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## NORMA JEAN PIGG, PPRA



Norma J. Pigg, 94, of Bushnell, Illinois passed away at 12:01 AM on Sunday November 15, 2020 at Wesley Village. She was born October 14, 1926 in Mound Township, Illinois to Byron W. and Olive E. (Bollinger) Ambrosius.

She married Lyndall Eugene Pigg in Adair, Illinois on March 12, 1944. He preceded her in death on October 26, 2020.

Surviving are two children, Steven (Linda) Pigg of Bushnell, IL; Barbara (Dan) Turner of Rantoul, IL; four grandchildren, Erin (Mike) Von Kannon of Bushnell, IL; Jason (Lindsey) Pigg of Loveland, OH; Nathan (Kathryn) Turner of Champaign, IL; Stuart (Michelle) Turner of Champaign, IL; 9 great-grandchildren, Avrille (Caden) Turner, Amity, Henri, Clair and Aiden Turner, Dustin and Cameron Pigg, Anna and Nora Von Kannon; several nieces and

nephews and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, one sister Wanda M; brother, Hoyt C. Ambrosius and one infant brother.

Norma graduated from Adair high school in 1943 and attended Gem City Business school in Quincy. While Lyndall was away in the service, she worked as a telephone operator in Bushnell. After their move to the farm near Bushnell, she was busy as a mother and farm wife helping with farm chores, tending a large garden and preserving the produce. In later years she worked for Dr Boyd, Ken Wolf and Steve Pigg.

She was an active member of Victor Rebekah Lodge serving in local and district offices. In 1994 she was the President of the Rebekah Assembly of Illinois. She was the advisor of the Bushnell Theta Rho club for girls for several years in the late 1950s and 1960s. Many miles were accumulated on vehicles as she traveled all over the state to attend lodge functions. She and Lyndall also traveled to international Odd Fellow and Rebekah meetings all over North America. Norma took the Rebekah duty to visit the sick very seriously and thought nothing of getting in the car to check on friends and relatives far and wide.

Norma was also an active member of the Bushnell United Methodist church serving in various capacities until just a few years ago.

Calling hours will be from

9:00 AM until 11:00 AM Thursday November 19, 2020 at the Martin-Hollis Funeral Home without family present. Graveside services will be held at 1:00 PM on Thursday November 19, 2020 at the Harris Cemetery with pastor Amy Holman officiating. Memorial contributions can be made to the Victor Rebekah Lodge #385 or to the Bushnell United Methodist Church. Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions, masks are required at all times and we are limited to 25 attendees at a time. We ask that those in attendance please pay their respects and quickly exit the funeral home and remember to social distance. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at [www.martinhollisfh.com](http://www.martinhollisfh.com).



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## ODD FELLOW - REBEKAH HOME

201 Lafayette Ave., Mattoon, Illinois 61938

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Irma Fengel	01/06/1929
Edward Corley	01/11/1935
Kenneth Nolte	01/20/1924
Merle Fisher	01/24/1935
Melody Vaughn	01/26/1952
Eva Hellman	01/31/1941



## NEWS FROM THE HOME

Hello from the home,

Can you believe it's time to say.....Happy Holidays! WOW where has this year gone! It's seemed slow but still went fast.

As you probably are aware, we cancelled our annual Thanksgiving Feast and our Christmas Party for our residents and their families, however, our wonderful team will work hard to make this a very joyous and meaningful time for everyone here.

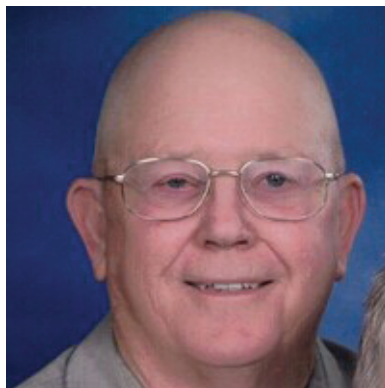
We are all looking forward to a busy month decorating for Christmas and all the fun festivities that come with it. Having to cancel our breakfast with Santa at the Fellowship Center saddens us, however, we will be dropping off cinnamon rolls and treats for their residents and staff.

We want to say Best Wishes to family and friends. One of the real joys this holiday season is the opportunity to say thank you to the Odd Fellow- Rebekah Board for everything they do and to wish you all the very best for the Holiday Season.

Until next month- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year - Stay safe.

*Danita Starwalt  
Community Relations Coordinator*

## MARION OSBORN, PGM



Marion M. Osborn, 78, of Bushnell, passed away at 10:51 a.m. on Wednesday November 18, 2020 at McDonough District Hospital in Macomb. He was born January 25, 1942 in Banner Township, IL to Marcus W. and Idola I. (Elwood) Osborn; he married Joan E. Tucker April 19, 1974 on the family farm in rural Marietta; she survives.

Also surviving are his children Pam (James) Lloyd of Morganton, Georgia, LaVerne (Monica) Osborn of Morganton, Georgia, Teresa (Russell) McGrew of Walnut Grove, IL, Laurie Osborn of Macomb, IL, Todd (Pam) Osborn of Berwick, IL, Patty (Phil) Mason of Bushnell, IL, Becky (Chad) Ebey of Good Hope, IL; grandchildren Ally (Eric) Magee, Chance McGrew, Terra Osborn, Ezra and Elliott Mason, Tyler and Alexis Ebey and one great-granddaughter Lydia Magee.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two grandsons, Yance and Wesley McGrew.

He was a member of the Walnut Grove Methodist Church, holding several offices, the Bushnell Odd Fellows #322, holding several positions including Grandmaster and Grand Secretary. He farmed until 1984 and later became an insurance agent and realtor before retiring. After retiring he drove a school bus for the Bushnell School District, his favorite job of all.

Graveside services will be held Monday, November 23, 2020 at 11:30 am at the Bushnell Township Cemetery with Pastor Dean Reeverts officiating. Memorials can be made to the Walnut Grove United Methodist Church, Bushnell Odd Fellows #322, or a charity of the donor's choice. Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions, masks are required at all times and we ask those in attendance please remember to social distance. Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at [www.martinhollisfh.com](http://www.martinhollisfh.com).





## GRAND MASTER'S MESSAGE



Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving, giving thanks with Family and Friends. Being safe with everything going on in the world. I would like everyone to have a safe and Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

With year 2020 we will not have Christmas Party at the Odd Fellows-Rebekah Home. I will miss giving presents to the patients at the Home.

With the passing of Lyndall Pigg a 70 year member. We will miss him. On all Degree work, dedication and knowledge. My condolences to the Pigg Family. My wife and I attended the calling hours and IOOF Services for Lyndall on November 1.

Special Projects on Odd Fellowship, Museum, Visual Research, Scholarships, D.A.R.E, SOS Village, Rose Parade, and Relief and Distress for Members. Without having Grand Lodge this year we did not collect any donations. If you would like to donate send to the Grand Lodge Office.

Without having a Leaders Banquet and School of Instruction I am asking the Instructors from 2020 to carry on in 2021. The

Lodges that have new officers please have them come and give instructions.

*Friendship Love and Truth*

*Niles Reamer  
Grand Master*

## ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

I'm hoping 2021 will be a much better year for all of us and the world!

I've been really thinking and trying to figure out ways to get new members. I have challenged all lodges in Illinois to send me any ideas they have to get new members. If anyone has any ideas, please send me your suggestions. We need to figure out ways to keep our order alive!

I am also asking for donations to the Rebekah Assembly's programs that you are all so generous in supporting. We are in need of donations to support our funds, such as the Flower Fund, Christmas gifts for the Home and other funds within the Assembly. Anything you all could send would be greatly appreciated.

I was able to attend and participate in the Odd Fellow services for PGM Lyndall Pigg, who passed away on October 26th. Lyndall was such a kind and good man and

Odd Fellow. My deepest sympathy to his wife PPR Norma, and son, Steve Pigg, Grand Warden and all their family. He will be truly missed!

I was busy the last part of October and the first part of November helping my fellow sisters of Pride of the West Rebekah Lodge #544 clean up and move their lodge hall downstairs for a little while until the Odd Fellows decide the fate of their building!

Another reminder that I still need District Presidents to return your papers for the Spring District Meetings for 2021.

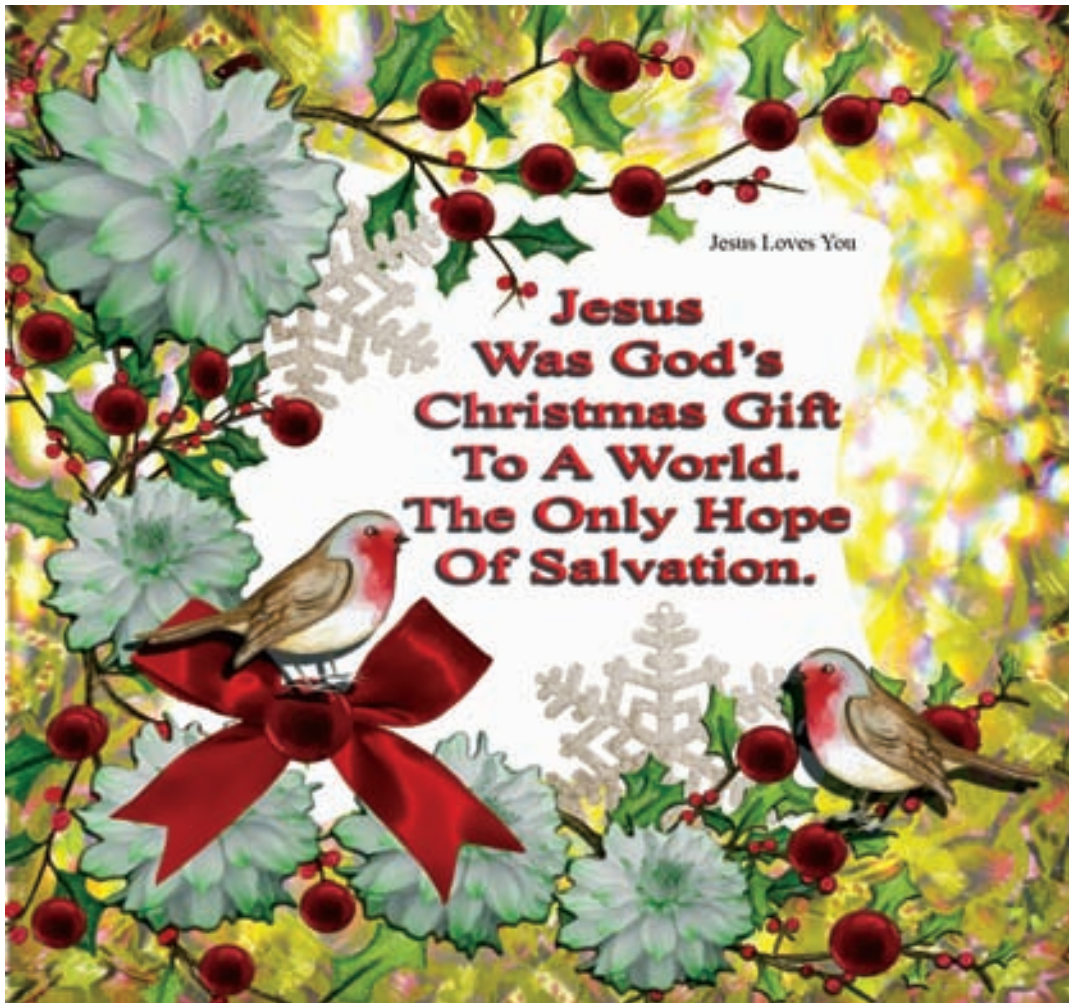
I would like to remind everyone to stay safe and healthy and remember to Respect each other – Believe in the good work we do – Love each other.

*In F.L. & T.  
Nann Johnson,  
Assembly President*

## CARPENTERSVILLE LODGE #492

Earth Lodge has been cancelled until 2021





*Merry Christmas  
And  
Happy New Year  
From the Rebekah Assembly*

*Nann Johnson, President  
Susan Schove, Vice President  
Sandra Coulter, Warden  
Janet Bruce, Secretary  
Carole Day, Treasurer*





*Merry Christmas  
And  
Happy New Year*

*From Your Executive Committee*

*Niles Reamer, Grand Master*

*Mat Yingling, Deputy Grand Master*

*Steve Pigg, Grand Warden*

*Jerald T. Sarnes, Grand Secretary*

*Arlan Miller, Grand Treasurer*

*Jim Bott, Jr. Past Grand Master*

*Rich Herring, Grand Representative*

*Eric Smith, Grand Representative*

## MT ZION #300 MAKES DONATION

The Mt Zion Odd Fellows Lodge #300 has long supported the local community and community support organizations. The Mt Zion United Methodist Church Food Pantry has been serving those in need in and around Mt Zion for years and the Odd Fellows have been regular supporters. The Odd Fellows Lodge recognizes that during special times, special efforts are required.

The food pantry has been supporting more and more families during the pandemic. With Thanksgiving and Christmas coming up, the Odd Fellow Lodge wanted to help where they could. On 11-23-20, the Mt Zion Odd Fellows stepped up to assist the food pantry with a \$1,000 donation and will continue to support the food Pantry and others through the holidays and into 2021.

Working together, we can help the families and keep Mt Zion strong and vibrant.



Pictured from left to right; VG Jay Woodrum, Casey Johnson, Scott Flanery, Kerry Toothman, Scott Mayberry, Aaron Ridenour, NG Jeff Mays





## ***Pilgrimage to Honor All Unknowns of the Civil War***

Invitation to attend the Fifth Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns of the Civil War. This event is presented by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Military Units Honoring all of those on both sides that died in the Civil War. Many Americans on both sides gave their lives for a cause they believed in and were willing to die for! We feel it is fitting we Honor all that made this sacrifice for their country!

The presentation will be conducted at the Beauvoir Manor Cemetery, 2244 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39531. Phone number 228-388-4400. The dates and time will be Friday February 19, 2021 for the banquet (to be held at Beauvoir Museum) and the wreath laying ceremony will be Saturday at 11:00 A.M. February 20, 2021 (to be held at Beauvoir Cemetery). Please make your reservations directly with the hotel, Quality Inn, 2414 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39503 — Phone: 228-388-1000. Mention Beauvoir Pilgrimage IOOF for discount.

**Name & Organization's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

If your Jurisdiction or Organization would like to be recognized by laying or having a wreath laid: (fill in information below)

**Number of Wreaths/Name of Jurisdiction:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$50.00 each for new wreaths = \_\_\_\_\_

**OR** repeat orders \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee:** \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

**Number attending the Banquet in your group that you are paying for:**

\_\_\_\_\_ X \$40.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

The banquet will be held on Friday, Feb 19, 2021 at 7:00 P.M., with social time beginning at 6:30 P.M. The dress for the banquet will be suit or uniform for men and formal or uniform for women. **We thank you for your participation in this event.**

A special treat for those attending, a private tour of Jefferson Davis Home and Museum. If you want to participate in the tours, please arrive by 5:30 P.M. Friday, February 19, 2021.

Please fill out the form above and return by January 15, 2021, to Maj Gen Mitzi Rayborn. Please make one check for total payable to: Maj Gen Mitzi Rayborn.

Maj Gen Mitzi Rayborn  
Chairman of Beauvoir Pilgrimage Committee  
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## RICHARD A. NOWACZYNSKI



Richard A. Nowaczynski, age 66, beloved son of the late Casimir and Elizabeth; loving brother of Daniel (Nancy Ziegler) Nowaczynski; dear uncle of Peter Nowaczynski. Richard was a member of the Odd Fellows of Cicero and CSA Fraternal Order of Lombard. Services were private.

Richard was very active in our order and he will be truly missed by his friends and Brothers and Sisters. He was currently serving the Grand Lodge as a District Deputy Grand Master of District #4, Children's Home Board as Secretary for the past 20 years, Resolutions Committee, and was Secretary of his home lodge Bohemia #202 and also Palacky #630.

## THE FIRE ALARM DRILL AT THE CHILDREN'S HOME - EVELYN KOOP

Twas a morn after Board meeting  
And tired we were  
We hadn't even begun to stir.

When all of a sudden  
There arose such as clatter,  
We flew out of bed  
To see what was the matter.

So, I in my kerchief  
And Nick in his cap  
Flew around the room  
Like a couple of bats.

We moved all the furniture  
Searched in the drawers  
But couldn't find out  
what was making the noise.

Someone hid an alarm clock,  
That's what it was!  
But where, Oh where,  
Had they hidden that buzz.

So with both of us  
All in a frenzy, Ev said,  
I'll get one of the girls  
to come in instead.

She'll know where the clock is,  
But before she come in  
You get in the bathroom  
Your pajamas are thin.

So Ev went out  
To the big girls' dorm.  
But the noise was much louder  
Than ever before.

She searched through the halls,  
and knocked at the doors.  
It was much too early  
To be doing their chores.

When all of a sudden she looked overhead  
And there was the culprit all painted in red.  
The fire alarm was going full swing  
The Kids were all out - doing their thing.

So exhausted and sheepish  
She went back to get Nick  
When suddenly the Alarm  
Went off with a click.

When Ev told him  
He wasn't as smart as he thought  
They both stood there looking  
Rather distraught.

We've slept at the Home  
For all of six years,  
And all kinds of noises  
Have entered our ears.

The water softener gurgles  
The new wood goes crack.  
The dogs howl, and trains hoot  
From the old railroad track.

But this was a new one  
And to our chagrin,  
We're just awfully glad  
That no one peeked in.

If the alarm sounds again  
While down there once more.  
I'm sure we'll be first  
Going out of the door.