



QUINCY

Gerald L. 'Jerry' (Henderson) Leffers

JAN. 13, 1952 — DEC. 1, 2015

Gerald L. "Jerry" (Henderson) Leffers, 63, of 2930 S. Eighth in Quincy, died Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2015, in the emergency room at Blessing Hospital.

He was born Jan. 13, 1952, in Quincy, a son of Cal and Emma "Mae" (Leffers) Martin. He married Patty Irvin on June 28, 1996, and she survives.

Jerry worked as a crane operator for Alter Metal Recycling and for Merkels Scrap and Steel, from where he retired. He had served as road commissioner for Honey Creek Township.

Jerry's hobbies included woodworking and painting. He liked to go mushroom hunting with his wife, Patty, and entertaining family and friends.

In addition to his wife, survivors include his children, Robert Cole, Ronna Cole, Gretchen Cole, Michelle Attebery, Deanna Leffers and Kim Leffers; brothers and sisters, Charlotte Tooke

and her husband, David, of Quincy, Barb Epley and her husband, Ron, of Payson, Jim Henderson and his wife, Carol, of Hannibal, Mo., Mary Ann Garrett and her husband, Terry, of Maywood, Mo.; his mother-in-law, Rea Stock of Texas; and many nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister-in-law, Debbie Henderson; and a brother in infancy, David Dennis Hall.

SERVICES: Cremation will be accorded. A memorial service will be 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Duker and Haugh Funeral Home.

VISITATION: Noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the funeral home.

MEMORIALS: Charity of the donor's choice or to the family.

ARRANGEMENTS: Duker and Haugh Funeral Home.

WEBSITE: dukerand-haugh.com.

Condolences may be expressed online at whig.com.

HANNIBAL, MO.

Gregory C. Baldwin

Gregory C. Baldwin, 21, of Hannibal, died Dec. 2, 2015. Services will be 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 7, at the Smith Funeral Home and Chapel, Hannibal. Burial will be in the Grand View Burial Park, Hannibal. Visitation will be 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the funeral home.

PALMYRA, MO.

Donald L. Slavin

Donald L. Slavin, 90, of Palmyra, died Dec. 2, 2015, at his home. Services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 7, at the Lewis Brothers Funeral Chapel, Palmyra. Visitation will be 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the funeral home.

INDUSTRY, ILL.

Melissa B. Coultas

Melissa B. Coultas, 49, of Industry, died Dec. 1, 2015, at Memorial Medical Center, Springfield. Private services will be held at Worthington Funeral Home, Rushville. Interment will be in Industry Cemetery.

LIBERTY, ILL.

Lewis O. Snow

Lewis O. Snow, 82, of Liberty, died Dec. 3, 2015, at Blessing Hospital, Quincy. The Duker and Haugh Funeral Home, Quincy, is handling arrangements.

Ex-Stone Temple Pilots frontman dead

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. — Scott Weiland, the former frontman for the Stone Temple Pilots and Velvet Revolver, has died. He was 48.

The singer's manager, Tom Vitorino, confirmed the death to the Associated Press early Friday morning. Vitorino said he learned of Weiland's death from his tour manager. He did not provide further details but referenced a statement on Weiland's Facebook page.

The statement said Weiland, who was dogged by substance abuse problems throughout his career, passed away in his sleep while on a tour stop in Bloomington, Minn.

Weiland's current band, Scott Weiland & the Wildabouts, had been scheduled to play a show in nearby Medina, Minn., according to a local venue's website. The website showed the event was canceled. It did not give a reason.

Weiland's wife, Jamie Weiland, also confirmed his death to the Los Angeles Times.

"I can't deal with this right now," she said, sobbing. "It's true."



Scott Weiland, singer for the rock band Stone Temple Pilots, right, and bass player Robert DeLeo perform during their concert as part of Rock on the Range in Columbus, Ohio. Weiland, the former frontman for the Stone Temple Pilots and Velvet Revolver, has died. He was 48. | AP File Photo

The singer rose to fame as the frontman of the Grammy Award-winning Stone Temple Pilots, whose hits include "Interstate Love Song," "Plush," and "Vaseline."

The band broke up in 2003 and Weiland went on to front Velvet Revolver, the supergroup that featured former members of Guns N' Roses, including guitarist Slash and bass-

ist Duff McKagan. Among that group's hits was "Fall to Pieces."

The Stone Temple Pilots eventually reunited in 2008.

"The story's not finished," Weiland told the Associated Press at the time. "There's more to be revealed and more to be told."

But the group split again in 2013.

Weiland had a long

string of drug- and alcohol-related arrests and stints in rehab. In 1995, he was arrested after deputies found him carrying crack and heroin. He pleaded guilty to felony heroin possession in 1998. And his arrests for drug possession and stints in rehab led the Stone Temple Pilots to cancel tour dates and contributed to their 2003 breakup.



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Robert W. Quinn

JULY 28, 1928 — DEC. 2, 2015

Robert W. Quinn, 87, died at the

Good Samaritan Home on Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015.

Bob was born July 28, 1928. He married Kathleen Reel on Aug. 5, 1950, at St. Boniface Catholic Church. They were married for 48 years until her death Jan. 9, 1998.

His career was spent at Moorman Manufacturing Company, retiring in 1985 from the maintenance department after more than 40 years of service. He received the Moorman Manufacturing Co. Wilson-Caldwell Achievement Award in 1985 for his outstanding community service with the Quincy Volunteer Emergency Corp.

Bob was a member of the St. Francis Catholic Church and the Western Catholic Union. He was a lifetime member of the North Side Boat Club, the Twin Oaks Club, Ducks Unlimited and the Mississippi Valley Hunters and Fisherman's Association.

Bob was always quick with a joke and ready to help anyone in need whenever possible. He enjoyed outdoor activities, including hunting, fishing and boating. He used his boating skills while volunteering with the QVEC whenever needed. He volunteered there for decades and served as vice

commander of the unit in 1985. He received a certificate of appreciation from the QVEC in 1980 for outstanding service and dedication to the organization.

He and Kathleen had no children of their own, but Bob was very close with his seven nieces and nephews, who survive. They are Janice Wiemelt of Quincy, Mary Keck of Spring, Texas, Roberta Feltes of Honolulu, Hawaii, Susanne Edwards of Springfield, Ill., Richard Deters of Sacramento, Calif., Barbara Deters of St. Louis, and Phillip Deters of Springfield, Ill. Also surviving is his close friend, Florence Grawe.

In addition to his wife, he is preceded in death by his sister, Mary Quinn; a brother, John Quinn; and parents, Matthew and Lucy Lock Quinn, all of Quincy.

SERVICES: 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 7, at the Duker and Haugh Funeral Home and 11 a.m. at St. Francis Catholic Church. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery.

VISITATION: 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday Dec. 6, at the Duker and Haugh Funeral Home.

MEMORIALS: Knights of Columbus TV Mass for Shut-Ins or the St. Francis Food Pantry.

ARRANGEMENTS: Duker and Haugh Funeral Home.

Condolences may be expressed online at whig.com.

Sheen's ex-fiancee sues actor over HIV exposure

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES —

An ex-fiancee of Charlie Sheen has sued the actor claiming he didn't disclose he was HIV positive until after they had sex several times and was physically and emotionally abusive during their relationship.

Scottine Ross, a porn star who performed under the name Brett Rossi, sued the actor on Thursday for assault, battery and intentional infliction of emotional distress claims. Her lawsuit states she and Sheen had sex five times before the actor told her he was HIV positive.

"As a result of this exposure, (Ross) has suffered serious emotional distress

from a reasonable fear that she will contract HIV," the suit states.

The "Two and a Half Men" star publicly disclosed he was HIV positive on the "Today" show last month but said he disclosed his status to all his sexual partners. He also vowed during the appearance that he would not pay to settle any claims from sexual partners claiming he exposed them to the virus that causes AIDS.

Ross' lawsuit was filed one day after Sheen was supposed to pay her \$1 million to settle all claims against him under a draft agreement that the actor never signed, according to the court filing.

Michigan students ascend Singing Christmas Tree

By MIKE HOUSEHOLDER

Associated Press

MUSKEGON, Mich. — It's not that an oversized tree adorned with ornaments is uncommon as a student choir sings carols in the days leading up to Christmas. It's more that the towering steel tree is decorated with garland, twinkling lights and hundreds of teenagers.

The Mona Shores Singing Christmas Tree combines the usual elements into an unusual show that will draw thousands of spectators this weekend. The 67-foot-tall tree features 25,000 lights, 5,000 linear feet of greenery, and 15 tiers on which about 220 choir members stand. About 50 other students sing from positions near the base of the tree.

"It's basically ... a bunch of choir students standing in a tree singing Christmas music," said Brynne Wilcox, a Mona Shores High School senior who is taking part in her fourth and final set of shows, which run through Saturday at the Frauenthal Center in Muskegon.

Freshmen are relegated to the bottom of the five-story tree, while sophomores and juniors populate the middle. Seniors set up shop in the upper levels. The very top is the domain of the "Tree Angel," a senior selected by Shawn Lawton, the director of the Mona Shores High School Choir.

"It's not that kid who's the greatest singer, necessarily," Lawton said. "But instead just someone with a lot of heart and maybe has lived through a lot and

still smiles."

Lawton picked two Tree Angels this year, marking only the second time that's been done in the 31-year history of the show. They are alternating shows atop the tree.

Wilcox is positioned just below the angel. "It's definitely a little scarier when you're 14 rows up than when you're standing on the ground," she said.

But Wilcox needn't worry, because Darcy Welsh and her fellow "tree monkeys" are never too far away. Welsh is one of the two dozen or so choir moms and dads who climb into the innards of the tree and stand watch on platforms located behind the singers, ready to assist those who are overcome by the height and heat from the lights shining on them.

"If we have to bring them out of the tree, we have an area with nurses, and there is food and drink," said Welsh, herself a Mona Shores High graduate and a former Singing Christmas Tree participant.

All of the 275 student singers made it safely through a free dress rehearsal Wednesday night for members of the community with special needs, the elderly, and others who might not otherwise be able to come to the show.

Audience members roared in approval when the Singing Christmas Tree — shrouded in darkness at the start of the show — burst into light as the choir belted out "Gloria."

"It means the world to me to carry on the tradition," Lawton said.



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