

OBITUARIES



ROBERT "CORKY" BUCHANAN

Robert "Corky" Buchanan, 82, of Lacon, IL passed away at 1:07 a.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2026 at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born on December 3, 1943 in Pekin, IL to Evert and Doris (Irwin) Buchanan. He married Zoe Baker on July 7, 1989 in Pekin and together they shared many cherished years.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and step son-in-law, Ron Doty.

He is survived by his wife, Zoe of Lacon; two daughters, Stevie (Mel) Anderson of Pekin and Krysty (Eric) Bishop of Peoria; four step children, Robert (Carol) Farlin of Delavan, Michael (Cornise) Farlin of Laurel, MS, Kim (Denise Durrell) Farlin of Pekin and Sally Doty of Manito; two grandchildren, Ian Pshebeliski and Ann Marie (Jacob) Potts; one sister, Karen (Brad) McCain of Pekin; two great-grandchildren, Parker and Penny Potts; six step-grandchildren and ten step great-grandchildren.

Corky proudly served his country in the United States Navy and was a member of the American Legion. He worked for many years as a pipe fitter at Keystone before retiring. Known for his strong work ethic and quiet kindness, Corky found his greatest joy in the outdoors. He loved hunting, fishing, and spending time with family and friends, creating memories that will live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

A Memorial Service honoring Corky's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at Henderson Funeral Home & Crematory with Pastor Michael Farlin officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service, from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service. Inurnment will follow at Lakeview Cemetery with military honors provided by the Tazewell Area Ceremonial Team and the United States Navy.

Memorial contributions may be made to A.R.K. in Lacon.



SAMUEL L. MAUPIN

Samuel L. Maupin, 77, of Henry, passed away unexpectedly on Friday May 22, 2026 at his home. Visitation were held Tuesday, May 26, 2026 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Calvert & Johnson Memorial Home in Henry. Funeral services followed at 6:00 pm. Fr. Michael Pica officiated. Cremation rites were accorded following the services. Memorials may be directed to the Marshall-Putnam Fair Association.

Sam was born May 8, 1949, in Spring Valley, IL to Virgil E. and

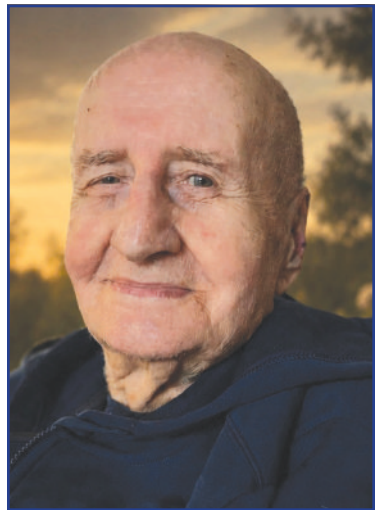
Helen (Downey) Maupin. He married Betty Dietrich on July 24, 1971, in Brimfield, IL. She survives. Also surviving are his children, Tina (Sean) Kennedy and Jeff (Heather) Maupin, both of Henry; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; his siblings, Jim Maupin, William (Karen) Maupin, Sandra (Gary) Lester and Joan Holmstrom, all of Henry, and Carol (Richard) DuBois, of Lacon.

His parents; one infant brother, Kenneth Maupin; and sister, Cathy Waldinger, preceded him in death.

Sam was a member of St. Mary's Church in Henry, the Knights of Columbus, and the Henry American Legion. He had served in the United States Navy. Sam received an Associate's Degree from Illinois Central College.

Sam was a very active man, working as a farmer, owning and operating "Sammy's Sunoco" station in Henry, driving trucks for hauling and roadwork, and working at WalMart Distribution Center in Spring Valley. He taught welding and advised in the Agricultural Dept at Illinois Valley Community College and finished his career as a mechanic at Read Bros.

In his retirement, he enjoyed restoring old cars and tractors and competing in tractor pulls and car shows. He will be remembered as the friendly face behind the wheel, the fix-it guy who always managed to figure out a way to make things work, and the "work-all-day-'til you get it done" man.



EDWIN BRUHL

Edwin Bruhl of Varna, IL passed away peacefully at the LaSalle Illinois Veterans Home on May 25, 2026 at the age of ninety-one. Ed was a beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather, and great grandfather. He loved music, playing the piano and singing in community theatre musicals.

Edwin was born on August 22, 1934, in Chicago. He was the son of Edwin and Florence (Buszin) Bruhl, and grew up with his brother, Gordon Bruhl (Ginny) and his sister, Dorothy Grissman (Charles).

Ed graduated from Morgan Park High School in 1953 and went on to attend and play football at Valparaiso University. In 1956, he joined the United States Marine

Corp. After completing his military service, Ed began his career in the insurance industry where he met Kathryn Beard. They wed May 28, 1960, in Peoria and had 64 years together until Kathryn's passing in 2024. Edwin held many interests throughout his life, mostly enjoying being a father, grandfather, and great grandfather. Ed was a devoted member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Varna for 50 years.

Edwin is survived by his six children: Douglas Bruhl (Brenda) of Port Charlotte, FL, Jeffrey Bruhl of Varna, Jay Bruhl (Dawn) of Pappillion, NB, Gregory Bruhl (Donna) of Leroy, Brenda Roth (Marv) of Bloomington, and Edwin Bruhl Jr. of Varna. He was blessed with the joy of eight grandchildren: David, Katie, Michael, Sarah, Bradley, Laura Bruhl and Brandon and Marin Roth. Edwin also celebrated life with two great grandchildren, Jake and Aubrie Bruhl.

Edwin was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, his siblings, and his grandson, David.

A Visitation was held Saturday May 30, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 80 Chestnut St. in Varna. A Funeral Service followed at 1:00 p.m. Pastor Mark Gruden officiated. The Burial took place immediately after the service at the church cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to either the Varna Fire Department, the Illinois Veterans Home in LaSalle, or St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Varna, in Edwin's name.

The family would like to express deep gratitude to the wonderful West Wing Staff at the Illinois Veterans home in LaSalle. The patience, respect, and gentle attention you gave each day never went unnoticed. Thank you for the incredible work you do every day for our veterans and their families.



KATHRYN ALICE EHRHARDT PETERSEN

Kathryn Alice Ehrhardt Petersen, 79, passed away on Thursday, May 21, 2026 in Tucson, Arizona with her family by her side.

Kathy was born on November 25, 1946 in Battle Creek, Michigan to John and Priscilla (Sandford) Ehrhardt. She married Allan L. Petersen on August 27, 1966 at Immanuel Lutheran Church,

County Line Road, Peru, IL.

Kathy graduated from Magnolia-Swaney High School, the class of 1964. She attended the University of Illinois in Champaign, Illinois and Eureka College in Eureka, IL where she received her degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1968.

She started her teaching career at Lowpoint-Washburn High School in Washburn, IL in 1968. In 2002, she completed her 34-year career there as an English teacher and director of school plays.

Kathy was a life member of the Magnolia American Legion Auxiliary Post 254, Magnolia, IL; life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Auxiliary Post 4903, Tucson, AZ; and life member of Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary-Rincon Renegades Chapter 18, Tucson, AZ.

She is survived by her husband, Allan Petersen of Tucson, AZ; sister Carolyn Ehrhardt Mulhall of St. Louis, MO; sister-in-law Vicki Ehrhardt of Wenona, IL; brother Dirk (Erin) Ehrhardt of Hamptonville, NC; sister Dana (Dale) Stuber of Tremont, IL; step-mother Karen (Paul) Bailey of McNabb, IL; nephew Timothy Michael (Katie) Mulhall of St. Louis, MO; niece Priscilla Kathryn (Jack) Mulhall Dobbin of St. Charles, IL; niece

Christie (Jeff) Maas of Lacon, IL; niece Annette (John) Lionberger of Lacon, IL and niece Mary (Chuck) McQueary of St. Joseph, MI. She was adored by many great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Dr. John M. Ehrhardt, grandparents, aunts, uncle and cousins.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A private graveside service will be held at the First Lutheran Cemetery Number 2, Varna, Illinois at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be given to: National Kidney Foundation of Arizona, 301 West Warner Rd. Suite 137 Tempe, AZ 85284, Phone: 602.840.1644.

King Crossword — Answers

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June 17 th - Cousins Maine Lobster	September 9 th - Get Sauced
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July 1 st - Get Sauced	September 23 rd - Tacos La Rosita
July 8 th - Tacos La Rosita	September 30 th - Get Sauced
July 15 th - The Philly Factory	October 7 th - Dig Doug
July 22 nd - Cruising Concessions	October 14 th - Cousins Maine Lobster
July 29 th - The Philly Factory	October 21 st - The Philly Factory
August 5 th - The Philly Factory	October 28 th - Tacos La Rosita
August 12 th - Cousins Maine Lobster	August 19 th - Dig Doug

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