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"NO REGRETS" (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Stoney was a charter member of the Odell Lions Club from 1956 until the time of his death. He was awarded the high honor of the Melvin Jones Award by Lions Club International for humanitarian services within his community. Wendi Birkett, President of the Odell Lions Club stated, "We'll be naming the front room in the Odell Community Building in Stoney's name, in honor of the service he contributed towards the Odell Lions Club and the community in general."

Although he left the service, the service didn't leave him. He served as member of the Odell American Legion Post for over 60 years.

Stoney was co-founder of the Veterans Assistance Commission in Pontiac and also co-founder and designer of the WWII Memorial located on the Livingston County Courthouse square.

Paul Schook, a fellow member of 40 and 8, stated, "Stoney was a good man. He wanted to make sure all veterans were taken care of on all levels. He was always

willing to appear for any military festivities."

Over the years, as time ravaged Stoney's body, he became frailer and his vision was reduced drastically. Stoney was an avid trap shooter who traveled everywhere he could to participate in the sport; however, due to a pacemaker and declining vision, he had to reluctantly give it up.

Loyce recalled what Stoney told her shortly before the fateful New Year's Day, "I'm 88 years old, I've had a good life and have no regrets."



Photo provided

John Stonecipher, "Stoney" to most of Odell and many Route 66 travelers, explained how he got into the service station business. He said, "I went into painting for a few years. Fred Goodman had the garage (then located where the Odell fire station now stands) and I had an opportunity to get into the business. At that time, there weren't any automobile repair services available in town, so that got me into it." He opened Stoney's Marathon Service on May 3, 1948.

OBITUARIES

Dorothy L. Johnson

Pontiac, Ill. - Dorothy L. Johnson, 89, of Pontiac, died at 1:50 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2008, at OSF Saint James-John W. Albrecht Medical Center.

Her funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23, at the First United Methodist Church in Pontiac; the Rev. Grant Armstrong officiating.

Burial will be in South Side Cemetery, Pontiac.

Friends called from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the church at 219 N. Chicago St.

Duffy Funeral Home, Pontiac, has charge of arrangements.

She was born June 19, 1919, at Pontiac, the daughter of John Donald and Gladys E. (Pittenger) Byrne.

She married Myron L. Johnson Aug. 28, 1946, at Monticello. He preceded her in death Feb. 28, 1994.

Surviving are four sons, Myron Lyle Johnson Jr., Streator, Clifton L. Johnson, Cornell, Bruce D. Johnson, Corpus Christi, Texas, and John E. (Anita) Johnson, Pontiac; four grandchildren, Melinda Osborne, Brian Johnson, Jared Johnson and Logan Johnson; and three great-grandchildren, Kevin, Hollie and Madison.

Mrs. Johnson was also preceded in death by her uncle, Wilfred Pittenger.

She was a Pontiac Township High School graduate.

Mrs. Johnson had been employed with Illinois State Savings Bank, Pontiac National Bank, Pontiac Abstract Office, and H & R Block of Pontiac for 25 years, 15 years as manager.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Pontiac.

Mrs. Johnson was a Rebecca Lodge past Noble

Grand, a member of the Methodist Church choir and numerous bridge clubs.

She loved playing bridge, traveling, music, fishing and most of all her family. Dorothy will be greatly missed by her four sons, grandchildren and her dear friends.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church, Livingston County Humane Society or to OSF Hospice.

Nancy D. Ingold

Chatsworth, Ill. - The funeral for Nancy Diane Ingold, 58, of Chatsworth, was held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Chatsworth.

Cremation rites were accorded following the service.

Private inurnment will be at a later date in Chatsworth Cemetery.

Friends called from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, at Martin-Burke Funeral Home, Chatsworth, and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church.

Mrs. Ingold died at 3:19 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, 2009, at her residence.

She was born Jan. 24, 1950, at Fairbury, the daughter of Clair and Maxine (Hornickel) Zorn. She married Donald Little. She later married Herbert (Herb) Ingold March 3, 1979, at Chatsworth. He survives.

Also surviving are one son, Corry (Dawn) Little, Chatsworth; her parents, of Forrest; three grandchildren; two brothers, Mark (Rita) Zorn, Chatsworth, and Randy (Marla Behardts) Zorn, Carlock; one sister, Sharon (Reihardt) Hillizer, Zorn, Carmichael, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Ingold was preceded in death by one son and one daughter.

The family suggests memorials may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Chatsworth.

Fire Department, SELCAS or to the Christopher Reeves Foundation.

George W. Frisby

Fairbury, Ill. - George William "Bill" Frisby, 89, of Fairbury, died at 12:08 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, at OSF Saint James-John W. Albrecht Medical Center, Pontiac.

His funeral was held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at McDowell United Methodist Church.

Burial was in Avoca Township Cemetery, rural Fairbury, with military rites accorded.

Friends called from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Duffy-Pils Memorial Home. An Oddfellows service was held at 7:30 p.m.

He was born Jan. 8, 1920, in Avoca Township, the son of Frank and Iva (Pool) Frisby. He married Cathryn Wink March 12, 1948, at Fairbury. She survives at Pontiac.

Also surviving are three daughters, Sue, Pam and Barb.

He served in the U.S. Air Force in the European Theatre.

The family suggests memorials may be made to McDowell United Methodist Church.

Richard E. Schertz Sr.

Pontiac, Ill. - Richard E. Schertz Sr., 57, of Pontiac, died at 5:13 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16, 2009, at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center, Bloomington.

His funeral was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at Martin-Burke Funeral Home, Pontiac; the Rev. Gretchen Stinebaugh officiating.

Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery, Pontiac.

Friends called from 12:30 p.m. until the hour of service Sunday at the funeral home.

He was born March 21, 1951, at Bloomington, the

son of Kenneth E. and Aileen (Ehington) Schertz Sr. He married JoDeana Lee Folks July 22, 1970, at Pontiac. She survives at Pontiac.

Also surviving are two daughters, Jennifer (Robert) Shaffer, El Paso, and Tara (Jason) Gilbert, Gridley; one son, Richard "Ricky" Schertz Jr., Pontiac; seven grandchildren, Bobby and Jacob Shaffer, Drew and Trey Gilbert, and Hannah, Max and Tovah Schertz; one brother, Kenneth (Lorraine) Schertz Jr., Pontiac; and three sisters, Mary (David) Embry, Bloomington, Ruth Saxton, Pontiac, and Betty (Pete) Petropoul, Odell.

Mr. Schertz was preceded in death by his parents.

He graduated from Pontiac Township High School in 1969.

Mr. Schertz had worked at Morton Printing and retired from RR Donnelly and Sons in 1999, where he worked in the bindery as a supervisor.

In 1986 Richard was a kidney transplant recipient, who fought long and hard with numerous health issues for the past 22 years.

The family suggests memorials may be made to the Polycystic Kidney Disease Foundation, 9221 Ward Parkway, Suite 400, Kansas City, MO 64114.

Delbert "Deb" Alltop

Pontiac, Ill. - Delbert "Deb" Alltop, 81, of Pontiac, died at 12:05 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009, at Everglow Tjardes Health Care Center in Pontiac, after a three-year illness.

His funeral was held at 11 a.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church, Pontiac, with Rev. James O. Wolfe III officiating.

Burial was in Rooks Creek Cemetery, rural Pontiac, where military rites will be accorded.

Friends called from 4 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Martin-Burke Funeral Home, Pontiac, has charge of arrangements.

He was born Sept. 5, 1927, at rural Pontiac, the son of Delbert and Nicie (Hamilton) Alltop. He mar-

ried Shirley Wiegand Jan. 29, 1955, at Graymont. She survives at Pontiac.

Also surviving are two sons, Rich (Luanne) Alltop and David (Rhonda) Alltop, both of Pontiac; one daughter, Jan (Steven) Westfall, Heyworth; 12 grandchildren, John Alltop, Ashley Alltop, Joshua Alltop, Melissa Carls, Michael Carls, Lori Feather, Krista Laskowski, Cami Westfall, Seth Westfall, Ashley Gernentz, Angela Gernentz and Kaidyn Alltop; Taylor Filkin, Madison

Filkin, Nicholas Feather and Luke Laskowski; two brothers, Donald Alltop, Toluca, and Gale Alltop, Pontiac; and two sisters, Esther Ide, Pontiac, and Velma Matter, Minonk.

Mr. Alltop was preceded in death by four brothers and three sisters.

He graduated from Pontiac Township High School.

Deb served our country in the U.S. Army during World War II in Germany.

He farmed his entire life in rural Pontiac. He had also been a Livingston County Sheriff's Deputy.

Deb was a member of the First Baptist Church in Pontiac, the Pontiac Elks Lodge, a former member of the Rooks Creek Elevator Board and the American Legion.

He enjoyed golfing with his friends.

The family suggests memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, the Community Cancer Center of Normal or to the Leukemia Research Foundation.

Elmer D. Meints

Fairbury, Ill. - The memorial service for Elmer Duane Meints, 73, of Fairbury, was held at 4 p.m. Sunday at Duffy-Pils Memorial Home, Fairbury.

Inurnment will take place in South Graceland Cemetery, Fairbury, at a later date.

Friends called from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the memorial home.

Mr. Meints died at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2009, at St. Mary's Hospital, Streator.

He was born Jan. 12, 1936, at Weston, the son of Violet Meints. He married Sharylou JoAnne Davis Oct. 2, 1954, at Fairbury. She died April 23, 2006.

Surviving are two sons, Keith Meints, Fairbury, and Kevin Meints, Whitsett, N.C.; one brother, David Newton, Bureau; 14 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. Meints was also preceded in death by one brother, one son and one daughter.

The family suggests memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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