

OBITUARIES

June Ann Holliday

June Ann Holliday, 75 of Ramsey, Ill., passed away Sunday, May 10, in SBL Fayette County Hospital, Vandalia.

A private family graveside service officiated by Rev. Fr. Seth Brown will be held in Fairlawn Cemetery, Vandalia. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Second Chance Animal Rescue or Fayette County Animal Control. Online condolences can be expressed at www.hohltandfilefh.com.

June Ann Holliday was born Nov. 25, 1950, the daughter of Walter K. "Hap" and Kathleen D. "Kay" (Jeffers) Holliday. The Holliday family settled in Ramsey, Ill. In the early 1950s, June, along with her two older brothers graduated from Ramsey High School. While starting a family of her own June worked at Crane Packing and later at All-Steel in the shipping and receiving department. She loved watching her children play sports when they were younger, and even played in a woman's softball league herself. June loved being outside, watching her grandson play baseball and taking her dogs out, the love of the outdoors contributed to her year-round tan.

June is survived by her daughter, Christy Curry and husband Jeff of Alma, Ill.; son, Danny Meyer and wife Kristy of Fairhope, AL; grandsons, Chandler Meyer and Lucas Curry; sister-in-law, Becky Holliday of Daphne, AL; several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Molly Meyer; brothers, Walter "Happy" Holliday, George "Pidge" Holliday; and sister-in-law, Ruth Holliday.

Arrangements by Hohlt & File Funeral Home, Vandalia.



Gary E. Stine

Gary E. Stine, age 88 of Vandalia, passed away peacefully at Vandalia Healthcare and Senior Living on Wednesday, May 6.

Per Gary's wishes, cremation rites will be accorded. A memorial service will be held on June 20, 2026 at 3 p.m. at Miller Funeral Home in Vandalia, with Justin Craig officiating. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., also at the funeral home. A private burial will take place at a later date.

Gary was born Nov. 3, 1937 in Vandalia, the son of Kenneth Lewis and Angela Juanita (Kinsel) Stine. He married Paula Jo Vittitow Craig on March 25, 2004 in Las Vegas, NV at "The Little Church of the West". They shared a wonderful 38 years together before his passing.

Gary had countless successful endeavors throughout his lifetime. He delivered newspapers on his Monarch Bicycle at age 11. He was a busboy at Jay's Restaurant in his teens. He attended four years of college where he majored in zoology, botany, and chemistry. During that time, he also student taught for high school students. His third year of college he began to run out of money so he worked one summer in Yellowstone National Park. He then joined the US Army and served from 1960 to 1963.

While in the military he was a scrub nurse in Seattle, Washington. He was also a traveling chemist for Pepsi Cola, and pulled his lab throughout the state. While there, he saw the Space Needle being built at the World's Fair. He worked in management at Revlon and also worked as a restaurant manager at Friendly's Restaurant in West Patterson, New Jersey. His final job was as a molder at Owens Brockway Packaging in Vandalia, from 1983 to 2003.

He is survived by his wife, Paula Stine of Vandalia; daughter, Lynn Stine of Homestead, FL, stepson, Justin (Amanda) Craig; grandsons, Madden, Hayden, and Landen, all of Carlinville, Ill.; sister, Vicky (Mike) Wheatley of Vandalia, brother, Doug Stine of Richmond, KY; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, JoAnn Kniece, and one brother and sister who died in infancy.



Diana Lee Caswell

Diana L. Caswell, 77, of Vandalia, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 14, at her home, surrounded by family.

Per Diana's wishes cremation rites will be accorded. A Graveside Service & Interment will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, May 21, at Fairlawn Cemetery, Vandalia with Rev. Joe Lawson officiating. Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children or to FAYCO Enterprises, Inc. Online condolences can be expressed at www.hohltandfilefh.com.

Diana Lee Jackson was born on May 25, 1948, in Lexington, Kentucky, to Thomas Andrew and Mary Francis (Dawes) Jackson. She married Jerry Grable Caswell on Feb. 18, 1966, and they had four children. Their marriage lasted nearly 27 years until his passing on Jan. 19, 1993.

Diana was a licensed practical nurse, working at various facilities throughout her career. She was known for her gentle, caring, and quiet demeanor. Her hobbies included playing slots and poker, fishing, reading, embroidering, and dining out. Above all, she cherished spending quality time with her family, who brought her the greatest happiness.

She will forever be remembered by her daughter, Mary and husband Mike Warner of Vandalia; son, Jerry Caswell Jr. of Vandalia; sister, Beverly and husband Rick Mobley of Lexington, KY; brother, Mike Jackson of Vandalia; grandchildren, Michael Warner and wife Misty, Amanda Warner, James Eubank with Alex Carbonaro, Johnathan Cross, Jesse Cross, Andrina Chismen, Scotty Medlin, Richard Medlin, and Tucker Medlin; great-grandchildren, Emma, Addy, Presley, Kalliope, Jaina, Dominique, Kelsey, and Kayleigh; numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents; husband; daughters, Teresa Medlin and Jessica Cross; and a sister, Wanda Neathery.

Online Condolences & Obituaries available at www.hohltandfilefh.com



Norman Harris

Norman Harris, 89 of St. Peter passed away at 11:10 a.m., Tuesday, May 12, at Twin Willows Nursing Center, Salem, Ill.

Visitation was held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., on Monday, May 18, at Gieseking Funeral Home, Brownstown followed by a graveside service at Pilcher Cemetery, rural Brownstown with Trent Ice officiating. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the donor's choice.

Norman Lee Harris was born on Wednesday, Oct. 21, 1936 in Bingham, Il to Clifford and Fern (Moreland) Harris. He married Brenda Kay Kingery on November 1, 1957 and she preceded him in death on Jan. 18, 2017. He retired from World Color Press, Effingham.

He is survived by; his daughters, Sharon (Bob) Alexander, Salem and Sandra (Bill) McDonald, Brownstown; grandchildren, Leah (John) Shipp, Conroe, Texas, Jenna (Bob) Wilkey, Spring, Texas, Adam Pasley, Vandalia and Hannah McDonald, Newport, Michigan; great grandchildren, Jordan Shipp, Ayden Shipp, Cameron Carmichael, Brody Carmichael, Brynn Carmichael, and Kaylin Wilkey.

He was preceded in death by; his wife; parents; and brothers, Clifford Bernell Harris and Ronnie Harris.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.giesekingfh.net.



SHERIFF'S REPORTS

May
PUBLIC SAFETY
Citations issued: 12
Summons served: 32
Warrants served: 22
Calls handled by department: 956
JAIL STATISTICS FOR APRIL
Average daily population: 41
Number of bookings: 70
Federal inmate boarding: \$ 45,182.00 (Revenue received)
Federal inmate transport: \$ 2,748.65 (Revenue received)
INVESTIGATIONS
State Indictments: 1
Federal Indictments: 0
Search Warrants on Resi-

dences: 1
Cell Phone Search Warrants: 1
Cell Phone Consent: 1
Social Media Search Warrants: 0, 3 Subpoenas in regards to social media / Internet crimes
Consent House: 0
Warrant Arrest: 1
K9 DEPLOYMENTS FOR APRIL
Vehicle Searches: 3
Tracking Searches: 0
Resident Searches w / K9: 0 (apprehension): 0
K9 Assist: 4
School Searches: 1
Building searches: 0

Thanks to Hohlt and File for their fine work. Thanks to St. James Church for a wonderful service for Connie and the WELCA ladies of St. James for a great meal, and for the memorials for Connie. Thanks again. *The Families of Ronnie & Connie Eakin*

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Rotary Program Highlights Rural Healthcare Challenges, Hospital Growth



Patrick Click and Karen Dyer

Rotarian Karen Dyer presented the May 5 Rotary program, sharing updates on challenges facing the healthcare industry as well as several positive developments at Fayette County Hospital and Sarah Bush Lincoln Health System.

Dyer discussed rising healthcare costs, workforce shortages, and increasing regulatory burdens impacting hospitals across Illinois and the nation. She also explained the importance of the federal 340B drug discount program, which helps rural hospitals continue offering important community services despite tight financial margins.

The presentation included concerns about shortages of physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals, particularly in rural communities, as many current healthcare workers approach retirement age.

Dyer also highlighted several local hospital updates, including the implementation of a new electronic medical record system, expansion of specialty services, reopening of the sleep lab, and upcoming construction projects to improve facilities and patient care. She noted continued investments being made to strengthen healthcare services for the community.

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