OSF St. James Hospital in Pontiac.

Cremation has been accorded. His memorial service will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. at Antioch Christian Church in Toluca with Rev. Dr. Robert Idell officiating. Visitation will be 1 hour prior to the service at the church building from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. and inurnment will follow at Antioch Christian Cemetery in Toluca. Memorials may be made to Antioch Christian Church in Toluca, or to Eastern Marshall County EMS. Calvert & Johnson Memorial Home in Toluca is in charge of arrangements.

Gerald was born at home in Toluca on July 26, 1935, a son to Frank and Jessie (Spangler) Fecht. He married Pauline Litchfield at Antioch Christian Church in Toluca on December 2, 1960. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Carol (Mike) Rinehart, Robert (Deanna) Fecht, William Fecht, all of Toluca; son-in-law Jonathan Downey of Putnam; 9 grandchildren, James Downey of Putnam, Thomas (Jessica) Downey of Henry, Caroline Downey of Huxley, IA, and Jonathan Downey of Putnam, Philip (Jade) Rinehart of Peoria, Joseph Fecht of Toluca, Katie (Kyler) Frieders of Bolingbrook, Bryan (Clarissa) Fecht of Clifton AZ, and Leah Fecht of Sycamore; and 5 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 2 brothers and 2 sisters; his daughter, Rhonda Downey, and daughter-in-law, Gina Fecht.

Gerald farmed his whole life in Toluca. The family farm was purchased by his grandfather, Jacob G. Fecht in 1910 and is designated by the Illinois Heritage Farm Program as a Centennial farm. To qualify as one of these farms, an agricultural property must have been owned by the same family of lineal or collateral descendants for over 100 years. Gerald was extremely proud to continue his family legacy. He was a member of Antioch Christian Church and raised his family to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. He served on the Toluca school board for 8 years and he was the Toluca-Varna-area rural mail carrier for many years.

Online memories and condolences may be sent to his family at [www.calvertmemorial.com](http://www.calvertmemorial.com).



## PATRICIA M. "PAT" SELQUIST

Patricia M. "Pat" Selquist, 86, of Henry, passed away Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 4:08 pm at her home in Henry.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A visitation will be held on Saturday, April 4, 2026, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Calvert & Johnson Memorial Home in Henry. Memorial services will follow at 5:00 p.m. Keith Lindgren will officiate. Memorial contribution may be directed to the Charles Perdue Museum.

Pat was born May 15, 1939, in McNabb, IL to John Henry and Evelyn B. (Epley) Martin. She married Kenneth Carl Selquist on May 15, 1959, in Henry. He preceded her in death on June 29, 1981. Surviving are her two sons, James K. Selquist of Princeton, and Michael W. (Alicia) Selquist of Minonk; her grandchildren, Jakob Selquist, Lea Selquist, Dustin Krafft, and Tiffany Krafft; her brother, John Bruce (Barb) Martin of Tuscan, AZ; and her sister, Dolores Anderson (Gill) Hammerlund of Charleston, SC; and a step brother, Roger (Betty) Mooney of Ridgeville, SC.

Her parents; three brothers, Harvey Martin, Chuck Anderson, and George Anderson; her sister, Susan Selquist; and her constant companion of 38 years, Jim Cummins, preceded her in death.

She attended the Henry United Methodist Church. Pat had worked at Henry Senachwine Grade School for over 25 years as a cook and custodian.

Pat had many interests in her lifetime including fishing, hunting, gardening and flowers and always taking pictures with her camera. The biggest interest was the Charles Perdue Museum. She joined the board in 2005 and served as president since 2009. She was a very active member of the board.

Online condolences may be



## BETTY J. MILES

Betty J. Miles, 98, of Henry, passed away on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 12:25 a.m. at Lacon Rehab & Nursing.

Private family graveside services were held at Henry Cemetery. Rev. Canessa Legan will officiate. The family received visitors for a gathering and a meal on Saturday March 21, 2026 from 11:30 am to 1:00 p.m. at the First United Presbyterian Church Hall, 511 Wirt St., Henry.

Betty was born on July 6, 1927, in Bell Plain Township, IL to Sulcer and Pearl (Hattan) DeBolt. She married Kenneth Miles on December 18, 1946, in Henry, IL. He preceded her in death on August 2, 2002.

Surviving are her children, Richard (Connie) Miles of Lake Thunderbird, Donna Klein of Henry, David (Betty Ann) Miles of Hennepin, and daughter-in-law, Sandy Miles, of Henry; 10 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; 7 great-great grandchildren; sister, Jo Anne Schlosser of Starke, FL; and sister-in-law, Peggy DeBolt of Merton.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Ronald Miles; brother, Orie DeBolt; sister, Rita Schlosser; and son-in-law, Larry Klein.

Betty was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Henry, Henry American Legion Auxiliary, and a former member of the Red Hat Society.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gateway Services, PO Box 535, Princeton, IL 61356. Calvert & Johnson Memorial Home, Henry, is in charge of arrangements.

The family would like to thank Lacon Rehab & Nursing for the exceptional care they provided during the past 16 months.

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**Moose**  
Poor Moose has been waiting such a long time for a home of his own. He is a carefree, fun-loving big ol' Black Lab. He loves toys, and loves playing Fetch most of all, which is a great way to use up some of his energy. He also loves to learn so a little obedience training will complement the commands he already knows. This happy boy is friendly with everyone, and is neutered, micro-chipped and current on all his shots.

**Scrabble**  
Scrabble is a beautiful girl who in Molly's room at the shelter. Her pretty pink nose and bushy tabby tail add to her gentle beauty. She is content and social with other kitties, and she'd love to find a home of her own just in time for spring! Scrabble is already spayed, micro-chipped and current on all her shots.

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