

1. 2019 Memorial List

2. Jeanne Edwards

Mollie Jeanne Edwards age 78 of Olmsted, Illinois passed away Wednesday, January 16, 2019 in Paducah, Kentucky. She was born February 5, 1940 in East Prairie, Missouri, to the late Roy Richard and Mollie Callie (Arlington) Blumenberg. Jeanne had a career with the United States Postal Service for 28 years, where she served as Postmaster at the Villa Ridge and Pulaski Post Offices and retired from the Mound City Post Office in 2004.

3. Margaret Niccum

Retired Postmaster, M. Margaret Niccum, 76, of Greenup, IL passed away Thursday, June 7, 2018 in Neoga, IL. She was born on September 29, 1941.

4. Florence Kocher

Born July 7, 1932, near Pond Grove in Jasper County, Illinois; Florence Evelyn (Cunningham) Kocher, age 86, of Ste. Marie, Illinois, passed away February 17, 2019 in Effingham, Illinois. Florence was the youngest child of Ralph and Mary (Zuber) Cunningham. She married I.D. "Lightning" Kocher on November 7, 1953, at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in Ste. Marie, Illinois, and he preceded her in death on September 5, 1994. Florence graduated from Newton Community High School in 1950. She worked for the United States Parcel Service for 30 years, serving as the Postmaster at West Liberty and Calhoun, Illinois, also served as the leave replacement at the Ste. Marie post office. Florence and I.D. owned and operated Kocher Implement in Ste. Marie for 25 years. Florence was a lifelong member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church, charter member of the Ste. Marie American Legion Post #932 ladies auxiliary and St. Mary's Altar Society. Florence enjoyed playing cards and spending time with her grandchildren. She also spent several winters in Texas with her family.

5. Robert Willms

Robert "Bob" Francis Willms, 86, of Mesa, AZ, passed away October 29, 2018, at home. He was born January 29, 1932, in Lake Forest, IL, to John Christopher and Florence Rose (Peters)Willms. Bob proudly served in the US Air Force during the Korean War and was awarded the National Defense and Good Conduct medals; he was honorably discharged on February 28, 1955. He was married to Janis Louise Hochhalter on September 24, 1960, in Lake Forest, IL. Bob worked for the US Post Office in Lake Forest, retiring after 23 years as Postmaster. He was an avid Cubs fan, a longtime member of the Moose Lodge, and a Lifetime member of the American Legion.

6. Lois Hupp

Lois E. Hupp, 88, of Oreana, IL passed away February 18, 2019 at her home. Lois was born on January 1, 1931, the daughter of Chester and Hazel (McConnell) Ferrill. Lois was a graduate of Argenta-Oreana High School in 1948. She married Robert E. Hupp on May 2, 1952 in Oreana, IL, and they were married more than 66 years. Lois was a farmer's wife at first, and then took a job at the Oreana Post Office in 1967. She was the Postmaster at Oreana for 24 years, and was helpful to all that came in the door. Lois raised four boys, and attended countless little league baseball games, where she was a scorekeeper. Lois and Bob never missed one of the boy's games that included Argenta-Oreana Bombers football, basketball,

track, baseball games, and Monticello El baseball games. Lois was a member of the Rebecca Lodge and was also an avid Cubs fan and Illini fan.

7. Dorothy Schnaare

Dorothy (Funderburk) Schnaare, 89, of Grand Chain, passed Monday, February 4, 2019 in Metropolis. Dorothy was a graduate of Elkhart Central High School in Elkhart, Indiana. Dorothy and Howard Schnaare were united in marriage on February 5, 1946. Dorothy retired as Postmaster of Grand Chain, IL 37 years of service. She especially enjoyed the Postmasters convention in Hawaii.

8. Donald Eilers

Donald Eilers, age 89 of St. Charles, MO formerly of New Douglas, IL passed away on December 29, 2018 in St. Charles, MO. He was born September 2, 1929 in Litchfield, IL. He was the son of Henry A. and Iva I. (Best) Eilers. He was married to Gloria Riva on July 31, 1954. Don served our country as a Corporal in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. After his military service he worked as a Die Setter for Olin Brass in Alton, IL. He then worked for the United States Postal Service and became the Postmaster in New Douglas from 1956 to 1984 with 28 years of service.

9. Mildred Alexander

Mildred I. "Milly" Alexander, 85, of Gibson City, formerly of Elliott, passed away Jan. 4, 2019 in Champaign. Milly was born May 6, 1933, in Berea, Ky., the daughter of Charles R. and Mildred F. Paxton Cottrell. Milly spent her childhood in Paxton and graduated from Paxton High School in 1951. She married Donald E. Alexander on Dec. 21, 1952. Milly worked at the United States Postal Service for 21 years; the last 13 she served as Postmaster in Elliott IL before retiring in 1992. She was a member of Wesbein United Methodist Church, Saybrook, and the National Association of Postmasters of the United States.

10. Robert Mercer

Robert "Bob" K. Mercer, 85, of Fairfield, died Saturday, May 12, 2018. He had worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Fairfield for 30 years. After his retirement as Postmaster of Fairfield IL, he earned his Certified Nurse Aide and Emergency Medical Technician's license and worked at Fairfield Memorial Hospital and also for the Wayne County Ambulance Service for many years. He was a veteran of the United States Airforce where he served as a mechanic.

11. Charles Missel

Charles J. Missel, 81, of Davenport, Iowa, passed away June 25, 2018. Charles was born a son of Carl and Margaret (Hughes) Missel in Wheatland, Iowa, on October 21, 1936. He was united in marriage to Helen Benda on September 10, 1960, in East Pleasant Plain, Iowa. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves for 30 years and retired as a Lt. Colonel. He was a graduate of St. Ambrose Academy and St. Ambrose University, later graduating from Worsham College of Mortuary Science. He worked with Esterdahl Mortuary and Runge Mortuary for many years. He was active with the Honor Flight of the Quad-Cities and served on the board, and was a member of the Serra Club. Chuck was a lifelong Bears and Cardinals fan. He served as Postmaster of Milan, Illinois, and retired after 30 years of service.

12. Charles Copeland

Charles F. Copeland, 87, of Moline, IL, died at his home Wednesday, July 25, 2018. Charles was born December 20, 1930, in Parsons, KS, to George J. and Serena E. (Breeze) Copeland. He married Oleva McKnight in 1950 and they were later divorced. On October 6, 1980, he married Vergie Witt Strader. He graduated from Parsons Kansas High School in 1948 and Parsons Junior College in 1950. He served in the U.S. Army from August 1950 to June 1952, and was stationed for fifteen months in Korea during that conflict. He joined the U.S. Postal Service on December 12, 1952, as a postal transportation clerk in Kansas City, MO. He advanced his career in Parsons, KS, becoming Superintendent of Postal Operations. He was Postmaster in Cherryvale, KS, and Iola, KS, and finally came to be the Postmaster in Moline, IL. He retired in 1989. Charles taught Sunday school and Bible study classes for many years. He loved to read and was an avid Cardinals fan. After retirement, he enjoyed the game of golf.

13. Helen Wood

Helen Marie Wood, 96, of Lima, died June 12, 2018, at her home. Helen was born Oct. 28, 1921, in rural Adams County to the late James Warner and Irene (Nichols) Wood. She attended three years of high school in Lima and graduated from Quincy High School. Helen was a lifelong resident of the Lima area. She worked at Twins' Market in Lima, then worked at the Lima Post Office for more than 40 years, retiring as postmaster in 1989.

14. Martha Gray

Martha Darleen (Logan) Gray, 88, passed away on Thursday, May 3, 2018. She was born on October 18, 1929 to David and Gladys (Bloom) Logan in Tennessee, Illinois. She was one of eight children. In 1947 she graduated from Colchester High School and in 1949 she met the love of her life, Britten Gray Jr.. The two were united in marriage on June 8, 1956 in Colchester. In August of 1958 Martha began working at the Post Office in Tennessee, IL and in May of 1976 she began working at the Post Office in Colchester, IL. She worked in Colchester for several years before becoming the Postmasters in Plymouth, IL where she worked until she retired in 1993.

15. Patricia Spencer

Patricia D. Spencer, 83, passed away December 3, 2018 in Casey, Illinois. She was born August 19, 1935, in Paradise Township, Coles County, Illinois, the daughter of Glen and Vera (Phelps) Groves. Patricia married Donald Spencer, August 16, 1957 in Charleston, Illinois. She retired after twenty years of service with the U.S. Postal Service, the last seventeen as Postmaster of Trilla, IL.

16. Edward Parks

Edward L. Parks, 76, of Avon Park, passed away April 5, 2019 in Polk County. He played bass with his brother, Charles, in the band, Rockin' Rebels in Illinois. Golfing, fishing, going to the races were past times favorites, along with his love of dogs, especially his dog Brandy. A native of Memphis, Tennessee, he was a retired Postmaster of Wilmington IL.

17. Leila Canada

Leila was born on February 6, 1943 and passed away on Monday, March 18, 2019. Leila was a resident of Belknap, Illinois at the time of passing Leila had served as Postmaster of Simpson and Belknap IL

18. Carl Hileman

Carl Lewis Hileman, 89, of Tamms, died Dec. 3, 2018, at his home. He was born on June 5, 1929, in Mill Creek, the son of Carl and Susie Poole Hileman. He married Margaret Ann Donahue on Nov. 10, 1950, in Cairo. She preceded him in death on June 11, 2012. He was a decorated veteran of the Korean War and received numerous medals, including four Bronze Stars. He was a member of Salem Lutheran Church in Jonesboro. He retired from the United States Postal Service, where he worked as postmaster of Tamms for many years.

19. Sue Edwards

Susan "Sue" P. Edwards, 83, resident of Omaha Ill., passed October 21, 2018 in Carmi. Sue was born March 7, 1935 in Eldorado to the late Bryant and Katie (Endicott) Mitchell. On August 20, 1954 she married Earl Ray Edwards, he preceded her in death November 12, 2014. Sue was a beautician, and was the Postmaster at the Omaha Post Office for 20 years.

20. Don Rogers

Donald E. Rogers, 83, passed away Thursday April 11, 2019, at his residence. Donald was born Dec. 28, 1935, in Hamilton County to Ralph and Mirkie (nee Thomas) Rogers. He is survived by his wife, Ruth (nee Meeks) of Benton, IL. He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Mount Vernon. Don worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 36 years. He rode the train sorting mail between Southern Illinois and Chicago. He was the Postmaster at Orient, Sesser, and finally at his hometown of McLeansboro.

21. Janet Verble

Janet Verble, 83, went home to be with her Lord, Aug. 28, 2018, in Carbondale IL. She was born Jan. 13, 1935, in Jonesboro, the daughter of Ernest and Susie Isabel (Ernhart) Tripp. She married Donald Verble on Dec. 22, 1953, in Anna. Together they shared 64 years of marriage. He preceded her in death on July 29, 2017. She loved her family, friends and many other folks she became acquainted with while working with the U.S. Postal Service. She was the retired Postmaster of Alto Pass IL

22. Jim Kuderna Worth IL

23. Robert Tanis Dolton IL

24. Raphael Palubicki Mount Prospect IL

25. Harold Baker Ashland IL