

Lucille Ann Millburn

Jan. 19, 2024

Lucille Ann (LuAnn) Millburn, age 91, of Norwalk passed away peacefully at Holland Farms Assisted Living and Memory Care in Norwalk. Visitation for LuAnn will be held Saturday January 27, 2024, at 1 pm at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Colfax, Iowa. A joint Mass said in honor of LuAnn and her husband Francis, who passed away October 24, 2023, will follow at 2 pm after which there will



be time for fellowship and light refreshments in the church basement. Internment will take place at a later date.

The daughter of Ernest Boles and Thelma (Furry) Boles, Lucille was born on August 27, 1932.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Carl and three sisters, Carol, Elnore, June and her son, Francis Jay Millburn and her husband, Francis Leeson Millburn. LuAnn grew up in Randolph, Kansas. After graduating from Randolph High School in 1950, LuAnn entered the United States Air Force, where she served in Washington, DC before returning to her small town where she met the love of her life on a blind date. Francis Millburn

was a handsome Army soldier with a heart stealing smile stationed at nearby Fort Riley. They married in 1954 and started an amazing life together in Colfax which included the birth of five children: Kathy (Thomas) Kaldenberg, Francis Jay Millburn, Karen (Randy) Douglas, Patty (Craig) Shissler, and Matthew Millburn. Their family expanded with grandchildren: Matt and Mike Douglas; Dan, Dave and James Shissler; Austin Kazos, Sam Millburn and Mattea Millburn; Sarah Beth Helton and great grandchildren Gavin Peterson, Isaac Oltjenbruns and Daxton Douglas; Bruce, Kathleen and Marilyn Shissler; Scarlett, Lucille and Conrad Shissler. She recognized each of

them as unique and loved them all.

LuAnn was active in many community and church organizations including the Colfax Jaycee Ettes, the PTA, the Colfax Centennial and Bi-Centennial Committees, GFWC LaFemme, the Colfax Chamber of Commerce, the American Red Cross, the Colfax Historical Society, the Jasper County Mental Health Board and the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Altar & Rosary.

Jasper County managed the downtown business Millburn Decorating for ten years. It was an outgrowth of her interest in interior design, which she studied in books and the multitude of magazines she subscribed to. The culi-

nary arts and entertaining were her companion passions and she loved planning menus and delighting family and friends with her beautifully set tables and delicious foods.

LuAnn loved to travel, and Francis took her to the places she had dreamed of visiting, including Paris and Ireland. She and her daughters made memories together on trips to Las Vegas, cruises and of course, shopping expeditions which had to include Younkers and lunch. Many summer months were spent at Shell Lake in Minnesota, where she redecorated the rented cabin and accompanied Francis on the boat, fishing for northern pike.

Reading was a source of great satisfaction for LuAnn and rarely was

she without a book, newspaper or magazine. Her favorite genre was biographies of strong women from history, and she wasn't intimidated by thick tomes.

In 2021, LuAnn and Francis moved to Holland Farms in Norwalk, Iowa where they quickly became "the couple that loves each other so much". Up until her death, LuAnn was unwaveringly polite, with some of her last words being "thank you". She will be dearly missed by all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Memorials may be directed to the Colfax Historical Society Building Fund and AHC (Alternating Hemiplegia of Childhood) Foundation "Daxton is one in a million".

Judith Ann Goodhue

Jan. 15, 2024

We are heartbroken to announce the passing of Judith Ann (Judy) Goodhue, 77, on the morning of Monday, January 15th, 2024, surrounded by family in her home in Newton, Iowa.

Judy was born to par-



ents Alberta Marie Piper and Vinton Wayne (Wayne) Piper on August 12, 1946, in Mason City, Iowa. In 1964, Judy graduated from Semco High School in Gilman, Iowa, where she was selected Prom Queen and a member of the Homecoming Court for her warm, kind character and her beauty. She was married to her first and only love, Robert (Bob) Goodhue, on February 6th, 1965, at Wittenberg Church in rural Jasper County, Iowa, and this year would have been their 59th wedding anniversary. While working at Maytag

Corporation in 1967, she received the honor of representing the company as Maytag Queen.

Judy valued her family above anything else, whether it was putting in extra effort to make personalized birthday cakes or celebrating all of the important moments in the lives of those she loved. Judy's humility was something to be admired, and she was cherished by all for her vibrance and her elegance. She loved to fill her days with gardening, reading, cooking, cross-stitching, and sharing activities with

her beloved grandchildren. Another facet of her charming character was her fierce competitiveness in card-games with family, something many found surprising given her soft-spoken demeanor. Moreover, Judy displayed admirable strength and determination throughout her life, even through her long-fought battles with cancer.

Judy is survived by her two daughters, Terri Hansen-Blair of Shanghai, China, and Dana (Curtis) Burton of Newton, Iowa, her five grandchildren, Autumn (Levi) Burton,

Eleanore Hansen, Isaak Hansen, Kennedy Ortmeier, Laurel Schoppa, and her two great-grandchildren, Amelia Burton and Samuel Burton. She is also survived by her sister, Pamela (Bruce) Fischer, and their son, Ryan, her sister-in-law Myra Goodhue, and her many nieces and nephews. Preceding her in death were her loving husband, Bob Goodhue, and her parents, Alberta Piper Fyffe and Wayne Piper.

All who met Judy saw her genuinely radiant soul, full of warmth, light, and compassion.

Everyone who met her felt drawn to her and loved her. Her family is comforted to know that Judy is at peace and reunited with Bob, her first love, life partner and soul mate. Judy's family will hold a private celebration of life at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations should be directed to either Newton Arboretum and Botanical Gardens at Project AWAKE, PO Box 321, Newton, Iowa 50208 or to St. Jude Children's Hospital at 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105.

Romona Lou DenBesten

Jan. 19, 2024

Romona Lou DenBesten (Monie Lou) [Gulling], 84 of Valatie, NY passed away on January 19, 2024 in her home surrounded by her loving family. She was predeceased by her husband Leroy DenBesten & son Terry DenBesten.

Romona was born



in Vidalia, Iowa to Ross and Ruth Gulling on July 28, 1939. She attended school at Prairie City High School and graduated in 1957. Romona worked side by side with her husband & sons running Vermeer Sales & Service which is a heavy equipment dealership

that they started in 1968. She became CEO in 1991 and stayed at the helm until the company was sold in 2000. Romona was a remarkable woman who brought comfort and warmth to everyone who met her. Her kitchen was her haven where she would create inviting feasts. She loved to entertain her family and friends, preparing food for all and providing stories of the past. She had a special fondness for swans

that often graced her pond where she would watch them for hours at a time while enjoying a glass of Joseph Carr Cabernet. Romona leaves behind a testament to a life well-lived and cherished by all who were touched by her spirit.

Romona is survived by her sons Thomas DenBesten (Marjorie), Todd DenBesten, Troy DenBesten (Sandy), daughter-in-law Donna DenBesten, brother Ronald Gulling, grandchildren:

Jason DenBesten (Melissa Coons), Brandie Hamilton (Michael), Heidie Zulaski (Aaron), Lisa DenBesten (Kamie), Kenneth DenBesten, Leonardo DenBesten, Beau DenBesten (Taylor), great grandchildren: Camryn DenBesten, Jayden DenBesten, Mackenzie Hamilton, Lucas Hamilton, Johnathan Zulaski, Ryker DenBesten & Natalie Zulaski, Neice: Tami Watson & Nephew Tony Gulling.

Funeral service will

be held at Kinderhook Dutch Reformed Church in Kinderhook, New York on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at noon with Rev. Rudy Visser officiating. The burial will follow at Kinderhook Cemetery. A private viewing will be held at Romona's home. Flowers can be sent to 163 Orchard Drive or donations to Columbia Greene Hospice. Raymond E. Bond Funeral Home in Valatie will be handling the funeral arrangements.

Orville James Roth

Jan. 18, 2024

Orville James Roth, 90, died January 18, 2024, at Clarksville Skilled Nursing Center in Clarksville, Iowa.

Orville James, son of Lawrence and Agnes (Michels) Roth, was born January 26, 1933, in Waterloo, Iowa. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John Catholic Church in Waterloo, graduated from



Janesville High School, and served in the Army Infantry. On August 2, 1958, he was united in marriage with Alma Kampman in Allison, Iowa.

Orville farmed near Westgate, then moved to Sumner where he ran Orville's Mobile Milling and sold feed and custom

mixed livestock feed. In Sumner, he belonged to St John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Thomas E Woods American Legion Post 223 and enjoyed playing cards, square dancing, and reading. In 2020 Orville moved to Newton where he enjoyed the residents and activities in Linden Place Apartments and being near family. In 2023 Orville moved to Clarksville, back in northern Iowa.

Orville is survived by two children, Evelyn (An-

drew) George of Newton, Iowa, Brian (Tina) Roth of Wilton, Iowa, and son-in-law Peter Adler, of Voorheesville, NY, and four grandchildren, Maxwell Roth, Victoria Roth, Adam George and Nicole George. He is also survived by three sisters, Virginia Remley, Berniece Miller and Jane Lane, and a brother, Melvin (Judy) Roth. He was preceded in death by his wife Alma, daughter, Karen Adler, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, and his parents.

Newton Waterworks audit report available

Nolte, Cornman & Johnson, P.C. released an audit report on the Newton Municipal Waterworks.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Waterworks revenues

totalled \$3,684,116 for the year ended June 30, 2023, a 0.09 percent increase from the prior year, primarily due to an increase in revenue received from metered customers.

Expenses for the Waterworks totaled

\$3,669,962 for the year ended June 30, 2023, an 8.41 percent decrease from the prior year. This decrease was largely due to a decrease in expenses incurred for treatment plant maintenance and distribution operations.

AUDIT FINDINGS

Nolte, Cornman & Johnson, P.C. reported one finding found on page 40 of the annual report. During the year ended June 30, 2023, Waterworks expenditures exceeded the budgeted amounts. Nolte, Cornman & Johnson,

P.C. provided the Waterworks with a recommendation to address the finding.

A copy of the audit report is available for review on the Auditor of State's website at <http://auditor.iowa.gov/audit-repo>

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