

# OBITUARIES



**RICHARD "DICK" T. HOLZ**

Richard "Dick" T. Holz, 70, of Hudson, IL, passed on Sunday, March 29, 2026, at Carle BroMenn Medical Center in Normal.

He was born on November 6, 1955 in Pontiac, the son of William E. and A. Virginia Peterson Holz. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Bill Holz.

Surviving are his three children, Chase Holz and Kyle Holz, both of Hudson and Heather Holz of Portland, OR; his long-time girlfriend, Mandy Dahm and two grandchildren, Caysen and Cailey Holz. Also surviving is one sister, Carol (Terry) Miller and one brother, Glenn Holz, all from Toluca; a sister-in-law, Linda Holz of Varna and several nieces and nephews.

Dick worked for the City of Bloomington for over 30 years, first with Parks and Rec and retiring from the water department, where he made many lifelong friends.

He enjoyed boating and snowmobiling and was a sports enthusiast, specifically the Chicago Bears and Chicago White Sox. Dick loved the outdoors, and riding his golf cart around Lake Bloomington and he was very passionate about golfing with family and friends.

He will be remembered for his joy of grilling food for his family and friends, especially before boating together, and his ability to make a new friend anywhere he went.

His memorial service was held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 4, 2026 at East Lawn Funeral Home, 1102 Airport Road in Bloomington. Visitation began at 10:00 a.m. Cremation rites were accorded.

In lieu of flowers, memorials

may be made to Friends of Everbloom, c/o McLean County Soil and Water Conservation District or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the American Cancer Society.

To share condolences with the family and view his online tribute, please visit [www.eastlawnmemorial.com](http://www.eastlawnmemorial.com)



**DOROTHY VIRGINIA McALLISTER**

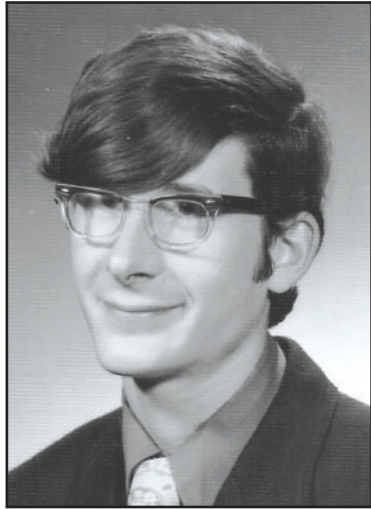
Dorothy Virginia McAllister, 99, of Lacon, IL, died on Monday, March 30, 2026 at her home surrounded by her family. Born in Lacon Township on November 18, 1926 to the late Herman and Virginia (Blackburn) Guede, she married Edward Dean McAllister on June 21, 1947 in Lacon. Dean died on December 30, 1993.

Dorothy is survived by her children Nancy (Tom) Payne of Lacon, Barbara (John) Yingling of Mount Sterling Illinois, Kathy (Jeff) Palm of Wenona Illinois, Todd (Susie) McAllister of Sparland Illinois; grandchildren Tammy, Tonya, Jeremy, Erica, Carrie, Drew, & Ben; 23 great grandchildren; and several nieces & nephews. She was also preceded in death by her brother Bill Guede, sister Betty DeWalt, grandson Alex McAllister, grandson in law Jim Etherton and several nieces & nephews.

Dorothy loved to play cards, games and go fishing with her husband, Dean. She also participated in bowling leagues, loved her family and attended her grandchildren and great grandchildren's school activities and sporting events

Funeral services for Dorothy were held on Friday, April 3 at 11 AM at Lenz Memorial Home in Lacon. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service. Burial followed in the Lacon Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Colorectal Cancer Alliance, Strive to Survive for pancreatic cancer, or Lacon Sparland Ambulance. Online condolences can be left at [lenzmemorialhome.com](http://lenzmemorialhome.com).



**GERALD (JERRY) DUANE SHURTS**

Gerald (Jerry) Duane Shurts, 70, of Henry, passed away at his home on April 2, 2026, with his wife Robin by his side.

Jerry was born October 10, 1955 in Spring Valley, IL the son of Duane and Charlotte (Lindley) Shurts. Jerry married Robin Brash on April 20, 2002, in Ottawa, IL.

Jerry worked for Peoria Tractor for many years and Altorfer Cat for many years as operations manager over the truck department.

Jerry was a family man; his family meant the world to him. He was surrounded by loved ones.

He is survived by his wife, Robin Shurts of Henry; his sisters, Sharon Murphy, Sandy Miles, Judy (Dana) Schwiderski, Jean Watkins, all of Henry, Joy Landers, of Florida, and his brother, Bill (Linda) Shurts of Henry; his best friend, Al (Juanita) Bumgrdner of Henry, along with many nieces and nephews. Jerry had two stepchildren, Danny Brash and Lisa Farmer, both of Maryland, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers-in-law, Lloyd Murphy, Ronnie Miles, Mike Watkins and Dave Lander.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Private family graveside services will be held at Calvary Cemetery in Henry. Celebration of Life Services will be held at a later date. Memorials may be directed to the MS Society. Calvert & Johnson Memorial Home, Henry is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be made to: [www.calvertmemorial.com](http://www.calvertmemorial.com).

## Join The First Baptist Church Of Sparland As Their Guest At Their Monthly Luncheon

Be the guest of 1st Baptist Church of Sparland for our monthly noon luncheon on April 15th. We are serving homemade ham and beans with corn bread and dessert.

After lunch we play free bingo with multiple winners per game! We follow bingo with a food pantry and top off the day with Bible study.

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**"I am a marvelous housekeeper. Every time I leave a man, I keep his house."** - Zsa Zsa Gabor

## Congratulations Midland High School March Student Of The Month

### Lauren Colby

Each month Midland High School will select a Student of the Month who demonstrates good qualities of citizenship, a dedication to academics, and has involvement in extra-curricular activities. The nominated student is entered into the running for a scholarship sponsored by Goodfield State Bank. Midland High School and Goodfield State Bank would like to applaud Midland's March student of the month, Lauren Colby. Lauren is the daughter of Tanya and Jason Colby of Sparland. Congratulations Lauren!"



510 Main St., Varna, IL 61375 (309) 463-2037

## PUBLIC AUCTION

REAL ESTATE ♦ ANTIQUES ♦ PERSONAL PROPERTY

### SATURDAY, APRIL 18

9:00 a.m. (House Sells at 11:00 a.m.)



### 1011 School St., Henry, IL 61537

This classic early century 2-story home sits on a 2 large corner lots in established neighborhood. Has 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and a newer family room/bedroom addition. Also a partial basement. Generac Generator too.

## OWNER: MARJORIE (NIGHSONGER) SPANGLER BOND AUCTION SERVICE

JEFF BOND 309-696-0498 (Lic.# 044-0000335)  
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## RETAIL SPACE FOR RENT

233 5TH Street, Lacon

Main Floor Retail Space - over 1,200 sq ft (can be divided) with Kitchen

- In the Heart of downtown Lacon
- Premium Corner Location
- Plenty of Customer Parking
- Restroom

For more information contact:  
[ctzproperties@comcast.net](mailto:ctzproperties@comcast.net)  
602-821-6690



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**FUNDRAISER**

**\$35**

11x14 Wrapped Canvas

**Truck N For A Cause**

**Paint Party!**

MONDAY  
6:00-8:00PM

**20**

APRIL  
20TH

**SPINS SLOTS & TAVERN**  
220 S. CHESTNUT ST.  
WENONA, IL

**FUNDRAISER**

**\$40**

24' Wooden Surfboard

Register and pay with card : <https://beth-hanlon.square.site>  
To use PayPal, Venmo, cash or check message Beth (309)258-4525

Annual  
Midland FFA

## Plant Sale!

Order On-Line \*\* Starting Wednesday, APRIL 1st

Order on-line at the website listed below from April 1st – 15th and choose your plant pick-up day from the following:

Pre-Ordered Plant Pick-Up Days: April 21st, 23rd, and 25th

- Website may be opened at 8:00 am on April 1st.
- Greenhouse will be open for on-site purchases starting April 30th.

<https://midland-ffa-chapter-spring-plant-sale-2026.cheddarup.com>

**Baskets**

Ivy Geranium, Begonia, Fuschia, Petunia Waves

8" and 10" Baskets

**Annals**

Petunia, Vinca, Dusty Miller, Coleus, Portulaca, Salvia, Impatiens, Gerbera Daisy, Geraniums, Vinca, Vinca Vine, Marigold, Spikes, and more...

**Vegetable Plants**

Tomato, Pepper, Red & Green Cabbage, Cauliflower, Kohlrabi, Broccoli, Eggplant, Cucumber, Melons, and Herbs