

**Illinois Prairie Presbytery Necrology Report  
Ruling Elders Deceased in 2025**

**Braidwood, First**

Chuck Cunningham (No obit)  
Martha Stahl, March 20

**\*Coal City, New Hope**

Ione Rosenburg, May 23

**\*Dixon, First**

Mary Ann Hill, May 24  
Harold Philip Wendler, January 25

**Elwood Community Church**

Joy Gillahan, March 7  
Jerry Panzer, March 15

**\*Fairbury**

Marilyn Wells, May 29

**\*Franklin Grove, First**

Joan Floto, November 28  
Juanita "Joyce" Orsted, November 16

**Galena, First**

John Ray, June 23

**\*Garden Plain**

Don Schaver, October 25

**Joliet, First**

Thomas Cawley, December 26  
Klint DeGeus, February 11  
Mary Lynn Keir, December 19  
Sheila Lundeen, February 5

**LaRose, Crow Meadow**

Delbert Shirley, July 5

**Mendota, First**

Helen Joyce Burreight, February 17

**\*Morris, First**

L. Geoffrey Dergo, October 15

**Morrison, First**

Jane James, November 17

**Pontiac, First**

James "Bernie" Curtis, June 25

**Rockford, Third**

Gene Archer, April 21  
Heather Genrich, September 24  
Dick Lindsey, August 9

**Rockford Westminster**

Conrad Wallace Lantz, August 25  
Joan Knight Slack, June 8  
Sandra Jean Stierman, October 18

**\*Schapville Zion**

Alan Kruger, December 25

**Winnebago, First**

Gene Gambrel, August 25  
Jill Sunday, September 20

**Winnebago, Middle Creek**

James Bridgeland, April 6  
Lawrence Hall, December 2  
Harriett Langley, February 23

**Woodstock, First**

Tom Schwarz, March 28

**Yorkville, Au Sable Grove**

Louis Christian, November 17  
Louis Thurow, January 10

**Illinois Prairie Presbytery  
Ministers of the Word and Sacrament  
Deceased in 2025**

Rev. Russell Skorburg, December 29

*Reported by 45 out of 62 Churches as of March 24, 2026*

***Churches with No Submittal:***

*Bolingbrook, First of DuPage*

*Caledonia, Willow Creek*

*Dekalb*

*Harvard*

*Joliet Westminster*

*Kewanee*

*Ottawa*

*Rockford 2<sup>nd</sup>/1st*

*Romeoville*

*Sandwich*

*Savanna*

*Shannon, Prairie Dell*

*Somonauk*

*Sterling First*

*Streator*

*Utica Waltham*

*Watseka*

***\*Items in bold were added after first read on  
February 10, 2026***