

OBITUARIES

Barbara J. VanDusen

Barbara Joan VanDusen, 68, Wilton, and formerly of West Liberty, died on Friday, March 28, 2025 at her home in Wilton.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday April 7 in the Oakdale cemetery, Wilton.

The daughter of Wilbur and Bonita Keith Goodale, she was born on April 9, 1956 in Iowa City. She was a graduate of West Liberty High School in 1974. She married Russell VanDusen on Aug. 18, 1979 in Atalissa.

In her early years she had operated an in-home daycare prior to working HON in Muscatine, retiring after many years.

She enjoyed taking pictures, genealogy, quilting, was an avid rock collector and handmade gnomes to sell.

She is survived by two sons, Joseph (Terra) VanDusen, Nicholls; and Robert (Sarah) VanDusen, Wilton, step-daughters, Wendy (Craig) Askam, Muscatine; and Julie VanDusen of the Quad Cities; 10 grandchildren, Maggy, Kate, Jacob, Megan, J.J., Taylor, Tracie, Wyatt, Andrew and Juliana; three great-grandchildren, Navy, Indie and Olive; and six siblings, Billy (Tammy) Goodale, Peg (Phil) McIntire, Bob (Sandy) Goodale, Dean (Vikki) Goodale, Sue Griffith and Casey (Christiana) King.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband in 2013 and her faithful companions, Charlie and Manning.

In keeping with her loving and generous spirit, she generously gave the gift of sight through cornea donation.

Memorial donations may be made to Barbara VanDusen Memorial Fund.

Michael Kisner

Michael Ian Kisner, 44, Tipton, died unexpectedly on Friday, March 21, 2025 at the University of Iowa Health Care Medical Center in Iowa City.

A Celebration of Life was held on Monday, March 31 at the First United Church of Christ in Tipton, officiated by Pastor Kerri Sandusky.

The son of Joyce Hauenstein and Michael Wayne Kisner, he was born on Nov. 28, 1980, the youngest of four children but the only boy for Joyce. He was raised with his sisters in Columbus Junction. He played football, roller hockey and ice hockey, ran cross country and wrestled while in school. He graduated from Columbus Junction with the Class of 1999.

Mr. Kisner moved to Woodward, Okla. and worked in the oil fields. He met his wife Kelly Fogle in 2006. They married on Oct. 31, 2006. He and his daughter Jade Nicole welcomed Kelly and her daughter Madison Marie. They continued to grow their family by four more girls, Lillian "Lilly", Kaylee, Ruby and finally Dahlia in 2013.

He received his bachelor's degree in electronic engineering from Hamilton Technical College in Davenport in 2013 as well.

Mr. Kisner worked numerous jobs over the years supporting his family. His most recent employment being Culinary Coordinator and then Resident Assistant for Prairie Hills Assisted Living.

When he wasn't working, he was never idle. He loved working on vehicles and showing the girls skills for later in life. He took time to help support the girls with their sports as well. From crafting shirts on the Cricut, to sharing moves, or just being in the stands to cheer them on, he loved his girls.

He is survived by his wife; daughters Jade, Madison, Lilly, Kaylee, Ruby and Dahlia; his mother Joyce Kisner; sisters, Michelle (Lester) Pace, Margaret "Maggie" (Dwayne) Wylie, Melinda "Mindy" (Andy) Badgett, and Danielle Kisner (Zak Kottke); and brother, Sean Kisner.

He was preceded in death by his father; his grandparents, James Wayne Kisner, Margaret Stokes Hill, and Ethel and Willard Hauenstein; his aunt and uncle, Diane Shildburg Newcomb and Eugene Newcomb; his honorary father and the girls' grandfather, Jeff Ryan and his son John Charles Kisner.

Nancy McKean

Nancy A. McKean, 88, Lone Tree and formerly of Wilton, died on Saturday, March 22, 2025 at Lone Tree Health Care Center. Cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 12 at Bentley Funeral Home, Wilton. A memorial gathering will be held from 10 to 11 a.m., prior the memorial service.

The daughter of Gerald and Rebecca Reid Whetstone, she was born on Dec. 28, 1936 in Iowa City. She graduated from Wilton High School with the Class of 1954. She married Pat Taylor on Oct. 2, 1955 in Wilton. He preceded her in death on Sept. 25, 1999. She later married Carl McKean on Dec. 31, 2003 in Nobleton, Fla. He preceded her in death on May 8, 2016.

Mrs. McKean worked alongside her father, Dr. Gerald Whetstone, DO, for many years as a bookkeeper at his office in Wilton. She also worked as a scale attendant at North Star Steel in Wilton.

She was a former member of the United Methodist Church of Wilton, Grace United Church of Christ in Conesville, and a current member of Grace Lutheran Church in Muscatine. In her spare time she was a passionate seamstress and quilter. She spent countless hours sewing and quilting with friends, creating beautiful works of art. She cherished the time she spent with family and friends, both in Iowa and Florida.

She was an accomplished basketball player and an avid fan of Iowa Hawkeye Women's Basketball. She was also fortunate enough to attend their Final Four appearance in 1993 with her husband, Pat. She leaves behind a legacy of kindness, creativity and devotion to her family and friends.

She is survived by five grandchildren, Nicole Moran, Penfield, Ill., Cody Taylor, Muscatine; Neil Taylor, South Elgin, Ill.; Megan (Jason) Cadogan, Covington, La.; and Ryan (Kara Mittman) Walker, Wilton; seven great-grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Laura Taylor, Muscatine; five step-children, Wendy (Bill) Moreland, Crystal O'Toole, Lance (Melissa) McKean, Kelly (Mike) Good, and Sara (Rob) Kinion; 18 step-grandchildren; 23 step-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Judi Whetstone, and her husband, Bob Rush, Cedar Rapids.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Douglas Taylor; a daughter, Elizabeth Taylor; and her husbands, Pat Taylor and Carl McKean.

Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

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After Bird dispute the allegations that his service line was the cause of or the contributing factor to the partial collapse, including appearing with an attorney at a council meeting, the parties reach an agreement to have Bird pay approximately two-thirds of the cost.

Bird agreed to pay his \$4,000 portion within 10 days. The parties also agreed that the agreement was binding.

Airport Bidding

The council awarded the low bid of \$208,946.45 from Heuer Construction, Muscatine, for the Mathew Memorial Airport apron rehabilitation and runway improvement project.

The engineer's estimate for the work was \$376,395.

Other bidders were All American Concrete, West Liberty, \$225,045.65; Lynch's Excavating, West Branch, \$257,054.80;

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